

VOTER GUIDE

2018



JOHN CARTER FIGHTS FOR YOU

FIGHTING FOR OUR AMERICAN HEROES

- Fought for and passed the **largest pay raise** for **American troops** in eight years
- **Battled** the Obama Administration to ensure victims of **Ft. Hood terrorist attack** received **Purple Hearts**
- Worked tirelessly to secure **\$145 million** for **Fort Hood barracks renovations** to ensure Soldiers have proper housing



PROTECTING OUR VETERANS

- **Forced federal bureaucrats** to provide life-saving transplant operations for veterans
- Demanded the **FBI investigate** the **Veterans Administration**, leading to reforms at the Temple VA. Representative Carter's actions **reduced wait times** by more than 70% and **cut the backlog** of pending cases by 90%



STRENGTHENING THE SOUTHERN BORDER

- Fought the Obama Administration to prevent the housing of **illegal aliens** on **U.S. military bases**
- Provided funding to **hire 500 more Border Patrol** agents along the U.S.-Mexico border
- The only representative that has **fought** and **won** funding for a **border wall**



KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

- Passed the POLICE Act to give first responders **active shooter emergency training**
- Secured **\$5.4 million** for **law enforcement training facilities** to save lives
- **Defends** Americans' **right to bear arms** and passed legislation to allow licensed carry permit holders to be able to carry anywhere in the United States

EARLY VOTING: FEB. 20 - MARCH 2
ELECTION DAY: MARCH 6



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CYNTHIA FIGHTS FOR US AND SHE GETS **RESULTS.**



- ★ Lower county tax rate now than when she took office
- ★ Eliminated a business tax to spur Wilco job creation
- ★ Advocate for public safety and fought to modernize our county's 911 service
- ★ Added 300 miles of new roads to reduce traffic congestion
- ★ Fought Obama's attempt to impose job killing ESA policies in Wilco and won
- ★ Secured funding for a new veterans' service officer to better serve Wilco veterans

Commissioner Cynthia Long is a proven champion of low tax rates and historic road improvement projects to meet the needs of our fast growing county. A conservative businesswoman, Cynthia fought for conservative, balanced budgets, resulting in a AAA bond rating and millions of dollars in savings to taxpayers. She has chaired campaigns in Williamson County for Rick Perry and George W. Bush, and is active in several ministries with her family at Hill Country Bible Church.

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**Republican Primary Vote on March 6th
Early Voting Febraury 20th - March 2nd**

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VOTING IN THE TEXAS PRIMARIES

Voting is your right as an American and as a Texan, and it is not difficult. First, you need to be a registered voter. The registration deadline was Feb. 5 in order to vote in the upcoming March 6 primary election. If you have not already registered you may still do so in order to vote in the general election on Nov. 6. You can pick up a voter registration application at your library, any government office, or download one from the website: <https://www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/550-2.html>

Mail-in locations for other counties, as well as many answers to questions about voting procedures, are listed on the VOTETEXAS.GOV website.

On election day the polls are open between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. for you to cast your ballot. Unless you are a voter with a permanent exemption on your voter registration certificate, show your approved form of photo identification to the election official.

When you vote in a political party's primary, you become affiliated with that party for the next two years. At the time you vote, your voting certificate will be stamped with the name of the party in whose primary you vote. You may vote in only one party's primary. If there is a runoff, you may vote only in the same party's runoff election. (Note that in the General Election in November, voters may vote for any candidate they wish, regardless of whether they voted in a party primary or runoff or participated in a party convention. All candidates from all parties are on the same ballot.)

Only party members can participate in the precinct, county, senatorial district, and state conventions of a particular party.

Proof of party affiliation (your stamped voting certificate) is needed for admission to a party's convention. Parties other than those whose candidates are listed in this Voters Guide are not holding primary elections; instead, their candidates are nominated and selected in their precinct, county, and state conventions.

Party precinct conventions are the first step in the process that adopts the state party platform; certifies the party's nominees for state office in general elections; selects delegates to the party's county or senatorial district, and the state and national conventions; nominates presidential electors; elects national party committee members; and writes the national party platform.

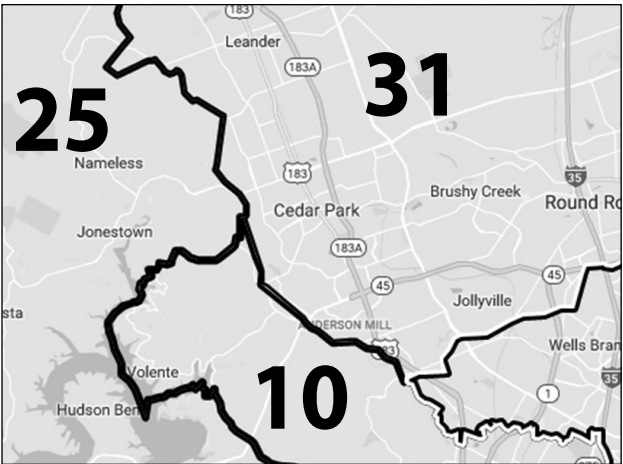
On election day, eligible Travis County and Williamson County voters may vote at any voting location. You may bring this Voters Guide into the voting booth.

The following is a list of acceptable photo IDs at the polling place:

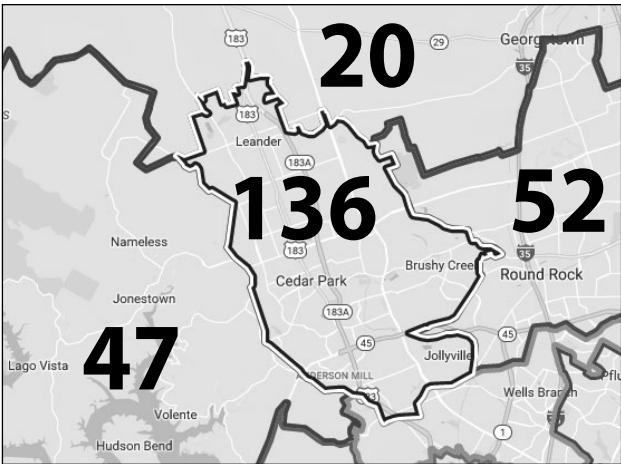
- Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS
- Texas Handgun License issued by DPS
- United States Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph
- United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States Passport (book or card)

With the exception of the U.S. Citizenship Certificate, which does not expire, for voters aged 18-69, the acceptable form of photo identification may be expired no more than four years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place. For voters aged 70 or older, the acceptable form of photo identification may be expired for any length of time if the identification is otherwise valid.

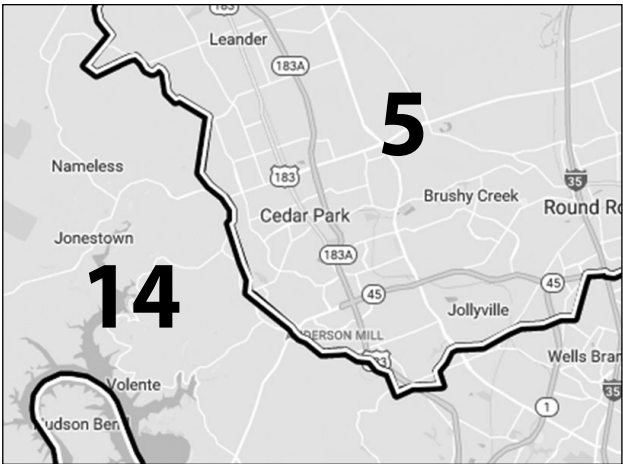
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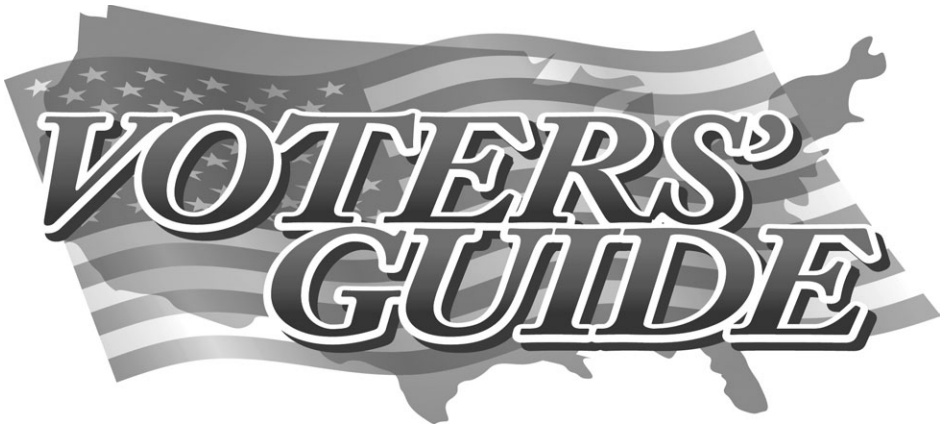
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SAMPLE BALLOTS (TRAVIS COUNTY)

TRAVIS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY LIST OF CANDIDATES

March 6, 2018 Joint Primary Election

If you do not know your election precinct, call Voter Registration at 512-854-9473. For candidate information, call the Travis County Democratic Party Office at 512-477-7500. For other election information, call the Travis County Clerk's Elections Division at 512-238-VOTE (8683).

Primary Ballot Pledge - "I am a Democrat and understand that I am ineligible to vote or participate in another political party's primary election or convention during this voting year."


LA LISTA DE CANDIDATOS DEL PARTIDO DEMOCRATICO DEL CONDADO DE TRAVIS

Elección Primaria Conjunta 6 de marzo, 2018

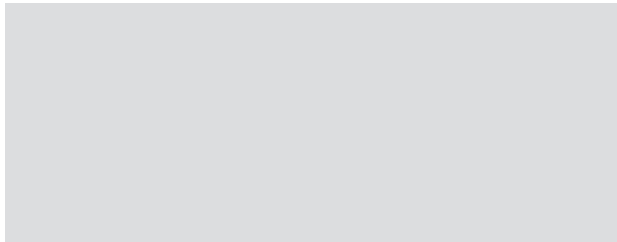
Si usted no sabe su precinto de elección, llame al Registrador de Votantes 512-854-9473. Para información sobre candidatos, llame a la Oficina Partido Democrático del Condado de Travis 512-477-7500. Para otra información sobre la elección, llame a la División de Elecciones de la Oficina del Secretario del Condado de Travis 512-238-VOTE (8683).

Promesa sobre la boleta en la elección primaria - "Yo soy Demócrata y comprendo que no soy elegible para votar o participar en la elección primaria o la convención de algún otro partido político durante este año electoral."

