



# Voters Guide

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## ABOUT THIS VOTERS GUIDE

This printed *Voters Guide* lists candidates in contested statewide races and contested, as well as uncontested candidates, in Lubbock County races who are on the November 4, 2014, General Election ballot and provides their answers to questions posed by the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund and the League of Women Voters of Lubbock County Education Fund. It also presents the proposed Texas Constitutional Amendment on transportation, followed by an explanation of the amendment, arguments for and arguments against, as researched by trustees of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund.

Additional information can be accessed online at [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org), including an online *Voters Guide* with candidate videos and races not included in the printed *Voters Guide*. VOTE411 allows voters to enter an address and review races and ballot initiatives specific to that address. It also includes the responses of candidates who miss the print deadline.

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## RACES AND CANDIDATES

This *Voters Guide* lists candidates for statewide and regional races in Texas, including U.S. Senator, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Commissioner of General Land Office, Commissioner of Agriculture, Railroad Commissioner, Texas Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, and Courts of Appeals. The *Voters Guide* then lists candidates for Lubbock area races including U.S. House of Representatives, Texas State House of Representatives, District Courts, Lubbock County Judges, District Attorney, District Clerk, County Clerk, County Commissioners, County Treasurer, County Justice of Peace, Constable, and Water Boards.

In the statewide and regional races, questionnaires are sent to all candidates in contested races. In the Lubbock area races,

questionnaires are sent to all candidates, contested and uncontested. Candidate replies are printed without editing or verification. Due to space restrictions, candidates are given strict character limits. Replies exceeding the character limit are indicated by slashes (///). Candidates are asked to avoid references to their opponents; those who do not comply are listed with the notation, "Response does not meet criteria." Candidates appearing with no photo failed to submit one. Those who do not respond to our questionnaire by the print deadline are listed with the notation, "No response received by print deadline. See VOTE411 for any later responses."

This *Voters Guide* is organized by office, with candidates listed by party. Ballot order may vary from county to county. For the statewide races, only the names of unopposed candidates are listed.

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UNITED STATES  
**SENATOR**

Six-year term. Must be at least 30 years old, a resident of the United States for at least nine years, and a resident of Texas. One of 100 members of the U.S. Senate which has specific powers to advise and consent to presidential appointments and treaties and to try impeachments. Powers the Senate shares with U.S. House of Representatives include the power to levy taxes, borrow money, regulate interstate commerce, and declare war. Current annual salary: \$174,000

**QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**IMMIGRATION:** The Senate passed a comprehensive bill last year that would have bolstered border security, made legal worker programs and offered a path to citizenship to the estimated 11.5 million people now living here illegally. What specific changes, if any, would you propose to the bill so that it can eventually be adopted as a law?

**ENVIRONMENT:** According to the National Climate Assessment report, climate change effects are happening here and now. What steps, if any, should the Senate take to establish environmental regulations to curb the effects of climate change?

**OTHER ISSUES:** What other issues do you consider the most important, and how would you address them?



**DAVID M. ALAMEEL (D)**

**IMMIGRATION:** The Bill contains all the elements I stand for and will advance should I be elected. It is a question of how much in funds is allotted to border security and to what areas, as well as timing in the implementation of each of these components. I favor a concurrent implementation, and a comprehensive approach to immigration reform.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Texas has more vacancies in the federal judiciary than any other state. We need to address this. The hostile environment in Texas towards Planned Parenthood and other providers of women's health services is of deep concern to me. Medicare and Social Security are promises made to our seniors. I will never vote for cuts in this programs.

**EDUCATION:** Doctorate of Dental Surgery, University of Texas Health Science Center

**EXPERIENCE:** I'm an Army veteran, and a proud husband and father. Starting from scratch, I built a successful multi-million a year business. I have been active in civic and charitable work and programs to improve education opportunities for young people.

