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## **Ken Paxton Endorsed by RNC Committeeman Dr. Robin Armstrong, Former RNC Committeeman Bill Crocker**

*Paxton Now Endorsed by 5 Texans who have served on Republican National Committee*

(McKinney, Texas) - Underscoring the movement of Texas Republican leaders behind the candidacy of Senator Ken Paxton, the campaign today announced the endorsement of Dr. Robin Armstrong of Houston, current Republican National Committeeman for Texas, and Bill Crocker of Austin, former Republican National Committeeman for Texas.

Including Dr. Armstrong and Mr. Crocker, Senator Paxton has now been endorsed by five Texans who have served as Republican National Committee members from Texas. The McKinney Republican has previously been endorsed by Ernest Angelo, Jr. of Midland, Tim Lambert of Lubbock, and Cathie Adams of Dallas.

Texas Republican National Committeeman Dr. Robin Armstrong said, “Ken Paxton is a strong conservative with the character, experience and leadership we need in our next Attorney General. I know him personally, I know his record, and I’m fully on board in endorsing him for Attorney General. He will defend Texas faithfully every day.”

Former Republican National Committeeman Bill Crocker endorsed Paxton, saying, “I’m proud to add my name to the growing list of those supporting Ken Paxton. This runoff provides voters with a very clear choice, and I choose to support Ken Paxton, who I have known for years as an authentic constitutional conservative, a true and truthful Texas Republican. With his legal ability, keen strategic mind, and unshakable core convictions, Ken Paxton will make an outstanding Texas Attorney General. I enthusiastically endorse him.” Mr. Crocker is also former General Counsel for the Republican National Committee.

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, Senator Paxton shocked political observers with his first-place showing. During early voting, the Dan Branch campaign released a poll showing Representative Branch with an almost 2-1 lead over Senator Paxton. Despite being outspent more than 2-1, Senator Paxton led the field with 44%, coming within just 6 points of winning outright. Additionally, Paxton won Dan Branch’s home county of Dallas and his other “home” county of Bexar, where Rep. Branch grew up and still has family. Senator Paxton won 19 of the top 20 counties in Texas, and won 51 of the top 75 counties representing approximately 85% of the GOP vote.

The Paxton campaign has continued to build on this momentum, earning endorsements over the past few weeks from former Texas Republican Party Chairman and Houston businessman George W. Strake, Jr.; Dr. Steve Hotze, President of Conservative Republicans of Texas; Houston Police Officers' Union Political Action Committee; Texas State Senator Donna Campbell; and Former Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector and Senator-Elect Paul Bettencourt. FreedomWorks, a nationwide grassroots organization that played an important role in electing Senator Ted Cruz, endorsed Paxton last week.

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