<p>United States Senator <i>Senador de los Estados Unidos-DEM</i> <i>All precincts / Todos los precintos</i></p> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Edward Kimbrough <input type="checkbox"/> Beto O'Rourke <input type="checkbox"/> Sema Hernandez </div>	<p>Commissioner of the General Land Office-DEM <i>Comisionado de la Oficina General de Tierras-DEM</i> <i>All precincts / Todos los precintos</i></p> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Miguel Suazo <input type="checkbox"/> Tex Morgan </div>	<p>District 48, State Representative-DEM <i>Districto Núm. 48, Representante Estatal-DEM</i> <i>Precincts / Precintos:</i> 210, 212, 213, 220, 221, 231, 237, 238, 246, 247, 249, 251, 253, 256, 262, 266, 301, 307, 308, 317, 337, 339, 343, 344, 347, 350, 351, 352, 354, 356, 357, 358, 362, 363, 364, 366, 408, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 418, 419, 435, 447, 451, 458, 463</p> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Donna Howard </div>	<p>District Judge, 419th Judicial District-DEM <i>Districto Judicial Núm. 419, Juez del Distrito-DEM</i> <i>All precincts / Todos los precintos</i></p> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Catherine A. Mauzy </div>
<p>District 10, United States Representative-DEM <i>Districto Núm. 10, Representante de los Estados Unidos-DEM</i> <i>Precincts / Precintos:</i> 102, 104, 105, 106, 108, 114, 119, 123, 125, 127, 131, 136, 138, 140, 141, 142, 146, 148, 150, 153, 154, 156, 200, 203, 211, 212, 217, 218, 222, 227, 228, 235, 236, 237, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 245, 246, 248, 249, 252, 253, 256, 260, 262, 266, 268, 273, 271, 323, 326, 327, 331, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 343, 374, 375</p> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Matt Harris <input type="checkbox"/> Tawana Walker-Cadient <input type="checkbox"/> Tami Walker <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Siegel <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Nelson <input type="checkbox"/> Richie DeGrow <input type="checkbox"/> Madeline K. Eden </div>	<p>Commissioner of Agriculture-DEM <i>Comisionado de Agricultura-DEM</i> <i>All precincts / Todos los precintos</i></p> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Kim Olson </div>	<p>District 49, State Representative-DEM <i>Districto Núm. 49, Representante Estatal-DEM</i> <i>Precincts / Precintos:</i> 149, 200, 202, 206, 208, 209, 214, 216, 222, 228, 235, 236, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 248, 250, 252, 258, 260, 267, 268, 273, 274, 275, 277, 305, 311, 313, 323, 325, 329, 332, 340, 342, 345, 409, 425, 430, 446, 454, 460, 461</p> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Gina Hinojosa </div>	<p>District Judge, 459th Judicial District-DEM <i>Districto Judicial Núm. 459, Juez del Distrito-DEM</i> <i>All precincts / Todos los precintos</i></p> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Aurora Martinez Jones <input type="checkbox"/> Maya Guerra Gamble <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Hitt <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Miller <input type="checkbox"/> Ted Cruz </div>
<p>District 17, United States Representative-DEM <i>Districto Núm. 17, Representante de los Estados Unidos-DEM</i> <i>Precincts / Precintos:</i> 102, 107, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 137, 145, 148, 160, 161, 163, 205, 207, 215, 216, 219, 225, 226, 227, 229, 254, 259, 263, 229, 254, 259, 263, 287, 305, 326, 345</p> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Dale Mantley <input type="checkbox"/> Rick Kennedy </div>	<p>Commissioner of Ferrocarriles-DEM <i>Comisionado de Ferrocarriles-DEM</i> <i>All precincts / Todos los precintos</i></p> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Roman McAllen <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Spelman </div>	<p>District 50, State Representative-DEM <i>Districto Núm. 50, Representante Estatal-DEM</i> <i>Precincts / Precintos:</i> 102, 103, 104, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 123, 128, 137, 140, 150, 153, 154, 161, 163, 164, 205, 207, 211, 215, 216, 219, 225, 226, 227, 229, 254, 259, 263, 321, 326, 327, 328, 331, 335</p> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Celia Israel </div>	<p>County Judge-DEM <i>Juez del Condado-DEM</i> <i>All precincts / Todos los precintos</i></p> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Sarah Eckhardt </div>
<p>District 21, United States Representative-DEM <i>Districto Núm. 21, Representante de los Estados Unidos-DEM</i> <i>Precincts / Precintos:</i> 102, 107, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 137, 145, 148, 160, 161, 163, 205, 207, 215, 216, 219, 225, 226, 227, 229, 254, 259, 263, 229, 254, 259, 263, 287, 305, 326, 345</p> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Dale Mantley <input type="checkbox"/> Rick Kennedy </div>	<p>Place 2, Justice, Supreme Court-DEM <i>Lugar Núm. 2, Juez, Corte Suprema-DEM</i> <i>All precincts / Todos los precintos</i></p> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Steven Kirkland </div>	<p>District 51, State Representative-DEM <i>Districto Núm. 51, Representante Estatal-DEM</i> <i>Precincts / Precintos:</i> 101, 114, 115, 119, 138, 341, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 407, 410, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 426, 427, 428, 429, 431, 432, 433, 434, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 448, 450, 452</p> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Eddie Rodriguez </div>	<p>County Court at Law 1, Judge-DEM <i>Corte de Ley del Condado 1, Juez-DEM</i> <i>All precincts / Todos los precintos</i></p> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Todd T. Wong </div>
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Texas House of Representatives, District 136



TONY DALE (R) *Incumbent* ★

Age: 48

Occupation: Small business owner

Education: B.A. in Political Science, The Ohio State University

Public offices held, if any: State Representative

Hometown: Cedar Park



QUESTION 1

What do you think is the most important issue this position will face? Why and what do you intend to do about it?

QUESTION 2

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QUESTION 3

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QUESTION 4

What do you see as the most critically underserved populations in your district and what do you plan to do to bring more attention and resources to them?

ANSWER 1

Property taxes is an issue that's at the forefront of many of my constituents' minds. They feel the taxes are too high and they grow too rapidly. We need to get a handle on our appraisal system and our property taxes because it's potentially forcing people out of their homes.

ANSWER 2

I'm proud education remains the No. 1 funded item in the Texas budget. We spend billions of dollars at the federal, state and local level on education. I think what people want to see from the system is results. We're blessed to have Leander ISD as a top rated school district, so I think people are pleased with the results.

ANSWER 3

The appraisal system needs reform. I believe the various city councils and school districts need to appoint their own members to appraisal boards, because they're more accountable to citizens and more sensitive to the concerns of homeowners and restrict spending at the city and school district level.

ANSWER 4

I think there's many young families that live in this area and sometimes our elderly populations don't get the attention they need. We need to keep in mind that there are people who aren't as mobile as they need to be and committed to working with local governments to get the funding they need in terms of state grants to help cover those costs.



JOHN BUCY (D)

Age: 33

Occupation: President / founder, Texas

Charter School Academic & Athletic League

Education: B.A., Austin College (Sherman, TX)

Public offices held, if any: Chairman of the Williamson County Democratic Party, 2016-2017

Hometown: Austin



The number one issue is education and supporting our public schools. Our general vision is that we've got to do more to represent our people and stand up for the issues that matter to District 136. That's supporting public education, lowering property taxes, supporting affordable healthcare, working on infrastructure issues.

Absolutely not. In 2008, Texas used to pay for 50 percent of education costs. We have a mandate to fund public education, and that has dropped to 38 percent. We have to fund public education at a higher level and get it back up to at least 50 percent. We can do that without raising taxes, and that's by cutting property loopholes.

What you're hearing out of the governor and Republicans right now is, let's just cap property tax increase. That's not going to work. Property taxes go up when education funding goes down. If we fund education at a proper amount, then the state legislature burden won't be placed on property taxes.

Pass Medicaid expansion. By failing to pass Medicaid expansion, over 10 years, we've cost our state over \$65 billion coming into our economy. It's hurt our economy and we've had to double pay for our health care. We've got millions of working Texans, maybe 5 million, that would benefit from Medicaid expansion.

Texas House of Representatives, District 47



PAUL D. WORKMAN (R) *Incumbent* ★

Age: 66

Occupation: Construction consultant

Education: Building Construction, Texas A&M '73

Current office held: State Representative, District 47

Previous office held: none

Hometown: Austin



The most important issue in District 47 is transportation. We've got projects all over the district that are being worked and I am watching and making sure they happen. Transportation is the No. 1 issue.

Robin Hood is an awful deal and we need to get rid of that somehow. The commission that was created in the last legislative session has begun to meet and hopefully they will come up with some solutions that will work. We definitely need to do something about Robin Hood.

We supported the 4 percent automatic rollback that was proposed and it didn't make it but we supported the 4 percent automatic rollback. The governor has his own plan that puts a 2.5 percent revenue cap on municipalities and school districts and we're looking at that. But right now, if we can get the 4 percent rollback, it would be great.

We've got a vibrant district with a lot of people in it and I am not sure what "underserved" means. We have a small portion of our district that is in the lower socioeconomic bracket and the important thing is to make sure we have good paying jobs in District 47. We need to keep regulations in check so that people can get jobs.



JAY WILEY (R)

Age: 41

Occupation: Business owner, Luxe OB

Education: The Citadel

Public offices held, if any: none

Hometown: Galveston



In Travis County, property taxes are No. 1. It's reached a crisis level in Travis County. That's the No. 1 thing I hear at doors, and I have knocked on thousands and thousands of doors. The No. 1 thing that I hear is property taxes are out of control, and they just can't do it anymore; it's driving people out of Travis.

When 60 percent of the state budget goes to education, I think that's good. What I would like to see is less bureaucracy. I would like to see the money get to the classroom. I would like to see us incentivize good teachers, and get bad teachers in another line of work.

Short term, I want to lower property taxes, and the way that we do that is we cut from the state budget. There's a lot of waste in the state budget, I want to get rid of that and give a really substantial cut to homeowners. Long term, I want to do away with property taxes entirely. I want to zero out property taxes.

In Travis County, we have six state House seats. We have advocates for everything from trees, to lizards, to downtown development. In this district, we have a state representative very focused on the construction industry. What we don't have, and sorely need, is an advocate for tax payers, No. 1.

Texas House of Representatives, District 47 (cont.)

CANDIDATES WHO DID NOT RESPOND:

PATTY VREDEVELT (R)

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CANDACE AYLOR (D)

Age: 44

Occupation: Registered nurse

Education: ASN, El Centro College, BA in Healthcare Administration, Ashford University

Public offices held, if any: Several committees

Hometown: Austin



ANSWER 1

Healthcare. Because of a couple of recent developments, Texas did not join the Affordable Care Act. The way Texas got around that is several multi-million dollar grants from the "fat cat." We are going to have to make provisions for that, and that will be the responsibility of the 86th Legislature.

ANSWER 2

No. The funds have been chipped away at for several sessions. They have not addressed the disparities and the imbalance and recapture plan. What we have now is a need to correct that and also increase funding. We have to find ways to level the playing field a little bit without putting so much of the burden on homeowners.

ANSWER 3

Taxation is an issue that is very important to the constituents of this district, and I understand why it is. I would defer to leaders that understand the taxation issue better than I do, and I would have to as a legislator try to educate myself more about how the taxation issue for property owners is imbalanced.

ANSWER 4

The people who are underrepresented are the working class. It is the laborer that works for the contractor that is often not well represented in the way that our Legislature caters to, or has in the past catered more to people with, than the people without opportunities.



ELAINA FOWLER (D)

Age: 42

Occupation: Executive director

Education: International Business, Wesleyan College

Public offices held, if any: District 10 Appointee to the City of Austin's African American Resource Advisory Commission

Hometown: Birmingham, Alabama



Issues with development and with our water here in the Hill Country, the overdevelopment in our environment and really making sure we handle it in a socially and environmentally responsible way. One of the key issues is making sure constituents understand the importance of where we stand on natural resources.

