

**RESOLUTION URGING THE INSTITUTION OF CAUCUSES
TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, Arizona's semi-closed primaries are a subsidy to political parties; and

WHEREAS, Republicans oppose subsidies and caucuses should reduce costs to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, removing the subsidy would undercut non-Republicans' arguments that they should be allowed to vote in our primaries; and

WHEREAS, Republicans believe the First Amendment guarantees freedom of association; and

WHEREAS, Republicans should nominate Republican candidates without the threat of outside interference; and

WHEREAS, Republicans believe in less government and primaries require larger government than caucuses; and

WHEREAS, Republicans favor the battle of ideas over the dominance of money and special interests in nominating our candidates; and

WHEREAS, caucuses would fill empty PC slots and empower PCs to hold their elected officials accountable; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Arizona's Republican state committeemen support a caucus system to nominate candidates for general elections; and be it further

RESOLVED, that state committeemen call upon Arizona legislators to sponsor and pass legislation replacing petition access to the Republican ballot with a caucus while preserving the ability of persons wishing to run without the endorsement of a recognized political party to get on another ballot; and be it further

RESOLVED, that state committeemen call upon Arizona legislators to refer to the ballot an amendment to the Arizona Constitution to allow parties to nominate candidates for each partisan office by caucus; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Arizona Republican Party State Committeemen urge each county party and district organization to adopt similar resolutions supporting a caucus process for selecting Republican nominees for general elections.