

Originally Processed With FOIA(s):

S

FOIA Number:

S

# FOIA MARKER

**This is not a textual record. This is used as an  
administrative marker by the George Bush Presidential  
Library Staff.**

---

|                                     |                              |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Record Group/Collection:</b>     | Donated Historical Materials |
| <b>Collection/Office of Origin:</b> | Frieden, Lex, Collection     |
| <b>Series:</b>                      | Related Materials            |
| <b>Subseries:</b>                   | Campaign                     |

---

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| <b>OA/ID Number:</b>     | 52069     |
| <b>Folder ID Number:</b> | 52069-006 |

---

**Folder Title:**  
RNC [Republican National Convention] [1990-1992]

---

**Stack:**

**Row:**

**Section:**

**Shelf:**

**Position:**

---



Lex Frieden  
3634 North Braeswood  
Houston, Texas 77025

October 3, 1990

Dear Colleague,

Since returning to Texas from my four year service as Executive Director of the National Council on Disability in Washington, D.C., I have observed that the disabled community in Texas has been frequently over-looked and left out of basic political organizing activities and decision-making processes. Therefore, I have tried to involve myself in some activities which make sense for today as well as for the future.

A particular interest of mine is the race for Lt. Governor of Texas. As you may know, the role of Lt. Governor in our state is more than token -- the Lt. Governor is responsible for making and managing many decisions which pertain to funding for state supported programs and services like rehabilitation, attendant care, and in-home services.

I believe one candidate for Lt. Governor has extraordinary qualifications from a disability perspective -- and he is ROB MOSBACHER.

Remember last year at the Congressional Hearings on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in Houston -- Rob Mosbacher was there testifying in support of ADA. He was one of the first businessmen in America to come out publicly in support of the ADA, and he was one of the only small business people in the country to stand up on our behalf when the powerful national small business lobbying association, NFIB, was fighting us. That kind of outspoken commitment to equality and opportunity takes courage.

You may also remember that Rob Mosbacher promised, in his ADA testimony, that he would create an Office on Disability in the Department of Human Services (DHS) to help raise disability policy issues in that massive agency to the highest level. He kept his promise, and not only that -- he hired a disabled person to run the office.

Now, what about DHS? As chairman, Rob Mosbacher has desperately tried to move that agency toward progressive, independence-oriented, community-based programming and away from unnecessary and regressive institutional programming. Furthermore, when the state budget crunch threatened the few progressive demonstration programs that DHS operates, Rob Mosbacher quietly stepped in and personally intervened to pull them out the fire -- more than once.

As Lt. Governor, Rob Mosbacher will do something to resolve his and our frustration about slow progress toward improving the system by setting priorities for existing state dollars that emphasize and reward independence instead of dependence. He will use his unique knowledge of the "welfare game" to help us change the rules in Austin and Washington so that community-based services and opportunity are in and institutionalization is out. He will use his authority to create a continuum of integrated services by reorganizing basic state bureaucratic and administrative structures, as needed. Finally--and my experience in Washington indicates that this may be most important of all -- Rob Mosbacher will use his reputation, his contacts, and his credibility with the power structure and the influence crowd to help us get attention, respect, and ACTION!

Any candidate for public office can talk a good game. Any candidate can tell us they understand our frustrations, and all of them will promise to help us in one way or another. The difference between candidates in this election is that while both candidates may talk a good game, one candidate -- ROB MOSBACHER -- actually delivers!

My point is this: Rob Mosbacher stood up for us when we needed him -- now, it's our turn to stand up for him. Get involved in the Mosbacher action: you can join me in writing letters to your newspaper editors about the candidate for Lt. Governor who supported disability rights before it was fashionable to do so; send postcards to five of your friends or family members telling them the truth about the DHS situation; go to a Mosbacher campaign function and see for yourself the meaning of an "accessible campaign"; volunteer to work in the campaign and learn what it takes to win a statewide election; and, of course, VOTE for ROB MOSBACHER!

Yours for independence,



Lex Frieden

P.S. Voter Registration deadline is Monday, October 8. Mail voter registration postmarked on this date will be effective for the November 6 General Election. You can vote In Person Absentee from October 17th till November 2nd. The general election is Tuesday, November 6th. Check your county clerk's office for times and locations, as well as extended hours and absentee voting in person.