Inequitable school funding creates conditions that violate U.S. citizens' claims for equal opportunities. The state is not meeting its equitable funding requirement. The state's budget for school funding has fallen from 50 percent to 38 percent. Quality public education for all Texans who seek it is something that I would support.

Because of recapture of property taxes, we are having numerous bond issues. The over development is also linked to our public education and overcrowding. If the superintendents underestimate the number for attendance due to a new development, they don't get additional make up cost for the extra students.

We all are currently the most underserved population. Our needs are not being met by our current state representative. Our district in the past, has not been known for being very diverse. We are getting populations of minority people. In order to really address these issues, I think it's going to take a lot of communication and education needs.



SHERI SOLTES (D)

Age: 58

Occupation: Founder of Service Dogs, Inc.

Education: B.A. University of Texas. Doctor of Jurisprudence, UT School of Law

Public offices held, if any: Board of Directors, Assistance Dogs International, North America

Hometown: Austin



The most important issue is that people want their families to be safe when they're traveling through the district. Because of rampant overdevelopment. One of the main ways to address this is through using all of the technologies available in addition to building new roads. We can use technologies for ride sharing, mass transit.

No, Texas is failing miserably and that's a main issue for me. There are a lot of ways we can increase revenues that go directly to education without increasing taxes on us. One is closing the corporate tax loopholes that have been lavished on foreign multinational corporations to motivate them to set up shop in Texas.

The things I am proposing in addressing education would also apply to giving us a more reasonable property tax. Creating more revenue through other means that don't put an extra burden on us. Also Texas ranked 44th in quality of public school education and so what the state's been doing hasn't been working. I think we should be number one.

Everybody is underserved. Anybody who is not in the 1 percent of the highest income hoarders is underserved. That includes women, that includes children, that includes anybody who's a racial or an ethnic or a cultural minority. The way I would address it is to have an inclusive legislative practice that includes everyone at the table.



VIKKI GOODWIN (D)

Age: 50

Occupation: Real estate broker

Education: B.B.A. from University of Texas; MPA (Master of Public Affairs) from LBJ School of Public Affairs

Public offices held, if any: none

Hometown: Dallas



Our biggest issue is the school finance system. Our school districts send the most money back to the state in our recapture and it's on an unsustainable trajectory for these districts. Just as an example, last year the Austin School District sent \$400 million to the state and this year it was \$530 million and next year it is estimated to be around \$630 million.

Beyond education, traffic is an issue. We have so much growth here and we haven't planned for that adequately with our roads. We also don't have a mass transit system that really works for people. We don't have anything that reaches all areas of the city. That needs to change because we are going to continue to have the growth continue.

With our property taxes, a lot of times the commercial buildings are not being valued at their actual value. So you find that the large high value buildings are not paying their share of property taxes. Meanwhile with individual property tax payers, typically our values are very close to the true market value.

Those who are struggling to be able to afford to live in the district. Our housing prices have gone up quite a lot. I volunteer with Austin Habitat for Humanity. The State Legislature can help with block grants or just some way to support organizations that help with our affordable housing issue I think we should be looking at that.



WILL SIMPSON (D)

Age: 52

Occupation: Technology executive; COO of New Iron

Education: Attended UT at Austin with a focus in mechanical and electrical engineering

Public offices held, if any: none

Hometown: Austin



The cost of the education index (CEI) and the way it is calculated to facilitate the recapture has an outsized impact on Central Texas as a whole and District 47 indirectly. The population of District 47 needs to understand that their property tax is literally a result of the state mismanagement of the school finance system.

I already answered this. The next issue is addressing our traffic situation. Addressing traffic is first to understand it, there is not going to be a silver bullet. Understanding how to work with both our counties and giving the funds put in place correctly is paramount. The first step is to start bringing some people together.

Yes, it is directly tied back to school finance. The way property taxes are collected and redistributed is the problem, overall state budgeting. The answer to that is it has to be addressed in school finance first and then everything else to come out of that.

There are some recent studies out that show the Hispanic community is the most underserved. Our current representation listens to the few donors and the party because there isn't a cap on how we receive funds into this race. It puts representatives in place that they can have a small handful of people give all the money that they listen to.

State Senate, District 5

CANDIDATES WHO DID NOT RESPOND: MEG WALSH (D)



CHARLES SCHWERTNER (R)

Incumbent ★

Age: 47

Occupation: Orthopedic surgeon

Education: M.D., UT Medical at Galveston

Current office held: State Senator, Senate District 5 (2013-present)

Hometown: Georgetown, Texas



QUESTION 1

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ANSWER 1

It's been the greatest honor of my life to serve as your voice in the Texas Senate. I am committed to fighting for our rights and our shared conservative values. This upcoming session, we need to continue the effort to keep our border secure as well as work to address the broken appraisal process and skyrocketing property taxes.

ANSWER 2

We desperately need to make reforms that acknowledge the modern challenges and realities associated with providing a free and equitable system of public schools. Whatever new school finance reform we're able to build consensus around cannot negatively impact the students and families I represent in Senate District 5.

ANSWER 3

I was proud to support a reasonable limitation on how quickly governments would be allowed to raise their property taxes without triggering a rollback election and putting the question to the taxpayers themselves. Overall, I think it's going to take buy in from multiple levels of government – including cities, counties, and school districts.

ANSWER 4

As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, I've fought to protect vulnerable Texans who are unable to protect themselves. I took on bad nursing homes in Texas and passed legislation to protect our seniors from abuse and neglect. I've also fought to expand mental health resources, especially for our veterans.



HAROLD RAMM (R)

Age: 71

Occupation: Retired public school superintendent

Education: M.Ed. Our Lady of the Lake University and Ed, D. Texas A&M University '90.

Public offices held, if any: none

Hometown: Florence, Texas



The main reason I'm running is I'm a retired superintendent. One of the biggest issues we have is the increase of property taxes. I don't think we can ever have meaningful tax reduction until we create a new school finance system. Right now, this past session, they put \$2.7 billion that people paid on school taxes into the general fund.

No. There's been no significant increase in funding since about 2001. The cost of living has gone up a tremendous amount during that time. Everything is being controlled by the state rather than the local board of trustees or even the appraisal district. The situation with teachers is their salaries haven't increased since then.

Again, it goes back to correcting the school finance system. Each taxing entity within the county has a certain number of votes depending on what portion of the taxes they collect. Even though we need that for equity, it creates a situation where you have to continue having rising property values as long as property is selling at a high rate and people are moving in.

We need to increase the capacity of our behavioral healthcare. There's a number of people out there that we identify as having mental issues, but there is no place for them to get the care they need. Our law enforcement are having to take care of these mentally ill people, and they aren't equipped to treat them. They're just housing them for the time being.



BRIAN CRONIN (D)

Age: 39

Occupation: Father, husband, business improvement consultant

Education: Ph.D. Penn State University

Public offices held, if any: Williamson County Democratic Precinct Chair

Hometown: Austin



The most important issue is improving our public education system. Right now, Texas is ranked 43rd in the country in terms of public school quality K-12. One way to fix it is for the Texas Lege to better fund our school system. We need to give all families a chance to get a great public education from the multitude of public schools we have.

No. The Texas Lege has set it up so that specifically public school funding will continue to go down over the next few years. We need to find ways to bring in new revenue to the state to fund public education. We can do this by building an innovative workforce with the skills of the future: tech skills, engineering skills, and renewable energy skills.

Part of why it's broken is because the state isn't funding public schools. We need to make sure that that money is coming in to our school system and the state is contributing all the resources that they need to schools and other local traffic and road systems. We want to make sure the state is doing their part so counties can bring their rates down.

My mantra in this campaign has been to bring balance and integrity back to the state capital in 2018. I think we need to build programs that work for all people, and that includes minority groups, certainly women's rights, children and foster care, people with mental health issues and any disadvantaged groups in our district.



GLENN "GRUMPY" WILLIAMS (D)

Age: 67

Occupation: Attorney

Education: B.A. with honors in Government UT 1973, J.D. UT 1976

Public offices held, if any: none

Hometown: Austin



Protection of our vulnerable citizens. We need to develop methods to engage many more citizens in the state of Texas and help meet the needs of not only children, but the elderly and disabled. One of the proposals I have made is we establish an elected commissioner, as opposed to the appointed system we have now.

No. Not even close. First, we need to get away from the "Robin Hood" system. It sets up an unfair system. It's going to be a disaster if we try to impose it on property damaged by Hurricane Harvey. We need to restore the franchise tax and all the other taxes we cut in 2015. We need to go ahead and have the state pay back to the amount we paid in 1998.

First, make sure that Texas has a system in place to defend the tax assessments. I think the Attorney General's office needs to develop a special unit with the the counties that comes in to defend anytime you've got an assessment war with a company. Also, we need to make sure the tax assessor and collectors are using the same information.

The most vulnerable populations are the children, disabled and elderly. The way I would give more resources to them is the establishment of vulnerable citizens commissioner, which would be an elected post. There should be someone who is actively campaigning to see what can be done to make sure the elderly and disable are adequately served.

State Senate, District 9

NEITHER CANDIDATE RESPONDED:

KIRK WATSON (D) *Incumbent* ★
GEORGE R. HINDMAN (R)

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U.S. House of Representatives, District 31



JOHN CARTER (R) *Incumbent* ★
Age: 76
Occupation: U.S. Congressman
Education: University of Texas School of Law '69, Texas Tech University '64
Current office held: U.S. Congressional District 31 representative since 2003.
Hometown: Round Rock



QUESTION 1

Texas is an energy state, historically that has meant fossil fuels, but in recent years more and more renewable resource industries have thrived in Texas. What do you believe is the right energy policy now and for the future and what do you see as the role of Congress in steering that?

ANSWER 1

When it comes down to it, being dependent on foreign oil is a dangerous business. It's something that can get us in a lot of trouble. For American energy to be independent, I believe in a comprehensive and innovative energy policy. I want sustainable energy that we can sustain over the long haul maximizing what we've got. We could probably be energy independent with the use of natural gas in our modern way of finding it. That can give us independence. Let's look at everything.

QUESTION 2

The tax reform bill was recently passed amid controversy. What do you feel was right or good about it, and what do you feel was wrong and needs to be addressed? What do you propose to address those issues?

ANSWER 2

I proudly supported and voted for the Tax Cut and Job Act. You can look at what's going on in the country and see the economic confidence is back we have 175 and growing announcements of pay raises, bonuses, raising minimum wages from large and small companies all over the country. We just had Charlie Bravo Aviation in Georgetown, they gave bonuses because the tax code allows them to. Ninety percent of the taxpayers in this country are going to be able to see an increase in their checks.

QUESTION 3

The Children's Health Insurance Program and Medicare have been topics of extreme debate in recent years, both over the value of the programs and their cost. Based on where we are today, where do you believe we should go and what is Congress's role in getting there?

ANSWER 3

Obamacare was a disaster. I think the realization is coming. Just here in Texas we have an 82 percent increase in our premium costs. We have the policy, which I think is unconstitutional, forcing people to choose between healthcare and basic needs. The CHIP program has been a good program, and has been, in my opinion, enhanced beyond where it should be. We did more for it with the last vote to extend that program five years. The only solution to the problem is patient-centered healthcare with your own doctor and getting the government out of healthcare.

