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Republican Women of Trussville Mission Statement

Our mission is to increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government; inform the public through political education and activity; promote the principles of the Republican Party; work for Republican candidates in all general elections. We believe in a limited government that is "of the people, by the people, and for the people" at the local, state and national levels.

Adopted October 26, 2015

Contents may be edited prior to insertion for brevity, composition, and subject matter.

If your name or address (including email) changes, please return email to sender or make a note on meeting sign-in sheet.

Special Addition
SB154 and HB397
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RWOT Upcoming Meetings

The Three Earred Rabbit
205-655-2000
Eat and Greet @ 5:30 p.m.
Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
209 Main Street, Suite 101
Trussville, Alabama

March 1, 2018

OAA, (the Offenders group) sponsored by AL
Minority GOP

**LOCAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIMES
AND PLACES** (Please get involved in your city.)

Trussville: City Hall – 131 Main Street, Phone: 655-7478. Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m.

Pinson: City Hall – 4410 Main Street, Phone: 680-5556. Meetings are held every 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

Clay: City Hall – 2441 Old Springville Road, Phone: 680-1223. Meetings are held every 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

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March 15, 2018

TACC Leadership Conference
Trussville Civic Center

May 5, 2018

City Fest
On the Mall in Trussville
Trussville Area



Members are encouraged to bring items for the women at the **Wellhouse**. We want to gift them with items such as bathroom and personal items

The **Alabama Minority GOP** will be having their Banquet March 2, 7:00 pm at Embassy Suites Montgomery 300 Tallapoosa St, Montgomery, Ala 36104 - <http://www.alamgop.org/2018-banquet-tickets.html>



EASTERN AREA MAYORS' BREAKFAST

BENEFITING



Tuesday, March 20, 2018

7:30 am

Trussville Civic Center

Corporate Tables & Individual Seats are Available



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
JOHN CROYLE
BIG OAK RANCH FOUNDER

Honorees – Diane Poole & Alan Taylor

For additional information or reservations
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URGENT! – “PHONE CALLS NEEDED”

Please contact (by telephone, preferably) the Alabama House of Representatives Judiciary Committee Members as shown below **before 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 21, 2018**, asking that they please **vote, “No,”** on **SB154 and HB397**. Please read the information attached in reference to these bills. According to the public hearing last week, Representative England, at the request of Walt Maddox, Democratic candidate for governor of Alabama and mayor of Tuscaloosa, presented his bill to **ticket misdemeanor marijuana because of college students**, however the **bills extend ticketing to numerous other charges** which he did not discuss. In the alternative, the *bills could be amended to address only misdemeanor marijuana as a ticket!*

Thank you!
Sheila Emfinger

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SB154 and HB397

SB154 and **HB397** as proposed would **decriminalize most misdemeanors** resulting in a summons and complaint rather than an arrest including, but not limited to, charges such as Menacing, Prostitution, Public Lewdness (exposure of private parts or a lewd act in public), Shoplifting, Theft 4°, bad checks, Trespassing, Disorderly Conduct, Failure to Obey a Police Officer, Unlawful Possession of Marijuana 2°, Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and others. A suggested reason for the passing of these bills was to allow for tickets for Unlawful Possession of Marijuana by college students, however, the bill wording would allow for a summons and complaint for potentially more serious alleged crimes. **Rewording the bills to limit to only misdemeanor marijuana possession could be done without expanding to other offenses, however attention should be given to potential problems as described below.**

• **Potential Issues with summons and complaint for Menacing when occurring inside a municipality:**

<http://abc3340.com/news/local/daycare-center-owner-hailed-as-hero-for-stopping-gun-wielding-dad> “OXFORD, Ala. (WBMA) — The owner of the Friendship Childcare Center was hailed as a hero Wednesday after she said she looked down the barrel of a loaded gun to prevent a man from coming inside. “Authorities said Daniel Turner, a 23-year-old father was the man on the other end of the gun. The daycare owner, who asked her name not be made public, refused to allow Turner to walk inside to see his child. “Turner surrendered peacefully after talking to law enforcement on the phone said Wade. He was booked into the county jail on a misdemeanor menacing charge [emphasis added]. Authorities had intended to seek a felony charge for making a terrorist threat. Wade said Alabama law only allows for the charge to be filed for threats at schools, not daycare centers. Calhoun County District Attorney Brian McVeigh decided Wednesday night to upgrade the charges to making a terrorist threat based off what happened at the scene.”