Republican  
National  
Committee

Political Coalitions

July 24, 1992

Mr. Lex Frieden  
Executive Director  
TIRR Foundation  
5100 Travis  
Houston, TX 77002

Dear Mr. Frieden:

The Republican National Convention will be held in Houston, Texas, on August 17 - 20th, and we would like to know if you plan to attend. Please take the time to call us as soon as possible at (202) 863-8600 and let us know so that we can be sure to include you in various coalition activities, including a sky box, a coalitions hospitality suite, and several receptions.

We look forward to seeing you at the convention!

Sincerely,

Maggie Rogers

MR/sd



**JUSTIN DART, JR.**

907 6TH STREET, S.W., APT. 516C  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20024

bq.a7

August 7, 1992

To: Mimi Dawson

From: Justin Dart

I deeply appreciate your positive leadership to arrange yesterday's meeting among members of the disability and independent business coalitions. I feel that the dialogue was productive.

I welcome the suggestions that the President call for fair and effective implementation of ADA in a cabinet meeting - "jobs not lawsuits" - and that Mrs. Bush make a positive reference to ADA and our productivity oriented disability policy in her address.

I FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT THE BOTTOM LINE FOR GAINING DISABILITY COMMUNITY VOTES AND FOR MEETING THE ASSERTION THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS NOT PROVIDED DOMESTIC LEADERSHIP IS A POWERFUL REFERENCE IN HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH TO ADA AS A FOUNDATIONAL SOLUTION FOR AMERICA'S DOMESTIC PROBLEMS, AND A PLEDGE TO KEEP THE PROMISE OF ADA BY FULL SUPPORT FOR THE INTEGRATION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN THE PRODUCTIVE MAINSTREAM - "CREATING MILLIONS OF NEW JOBS AND CUSTOMERS, MORE PROFITS FOR BUSINESS, AN INCREASED TAX BASE, REDUCED WELFARE COSTS."

This theme should be woven into other prime time speeches, the platform and highlighted through the visibility of several known disability community leaders in symbolic prime time scenes - sitting with the President's and Vice President's families during their acceptance speeches, with them on stage afterward, in TV interviews, etc. Our splendid renovation of the Astrodome to make it accessible should be highlighted, and there should also be a disability issue speaker who is well known to the disability community.

I HAVE RECEIVED MANY CALLS FROM MY COLLEAGUES ABOUT WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN WITH OUR DISABILITY CAMPAIGN, AT THE CONVENTION AND AFTER. THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY IS COMPARING US UNFAVORABLY TO CLINTON-GORE. "WHERE IS THE PRESIDENT?" IT WILL DO NO GOOD TO MUTTER THAT OUR RECORD IS BETTER. THE "WHAT HAVE YOU PROMISED ME RECENTLY?" REALITY OPERATES. A WATERED DOWN RESPONSE IS NOT GOING TO TURN CLINTON'S MEDIA FUELED MOMENTUM, AND RECAPTURE THE MILLIONS OF VOTES WE HAD IN '88.

**EQUAL ACCESS TO THE AMERICAN DREAM**

## **GEORGE BUSH: HE KEPT THE PROMISE OF ADA, EMPOWERMENT AND PEACE**

Why should someone who cares about people with disabilities vote to reelect President Bush in '92? He kept his promise to sign, support and implement the Americans with Disabilities Act, the first comprehensive civil rights law for people with disabilities by any nation. He set a record for empowering people with disabilities in his administration. He presided over the end of the cold war and the supremacy of democracy in the world, paving the way to focus the earth's human and economic resources on quality of life.

**ALL THE WAY WITH ADA!** As Vice President, George Bush reached out to the disability community. He was one of the first national leaders to personally dialogue with representatives of the independent living movement. In the winter of 1986, when all White House appointments were cancelled due to the tragic explosion of the space shuttle, he made an exception to meet with a delegation from the National Council on the Handicapped to discuss the newly published **TOWARD INDEPENDENCE** and its historic recommendation for the ADA. He expressed strong support. During the 1988 campaign, he endorsed the concept of the still developing ADA. He became the first candidate for President in history to commit himself on national TV and in other major campaign activities to the mainstreaming of people with disabilities, "they're not going to be left out any more."