QUESTION 4

Based on the local needs of your district what do you believe is the top priority for your constituents and what is your plan to address it if elected?

ANSWER 4

Top priority for my constituents is for us to continue to prosper using Texas values, not Washington values. What we see as the needs of our constituents, we probably have the largest constituent base in the United States as a result of having the largest military base in the United States. Therefore we see everything from social security issues, tax issues, immigration issues. I would argue I've got the best constituent services department in the United States. We are on top of every need. We should help those who need it.



MIKE SWEENEY (R)
Age: 66
Occupation: Retired CEO of tech company
Education: B.S. degree, Boise State University.
Public office held, if any: elected twice to the board of a Special Utility District
Hometown: Georgetown, Texas



I believe in all sources of energy. Any source, going from coal to oil to gas to nuclear should be available to the state and the consumers. I do not believe in subsidizing energy to the exclusion of other energies. I believe they should compete one on one with other energy sources. What Congress can do is repeal the subsidies associated with those sources of energy that are receiving funds. I believe in free markets, and I don't think Congress should pick winners and losers. It should ensure things are safe, sound and secure. A free market should determine what energy sources we are using.

I believe in the fair tax, coupled with the repeal of 16th amendment on the income tax. I think everyone should pay their fair share of taxes. That ensures everyone has skin in the game, and you can adjust it for the impoverished to give them a credit at the beginning of the year so they're not impacted unduly. The tax program that was passed was a huge improvement over what we had previously. It did incentivize business to bring monies back from foreign sources, and I think that will grow the economy. Anything we can do to flatten and broaden the tax structure, then the more I support it.

CHIP has been extended by five years. So that's a completed effort. I think being in the free market arena, I want to see us get back to a freer and open marketplace. I would like to see health savings accounts to incent people to save and use their monies wisely so they know what they're paying for. I'd like to see tort reform, as I see it's an essential piece of expanding healthcare and availability. I'd like to see the ability of interstate insurance capability. I think Congress can add significantly to the opportunities within the industry to expand it out.

District 31 is growing dramatically and we are trying to get infrastructure that addresses that growth and funding for road projects I also look at water as an area that needs to be addressed. We need long range water planning. I'd like to see aquifer recharge programs with support from the Federal government to expand storage and capacity. Those are just some of the areas I'd like to see addressed. I'm also in favor of repealing the budget sequester. It cost 90,000 jobs indirectly, and 17,000 direct jobs. I'm in favor of fully funding the military to recover our district.



CHRISTINE EADY MANN (D)
Age: 52
Occupation: Family practice physician
Education: B.S. in Microbiology from UT Arlington. Medical Degree from University of North Texas/Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine.
Public offices held, if any: none
Hometown: Arlington



Texas can and should remain an energy state. We just need to transition to renewable energy as our main source for energy production. In District 31 we have an abundance of wind and sun, and there's no reason why we can't convert to renewable energy and keep Texas as a strong leader in energy production. My legislative priority, where energy is concerned, is to follow the lead of Citizens Climate Lobby, which is a stepwise planned approach to induce current energy producers who are using carbon based fuels to convert to non-carbon based fuels. It's done in a way that does not harm consumers.

I would have agree to lower the tax rate, but not to the degree that it was done. The way that it was done didn't level the playing field for small and medium businesses. I would have made the corporate tax rate in the 28 to 29 percent range and close all the loopholes that way corporations would pay the same rates as small and medium businesses. In terms of personal tax rate, it's a shame that the corporate tax rates were made permanent and the personal were not. I would have increased tax breaks for the middle class and working poor.

I'm in favor of conversion to a Medicare for all single payer system across the board. Eventually we will need to shore up CHIP and the Affordable Care Act exchanges so people can afford to stay on those plans while transitioning. Ultimately, after being in practice for 25 years having contracted with every plan out there, the goal for me is to switch to a Medicare for all single payer system. It will cost less and save the country and the economy money. Everyone is covered and won't have to worry about losing their insurance from job loss, pre-existing conditions or moving to another state.

There is a portion of my district that tends to get less attention than it should, and that's the rural communities. We need investments in infrastructure that includes not only roads, but internet access, water access and access to healthcare. We need to expand to those communities and in that expansion we will bring in good jobs and have people stay in those communities. That conversion to renewable energy is something we could use as a form of job creation in the community.

U.S. House of Representatives, District 31 (cont.)



KENT LESTER (D)

Age: 60
Occupation: teacher, retired U.S. Army Lt. Colonel
Education: Bachelors of Political Science, US Military Academy at West Point '80
Public office held, if any: none
Hometown: Belton, Texas



QUESTION 1

Texas is an energy state, historically that has meant fossil fuels, but in recent years more and more renewable resource industries have thrived in Texas. What do you believe is the right energy policy now and for the future and what do you see as the role of Congress in steering that?

ANSWER 1

We need to maintain a balance. Clearly the future is what we now consider to be alternative fuels. We need to move away from fossil fuels for any number of reasons. One pragmatic reason is because they're non-renewable. The future is going to be including everything, wind power and solar power. As far as Congress, we should be funding research into renewable resources to provide consumer incentives. We already subsidise the fossil fuel industry as it is and always have. I don't see why it would be bad or different to subsidise other energy sources.

QUESTION 2

The tax reform bill was recently passed amid controversy. What do you feel was right or good about it, and what do you feel was wrong and needs to be addressed? What do you propose to address those issues?

ANSWER 2

I do like the concept of looking at the rates and simplifying it. I wish we had done more reform, but it seemed like primarily just a cut for corporate businesses. Going into it, it sounded like we were going to simplify it, and they didn't. Looking at the different levels was worthwhile, but the corporate tax cuts were too quick and too deep, and the emphasis was supposed to be on the middle class, but it turns out it's going to be helping the donor classes and the wealthiest, who need it the least.

QUESTION 3

The Children's Health Insurance Program and Medicare have been topics of extreme debate in recent years, both over the value of the programs and their cost. Based on where we are today, where do you believe we should go and what is Congress's role in getting there?

ANSWER 3

I do understand in Congress that you have to give and take a little bit, and there is compromise, but using CHIP as a tool to negotiate was unconscionable. The President himself created the problem with the DREAMERS. He didn't have to take any action, he created that chaos. It should be part of Medicaid and the regular bill, it shouldn't be separated out. As part of Medicaid as a whole, it should automatically be funded every year. Congress can tie them to inflation so there's not this need every budget cycle to get into battles.

QUESTION 4

Based on the local needs of your district what do you believe is the top priority for your constituents and what is your plan to address it if elected?

ANSWER 4

Both locally and even for every American is the concept of healthcare, and the concept that we have health insurance. With us being the wealthiest country in the world, there should be a basic standard for basic healthcare for all. When I talk to people, they are afraid that either through a pre-existing condition or a child, or that they would lose their job, within 30 to 60 days they could be without mandatory healthcare. To me, the number one is coming up with a healthcare system that covers all Americans.



MARY JENNINGS "MJ" HEGAR (D)

Age: 41
Occupation: Public speaker
Education: BA in Sociology and Executive MBA from the University of Texas
Public offices held, if any: none
Hometown: Leander



We spend too much time arguing about the science of climate change and not enough about the pragmatic implications of transferring our dependence on foreign oil to a renewable energy platform. Being a combat veteran, I'm a big fan of the idea that we can completely get off our dependence on foreign oil because it complicates our foreign policy environment. We can't just switch to clean renewable energy without understanding the impact we have on the oil industry, but we need to help it transform into a clean, renewable industry.

I am not a supporter of the tax reform bill. For the people who see a few extra dollars in their paycheck, that is a benefit. But I think that's a sleight of hand and it won't always be there. We need our tax code to be simplified and benefit the middle class more. Under the guise of job creation and economic reform, we're not seeing the benefit of that especially when it comes with the price tag of trillions of dollars of deficit that it's going to cost. I'm for protecting the middle class.

The focus needs to be bringing in the skyrocketing costs as the insurance companies profit. The system is set up to benefit insurance companies and we need to fix that. Everyone should have access to quality affordable healthcare. I think we speak too often to everyone having access without factoring in the affordable part of that. I was in the health industry during the implementation for the Affordable Healthcare Act and I got to see at the administrative level the crisis that is our unsustainable rising healthcare costs in relation to our GDP, and something needs to be done.

My top priority is the economy and job creation. I think we have a lot potential in this district that is being untapped in agriculture and we have one of the largest military bases in our district that we need to be drawing industries here to keep veterans in our district because they make our district better. My second issue would be national security for our country in general. I think a lot of our veterans would agree we need to elect people who know what it means to hold top secret security clearance.



MIKE CLARK (D)

Age: 52
Occupation: Geospatial technology professional
Education: Bachelors, University of Texas; Masters, Stephen F. Austin State University
Public offices held, if any: none
Hometown: Tomball, Texas



In Central Texas, I definitely see there being a big potential in wind and solar energy manufacturing. We have a lot of rural land out here that can serve a dual purpose in both solar and wind energy. Congress can also incentivise by helping jumpstart projects with grant funding from the National Science Foundation for developing new technologies and being able to grant low interest loans through the small business administration is a great start. I think through a collaborative effort between the state government and Congress we can make Texas a rising star in the renewable resource industry.

I think the concept of trying to simplify it was a good idea, but at the end I think it actually made it more complicated. I think the middle class got the raw end of the deal. Their tax cuts are only temporary. And if you're middle class and you rely on deductions like gifts for charity, and your state property tax deductions, you got the short end of the stick. On the business side, there's still holes in there that a lot of corporations use. They need to pay their fair share too. It costs money to keep up our military and infrastructure strong.

Renewing the existing CHIP program is a must. That's a safety net for many children, and taking care of healthcare needs is a big preventative measure. As you get older, your health needs rise, and starting off with healthy living and good healthcare at an early age is a must. I definitely see the future of integrating CHIP into an expanded universal health care system, and we have different options for that and having infrastructure like Medicare that people can buy into can both help our children, our middle class, as well as our elderly.

Ft. Hood is our closest and largest military installation in the district. There's two things to address there. One is post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). We had two big wars recently in Iraq and Afghanistan, but also all the other wars we've had before that as well. About 20 veterans commit suicide every day, and the leading cause is PTSD. Their services and programs are underfunded and understaffed. PTSD is the true cost of war, and we need to be mindful of that going forward.



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U.S. House of Representatives, District 25

CANDIDATES WHO DID NOT RESPOND:

ROGER WILLIAMS (R) Incumbent ★



CHETAN PANDA (D)
Age: 27
Occupation: Former portfolio manager
Education: International Economics from Georgetown University
Public offices held, if any: none
Hometown: Austin



QUESTION 1

Texas is an energy state, historically that has meant fossil fuels, but in recent years more and more renewable resource industries have thrived in Texas. What do you believe is the right energy policy now and for the future and what do you see as the role of Congress in steering that?

ANSWER 1

Energy policy needs to be focused on energy consumption and energy production and how we're doing them. There's an environmental argument and an economic argument. I want to reduce the demand for energy. One way we can do that is invest in electrical infrastructure, how we transfer energy to make it efficient, weatherize buildings so they need and demand less energy, and the third is to increase fuel emission standards. On the energy production side, I want to invest in wind and solar energy and that's right here in the rural portions of the district.

