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BRIAN BIRDWELL ENDORSES KEN PAXTON FOR TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL

AUSTIN—At the Republican Party of Texas headquarters today, State Senator Brian Birdwell (R-Granbury) joined State Senator Ken Paxton (R-McKinney) and officially announced his endorsement of Paxton's candidacy for Texas Attorney General. Gathered with his wife, Mel, Senator Birdwell joined Senator Paxton as he formally filed his papers to run for Attorney General.

Senator Birdwell stated, "I'm proud to endorse Ken Paxton to serve as our next Attorney General for many reasons, but most emphatically because I can truly call him my 'brother in arms.' Serving alongside Ken in the Texas Senate has shown me that when things get tough, he's a man I can trust to stay committed to the constitutional, conservative principles that Texans cherish. Ken Paxton's proven record of strong, conservative leadership is exactly what we need on the front lines of our fight to keep Texas leading the nation, and I'm proud to be behind him."

Though Birdwell and Paxton worked closely together in the 2013 regular and special legislative sessions, their collective efforts to promote conservative governance began during Birdwell's first session in 2011. At that time, the two authored and enacted the 'Truth in Taxation Summary' (HB 2338 – 82R) to dramatically enhance local government accountability and transparency with taxpayer dollars. Most recently, Birdwell and Paxton worked together on some of the major conservative issues of the 2013 legislative session, including defense of the second amendment, budget and tax reform, and the protection of life.

Senator Birdwell joins a list of conservative leaders to endorse Ken Paxton, including: Kelly Shackelford, Chairman of the Ted Cruz for Senate Statewide Leadership Team and Liberty Institute* President; Cathie Adams, President, Texas Eagle Forum* and Former Chairman, Republican Party of Texas; Ernest Angelo, Jr., Former Republican National Committeeman; Tim Lambert, President, Texas Home School Coalition* and Former Republican National Committeeman for Texas; Ann Hettinger, Former State Director of Concerned Women for America of Texas*; Jonathan Saenz, President, Texas Values*; 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*; and Peggy Venable. Senator Paxton has also been endorsed by U.S. Senator Rick Santorum, Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, Texas Right to Life PAC, Young Conservatives of Texas, Texas Home School Coalition Association, 24 Texas legislators, and over 100 Tea Party leaders and activists across Texas.

(*Organization listed for identification purposes only.)

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Brian Birdwell is a native Texan, decorated military veteran, lifelong conservative Republican, survivor of the 9/11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon, and a proud husband and father. He currently represents the Bosque, Ellis, Falls, Hill, Hood, Johnson, McLennan, Navarro, Somervell and Tarrant [partial] Counties in Senate District 22.

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