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### **Patrick Calls on "C" Club to Open Debate to Press**

HOUSTON – Dan Patrick, Texas State Senator and the authentic conservative candidate for Texas Lieutenant Governor, today called upon the "C" Club to open the debate they are hosting on Tuesday to the press.

"The voters deserve an opportunity to know what happens at this debate," said Dan Patrick.

The "C" Club, a Houston based organization founded in 1964 and comprised of 100 fiscally conservative professionals and businessmen has invited the candidates to a debate. The debate is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 18 at the Club's luncheon meeting.

"If a tree falls in a forest and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound?" said Allen Blakemore, Patrick's senior strategist. "What's the point?"

"What's the point of holding a debate that the voting public is excluded from? The race is the most important contest on the May 27 Republican Primary Runoff ballot.

"Senator Patrick is an advocate for openness and transparency in government and he believes those same principles should apply to campaigning as well.

"I'm not aware if the "C" Club has ever held a debate like this between major candidates for high office. Candidates for high office do not traditionally debate behind closed doors.

"Certain limitations might be reasonable based upon space or other considerations, but at a bare minimum a pool-reporter really must be accommodated," concluded Blakemore.

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