As President George Bush assigned high level members of his administration to participate in negotiating the final version of ADA. He endorsed ADA in 1989 and supported its enactment in 1990 as a real legal mandate for full equality in terms of jobs and access to society. He underlined the urgency of implementing ADA by holding the largest signing ceremony for any law in the history of America, 3,000 disability rights advocates on the South Lawn of the White House. "I now lift my pen to sign this Americans with disabilities Act and say, let the shameful wall of exclusion finally come tumbling down." He promised that the ADA regulations would come out on time. They did, and they are workable tools for enforcement that is fair to all. He held a White House Rose Garden first birthday ceremony for the ADA, at which he issued a memo requiring all federal agencies to fulfill the spirit of ADA in their employment policies. He promised to sign a non-quota civil rights law that included people with disabilities, and expanded their ADA rights. He did - the Civil Rights Law of 1991.



During the current election campaign a few powerful opponents attacked President Bush for his support of ADA. Would he back down? He has sent several clear messages to the nation. He and Mrs. Bush served as chairs of the February 1 Gala fund raiser for DREDF, the organization that represents people with disabilities to implement ADA. On May 27 he wrote, "The passage of the Americans with disabilities Act marked a great victory for our entire nation....our goal is to make equal opportunity for persons with disabilities a cherished principle in the United States, as well as nationwide policy and practice." During a July 1st CBS This Morning TV interview, The President vigorously endorsed ADA three times. On the July 10th MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour he stated that ADA was one of the most positive American accomplishments of the last four years. He continues to express full support for the Act, and for society wide action to ensure that people with disabilities achieve equal access to the American dream.

**EMPOWERMENT, YES! PATERNALISM, NO!** Empowerment is the ultimate, the absolutely indispensable affirmative action for disadvantaged minorities. When they are empowered to participate fully in the democratic process, to control their own lives and services, people can achieve equality and prosperity. Without empowerment, paternalism, social injustice and economic disaster are inevitable. George Bush has empowered more authentic disability community leaders in his administration than any previous President - including EEOC Chairman Evan Kemp, PCEPD Chairman Justin Dart, OSERS Assistant Secretary Robert Davila and Deputy Mike Vader, Veterans Affairs Assistant Secretary Allen Clark, Assistant Secretary of HUD for Fair Housing, Gordon Mansfield, RSA Commissioner Nell Carney, DD Commissioner Deborah McFadden and National Council on Disability Chairperson Sandra Parrino. He has not muzzled these people. They have been vigorous advocates for the rights of people with disabilities. It has been common to see them in the front row at disability rights meetings and demonstrations.

On May 18 this year, in the midst of criticism that Evan Kemp had spoken out too sharply against paternalistic telethons, the President reappointed him as Chair of EEOC. Many advocates for disability rights and empowering services have been employed in federal agencies. DREDF and many other disability community organizations and leaders have been funded or employed to participate in the implementation of the ADA.

Vice President Quayle has been a strong supporter of ADA and empowerment. He has consistently reached out to participate in the dialogue and events of the disability community, and has employed disability rights leader George Covington to serve on his

staff in the White House.

**PEACE! FREEDOM!** The President promised to lead for world peace. History's most powerful military empire and police state has collapsed. The cold war is substantially over. The dictator Saddam was beaten in 43 days. The hostages are released. Nuclear disarmament is under way. Democracy is ascendant. What does foreign policy have to do with people with disabilities? Everything! They have traditionally been the first to suffer when democracy is stifled, and when resources go to armaments and wars. Peace will free substantial human and economic resources for investment in productivity and independence. The bloodless termination of the cold war and the fall of the European Communist dictatorships will save more money, more lives and more misery and create more opportunity to achieve the human dream on mainstreet America than any event in recorded history.

**THE FUTURE - KEEPING THE PROMISE OF ADA.** The President will work with the disability community to complete the edifice of empowerment of which ADA is the foundation. President Bush knows that ADA is a promise yet to be kept in terms of real life equality, jobs, prosperity for all Americans with disabilities. He knows that this promise cannot be kept simply by spending more money on traditional paternalistic programs that provide segregated services for people with disabilities. The President will provide aggressive leadership for the development of a national policy of empowerment that embodies the principles of independent living and people first. There must be a full spectrum of public and private empowerment initiatives that enable all Americans to make the choices and access the resources necessary to take responsible control of their own services and destinies, to maximize their productivity, to get good jobs and to live lives of dignity and quality.

The President will continue to work with the disability community, business and government at all levels for the full and harmonious implementation of ADA with minimal litigation, expense and intrusive regulation, and maximal profit for people with disabilities and all Americans. The President will continue to empower people with disabilities as members of his administration, and in all federal agencies.



