

Why is this Texas secession group's flag hanging in Moscow?

With years of links in Russia, the Texas Nationalist Movement pushes on.

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NATHAN SMITH (LEFT) AND ALEXANDER IONOV (RIGHT) GATHER IN RUSSIA. CREDIT: TWITTER

For years, the Texas Nationalist Movement has cultivated ties in Russia, especially among those who've received financing directly from the Kremlin.

Representatives from the TNM attended two separate political conferences in Russia in 2015 and 2016, Miller said.

The Dialogue of Nations conferences attended by TNM officials were billed as safe spaces where separatist groups from around the world — Irish republican party Sinn Féin and the Catalanian Independence Party among them — could speak about their movements and learn from colleagues abroad.

The conferences were funded by a state grant from Russia's National Charity Fund, founded in 1999 by Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and fueled by donations from state-owned public companies and oligarchs, British-based newspaper *The Guardian* reports.

Miller said TNM gave a presentation at one of the conferences about Article 1 Section 2 of the Texas Constitution — his group's argument for legal secession. The conference paid for his group's lodging and food but nothing more, he added.



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If it is within the powers of my office, I will vote for legislation and resolutions to call for a vote on Texas reasserting its status as an independent nation in every term that I am elected until such a referendum is held.

If a majority of the people of Texas vote in support of Texas reasserting its status as an independent nation, I pledge to work toward a fair and expedient separation of Texas from the federal government placing the interests of Texans first.

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Steve Toth ✓✓	Bob Harvey ✓✓
US House CD - 8	Justice of the Peace - Pct 1
Steinmann or Tran ✓	Will Waggoner ✓
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VOTE INFORMED. IN 2019 THE "FREEDOM CAUSUS" POSTED THEIR TAKING CREDIT FOR COUNTY JUDGE MARK KEOUGH BEING ELECTED – AND BRAGGING ABOUT HIS FIRST MAJOR ACTION AS COUNTY JUDGE – TO REMOVE THE TOLL FROM THE 242 WESTBOUND FLYOVER.

REPUBLICANS THEN QUESTIONED HOW ON EARTH WOULD THE 242 EASTBOUND FLYOVER GET BUILT NOW THAT PRIVATE CAPITAL (CAPITALISM) WAS EJECTED FROM MONTGOMERY COUNTY ROAD DEVELOPMENT.

HERE IS THE ACTUAL 2019 FACEBOOK POST – NO LETTER OF COMMITMENT EXISTS TO THIS DAY AND NO 242 EASTBOUND FLYOVER, NO 336 NORTH OR SOUTH FLYOVERS, TRAFFIC STACKS FROM 336 NORTH TO RAYFORD SAWDUST EVERY SINGLE WORKDAY – THANKS TO JUDGE KEOUGH & CANDIDATES BOUCHE, TOTH, WITHROW

Reagan William Reed is with Mark J Keough and 9 others at Alan B. Sadler Commissioners Court Room.

May 28 at 11:30 AM · Conroe, TX ·

Montgomery County conservatives get things done! The 242 tolls are gone! So grateful for all the amazing Republican Party activists who have worked so hard for so long to make this grassroots victory possible. Huge thanks to Judge Keough and the commissioners as well.

Jon Bouche It's already paid for. They have collected enough tolls to pay for it since it has been in place.

Gary Reynolds Jon Bouche Has TxDOT agreed IN WRITING to take responsibility for the flyover? AND MC has committed to build the northbound to eastbound 242 flyover - who pays for this? One other thing - we agree that the flooding on the northbound feeder HAS to be addressed, but the flyway is designed for only 2000 vehicles per hour. What will the impact be when the flyover is subjected to 5 or 6 thousand or more vehicle parking lot per peak hours? How much will a re-deck project cost MC in a decade or two?

Jon Bouche Gary Reynolds The Commissioner's Court has been in communication with TxDOT and all of their questions were answered. Yes, it is in writing that TxDOT will be taking care of that flyover now. As for the cost of road repairs, Gary.....we don't have any "magic" roads. They all need to be maintained and repaired at some point. If that is the excuse we have for leaving the tolls in place, then we should just toll every road in Texas.