QUESTION 2

The tax reform bill was recently passed amid controversy. What do you feel was right or good about it, and what do you feel was wrong and needs to be addressed? What do you propose to address those issues?

ANSWER 2

The biggest problem with the bill is it adds to the deficit, and the national debt. What that means is in the future we're going to have to cut programs that people depend on such as Medicare and Social Security. We cannot afford to cut those. That betrays our commitment to our seniors and the poor, and this country is about helping people have the opportunity to succeed and those programs are instrumental in doing so and securing quality of life for people.

QUESTION 3

The Children's Health Insurance Program and Medicare have been topics of extreme debate in recent years, both over the value of the programs and their cost. Based on where we are today, where do you believe we should go and what is Congress's role in getting there?

ANSWER 3

The cost of CHIP is relatively inexpensive. We should make that funding permanent so that we don't have this problem again where states are running out of money for our children. For Medicare, we need to strengthen our commitment to Medicare. I don't want to see cuts to Medicare in terms of reducing the deficit. That's something I see as a bad thing. I want to expand access to Medicare, for all portions of the population.

QUESTION 4

Based on the local needs of your district what do you believe is the top priority for your constituents and what is your plan to address it if elected?

ANSWER 4

Healthcare. It's not only access to quality affordable healthcare. It's also in the rural portions of this district where these hospitals are the biggest employers in the counties oftentimes. If the Republicans had repealed the ACA, you would have seen a lot of those hospitals close. There's also an economic effect. First, what I want to do is protect the ACA so we don't go backwards from where we are in terms of healthcare. I want to transfer to a Medicare-for-all system so that employers and individuals can voluntarily buy into a plan.



CHRIS PERRI (D)
Age: 36
Occupation: Attorney
Education: M.A., Economics, University of Illinois-Chicago; J.D., UT School of Law; B.A., Southwestern University
Public offices held, if any: none
Hometown: Austin



I think we have to get toward 100 percent renewables. We can become the renewable energy capital of the world here in Texas. We have so much infrastructure for wind and solar. It will not only help our environment, it will create great jobs for people. I foresee some type of New Deal program where the Federal government works with locality and figures out infrastructure needs. Then bring those jobs at \$15 an hour with paid family and sick leave to impact the labor market where private companies will now have to compete with these great Federal jobs.

I think it's mostly wrong. I would agree with the principle of simplifying the tax code. I believe all of these deduction loopholes are being abused by the top 1 percent. These benefits are not going to the people who need them. What I think needs to be done is eliminate the loopholes that they and corporations take advantage of. A lot of these tax loopholes are for the top 1 percent to game the system. I want it to be simplified, in a way that doesn't favor corporations and the 1 percent.

Congress's role is to make sure everybody has healthcare. I truly believe we have to invest in CHIP, otherwise we have people dying. It's a travesty that we spend more money per capita in this country on healthcare and yet have some of the worst life-expectancy outcomes in the developed world. If the government wants to save money, Congress can create universal healthcare so that everybody is covered and we can have less costly life-saving operations and it will reduce the total amount spent with people using less costly preventative care.

The top priority is having representatives who they can trust and will listen to their concerns. We have an absentee Congressperson with Roger Williams who never talks to the people of the district and only cares about his donors. We have to restore accountability in our government. We can't have people like Williams who are out there self-dealing, amending consumer safety bills in order to benefit his auto dealership. My priorities are ending partisan gerrymandering so voters can pick their representatives instead of representatives picking their voters.



JULIE OLIVER (D)
Age: 45
Occupation: Attorney
Education: UT Arlington, B.B.A. - Accounting; UT School of Law, JD
Public offices held, if any: Appointed to Travis County Healthcare District June 2017
Hometown: Austin



Texas has historically relied on fossil fuels, creating thousands of jobs for Texans. In recent years, we have been working toward renewable energy in wind and solar and we're leading the nation in those fields. I see Congress's role in encouraging investments in those two fields so that our displaced workers in fossil fuels can move into a similar line of work in renewable energies. That can look like providing tax credits to renewable energy companies, and investing in grants and education in this area. I also believe in moving toward a carbon fee and dividend and a tax on fossil fuel production.

Tax is my background. When I came out of law school, I spent five years in the tax world. You can encourage or discourage behavior with the tax code. I don't think the tax bill did a lot of good. I view it as a mass transfer of wealth to the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans. I don't think it benefits 99 percent of America. I would work to undo it. It was a knee jerk reaction to pass this legislation because it cuts revenue so severely over 10 years that major programs will need to be defunded or we'll need to rework budgets. When I get to Congress, I need to work toward undoing some of the damage it has done.

I think Congress needs to fund CHIP and Medicare fully. Historically, Medicare and Social Security were programs that were never targeted by Congress, by either party. Medicare is being targeted to pay for this tax bill. What I find unfair about that is people who have paid for this system their entire careers are now seeing limitations in something they paid into. Congress' role is to protect Medicare and we need to protect the most vulnerable of our society, especially our youth and our elderly.

What I'm hearing from people, regardless of whether they're in Austin or Hamilton, is access to healthcare. This is where my skills and expertise can be utilized. I've been in this world for the last 15 years. In our rural communities, if we do not shore up the financing of healthcare, we will see rural hospitals close. If any of our rural hospitals close because Medicare or Medicaid funding is not there, that's going to be a life altering event for the people who live in those communities. So I think for this particular district, healthcare is vitally important.

U.S. House of Representatives, District 25 (cont.)

CANDIDATES WHO DID NOT RESPOND:

ROGER WILLIAMS (R) *Incumbent* ★



KATHI THOMAS (D)

Age: 65
Occupation: Special event designer/planner
Education: B.A., UT Austin
Public offices held, if any: Hays County Precinct chair 2008-2015. Hays County Democratic Party Treasurer from 2007-2008.
Hometown: Woodville, Texas



QUESTION 1

Texas is an energy state, historically that has meant fossil fuels, but in recent years more and more renewable resource industries have thrived in Texas. What do you believe is the right energy policy now and for the future and what do you see as the role of Congress in steering that?

ANSWER 1

We need to move fossil fuel subsidies and tax breaks off of fossil fuels and over to renewables. We have great areas where we can have solar and wind farms. It will help us advance with jobs for the future and help us become completely energy independent. It doesn't make sense to keep doing what we've been doing for the last 100 years. Climate change is happening, it's a science issue and fossil fuels contribute to it. It makes economic sense when you factor in all the costs of fossil fuels. We need to retrain the people who are working in fossil fuels so they can get into these jobs of the future.

QUESTION 2

The tax reform bill was recently passed amid controversy. What do you feel was right or good about it, and what do you feel was wrong and needs to be addressed? What do you propose to address those issues?

ANSWER 2

They gave the richest people not only more money, but a higher percentage on their tax breaks, which makes no sense to me. Small businesses that had less than \$50,000 or less in taxable income got a tax increase. It went from 15 to 21 percent. That's going to hurt a lot of mom and pop businesses. We need to take back the tax breaks that we've given to the richest of the rich. Companies don't increase their supply just because they have a tax break. I would exempt the \$2,000 in tax dividends and capital gains and tax the rest. I want to encourage middle income people to invest.

QUESTION 3

The Children's Health Insurance Program and Medicare have been topics of extreme debate in recent years, both over the value of the programs and their cost. Based on where we are today, where do you believe we should go and what is Congress's role in getting there?

ANSWER 3

CHIP should be made permanent. To use our kids' health as a political football is immoral. People depend on Medicare. If Congress would quit taking money out of the so-called entitlement program and shore them up, we'd be in a much better position. I think we should allow people to opt in as a buy-in at age 55 and drop it down every year to 45, 35 until everyone is able to opt in to it for a much better cost, we're going to be getting a much better return for our money on that. I think we need to move toward universal healthcare.

QUESTION 4

Based on the local needs of your district what do you believe is the top priority for your constituents and what is your plan to address it if elected?

ANSWER 4

What I hear from my constituents is they're concerned about healthcare. Once you leave Travis County, it tends to be a little more Republican and older than average. They may not like the ACA, but they sure do like their Medicare. They want to make sure they can continue to access doctors and hospitals. Roger Williams has voted to cut Medicaid innumerable times. If they cut Medicaid, that's pretty much the lifeline for these rural hospitals, and they will close. They're also often one of the largest employers in town.



WEST HANSEN (D)

Age: 55
Occupation: Licensed social worker/owner of a custom barn building company
Education: B.S. in Psychology from Southwest Texas State University
Public office held, if any: none
Hometown: League City, Texas



Texas leads the world in wind energy. We have more electricity generated by wind than any other country. I think fossil fuels are here to stay for a while and we need to clean up that area. I'm disheartened by the lowering of regulations for fracking and oil distribution and refineries. I want to enhance and continue tax breaks and incentives for sustainable energy industries. I don't think there's any losing side of that. It's not hurting the oil industry and there's no loss of revenue for oil companies. There's no loss of revenue from anyone in the oil companies, but I think Texas is going to be a leader in renewable energy.

I don't see a lot of right in it at all. I think it was a lot of poor timing for tax breaks because we're at below 4 percent unemployment and corporations are making record profit. There's no argument to be made for helping private organizations expand by whatever tax savings they have nor is there an argument for hiring more workers, because less than 4 percent unemployment is phenomenal. We don't need tax incentives in this robust economy. It's creating more deficit spending and more debt.

The bigger picture is the fact that taxpayers pay for all healthcare that individuals do not pay for. We need to find a way to prepare for those healthcare costs, including those who cannot afford their own health care. It's ridiculous that we're funding such a successful program on a week to week basis when we know we're going to have this expense two years down the road. We need to have one fallback healthcare plan for people of all ages instead of all of these individual programs, and that's why I'm for systematically expanding Medicare. We do need to protect the weakest among us.

It's my job to listen to my constituents, and so far what I'm hearing the top priority is healthcare. As a social worker, I have a strong background and knowledge in Medicaid and Medicare, teacher's retirement, veteran services and private plans. This is what I do for a living. Everywhere I go, people are concerned about the cost and access of healthcare. That's my strongest priority to make healthcare affordable and available for everybody.

U.S. House of Representatives, District 10



KEVIN NELSON (D)

Age: 49
Occupation: Educator
Education: B.S., Texas A&M; PhD, Stanford
Hometown: Austin



I believe that global warming is a serious threat, not just to our environment, but to our economy and national security. We have to keep that in mind. I think we do need to be looking forward to renewable energy sources, and Congress definitely has a role to play in that. We need to keep pushing on wind power. A big issue with wind power is storing the electricity once it's been generated. That's an area we can make some real progress. Energy conservation is really one of the best ways to generate economic growth and generate jobs in the long run.

It gave big tax breaks to corporations and gave a few crumbs to working people, which I think is a usual Republican strategy. Giving big breaks to the rich and a little tiny break to everyone else so they can say everyone got a big tax cut. So I would do the exact opposite. Rich people can easily afford to bear the tax burden, and working people need a real tax break. I would cut taxes on working people, and the top two, three, four or five percent can afford to pay more. I would like to ideally look at making the payroll tax more progressive, because that hits a lot of working people hard.