**CHOICE: PROMISES OR RESULTS?** President Bush has been a leader in elevating perceptions of people with disabilities from pitiful candidates for paternalistic charity, to fully equal, fully adult Americans, with potential to be fully productive participants in the mainstream. He refuses to treat us as children, to tell us that he can solve our problems for us. Instead he extends the hand of empowerment and partnership. He makes less promises than his opponent, but offers a record of historic achievement.

Our grandchildren deserve that we look beyond the polls, the promises and the media hype, and give soul searching consideration to choosing a President with proven ability to produce results. President Bush has produced results. ADA, empowerment, peace.

Justin Dart

JUSTIN DART, JR.  
907 6TH STREET, S.W., APT. 516C  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20024  
202-488-7684 Voice  
202-484-1370 TDD  
202-863-0010 FAX

## Facsimile Transmission

Date: Aug. 3, 1992  
Person: Mr. Lex Frieden  
Location: Houston, TX

Fax Number Dialed: 713-799-7095  
Number of Pages including cover sheet: 4  
From: Justin Dart

endorse legislation to make clear that the same standards apply to unborn children. We support legislation for abortion and will eliminate any federal support for abortion. We condemn religious and private organizations that oppose abortion by meeting the needs of pregnant women and offering

word of judicial appointments, and the appointment of judges at all levels of the federal government, and the sanctity of innocent life.

no other religious institution should be established, and a massive violation of the First Amendment by the American Civil Liberties Union or any other religious institution.

erty

Life is the cornerstone of liberty. It includes the right of contract to own property, to want to expand ownership to all individuals, and the right to control their own future.

For the protection of our resources, we call for a reduction in government spending, especially in our western states, for the best for our environment, and to consider water rights a State issue.

rights

Equal rights for women. The Republican Party voted and initiated the rights now enjoyed by women. But legal equality and that has been the hallmark of the Reagan-Bush team has broken all the most important positions: 28 out of 30 went to women. But far more important is what women have accomplished. Our policies have provided

We must remove remaining obstacles to women's achieving their full potential and full reward. That does not include the notion of federally mandated comparable worth, which would substitute the decisions of bureaucrats for the judgment of individuals. It does include equal rights for women who work for the Congress. We call upon the Democrat leadership of the House and Senate to join Republican Members in applying to Congress the civil rights laws that apply to the rest of the nation. Women should not be second-class citizens anywhere in our country, but least of all beneath the dome of the Capitol.

- Recognizing that women represent less than 5 percent of the U.S. Congress, only 12 percent of the nation's statewide offices, plus 15 percent of State legislative positions, the Republican Party strongly supports the achievements of women in seeking an equal role in the governing of our country and is committed to the vigorous recruitment, training, and campaign support of women candidates at all levels.

## Americans with Disabilities

One measure of our country's greatness is the way it treats its disabled citizens.

Our citizens are the nation's most precious resource. As Republicans, we are committed to ensuring increased opportunities for every individual to reach his or her maximum potential. This commitment includes providing opportunities for individuals with disabilities. The 1980s have been a revolution, a declaration of independence for persons with disabilities, and Republicans have initiated policies which remove barriers so that such persons are more independent.

The most effective way to increase opportunities for such persons is to remove intentional and unintentional barriers to education, employment, housing, transportation, health care, and other basic services. Republicans have played an important role in removing such barriers:

- Republicans supported the creation of a new program to provide early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities.
- Republicans initiated a supported employment program that allows individuals with severe disabilities to earn competitive wages in integrated work settings, thus, in many instances, creating first-time taxpayers.
- Republicans initiated changes in the Social Security Act that now permit individuals with disabilities to work without losing health insurance coverage.

1980 LEX FRIEND  
REPUBLICAN PLATFORM  
1-113-799-7095

- Republicans developed legislation to increase the availability of technology-related assistance for individuals with disabilities, thereby increasing their ability to do things for themselves, others, and their communities.
- Republicans have made a sustained commitment to policies that create opportunities for individuals with disabilities to lead productive and creative lives.

