Oklahoma Republican Party State Committee

Resolution Opposing SQ 836

Whereas the OKGOP Platform states, “We support protecting the integrity of the Republican Primary Election by requiring a closed primary system in Oklahoma.”

Whereas State Question 836 threatens the very foundation of how Republicans choose our nominees. Instead of allowing Republican voters to decide who will represent our party and our values in the general election, SQ 836 would replace our current system with a California-style “jungle primary.”

Whereas, proponents are deliberately mislabeling this as “open primaries” in spite of the fact that this is a “jungle primary” where every candidate from every party appears on one ballot, and every voter, including Democrats and Independents votes in the same race, and the top two finishers advance to November, regardless of party.

Whereas, if passed, State Question 836 could create a scenario where no Republican candidate advances to the general election, as has happened in California elections. This would completely shut out the majority of Oklahoma voters from having a conservative candidate option in the general election.

Whereas Oklahoma must protect our conservative values and freedoms by protecting the current primary process.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the State Committee of Oklahoma Republican Party, that we firmly oppose SQ 836 and urge all Oklahoma Republicans to vote “NO” on SQ 836.

Adopted this 31st day of January, 2026.