Healthcare is one of the top issues we face in the country. I want to play a part in getting affordable healthcare for everyone. So first of all, I would like to support Medicaid expansion. I would like to see it expanded in every state. I would like to see the Federal government do whatever it can to encourage all of the states to expand Medicaid. I would like to revive the public option, which was originally a part of the Affordable Healthcare Act. I think it would increase choice and competition. In general, I'd like to see these benefits combined with public support for healthcare for everyone.

I think the top priority is affordable healthcare. That is an enormous issue for a lot of people. A lot of people are underserved by their insurance. A lot of times it's very hard to know what your insurance will cover, even after you've gotten medical treatment. It's very hard to predict what sort of bills you'll get. That's one of the things I would like to address. If we're going to regulate health insurance, part of the regulations should be clarity and making things simpler for ordinary people who need healthcare. It should be easier to switch from one health insurer to the other.

U.S. House of Representatives, District 10 (cont.)

CANDIDATES WHO DID NOT RESPOND:

MICHAEL T. MCCAUL (R) Incumbent ★

JOHN W. COOK (R)

TAWANA WALTER (D)

MADELINE K. EDEN (D)

RICHIE DEGROW - WITHDREW FROM RACE



MATT HARRIS (D)
Age: 60
Occupation: Data scientist
Education: B.S. Chemical Engineering, University of Florida
Public offices held, if any: none
Hometown: Austin



QUESTION 1
Texas is an energy state, historically that has meant fossil fuels, but in recent years more and more renewable resource industries have thrived in Texas. What do you believe is the right energy policy now and for the future and what do you see as the role of Congress in steering that?

ANSWER 1
Climate change is real and we've got to do something about that. We need to move away from carbon extraction. Texas is in a unique position to lead that process. A lot of the skills and knowledge that guides the petroleum industry could guide renewable energy systems. I think we need to move to renewables. It's going to take a while, and we need to get that underway. I see the role of Congress in setting up the right incentives as one thing, and I've been public about advocating a carbon extraction tax. Congress needs to fund research around liquid fuels and replacements for natural gas.

QUESTION 2
The tax reform bill was recently passed amid controversy. What do you feel was right or good about it, and what do you feel was wrong and needs to be addressed? What do you propose to address those issues?

ANSWER 2
About the only thing I would agree with the tax bill was increasing the child tax credit. I think that was long overdue. Almost everything else I think is in the wrong direction. To reduce state taxes on borrowed money, in my view, was deeply irresponsible and immoral. It's a statement of encouraging dynastic wealth that has never been a part of the American psyche. A lot of the wealth in those states was never taxed, so I'm opposed to that part. As to the pass through tax portion, it's going to be an accounting nightmare and set off a lot of complexity that's going to be counter-productive.

QUESTION 3
The Children's Health Insurance Program and Medicare have been topics of extreme debate in recent years, both over the value of the programs and their cost. Based on where we are today, where do you believe we should go and what is Congress's role in getting there?

ANSWER 3
The CHIP program in terms of cost is decimal dust in the Federal budget. It's a no-brainer, it's vastly less expensive to fund it than to not fund it. People are still going to have health problems and end up in emergency rooms. It's holding people hostage to get something else. Medicare, I support. In my view, the biggest problems are going to be in containing cost. Republicans have opposed the things that would make the most difference, like using the powers of the Federal government to negotiate pharmaceutical prices.

QUESTION 4
Based on the local needs of your district what do you believe is the top priority for your constituents and what is your plan to address it if elected?

ANSWER 4
The overriding problem we have in the U.S. is we're developing a low wage economy. We need to turn that around. We need a high wages economy and one that is friendly to entrepreneurial activity. We need to do that by way of shifting taxes from work and shift them on to monopoly power. The U.S. economy has layer upon layer of monopoly power we've come to accept. That's why we have extreme concentration of wealth and income that is not natural and it's the result of a rigged economy. It can be undone through tax policy and some regulatory measures are called for.



MIKE SIEGEL (D)
Age: 40
Occupation: Attorney
Education: Brandeis University, B.A.; California State University - East Bay, Teaching Credential; Cornell Law School, J.D.
Public offices held, if any: none
Hometown: Austin



Energy independence for the United States is very important. I'm glad under President Obama we secured that to great extent. The role of the Federal government is to encourage safe, environmentally responsible energy sources for this country. If elected, I would support investment in clean renewable energy. At the same time as we transition from fossil fuels I want Congress to support workers in the fossil fuel energies to transition to renewable resources.

My campaign is committed to repealing the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which I feel is an immoral document. It transfers wealth from working people in government programs to the richest Americans. It sets the stage for future posterity, and attacks on Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare. My approach will be to share economic prosperity through progressive taxation. Specifically the tax bill is unfair because it takes away the ability for teachers to deduct classroom expenses while allowing Americans with private jets to claim a tax exemption.

I believe that healthcare is a human right. In this country, one of the richest nations in the world, it is incomprehensible that we don't have high quality healthcare for every American. I support the bills sponsored by Sen. Bernie Sanders that would provide Medicare for all so that every American who wants it can access Federally funded healthcare. CHIP should be immediately and fully funded, but if we had Medicare for all, we wouldn't need that program. Healthcare is a foundation of the American economy and families. We need healthcare to work to have successful businesses.

Priority No. 1 is healthcare for everyone. Priority No. 2 is to reinvest in Texas and the Gulf Coast region and put Texans back to work by having a massive Federal investment in infrastructure, including roads, bridges and flood prevention facilities. The current proposal by Rep. McCaul to fund a border wall with tens of billions of dollars is completely immoral and an example of a cynical and useless government policy. With that same money we can put Central Texas to work, making us safe from catastrophic floods.



TAMI WALKER (D)
Age: 53
Occupation: Business attorney
Education: B.S. Accounting, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, J.D., UT School of Law
Public offices held, if any: none
Hometown: Shamrock, Texas



A lot of Texans are still employed by the oil and gas industries, and we need to move toward more clean energy solutions. I believe Congress could influence that by providing tax incentives and grants for solar and wind energy. Also, the development of more electric cars. I think we need to clean up the oil and gas industry and we need to work more toward the protection of air, water and food and also the climate. We need to promote the Clean Power Plan, which would reduce fossil fuel emissions from industrial plants and reduce all carbon production.

It gave huge tax cuts to the richest Americans and created an additional \$1.5 trillion in debt. What I think was good about it was that it did reduce taxes on lower and middle class Americans to some extent. It did provide incentives for corporations to bring business back into the United States, and we're starting to see that a little bit. I think tax incentives for companies to keep jobs in the United States is a positive thing, but they still have to pay their fair share, but I think their incentives this time went too deep. I don't disagree, taxing to bring money back to United States is a good thing.

We need to pursue healthcare for all Americans. I would do that through an expanded single payer Medicare system. I would propose we stabilize the Affordable Care Act with the reinstated mandate with marketing to young people, cautionary reduction payments and reinsurance programs similar to a Medicare Part D system to address high cost patients. I would also propose we support safe importation of prescription drugs to reduce cost and regulate pharmaceutical companies to reduce advertising and price gouging.

In this district we need to implement a comprehensive infrastructure plan to rebuild crumbling roads and bridges, build flood control, seawalls, work on the traffic problems in Austin and Houston, and improve internet in rural areas. I think we should create tax incentives to encourage manufacturing and invest in the United States to develop products and jobs of the future through research and technology and lessen the carbon footprint. We also need to develop and utilize more clean energy.

Williamson County Commissioner, Pct. 2

CANDIDATES WHO DID NOT RESPOND:



CYNTHIA LONG (R) *Incumbent* ★
Age: 55
Education: Business degree from Texas A&M University
Public offices held, if any: Cedar Park City Council 1995-99, Williamson County Commissioner Pct. 2 1999-present
Hometown: Cedar Park



QUESTION 1
What do you think is the most important issue this position will face? Why and what do you intend to do about it?

ANSWER 1
There's several really top issues. Keeping our taxes low, keeping county growth in check, recruiting quality businesses for the area, creating more jobs for our citizens, expanding and improving our roadway system in the county, and continuing to provide the funds needed for law enforcement to ensure it stays one of the safest counties in the state. All of those are kind of the top issues. I have lowered the tax rate since I've been in office. It's four cents lower today than when I took office. Part of the challenge in budgeting is you have to say no more often than you say yes.

QUESTION 2
How are you dealing with the growing transportation demands of the county?

ANSWER 2
I have been one of the leaders on the Commissioner's Court in the transportation arena, and led the charge on adopting and implementing a long-reaching transportation plan. We have, over the last 10 years, built over 300 lane miles of roadway and improvements over existing roads. We're trying to stay ahead of the congestion problems. Voters on three separate occasions have overwhelmingly approved bond elections and have said they want the county to build more roads. We have been doing that and delivering on that.

QUESTION 3
Our property tax system is broken and everyone knows it. What is your suggestion to fix it?

ANSWER 3
Twofold: We've done a good job at the county and have continued to bring that tax rate down. I think the biggest challenge with the property tax system is the school property taxes. And the Legislature giving the school public system less and less funding. Constitutionally, the state is required to fund public education, the amount that they fund over the years has continued to diminish, pushing more and more onto local school districts. Overall, the county is only 20 percent of the overall property tax bill that somebody in Precinct 2 gets.

QUESTION 4
What do you see as the most critically underserved populations in your district and what do you plan to do to bring more attention and resources to them?

ANSWER 4
Ensuring our constituents have access to our country services, whether it's the tax office, or the health department and helping ensure people who need those resources can get to those. We work hard to make sure the services that the county does provide are open and available to everyone who needs them.



BART TUREK (R)
Age: 47
Occupation: Building consultant
Education: Attended Austin Community College and Columbia (online)
Public office held, if any: none
Hometown: Pensacola, Florida



The most important issue the county will face is growth. We're not going to stop it, but we need to manage it. One of the ways I feel the most productive way to manage it is to face it head on, but let's do it together. Let's get the Commissioners Court and the cities on the same page, all working together. Then every city will know the Commissioners Court is looking out for them and being fiscally responsible. We're not going to stop the growth. Most of the growth is over here in Cedar Park, Leander and Liberty Hill. We just need to face it head on, and we need to do it together.

We need to focus on the major issues we have with the existing roads. We need to update and enhance several of our roads. We need to look into other forms of transportation. I don't think toll roads is our answer. How can we enhance the roads we already have so we're not spending money hand over fist to build new roads, just to build them? We know we have the growth, we know we have the transportation issues, but there's a few roads out here where some updates have been done, but then they just stop. I think looking into updating our current roads is the best way so we stay responsible.

I don't think any one person can fix it. The Commissioners Court needs to sit down together, with the budget office and try to figure out what makes a "livable tax rate" so we're not forcing people out of their homes. I don't know how to answer fixing it, other than getting in there, studying what we have, studying some of the ways we can best handle the growing needs of this county. How do we balance the needs of this county with a livable tax rate?

Our community outreach and health. Every year that I can remember being with the Sheriff's office or emergency management, there's always the question of how are we going to fund this or that. County health was always one of those issues where the decision always was let's just not fund this or that section. What I saw was decisions being made that started programs like our community health with EMS, putting paramedics out there in the field to handle the population we have in this county. We're having to shuffle ambulances around to cover districts.



