

## **TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

### **POLICIES FOR INVITING FEDERAL CANDIDATES TO SPEAK AT TFRW EVENTS** ***(Effective Immediately)***

The Texas Federation of Republican Women (“TFRW”) has historically invited congressional candidates to speak at TFRW events and functions. As a Section 527 political organization under the Internal Revenue Code, TFRW is permitted to be actively involved in partisan political activities and to support Republican candidates for public office at the national, state, and local level. However, TFRW is not registered with the Federal Election Commission (“FEC”) as a political committee under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (“FECA”), and does not wish to become a political committee under FECA. Accordingly, TFRW has established policies and conducts all of its political activities consistent with its status as an un-registered political organization under FECA and FEC rules and regulations.

The FEC has long permitted political organizations, including unregistered organizations, to invite federal candidates to attend and speak at their events and communicate with their members without requiring such organizations to register as political committees under FECA. For example, for decades county Republican parties across the country have sponsored annual Lincoln Day Dinners and have frequently invited federal candidates to attend and speak at these events. Three key aspects of these events have been that (1) the events are designed and organized by the county parties themselves, (2) the events occur on a regular basis, and (3) party members are invited and attend the events. The TFRW’s policy for TFRW events where federal candidates are invited and speak incorporate these principles.

All TFRW sponsored events to which federal candidates are invited and at which federal candidates speak shall be conducted consistent with the following policies:

- TFRW and TFRW members shall design, plan and organize the events, including deciding where and when the event will be held, who will be invited to attend the event, who will speak at the event and for how long, and what the event agenda will be.
- The federal candidate will speak as part of a larger and ongoing TFRW event. TFRW shall not sponsor special events that are limited to speeches by federal candidates.
- TFRW members will be invited to attend the events. TFRW will decide who beyond TFRW members, such as members of the press, will also be permitted to attend the events.
- There shall be no fundraising activity at the TFRW event on behalf of the invited federal candidate, any other candidate, or any other entity. All events will be publicized and will operate entirely as TFRW sponsored political events.

It is critical that all TFRW events at which federal candidates speak be conducted consistent with these policies.