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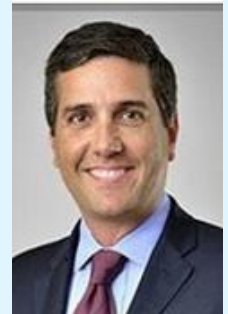
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Meet our April 2016 Speaker

Ted Delisi

Delisi Communications

Ted Delisi formed his own government relations and political affairs firm, Delisi Communications, after successfully directing legislative, Congressional and statewide campaigns in Texas and across the nation. He brings more than a decade of experience in political strategy, government relations, media and grassroots advocacy. In 2005, Ted and his wife were named by Texas Monthly as two of the most powerful 25 political leaders in Texas politics.



Ted began his career in electoral politics by successfully directing two State Senate campaigns, which proved decisive in achieving a Republican majority in the Texas Senate for the first time since Reconstruction.

Ted then assisted the first Republican Hispanic candidate to win statewide office in Texas, helping Tony Garza through a successful primary and general election. Ted also served as press secretary and communications director for then-Attorney General John Cornyn, where he managed a large communications and speechwriting staff.

When Karl Rove moved full-time to the Bush Presidential campaign in 1999, Ted purchased Rove's consulting and direct mail company. The new company served as the sole direct mail fundraising firm for the Bush/Cheney campaign in 2000 and coordinated the get out the vote and direct mail efforts in several key battleground states. He additionally served as a direct mail consultant to various Senate, Congressional and national party efforts across the nation.

In 2002, Ted served as the general consultant and chief strategist for John Cornyn's successful campaign for U.S. Senate. He additionally served as the direct mail consultant for Governor Perry's 2002 and 2006 elections. Senator Cornyn won the largest victory for any Republican in an open U.S. Senate race in Texas history and the Washington Post wrote of the management of the race: "Cornyn's race has been virtually error-free."

Ted has continued to serve as a successful political strategist for a variety of political and, increasingly, corporate clients. His recent work includes directing the bipartisan "Yes on 12" lawsuit constitutional amendment on medical liability reform. As a partner in Delisi Communications, Ted provides turnkey solutions for corporate government relations and public relations efforts.

Ted grew up in Temple, Texas and is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science. A sixth generation Texan, Ted and his wife, Deirdre, reside in Austin. Ted and Deirdre are the proud parents of twin sons, Will and David and a daughter, Cate.

**Mark your calendars:
2016 Golf Scramble will be October 3rd**

Paul Workman was scheduled to be our March speaker but because he couldn't make it he asked James Dickey to take his place.

James Dickey, Travis County Republican Party Chairman, started by giving an overview of the election. Ted Cruz won Texas. State wide 2.8 million people voted –almost double from last primary– including Travis Co. We had new residents that voted.

On losing his election to Robert Morrow, he said that having an acceptable name and appearing first on the list of candidates both contributed to Morrow's win. After June 13, 2016 when Morrow takes office, he will not run day-to-day operations or manage money for the Travis County Republican Party. Those powers belong to the Executive Committee which is composed of elected Precinct Chairs. In the recent past, those powers have been delegated to the Party Chairman under the Bylaws of the group. A committee has been formed to revise these Bylaws, limiting the powers delegated to the new Chairman. One thing that is required of him is to name the election judges for November. If he neglects this duty the party will suffer greatly.

He went on talking about the run-off election and the candidates involved.

Texas Senate District 24: Dawn Buckingham and Susan King. He supports Dr. Buckingham.

Railroad Commissioner: Wayne Christian and Gary Gates who has run unsuccessfully many times.

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 2: Ray Wheels and Mary Lou Keel. Mary Lou Keel is a local favorite.

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 5: Brent Webster and Scott Walker. (as an aside, Scott Walker's full name is Richard Scott Walker. Dickey indicated that Walker chose the name Scott Walker as being a more electable name. He got 40% of the vote.)"

He also said that voters showed Eva Guzman the respect that she deserves by electing her over Joe Pool.

He emphasize that we need to get informed before voting. He also asked for us to participate in the conventions. He said that we have the right to apply to be a Delegate at the State Convention. Get involved in the Senatorial Convention where the platform, rules and Delegates for the National Convention are decided.



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