KASEY REDUS (D)
Age: 41
Occupation: Business owner
Education: B.A. in Spanish Literature from University of Colorado
Public offices held, if any: none
Hometown: Cedar Park



The most important issue is public safety and mental health. I recently lost a friend to mental health and I've lost an uncle in the past to mental health. Based on the research I've done, this county doesn't staff their mobile outreach team as much as they should. I'm sure it's a budget thing, but I intend to figure out how to utilize the budget better so we can do that. Public safety is huge to me. I own a preschool and I have 200 kids in the school. I am very appreciative of our law enforcement, and I want to make sure they have everything they need, and staff as well. Safety and health are of the utmost importance.

There's bottlenecks when you commute to Travis County, so my plan would be to work closely with Travis County to figure out a plan so the commute downtown is not so difficult, and obviously it would help their quality of life to fix the bottlenecks. Obviously I'll look into the budget to fix the bottlenecks and figure out how and where we can best utilize it to fix them. There's growth in places where they've put 600 homes and not enough roads to get to the homes. I understand that's an issue right now. I'm studying up on it, and hopefully by the time I get in office I can make some changes.

The county has been trying to lower the property tax rate but the appraisals keep getting higher and the demands for the budget keep rising. My plan is in March there's workshops for budgeting for the county. I'm going to attend those so I can better understand how we can fix that issue.

I know a lot of people that don't make enough money. For their medical bills, for their car issues, for their children. My goal is to help get in there and help find ways to better utilize their finances. I would love to get to know communities to get them into and help them have a better quality of life. I would love for everyone in the community to be able to own their own home. I would want to serve disadvantaged people. Everyone here should be able to live a life that they're proud of and live healthy, happy lives.

Williamson County Judge

CANDIDATES WHO DID NOT RESPOND:
FRANK LEFFINGWELL (R)



BILL GRAVELL (R)
Age: 54
Occupation: Judge Justice Peace Wilco Pct. 3
Education: University of Baylor
Current office held: Justice of the Peace Pct. 3 (5 years), elected board member of Sonterra Municipal Utility District
Hometown: Round Rock



QUESTION 1

What do you think is the most important issue the County Judge will face? Why and what do you intend to do about it?

ANSWER 1

My number one priority is public safety. Our county has grown exponentially. I think it's the job of the County Judge and Commissioners Court to ensure our citizens are safe. We also own and operate the jail and EMS system. Making sure our systems are safe is important. We own and manage 14 courts. While we've seen exponential growth in population, we've not added a court since 1982. We're the largest county with only 14 JP courts. We're not where we need to be in the public safety arena. As County Judge I'm going to make it my priority that our community is safe.

QUESTION 2

What is your plan for dealing with growing transportation demands in the county?

ANSWER 2

The county has a master plan for transportation. We've done a really good job. Part of me struggles with us trying to stay ahead of transportation issues, but my second priority is to reduce our (\$1.3 billion debt). Our debt per capita is greater than any other county in Texas. So we've got to manage transportation corridor needs and be able to manage the debt we have. I realized when my 5th grandchild was born, he came into the world naked with \$1,800 in debt being a resident of Williamson County. We've got to be a better steward of our resources that won't bankrupt us in the process.

QUESTION 3

What needs to happen to increase economic development in the county?

ANSWER 3

I think the primary role of the County Judge is being a good leader. I think you need to be the cheerleader-in-chief for economic development. I serve currently as chairman of the board for economic development in Hutto. The way we meet the revenue needs for the transportation corridor matters is through bringing in additional revenue. As County Judge you got to be respectful because each city has their own economic develop corporations. It should be the role of the County Judge to stand beside them and help them stand to face some of these big corporations.

QUESTION 4

If elected, what could you do as county judge to keep costs down while continuing to ensure needed county services are provided?

ANSWER 4

The number one way to keep costs down is through increasing revenue. The clean path to increasing revenue is not increasing taxes. We can do it through economic development. Taxes can be strapping in our area. It concerns me when I see our public safety folks are wanting to live in other counties, in part because their taxes are a couple thousand dollars less. We're asking these folks to protect us, yet they can't afford to live here. We have to be good steward of the resources we have and we have to be smart in how we spend and invest.



BLANE CONKLIN (D)
Age: 47
Occupation: Senior Systems Analyst at University of Texas System
Education: Ph.D., University of Chicago
Public offices held, if any: none
Hometown: Round Rock



The most important issue is managing the dynamic growth the county has seen recently. Number one, we can't pretend it's not going to happen or bury our head in the sand. We're going to grow. The challenge is balancing the growth of property values, which brings higher property taxes with it, and making sure the county upholds its obligations to all the citizens of the county. With greater population, that brings greater need for the essential services. I'm going to work with commissioners, the budget office and the department heads for a fair tax rate and a responsible budget.

We need to stay ahead of the growth. We can't stop it. Rather than wait until it happens and try to catch up, we need to stay ahead. Regional mobility is an issue. People live in Williamson County for its high quality of life and relative affordability. People want to live here but they want to be able to access the rest of the region in a reasonable amount of time. We need to work with our regional partners and have a regional mindset rather than what's good just for the county.

Economic development is going to happen. This is a desirable place to build a business. We have a great workforce here. We are relatively affordable. I think the county and the city need to be very circumspect about when and how we incentivise economic development that may happen anyway. I'm pro business, but we need to be smart about it. I want economic development to have a clean energy component to it. This is a sector that is growing and we need to find ways to encourage new development to contribute to a clean energy economy.

I'm going to work with our department heads, either the Sheriff, EMS, mental health and our roads and bridges to make sure they have what they need. It's not an either or. We need to provide those essential services. We need to make sure that growth is responsible and we need to spread the tax base. We need to find areas in the budget where there may be waste, but we can't sacrifice our essential services.

Texas House of Representatives, District 20



TERRY M. WILSON (R) *Incumbent* ★
Col. Terry Wilson was born in Odessa, Texas. He is a lifelong conservative Republican, committed husband and father, and a decorated combat veteran. He holds a B.S. in Business Administration from Texas A&M University and a M.S. in Strategic Logistics Plans from the Air War University. Terry was first elected to District 20 in the 2016.



Texas House of Representatives, District 52



CYNTHIA FLORES (R)
Cynthia Flores received her B.S. degree and Rehabilitation Studies from the University of North Texas. In 1993, Cynthia and her husband Rene moved to Austin and later Round Rock. Flores has a background as a Vocational Evaluator. She has been an ambassador for the Round Rock Chamber of Commerce since 2008.



INCUMBENT IS NOT SEEKING RE-ELECTION:
LARRY GONZALEZ (R)



JAMES TALARICO (D)
James Talarico, 28, is a Round Rock native, a former public school teacher, and the Central Texas executive director of Reasoning Mind, an education nonprofit that provides software to schools in and around San Antonio and Austin. Talarico earned a bachelor's degree in government from UT and a M.A. in education policy from Harvard University.



STEPHEN M. WYMAN (D)
Stephen M. Wyman resides in Georgetown, Texas. While there is little information available about Wyman, he ran for office in District 20 in 2014 and lost the election by 22.73 percent of the vote to Marsha Farney.



CHRISTOPHER L. WARD (R)
Christopher L. Ward and his wife Darcie moved to Round Rock, Texas in December of 2013 from Central Florida. He received his B.S. degree from the University of South Florida in Biomedical Sciences and a M.S. degree from Saint Leo University in Critical Incident Management with a focus on public policy. He has not previously held public office.



JEREMY STORY (R)
Jeremy Story is a native to Houston and the Texas GOP Chaplain. Story has a degree in government from the University of Texas. He has also started and run several businesses. Story is an active Christian and has been married for 20 years with 7 children.



U.S. Senator



TED CRUZ (R) *Incumbent* ★

Elected to the US Senate in 2013; Born in Canada to a Cuban father and an American mother. Cruz earned a B.A. from Princeton and a J.D. from Harvard Law. Served as Associate Attorney General during George W. Bush administration and as Solicitor General of Texas from 2003-2008. Sen. Cruz ran in the 2016 Presidential Primary.



BETO O'ROURKE (D)

A three-term U.S. Congressman from the 16th District representing El Paso since 2012, Rep. Beto O'Rourke is the Vice Ranking Member of the House Armed Services Committee. Beto received a B.A. from Columbia University in 1995. He was a two-term member El Paso City Council, co-founded Stanton Street Technology in 1999 and is fluent in Spanish.



BRUCE JACOBSON, JR (R)

VP of Media for LIFE Outreach International and Exec. Producer of LIFE Today TV; He holds a B.A. in Political Science from Baylor University. Bruce served under Presidents Reagan and George H.W. Bush. He went on to serve as Special Ass't to the Secretary of Transportation, Elizabeth Dole.



EDWARD KIMBROUGH (D)

Edward Kimbrough received a B.S. in Mathematics at Knoxville College and a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from the Univ. of Tennessee. Kimbrough was an Engineer at IBM and is a pilot, a skill he used in his work for the U.S. Postal Service. He is a member of the Courtesy Corps and Watchmen at Wheeler Ave. Baptist Church in Houston.



GERALDINE SAM (R)

Geraldine Sam worked as an elementary school teacher prior to her retirement. Sam's political career includes campaigns for U.S. Congress, the La Marque, Texas City Council and Mayor of La Marque. She won the 2009 election becoming the city's first African-American mayor. Sam was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 2016.



MARY MILLER (R)

Mother, CPA, teacher, caregiver, Mary grew up in Austin and graduated from Round Rock HS. She received her B.A. from UT, Austin. She became a Controller at 30 and received her Masters in Accountancy then one year later received her Masters in Taxation. She was recruited by accounting firm KPMG during which time she passed her CPA exam.



U.S. Senator (cont.)



SEMA HERNANDEZ (D)

Sema is a daughter of immigrants, oldest of seven siblings and first American born child in her family. Sema worked in healthcare for six years until she attended college to obtain a nursing degree. She grew up in a migrant working family and she has said her campaign is focused on debt, job security, and healthcare.



STEFANO DE STEFANO (R)

Stefano de Stefano is a free market Republican and energy attorney. He received a B.A. in Political Science, with a minor in Economics, from the College of the Holy Cross, and a law degree from Fordham University. Stefano and his wife, Jeanine, are raising their 4 year old son and two rescue dogs in Houston.



Governor



GREG ABBOTT (R) *Incumbent* ★

Greg Abbott was elected Governor in 2014. He was born in Wichita Falls and raised in Duncanville, Texas. Abbot graduated from UT Austin and earned a law degree from Vanderbilt University. He was the longest serving Attorney General of Texas and served as a Justice on the Texas Supreme Court and as a State District Judge in Harris County.



ADRIAN OCEGUEDA (D)

Adrian Ocegueda received B.A. in Political Economy with a Certificate in African-American Studies from Princeton University in 1998. He earned an MBA from SMU in 2008; Ocegueda served as a policy Advisor to Mayor Joe Wardy of El Paso. He is currently the Principal of Lone Star Investment Advisors and lives in Flower Mound, Texas.



ANDREW WHITE (D)

The son of former Texas Governor Mark White, Andrew White received a B.A. in Religious Studies from the University of Virginia in 1994 and an MBA from UT. In 2005, Andrew established Allied Warranty and, a year later, Lone Star Repair. In late 2012, both companies were purchased by NRG Energy, Inc. He is currently President of Sweat Equity Partners.



