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Nueces County Republican Party Announces Positions on November 5th Ballot Propositions

Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas —

On October 8th, the Nueces County Republican Party held its monthly Executive Committee Meeting and voted to determine its positions on the upcoming November 5th ballot propositions concerning bonds and sales taxes in Nueces County. While we strongly support Nueces County, we believe that fiscal responsibility is the priority, and that taxpayer money should be used wisely.

To that end, we are proud to **support Proposition F**. Protecting our coastal regions is necessary for Nueces County's long-term sustainability. This measure demonstrates a thoughtful approach to the goals of preserving our coastline, safeguarding residents, and supporting future generations.

However, after conducting an independent analysis, we announce our **opposition** to all other ballot propositions, including:

City of Corpus Christi 2024 Bonds: Proposition A, B, C, D City of Corpus Christi Sales Tax Reauthorization: Proposition E Corpus Christi Independent School District 2024 Bond: Proposition A

While the Nueces County Republican Party supports the building and improvement of city streets, parks, educational infrastructure, and public safety buildings, the proposed financial approach taken by the above propositions raises serious concerns about the long-term financial health of Corpus Christi, specifically regarding an increase in tax-supported debt held by the city and school district.

The City of Corpus Christi faces a \$9.1 million cut to its 2025 operating budget. Corpus Christi ISD carries a \$26.6 million budget deficit. Now is not the time to add \$175 million to the City's current debt of \$1.683 billion or to add \$135.4 million to the ISD's debt current \$765,580,929 million in principal bond debt.

We encourage local leaders to refocus their efforts on living within their means, working within current budgets, and ensuring that any future bond proposals are better aligned with the immediate needs of our citizens and long-term fiscal stability.

"I believe it's vital for the Nueces County Republican Party to take a stand on key local issues that affect our community's future. I'm grateful to our Executive Committee for their hard work in thoroughly researching these ballot propositions and ensuring we are advocating for fiscal responsibility and protecting taxpayer dollars." — Carmen A. Calderone Jr., Chairman of the Nueces County Republican Party

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