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# The PLATEFORM

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## What is the RALC?

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The RALC is an affiliate of the Republican Assembly of Illinois and the Family Taxpayer's Network.

The purposes and objectives for which the RALC is organized are to promote conservative political philosophy by educating the public and promoting the election of conservative candidates to public office. Conservative political philosophy is not defined as the position on any one issue, although it is the consensus of the founding members that conservative political philosophy consists of support of the Republican platform, including, but not limited to: 1) Limited government that complies with the United States Constitution and the original intent of the founding fathers of the United States of America, 2) Low taxes that allow working people to keep what they earn, 3) Pro-Family and Pro-Life policies on abortion, 4) The right of law abiding gun owners to keep and maintain firearms in accordance with the Second Amendment of the

United States Constitution, 5) In agreement with President Bush, the RALC believes that no child should be left behind in acquiring the best possible education and thereby supports Charter Schools, opportunity scholarships to private and parochial schools, home schooling and accountable public schooling.

It is also the consensus of the founding members that a conservative is defined as a person who may not necessarily agree with all of the tenets of the aforementioned philosophy, but agrees with at least a majority of said philosophy.

### Meetings

The RALC meets monthly, with a minimum of ten meetings a year. Currently meetings are the second Thursday of each month at the Ramada Inn, 517 East Highway 83 in Mundelein. The meetings are held once a month at 7:00 pm. Guests and readers of this publication are cordially invited.

### Membership-Dues-Eligibility-Membership Voting

Membership in the RALC shall consist of any person accepted into membership in the manner provided by the RALC By-Laws and the membership committee. Eligibility to, application for, acquiring and maintenance of membership, loss of membership, and the discipline of members shall be in accordance with RALC By-Laws and the membership committee.

The dues of the RALC are currently \$25 per calendar year (see application in center) and cover operations costs of the organization. The Chairman, with the approval of the executive committee, may waive dues for any member who is indigent.

RALC endorsements of political candidates for office is based upon conservative principles. The purpose of an RALC endorsement is to show the public that a majority of RALC members support a cer-

tain candidate. No member of the RALC is compelled to support a RALC endorsed candidate. Voting for endorsement of political candidates will be by individual vote of members and requires a 2/3 vote of the members in attendance. While the RALC endorses candidates in the Republican Primary, the candidate who wins the Republican Primary is always supported by the RALC.

The officers of the RALC are Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Director. Each officer serves a term of office of one year.

If you wish additional information, please contact Raymond S. True, Chairman at 847/367-5231, fax 847/367-5497, email raymon8844@aol.com or Post Office Box 784, Libertyville, Illinois 60048. The Chair is a precinct committeeman for precinct 177 and a member of the Lake County Republican Central Committee RALC liaison advisors. ■