Republicans will continue to support such policies:

- We recognize the great potential of disabled persons and support efforts to remove artificial barriers that inhibit them from reaching their potential, and making their contributions, in education, employment and recreation. This includes the removal, insofar as practicable, of architectural, transportation, communication and attitudinal barriers.
- We support efforts to provide disabled voters full access to the polls and opportunity to participate in all aspects of the political process.
- By promoting vigorous economic growth, we will provide incentives for the scientific and technological research that may reverse or compensate for many disabilities.
- We pledge to fight discrimination in health care. Following the example of President Reagan, we insist upon full treatment for disabled infants. We find no basis, whether in law or medicine or ethics, for denying care or treatment to any medically dependent or disabled person because of handicap, age, or infirmity.
- We will strongly enforce statutory prohibitions barring discrimination because of handicap in any program receiving federal financial assistance.
- We will protect the rights established under the Education for All Handicapped Children Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act. We will balance those rights against the public's right to be protected against diseases and conditions which directly threaten the health and safety of others.
- We recognize the need to procedural due process rights of persons with disabilities both to prevent their placement into inappropriate programs or settings and to ensure that their rights are represented by guardians or other advocates when necessary.

We endorse policies that give individuals with disabilities the right to participate in decisions related to their education, the right to affect how

To further promote the independence of individuals with disabilities and their integration in the community, the Republican Party supports legislation to move the focus toward serving disabled individuals, to ensure that appropriate, community-based services are provided through Medicaid.

#### Native

We support self-determination in the management of their own affairs and resources. Recognizing the trust responsibility, we will work to remove federal controls. Reservations should be managed so that their people can fully share in the benefits of tribal governments to improve the quality of life, ensure equitable participation by all, and preserve health, housing, job training and

We endorse efforts to preserve the unique culture, ensure their equitable participation in the political process, and preserve their unique place

#### The Right

Republicans defend the constitutional right of every individual. If this right is abused by an individual, if a crime is committed, we call for stiff, mandatory

#### The Ri

We affirm the right of all free individuals to bargain collectively, and that such activity must be based on fairness and must not be used to gain support for the right of States to restrict the political rights of every worker or to impose fees for partisan purposes. We support the activity they oppose, and no individual should be intimidated by any party to a

The Republican Party supports the right of union officials, like all other Americans, to be free from prohibition against extortion and

We also support amendments to provide greater protection from work during strikes. 2



We endorse policies that give individuals with disabilities the right to participate in decisions related to their education, the right to affect how and where they live and the right to choose or change a job or career.

provide greater protection from work during strikes. 2

34

to increase the availability of individuals with disabilities, thereby for themselves, others, and their

commitment to policies that create disabilities to lead productive and

ch policies:

abled persons and support efforts to them from reaching their potential, education, employment and recreation as practicable, of architectural,itudinal barriers.

and voters full access to the polls aspects of the political process.

with, we will provide incentives research that may reverse or com-

health care. Following the expansion on full treatment for disabled law or medicine or ethics, for medically dependent or disabled infirmity.

y prohibitions' barring disability program receiving federal

er the Education for All Handicapped Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and ons Act. We will balance those protected against diseases and health and safety of others.

process rights of persons with ment into inappropriate pro-eir rights are represented by ssary.

with disabilities the right to ation, the right to affect how or change a job or career.

To further promote the independence and productivity of people with disabilities and their integration into the mainstream of life, the Republican Party supports legislation to remove the bias in the Medicaid program toward serving disabled individuals in isolated institutional settings and ensure that appropriate, community-based services are reimbursable through Medicaid.

### Native Americans

We support self-determination for Indian Tribes in managing their own affairs and resources. Recognizing the government-to-government trust responsibility, we will work to end dependency fostered by federal controls. Reservations should be free to become enterprise zones so their people can fully share in America's prosperity. We will work with tribal governments to improve environmental conditions and will ensure equitable participation by Native Americans in federal programs in health, housing, job training and education.

We endorse efforts to preserve the culture of native Hawaiians and to ensure their equitable participation in federal programs that can recognize and preserve their unique place in the life of our nation.

### The Right of Gun Ownership

Republicans defend the constitutional right to keep and bear arms. When this right is abused by an individual who uses a gun in the commission of a crime, we call for stiff, mandatory penalties.

### The Rights of Workers

We affirm the right of all freely to form, join or assist labor organizations to bargain collectively, consistent with State laws. Labor relations must be based on fairness and mutual respect. We renew our long-standing support for the right of States to enact "Right-to-Work" laws. To protect the political rights of every worker, we oppose the use of compulsory dues or fees for partisan purposes. Workers should not have to pay for political activity they oppose, and no worker should be coerced by violence or intimidation by any party to a labor dispute.

The Republican Party supports legislation to amend the Hobbs Act, so that union officials, like all other Americans, are once again subject to the law's prohibition against extortion and violence in labor disputes.

We also support amendments to the National Labor Relations Act to provide greater protection from labor violence for workers who choose to work during strikes.