BARBARA KRUEGER (R)

Krueger lives in Plano, but aside from that she has published no information about herself and the Texas GOP was unable to provide any further information than where she lives.



Governor (cont.)



CEDRIC DAVIS, SR. (D)

Cedric Davis Sr. graduated from Sam Houston State University with a B.S. in Criminal Justice. Currently teaching pre-law and criminal justice in the Garland ISD, Cedric has served in a public safety and security role for more than 30 years. In 2004 he was elected the first African-American Mayor of Balch Springs, Texas.



GRADY YARBROUGH (D)

Yarbrough is a retired public school teacher. He earned his B.A. from Texas College in 1959 and his M.Ed. from Prairie View A&M.



JAMES JOLLY CLARK (D)

The Democratic Party has no further information on this candidate.



JEFFREY PAYNE (D)

Jeffrey Payne owns five diverse businesses in Dallas and is a LGBTQ community philanthropist. He founded Sharon St. Cyr, a non-profit that raises funds and provides hearing aids to hearing-impaired individuals as well as providing grants to organizations for sign language interpreting services.



JOE MUMBACH (D)

A self-employed audio-video technician who has never before sought public office. He is the owner of Southern Star Satellite and Sound. Mumbach is also the director of the Holy Ghost Catholic Church.



LUPE VALDEZ (D)

Lupe Valdez was the Dallas County Sheriff and the first openly lesbian sheriff in America. Valdez earned a B.A. in Business from Southern Nazarene Univ. and an M.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice from UT Arlington. A Captain in the Army, she has been an investigator in the GSA, USDA, and US Customs Service/ Dept of Homeland Security.



US SENATOR: Each state elects two members of United States Senate, each for 6 year terms. The Senate's main function relates to the introduction and passage of new laws and has the power to approve or reject presidential nominees such as federal judges and cabinet-level officials, and ratify foreign treaties

GOVERNOR: Heads the executive branch of the Texas government and is Chief Law Enforcement official, Commander-in-chief of the state military forces. Power to convene the Legislature, approve or veto bills passed by Legislature, and grant pardons.

Governor (cont.)



LARRY SECEDE KILGORE (R)

Larry Secede Kilgore served as Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force and a Christian Missionary. He legally changed middle-name from Scott to Secede in 2012 in support of Texas Secession from the U.S. He is currently a telecommunication contractor living in Arlington.



TOM WAKELY (D)

Tom Wakely served in the US Air Force during the Vietnam War. He has a history as a labor and social action organizer, starting with César Chavez's Texas Farm Workers Union campaign where he helped organize the Grape Boycott in San Antonio. He also published a bi-weekly underground newspaper, the San Antonio Gazette.



Lieutenant Governor



DAN PATRICK (R) Incumbent ★

Dan Patrick was elected Lt. Governor in 2014. He holds a B.A. in English from the Univ. of Maryland. He was a radio talk-show host in Scranton, PA and Washington, DC, before becoming a sportscaster at KHOU-TV in Houston. In 2006 he was elected to the Texas State Senate representing the 7th District (part of Houston and Harris County).



SCOTT MILDER (R)

Scott Milder earned a B.A. in journalism and radio/TV/film as well as an M.A. in PR from the Univ. of North Texas. Milder worked as an executive at Stantec Architecture and P.I.O. in the Galena Park and Mesquite independent school districts. He founded the Friends of Texas Public Schools in 2004, which educates Texans about the public school system.



MICHAEL COOPER (D)

Michael Cooper holds a B.A. in Business and Social Studies from Lamar University and is working on a M.S. in Psychology at Grand Canyon University. He is General Sales Manager with Kinsel Motors in Beaumont, Texas and Pres. of Southeast Texas Toyota Dealers. Cooper is a member of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce diversity group.



MIKE COLLIER (D)

Mike Collier received his B.A. and M.B.A. from UT Austin. He worked at Exxon before moving on to becoming an accountant and aide to the Chairman at PriceWaterhouseCoopers. As a partner in PriceWaterhouseCoopers Houston office he led a team of 24 professionals providing due diligence, structuring, and valuation services to PwC's energy clients.



Comptroller



GLENN HEGAR (R) Incumbent ★

Glenn Hegar was elected Comptroller in 2014. He received a B.A. from Texas A&M, an M.A. from St. Mary's University, and a Master of Law from the Univ. of Arkansas. Hegar served Dist. 28 in the Texas State House from 2002 until he was elected to the Texas State Senate in 2006 where he served until being elected Comptroller.



JOI CHEVALIER (D)

Joi Chevalier earned a B.A. in Latin and English from UT Austin in 1991 and a M.A. in English literature and technology from UT Austin in 1998. Chevalier was Product Manager at Activerse, Snr. Product Manager at Matrix.Net, and Snr. Product Manager and Strategist at eDell. Chevalier founded and currently runs The Cook's Nook.



TIM MAHONEY (D)

Tim Mahoney earned a B.A. from UT in 1978, an M.A. from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at UT in 1982, and a law degree from the South Texas College of Law in 1991. Mahoney has practiced law, worked with the editor of the Texas Observer, and held the position as chief notary for the petition drive for Bernie Sanders' presidential campaign.



Railroad Commissioner



CHRISTI CRADDICK (R) Incumbent ★

Christi Craddick was elected to the Railroad Commission in 2012. The daughter of former Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick, she earned her B.A. and J.D. from UT Austin and practiced law, specializing in tax issues, electric deregulation and environmental policy. Christi resides in Austin is an active member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church.



CHRIS SPELLMAN (D)

Native to Houston, Chris Spellman graduated from the University of North Texas with a degree in Finance. He has been an active volunteer on many local, statewide, and national political campaigns and is an active member in the Texas Coalition of Black Democrats. He is self-employed and a member of the Mt. Canaan Missionary Baptist Church.



ROMAN MCALLEN (D)

A fifth generation Texan born and raised in Houston, Roman McAllen received a business degree from the Univ. of Houston Downtown. In 2011, he earned a M.A. of Architecture from the UT School of Architecture at Austin and moved to Brownsville, Texas to work in planning and historic preservation. His great-great-grandfather is the namesake of McAllen, Texas.



WESTON MARTINEZ (R)

Weston Martinez is a fourth generation Texas conservative. Weston has been in Texas politics for more than 20 years, having served on the state Republican executive committee, and was appointed by Gov. Perry to the Texas Real Estate Commission. Martinez was also involved in organizing Hispanics for Ted Cruz for President.



Williamson Co. Justice of the Peace



EDNA STAUDT (R) Incumbent ★

Age: 68
Occupation: Judge
Education: 500 Hours Texas State University; Mediation Certificate;
Public offices held, if any: Elected Republican Precinct Chairman
Hometown: Austin



BRONSON TUCKER (R)

Age: 40
Occupation: Director of Curriculum, Texas Justice Court Training Center
Education: B.A. in Political Science from the University of Oklahoma, JD from the University of Texas School of Law
Hometown: Cedar Park



JONASU WAGSTAFF (D)

Age: 36
Occupation: Small business owner
Education: AAS Environmental Health and Safety – Texas State Technical College
Public offices held, if any: none
Hometown: Leander



Judge County Court of Law, No. 1



BRANDY HALLFORD (R)

Age: 48
Occupation: Attorney and Counselor of Law
Education: B.A. degree from UT at Austin, and a Juris Doctor from St. Mary's School of Law
Public offices held, if any: none
Hometown: Austin



WARREN OLIVER "WOW," WATERMAN (R)

Age: 52
Education: J.D., Texas Tech University school of Law '92; B.S., the University of Utah '89
Public offices held, if any: Asst. County Attorney in Ector and Williamson Counties; Asst. District Attorney in Williamson County
Hometown: Cedar Park



DON MOREHART (D) DID NOT RESPOND.

LT. GOVERNOR: The second highest office in the Executive Branch and also part of the Legislative Branch, referred to as the "Constitutional President of the Senate," presiding over the State Senate, establishing all committees, appoints chairpersons and members and decides all questions of procedure. Controls the budgeting process. If the elected Governor resigns, dies or is legally removed from office through impeachment and conviction, the Lt. Governor would become Governor • **COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS** The state's treasurer, check writer, tax collector, procurement officer and revenue estimator • **RAILROAD COMMISSIONER** Railroad Commissioners are elected statewide to six-year, staggered terms. One of the three commissioners is on the ballot every two years. The Commissioners chooses its chairperson. The Railroad Commission no longer has any regulatory jurisdiction over railroads, instead, the responsibility of the Commission has evolved into the regulation and oversight of oil and natural gas, gas utilities, pipeline safety, alternative fuels safety, and surface mining matters.

REPUBLICAN



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- ✓ West Point Graduate, 1980. Recipient of The Legion of Merit.
- ✓ Distinguished 21-year Military Career as Lt. Col, including a tour at Fort Hood.
- ✓ Highly involved in Community Boards such as the Belton Educational Foundation and the SAFE Place/Children's Shelter.
- ✓ Became an award-winning Social Studies Teacher, after retiring from the Army, at Belton High School.

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FOREIGN POLICY

REBUILDING OUR DEPLETED MILITARY AND STRENGTHENING OUR BORDER SECURITY IS CRITICAL. WITH SPECIFIC METHODOLOGY AND CUTTING-EDGE TOOLS/TECHNOLOGY, THE FEELING OF SAFETY AND CONFIDENCE OF TEXANS WILL CONTINUE. WE WILL BE THE EXAMPLE FOR OUR NATION TO FOLLOW.

EDUCATION

CRITICAL SKILLS TAUGHT IN PREPARATION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION NEED TO ALSO BE TAUGHT TO THOSE THAT CHOOSE A VOCATIONAL PATH. THIS IS WHERE THE MAJORITY OF THE FUTURE SMALL BUSINESSES WILL COME FROM. IT GUARANTEES THAT THE CURRENT AND FUTURE SMALL BUSINESSES OF AMERICA WILL CONTINUE TO PROSPER.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

LEAD THE WAY INTO INNOVATION, CYBER-SECURITY, AS WE REPOSITION AND STRENGTHEN AMERICA BY DEMONSTRATING HOW TX-21 CAN LEAD THE NEW TECHNOLOGICAL ERA.

HEALTHCARE

A FREE MARKET SYSTEM WITH LIMITED GOVERNMENT REGULATION. OPENING THE MARKET ALLOWS COMPETITION AMONG PROVIDERS AND ALLOWS PREMIUMS TO FLUCTUATE. THE INTRODUCTION OF A PREVENTATIVE HEALTHCARE ACT.

VETERAN AFFAIRS

IMPROVE, CREATE, AND EXPAND THE LEVEL OF EFFICIENCY OF VA OPERATIONS SUCH AS VETERAN HEALTHCARE AND WAIT TIMES, AND THE OPTIONS FOR SUCH CARE.

ECONOMY

SMALL AND LARGE BUSINESSES NEED TAX BREAKS AS WELL AS REDUCING THE NONESSENTIAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS TO ALLOW THE LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL ANALYTICAL MODELS TO GROW. FINANCIAL STRATEGIES AND POLICIES MUST BE SUPPORTED TO ACCELERATE THE MUCH-NEEDED HIGH PAYING JOBS OUR DISTRICT NEEDS.

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