Gary Reynolds John Hill Wertz Please post this something in writing. It is the professional opinion of others that there is nothing in writing and removal of the tolls may constitute breach of contract with the state thus obligating MC. "During Tuesday's meeting, Keough called upon his Chief of Staff Jason Milsaps to present information to the court from the county agreement with TxDOT. Both Keough and Milsaps said they interpret the contract as TxDOT would take responsibility of the flyovers if the county lifted the tolls.

But County Attorney B.D. Griffin said the court should not assume that is understood noting the contract is not clear on who would provide the maintenance. Additionally, the revenue for the tolled flyovers has been

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earmarked fund the third connector at the intersection that will move traffic from Interstate 45 north to eastbound on Texas 242.

"The advanced funding agreement does provide that the county would fund 100 percent of the construction cost for that third flyover," Griffin said." <https://www.yourconroenews.com/.../Tolling-of-Texas-242...>

Gary Reynolds Jon Bouche Please post your conclusive non-arbitrary written agreement with TxDOT.

Jon Bouche Gary Reynolds Your reply tells everyone so much about you Gary. First, you demonstrate your ignorance of the subject matter by posting old information (an article from April 9th) from a publication that has a remarkable and storied history of getting just about everything wrong. Then, you express your ignorance in a very condescending and insulting manner. Here is what you need to know. Judge Keough and Jason Milsaps have been working on having the tolls removed for some time. About 16 months ago, Commissioners Riley, Meador and County Judge Doyal voted against removing the tolls and said that they voted that way because they had some questions that needed to be answered. When this was voted on again in April of this year, Riley, Meador and Metts all voted against it again citing that they still had questions. Now, why they were not able to read the plain text of a contract and pick up a phone over the last 16 months is something you can take up with them. However, this past Tuesday, Judge Keough and the rest of the court felt like they finally had the answers they were seeking from TxDOT and UNANIMOUSLY voted to remove those tolls. Now, if you think you have superior information to them, you should go ahead and run for Commissioner.

John Hill Wertz I just read the Courier blogs article. Apparently the judge/commissioners have it, in writing, that TXDOT will take over the O&M on existing flyovers (or else it wouldn't have been a unanimous vote to take the tolls off). On the 3rd flyover, I was mis-informed. While the agreement was that MoCo would pick up the third flyover 100%, in fact it is being renegotiated so that TXDOT picks up a large chunk of it.

Bill O'Sullivan John Hill Wertz They would only be responsible for the Third Flyover if the Tolls remained in place. Speaking to Commissioner Metts last night at BD's event, they were going to commit to above the 20% usual local requirement to move up the project.

Gary Reynolds Jon Bouche So you do NOT have it in writing. Here is what you and Ginger need to know Jon. Trust and verify. Be transparent and trustworthy Jon without personal attacks and just bring the facts please. Post the agreement please.

Jon Bouche Gary Reynolds Gary, I recall at one of the CEC Meetings, you said the opening prayer and openly prayed to God that our Chairman would prevail in his lawlessness and that those of us standing against the lawlessness would stand down. That was very interesting and I wondered then what God you served that would bless lawlessness. Now, you are on this thread insulting people and when you are called out for it, you claim you prayed about it and God told you to forgive us for your transgressions? I have to say, that is an interesting God you serve Gary.

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At the end of your bizarre post, you once again asked that WE disprove your claim. That's not how our justice system works nor should it be how we function as a society. Just imagine if things were that way Gary where the burden of disproving the ridiculous things people say was on each of us. If we allow that to become the norm, someone could just say something crazy like, "Gary Reynolds, you are a pedophile now prove I'm wrong." You see the problem there Gary?

The burden of proof is on you with regards to the TxDOT situation. You are the one making the claim that this is a bad deal so prove it. Also, I might suggest that you stop trying to invoke the name of God whenever you are on poor footing in a discussion or debate. That's really not a good look for you brother and it's hard for me to understand how anyone who claims to have a relationship with God would not understand this concept.

John Hill Wertz

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Karen Gilliam Zeller

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Ginger Russell

4 mutual friends

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John Hill Wertz Jon Bouche I've heard what Mr. Reynolds is doing is known as virtue signaling. It seems to be an epidemic with establishment types in this county, no?

Ginger Russell John Hill Wertz Yep.

Gary Reynolds Jon Bouche I never prayed at a CEC meeting. What else do you not recall Jon?

