



As the 2018 Texas Young Republicans Convention draws near, many of us who care deeply about this organization and our party will convene to decide the trajectory of both. In just a matter of days, TYRF will be deciding on a course of action for the November midterms and the year beyond by debating amendments, resolutions, and rules - all in addition to electing an executive board.

Every candidate who seeks a place on the TYRF board hopes to play a part in ensuring that we become a more effective and enduring organization. This will involve more than just “growing” our federation - it is time for us to leave our footprint on the Texas political landscape.

With that in mind and after much consideration (and some kind words of encouragement), I have decided to announce my candidacy for Vice Chairman of the Texas Young Republicans.

I am a sixth generation, lifelong Texan who cares deeply about my state and preserving the independent spirit that sets the Lone Star apart. As your next Vice Chairman, I plan to bring to this position the values and work ethic that flourish in small-town Texas as well as the experiences that are unique to leading the Young Republican club of the fourth largest city in the nation.

At this juncture, TYRF needs a Vice Chairman who is tested and adept. I am proud of what Houston YR has accomplished under my leadership and excited at the prospect of bringing the lessons learned in Houston to the State Executive Board. In the last two years, our club has witnessed pronounced increases in recruiting, fundraising, and in overall club activity - three core metrics that define success for any organization.

Of course, for anyone running for a seat on the TYRF board, the November midterms should be an absolute priority. Once elected, I plan to immediately implement and organize periodical statewide days of action in coordination with major statewide campaigns to engage voters in every area where our federation has a presence.

As Vice Chairman, among my primary objectives after the midterms will be to more completely activate our up-and-coming and smaller clubs. As a native of rural east Texas, I completely understand how small clubs can, on occasion, feel sidelined. As your next Vice Chairman, I hope to remedy this by strengthening relationships with our local parties and elected officials and forging coalitions with similar groups.

If my involvement in activism has taught me anything, it is that nothing substantive can be accomplished in isolation. I have had the privilege of working with a variety of incredible organizations and individuals in my five years of involvement with this organization, and I am pleased to have earned the endorsement of a broad coalition of Young Republicans and prominent conservative activists including:

Antonio Cruz - Former President, University of Houston College Republicans
Artiemo Muniz - Chairman, Texas Federation of Hispanic Republicans
Catherine Whiteford - National Committeewoman, North Carolina Young Republicans
Chase Bradstreet - Communications Director, Houston Young Republicans
Chris Tran - President, University of Houston College Republicans
Jeff LeBlanc - Chairman, Republican Liberty Caucus of Texas
Joacim Hernandez - President, Hidalgo County Young Republicans
John Baucum - President Emeritus, Texas Young Republicans
Jorge Villarreal - Director of Development, Texas Young Republicans
Kathleen Osbourne - Vice President, Houston Young Republicans
Kristy Bridges - Chairwoman, Harris County SD 13; Secretary, Houston Young Republicans
Lui LaRotta - Chairman, Republican Liberty Caucus Houston-Bay Area
Marco Roberts - President, Log Cabin Republicans of Houston
Matthew Wiltshire - Former President, University of Houston College Republicans
Michael Anderson - Texas State Chairman, Young Americans For Liberty
Michael Baker - Chairman, Log Cabin Republicans of Texas
Rebecca Hucker - Treasurer, Houston Young Republicans
Rolando Garcia - Chairman, Harris County SD 15
Scott Bowen - Chairman, Harris County SD 11
Victor Sanchez - Political Director, Houston Young Republicans

It is my hope that a year from now we will have a federation that is more unified, more agile, and more active. To accomplish this, TYRF needs a champion for liberty and a champion for Texas. I humbly ask for your consideration and support at the upcoming convention.

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