

Resolution in Support of Eliminating the Property Tax

WHEREAS, a property tax has been levied by various governments on Texans since before its independence from Mexico; and

WHEREAS, a Texas property owner never truly owns their property and instead is subjected to perpetual rent to the government based primarily on subjective valuations of appraisal review boards and tax rates established by local taxing entities with little feedback from those whom the tax is being imposed upon; and

WHEREAS, the property tax is immoral and regressive while ultimately impacting low and fixed-income Texans the most due to the cost of property taxes compounding over time; and

WHEREAS, just in the last decade, the total property tax burden on Texans across jurisdictions has nearly doubled. Moreover, in the years between 1998 and 2023, the property tax burden exponentially increased, rising 338%, far outpacing the rate of population growth plus inflation of 136% during the same period. This growth happened despite Republican majorities in the state legislature during most of that time; and

WHEREAS, The *Tax Foundation* reported in 2023 that Texas had the 6th most burdensome property tax in the United States, while other states that also lack a personal income tax, such as Florida and Tennessee, ranked 26th and 37th, respectively; and

WHEREAS, in recent polling, 82% of Texans indicated that property taxes are a serious issue, and 3 out of 4 Republican primary voters in the 2022 Republican primary voted that they wanted to eliminate property taxes altogether; and

WHEREAS, in the most recent Texas Legislative Sessions, the Legislature only passed \$12.7 Billion in new property tax relief, less than half of the State's surplus, which resulted in only slowing the growth of the property tax burden, with overall property taxes still increasing across Texas; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, _____ supports eliminating the property tax system and the idea of paying perpetual rent to the government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, _____ supports finding other sources of existing revenue to fund important government services, including but not limited to, cutting government spending and using existing budget surpluses.

Approved this ___ day of March, 2024 at the Precinct # ___ Convention located in
Texas Senate District # ___