

State Affairs

303. Alamo: The Alamo is a historical event ~~to~~ *and landmark in* Texas *which led to Texas exceptionalism* and as such:

a. Should be remembered *with honor and reverence* and not “reimagined” *or referred to as a myth.*

b. Texas’s authority regarding the Alamo shall not be infringed upon by any organization or authority, including but not limited to local governments, the federal government, the United Nations, or UNESCO.

c. Decision-making authority for the Alamo must never be removed from Texas.

d. *Texas leadership of the Alamo and the Alamo Trust* ~~custodians of the Alamo~~ must be required to:

i. Affirm, *focus, and* emphasize the intrinsic significance of the 1836 battle in telling *Alamo history* ~~story of the Alamo~~ *to visitors within the Alamo complex and at future museums on Alamo grounds.*

ii. Maintain transparency in finances and operations of the Alamo.

e. Specific protection shall be afforded the site, including all land and existing monuments, including the Cenotaph, which *should be carefully restored* and SHALL NOT be moved from its present site.

i. Due to this specific protection to the site, we oppose the disposition of (modern) human cremated remains anywhere on the grounds of the site within the Alamo complex.

f. We honor the Defenders of the Alamo who were a group of diverse heroes who laid down their lives to fight tyranny against Santa Anna and their sacrifice shall always be honored in Texas. We will not tolerate disparagement of the Alamo Defenders’ sacrifice or their status as Texas heroes.

304. Heritage: We call upon governmental entities to protect all symbols of our American and Texan heritage and therefore:

a. We oppose governmental action to remove the public display of the Ten Commandments or other religious symbols.

b. We support the Pledge Protection Act. We urge that the national motto “In God We Trust” and the National Anthem be protected from legislative and judicial attack.

c. Penalties should be established for any form of desecration of the American or Texas Flag.

d. We support preservation of Texas history and historical sites.

e. Visitors to the Alamo should conduct themselves with decorum and reverence inside the shrine, out of respect for the sacrifice of the heroes who are honored there.

f. We call for restoration of plaques honoring the Confederate widow’s pension fund contribution that were illegally removed from the Texas Supreme Court building.

g. We support the 1836 project and advocate the accurate teaching of Texas History and promotion of Texas exceptionalism.

h. We acknowledge the cause of the 1836 Texas Revolution was Santa Anna’s disregard of the Constitution of 1824 and his shift toward tyranny which was not tolerated by Texians and Tejanos striving for liberty. We refer to and recognize the Texas Declaration of Independence as the document affirming the grievances of Texians and Tejanos who proclaimed Texas Independence on March 2, 1836

305. Historical Monuments and Artwork: We believe all historical war memorials, *the Alamo Cenotaph, historical artwork such as paintings and sculptures,* and Confederate monuments *located* in Texas shall be protected from future removal or defacement and that those monuments, *sculptures, and artwork* that have been removed should be restored to their historical locations. We support the continuing allocation of funds that are necessary to preserve the USS Texas as a permanent monument to the ship, her crew of two world wars, and the history of the State of Texas.

*Respectfully submitted to the Texas GOP Platform Committee by Cindy Gaskill
Republican Delegate - SD7*