• **Potential Issues with summons and complaint for misdemeanor Prostitution and related criminal activity:** <http://www.wbrc.com/story/35926717/20-arrested-in-prostitution-bust-in-tuscaloosa>

(July 19, 2017 – “20 arrested in prostitution bust in Tuscaloosa”)
http://www.al.com/news/tuscaloosa/index.ssf/2017/08/tuscaloosa_police_arrest_33_me.html
 (August 2, 2017 – “Tuscaloosa police arrest 33 men during nationwide prostitution sting”)
<http://abc3340.com/news/local/47-arrested-in-undercover-prostitution-bus-in-tuscaloosa>
 (February 7, 2018 – “47 arrested in undercover prostitution bust in Tuscaloosa”)

“TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — The Tuscaloosa Police Department arrested 47 people in connection to an undercover prostitution operation as part of a national initiative to stop sex trafficking [emphasis added].”

<http://www.alsenaterepublicans.com/updates/press-releases/senate-republicans-announce-fightingalabama-2018-legislative-agenda/>

“Senate Republicans Announce “Fighting for Alabama” 2018 Legislative Agenda “Fight for Alabama’s Children by Strengthening Punishments for Child Sex Traffickers.

“Senate Republicans are committed to protecting the most vulnerable Alabamians. President Trump has signed a proclamation declaring January 2018 to be National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. In Alabama, we join President Trump in fighting to protect children from modern-day slavery. Under current law, the obstruction of an investigation into child trafficking is only a Class C felony – meaning conviction could

result in merely one year in prison. Should SB179 pass, the punishment for obstruction will be increased to a Class A felony, with a minimum jail sentence of ten years.”

• **Potential issues with summons and complaint for Shoplifting, Theft 4°, and bad checks:** Businesses and individuals who have been victims of shoplifting, theft (up to \$500 in value), and bad checks deserve to have their cases heard against an accused. Should the accused fail to appear, as do many who are currently being released on personal signature due to the practice SPLC, ACLU, and other groups are propounding, the victim will not be provided the opportunity to have their appropriate redress. Many locally owned businesses such as dress boutiques, pharmacies, etc., as well as large corporations (Walmart, Belk, Dillard’s and others) will be affected. Businesses will either close or prices will be increased to compensate for missing inventory and losses. The public, including political constituents, will be forced to pay higher prices when they were not the cause. <https://www.cnn.com/2014/04/30/us/florida-winston-shoplifting-allegation/index.html> Who remembers the Jamies Winston incident? Did any college football team members and fans in the State of Alabama wonder why he was not arrested if he was accused of shoplifting crab legs?

• **Potential issues with summons and complaint for Unlawful Possession of Marijuana:**

http://www.al.com/opinion/index.ssf/2017/03/alabamas_marijuana_possession.html “That’s because in Alabama, a person with a previous possession conviction can be charged with a felony. Records show the state churned out more than 5,000 such felony convictions between October 2010 and September 2015.”

Should a person be charged with a felony after an Unlawful Possession of Marijuana charge if that allegation was done as a summons and complaint without appropriate identification of the individual with fingerprints and photograph? **What if someone used your name and identification for a summons with the proliferation of identity theft occurring?**

• **Many more individuals will fail to appear on a complaint and summons rather than an arrest using the premise of, “It’s just a ticket.”** Ask your local municipal clerks. **See the chart below based upon a study in Charlotte, NC.** Also, an arrest which culminates in a personal guarantee rather than sufficient surety based upon a monetary penalty should the defendant fail to appear is limiting the ability of the court to properly dispose of a case to the benefit of a victim or the betterment of our communities. As the court already has the ability to determine on a case-by-case basis the method of jail release of an individual, preference should be given to a court’s discretion rather than a blanket approach of citations or jail release which creates numerous other problems which have not been addressed. **An arrest is not punishment, it is a deterrent toward the commission of a crime, as well as an opportunity to fingerprint and photograph an individual with the ability to discern as to whether the individual has not only correctly identified themselves to the officer but has done so in the event the individual has outstanding warrants in other jurisdictions which would not be identifiable without proper vetting of the accused.**

COMPARATIVE FAILURE TO APPEAR RATES FOR CITATION AND ARREST CASES

	Defendant Failed to Appear at First Scheduled Court Appearance ^a		Total Number of Times Defendant Failed to Appear for Scheduled Court Appearances ^b		
	Yes	No	0	1	2
Citation	39 (23.2%)	129 (76.8%)	105 (62.9%)	59 (35.3%)	3 (1.8%)
Arrest	9 (3.9%)	223 (96.1%)	200 (86.2%)	30 (12.9%)	2 (0.9%)

^a $\chi^2 = 34.50; p > 0.01; \text{Phi} = 0.29.$
^b $\chi^2 = 29.43; p > 0.01; \text{Cramers } V = 0.27.$

Table 1: From Hirschel & Dean. "The Relative Cost Effectiveness of Citation and Arrest"

J. David Hirschel & Charles W. Dean, “Relative Cost-Effectiveness of Citation and Arrest,” 23 J. Crim. Just. 1, 10 (1995).