

— TEXAS EAGLE FORUM —

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Dear Texas Eagles,

The media headlines were all variations on the same theme: Turnout for Texas primaries smashed recent records! Joy and elation seemed to abound over the fact that one-in-four Texans voted in the primaries. But I am confused. Out of 18.7 million registered voters, barely 4.5 million actually voted either during early voting (2.9 million) or on March 6th (1.6 million). How can we be happy that a mere 24% of eligible voters decided who will be on the November ballot for everyone else?

I can't help but think of a local volunteer I had the chance to meet - a wonderful patriot, newer to the Conservative movement - who was asked last-minute to serve as an Election Judge for an unmanned Republican polling location. He agreed and gave-up his weekend to take classes in order to be eligible. He sacrificed so that others could exercise their right to vote. But then his polling location only received about 25% of the voters they expected. I love that he jumped in, but how I wish the voters assigned to his location showed up at 100% to give his sacrifice more meaning. I understand that life happens, and we almost all have an election we have missed for an unexpected reason, but when I look at the numbers, it is clear that there is still much work to be done to help people appreciate the importance of their participation in our government.

Still, there is cause for some celebration. Republican voters overwhelmingly supported Prop. 10 "Texas Should Ban Sharia Law" with 95% voting affirmative. This will send a strong message to all Republican candidates that Texans mean business. Indeed, the most important issue we are facing is the rapid and intentional rise of Islam in Texas.

I have been in many meetings and strategy sessions with federal and state elected officials and other grassroots warriors planning the fight against the Islamization of Texas. One consistent theme is that voters and elected officials both want more information on Islam and the true scope of the problems we are facing here in Texas.

That is why we have decided to produce a two-part *Torch* series on Islam. This month's issue takes a deep dive into Islam as a religion and ideology. Next month, we are going to take a hard look at the Islamification that is already happening in far too many communities around Texas. We hope you will find the series informative, and that you will share *The Torch* with friends, family, and elected officials, and help us close the knowledge gap on this critical issue for Texas.

I know the primary season is a very busy time for many of you. Thank you to every Eagle who provided time, energy, resources, and prayer. Many of us will stay engaged, preparing for our Senatorial/County Conventions on March 28th, and supporting candidates as run-off elections approach. Also, please don't forget to Save the Date: Eagle Council will be in Nashville, Tennessee September 24-26, 2026. I hope to see you there!

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I pray Spring brings you energy, enthusiasm, and excitement for what we can do for Texas and America as our nation celebrates 250 years! As always, if you need extra issues of this *Torch* to share with friends, please let us know. We have donors who help fund extra copies specifically to be shared with others who could use a wake-up call. Just say the word, and we are here to help.

Keep growing, keep learning, keep sharing! We must bring others along to help repair the damage of the Biden years, restore our nation, and reclaim our values. I am proud to serve alongside you in this cause.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindi Castilla". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Cindi Castilla
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