Gary Reynolds John Hill Wertz it is called an olive branch, but the house is on fire so my faux pas, there goes the 2 olive trees up in flames. Please produce the non-arbitrary conclusive "something in writing" y'all claim to have.

Ginger Russell Gary Reynolds you still have not stated as you why you have brought me into this conversation and prayed to forgive me.

Gary Reynolds Hi Ginger - YOU inserted yourself into this when you liked Jon's - well - comment. See you all in a bit. REMEMBER - God IS. God is LOVE. God loves US. God is not virtue signaling, He is virtue. Let's do that. Trust and verify. Please post he "something in writing" y'all say you have, or don't. I never disagreed with any of you, just asked for the document. Please post it :)

Gary Reynolds BTW - I finally read your comment Jon and it was not worth the time. All i asked you for was the doc and all you said ws "all I need to know" and crap stream from there. There is ONE accuser of the brethren Jon - I never les prayer at the CEC and you actually used prayer - that never occurred - as an occasion to FALSELY ACCUSE THE BRETHREN. Beyond shameful - Jesus said you do the work of your father - Red letters, Jesus said this, God our Savior said it, I suggest you seriously consider your unGodly accusation. I pity you bro, hope you make it. See you in a bit,

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Jon Bouche Gary Reynolds. Pathetic

Karen Gilliam Zeller Gary Reynolds you sir need to have the facts

Karen Gilliam Zeller Gary Reynolds really dude. .

Gary Reynolds Karen Gilliam Zeller PLEASE post the facts. THAT is all I've been asking for all along. Totally agree with you. In principle agree no tolls are nice - BUT - things are NOT just magically paid for - WE THE PEOPLE pay for these transportation engineering marvels at local state or federal levels. Even a link to the facts would do nicely. Thanks! :)

TODAY 2/5/2026 there is no letter from any entity, no flyovers, and unreal traffic in Montgomery County everywhere. Candidate Judge Keough, and candidates Bouche Withrow and Toth have failed the city in a catastrophic manner. Their friends, associates, and endorsed candidates are secessionists, and one glaringly evil fruit of their "rule" is the outrageous and preventable traffic that costs each of us travelers a cumulative day of our lives each week. Imagine having flyovers and feeders completed last year in 2025. Feels good!

Now they are asking us to support their candidacy based on their irrevocable pledge to further the cause of the Texas Nationalist Movement (TNM) "Take Texas Back" secessionist dis-union of the United States of America cult. Led by Nathan Smith and Daniel Miller who themselves say Putin's state funded conference paid for his group's food and lodging "but nothing more"? Paying their own airfare proves how anti-USA these rats really are. Where does this become insurrection? Or sedition? Or treason?

For certain, now that President Trump threatened to invoke the insurrection act in Minnesota, lawfare Democrats will not hesitate to abuse the insurrection act to permanently disable the Republican Party of Texas from ever producing a majority vote in any election – it will happen when they get the Executive Offices back...

OR – Putin gets his way through TNM when the "Freedom Caucus" "Tea Party" faction that had completely divided the Republican Party of Texas since 2022, breaks off and forms their own Party – again. It will be 1992, 1996, 2008, and 2012 all over again – they split the vote and they elected Clinton and Obama each TWICE.

Now that the MC Tea Party and the MC Eagle Forum have fully endorsed TNM self-declared and openly published secessionist dis-union candidates, they have judged themselves unworthy of the Republican brand that God sovereignly raised up in the 1850's out of the Second Great Awakening. God raised up the Republican Party then to SAVE HIS REPUBLIC from secessionist dis-unionists that seceded in 1859-1860.

Secession then was caused by the love of money, the root of all evil.

TNM secessionism is just as evil today as was then, driven by the love of money. Putin must have really put Smith and Miller's group up like "royalty" and wined and dined them as only the Oligarchs, Politburo, and Kremlin know how. TNM brings Vladimir Putin great pleasure.

The great mystery is this – WILL WE THE PEOPLE RISE UP EN MASSE AND VOTE IN THIS REPUBLICAN PRIMARY?

IF SO, THEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL PREVAIL FOR OUR POSTERITY.

CITIZENS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY! RISE UP AND VOTE FOR ACTUAL REPUBLICANS! SAVE AMERICA!

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