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## **Paxton Continues Grassroots Momentum, Wins Tarrant County Straw Poll with More than 64%** *Paxton Has Now Won Major Straw Polls in Top 10 GOP Counties of Harris, Tarrant, Montgomery, and Denton*

(McKinney, TX) – On Saturday, Senator Ken Paxton scored another impressive victory in one of the largest straw polls to date, winning the Tarrant County Candidate Fair straw poll with over 64% of the vote. Thousands of citizens attended the candidate fair at the Hurst Conference Center, and straw poll participants waited in a long line to cast their vote. All three Attorney General candidates were present and campaigned personally for support. Final results from the day-long voting were Ken Paxton 64.5%; Barry Smitherman 25.6%; and Dan Branch 9.9%. More information on the event can be found at [www.candidatefair.com](http://www.candidatefair.com).

The Tarrant County win for Paxton represents his 11<sup>th</sup> straw poll victory, and the senator has won every straw poll where he was present. The results demonstrate the McKinney Republican's growing strength among conservatives who will participate in the March 4<sup>th</sup> Republican primary.

In response, Senator Paxton said, "Saturday's big win in Tarrant County is another great boost of momentum as we approach early voting. Angela and I appreciated the opportunity to personally visit with thousands of voters in an environment which gave us the chance to hear their concerns. Tarrant County is the second-largest Republican county in Texas, so this vote of confidence is encouraging to me and our campaign."

"I want to thank the thousands of people who turned out to participate and be a part of taking back their country. I'm pleased that our message of electing a proven, tested conservative fighter is resonating with voters who are deeply concerned about the Obama Administration's growing intrusion into the affairs of Texans."

The result builds on the growing conservative endorsements which Paxton has rolled out. In January alone, Senator Paxton earned the endorsement of the Kingwood TEA Party, Montgomery County Tea Party, Texas Patriots PAC, and Texas Conservative View PAC. Paxton has also been endorsed by Young Conservatives of Texas, Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, Texas Right to Life PAC, Texas Home School Coalition, Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee, Senator Brian Birdwell and 25 Texas House members, and over 100 Tea Party leaders and activists across Texas.

Additionally, he has earned the support of Penny Nance, President and CEO, Concerned Women for America\*; Senator Rick Santorum; Cathie Adams, President, Texas Eagle Forum\* and Former Chairman, Republican Party of Texas; Kelly Shackelford, President, Liberty Institute\*; Tim Lambert, President, Texas Home School Coalition\* and Former Republican National Committeeman for Texas; David Barton, Founder of WallBuilders and former Republican Party of Texas Vice Chair; Ann Hettinger, Former State Director of Concerned Women for America of Texas\*; Rick Green, Former Texas State Representative and Host of WallBuilders\* Live; Carol Everett, Texas Pro-Life Leader; Founder and CEO of The Heidi Group\*; Michelle Smith, State Director of Concerned Women for America of Texas\*; Jonathan Saenz, President, Texas Values\*; Hon. Paul Pressler, Former State Representative, Former District Court Judge, and Former Justice, 14th Court of Appeals; Peggy Venable; Kaye T. Goolsby, Statewide Grassroots Chair for Ted Cruz for U.S. Senate Campaign\* and Chairman, Statewide Leadership Team for Ken Paxton for Attorney General; Ernest Angelo, Jr., Former Republican National Committeeman; and Hon. Ken Mercer, Member, State Board of Education\* and Former Member, Texas House of Representatives.

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