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**REBECCA PADDOCK (L)**

**IMMIGRATION:** Art 1 Sect 8 of the Constitution authorizes/tasks Congress to both secure the borders and create a uniform rule of naturalization. Congress needs to secure the borders. A uniform rule of naturalization (path to citizenship) is already in place. Those who wish to legally immigrate are welcome. Those who have broken the law should be returned to their country of origin.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Government overstepping its Constitutional limits. Actions to address include: 1) Vote against any unconstitutional bill, 2) Remove second amendment infringements on law abiding citizens, and 3) Consolidate intelligence agencies & create proper oversight. No spying on US citizens. Determine cause of/address Veteran suicide rate of 22/day + 1/day for active duty military.

**EDUCATION:** BS awarded in 1986 from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. MS awarded in 1987 from North Texas State University. Additional graduate level Engineering courses completed at Texas Tech University and Southern Methodist University.

**EXPERIENCE:** Held positions including: Electrical Engineer, Program Manager, Capture Manager, Engineering Manager, and Regional Manager. Management includes oversight of thousands of engineers and successfully developing several billion dollars worth of products.

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**VOTER  
information:  
Voters Guide Key**

(D) Democratic Party Candidate • (R) Republican Party Candidate  
(L) Libertarian Party Candidate • (G) Green Party Candidate  
(///) Response Exceeds Character Limit

**VOTER  
information:  
When and Where  
You May Vote**

**EARLY VOTING:** All registered voters may vote early by personal appearance at any early voting location in their county. Early Voting times and locations are listed on page 30 of this *Voters Guide*. Early voting days for the 2014 General Election are October 20 – 31.

**ELECTION DAY VOTING:** On Election Day (Tuesday, November 4), you may vote at any of the Lubbock County General and Special Election Vote Center locations. The Election Day Vote Centers are listed on page 31 of this *Voters Guide*.

County elections addresses and fax numbers are available at [www.VoteTexas.gov](http://www.VoteTexas.gov) or at [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org). Voting places are also listed in most newspapers. In Lubbock County, you may vote at any of the Vote Center locations. You do not need to vote in your precinct.

STATE OF TEXAS  
**GOVERNOR**

Four-year term. Must be at least 30 years old, a U.S. citizen, and a Texas resident for the five years immediately preceding the election. Among duties: executes all laws and conducts all business with other states and the federal government; fills appointive offices; fills vacancies in state or district elected offices by appointment; calls special sessions of the Legislature and sets their agenda; signs or vetoes bills passed by the Legislature. Current annual salary: \$150,000

**QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**HEALTH CARE:** According to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, about 1 million uninsured U.S. citizen adults below the poverty line in Texas do not qualify for affordable coverage through either Medicaid or the health insurance marketplace. Would you consider negotiating with federal Medicaid officials to pursue a Texas solution to close the coverage gap? Why or why not?

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** Texas is the fastest growing state in the nation. The annual 12% population growth is placing a strain on water, energy, schools and transportation. What measures do you support to meet our growing infrastructure needs while continuing to grow a business-friendly state?

**OTHER ISSUES:** What other issues do you consider the most important, and how would you address them?



**WENDY R. DAVIS (D)**

**HEALTH CARE:** Yes. Texas has some of the best doctors and hospitals in the country and every Texan should be able to access that care. We need to keep 100 billion of our tax dollars here in Texas to improve the health of our hardworking citizens and create 3 million jobs across the state over the next 10 years. It makes no sense to allow our tax dollars to be spent in other states.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** Texas' energy industry fuels the world and deserves a world-class infrastructure to match. I helped pass a landmark water plan last year; we can begin to address our transportation needs by supporting Prop. 1 in November. Developing our Texas workforce through career-technical and higher education will help Texas remain a top job creator and economic competitor.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Invest in our schools and teachers. Make college more accessible and affordable. Sign the Texas Equal Pay Act. Fight to increase the minimum wage. Close tax loopholes and eliminate wasteful spending. Implement comprehensive immigration reform. Hardworking Texas families are the key to our economic success and to grow our communities, we need to empower them.

**EDUCATION:** I am a graduate of North Richland Hills High School in Tarrant County. After two years at Tarrant County College, I transferred to TCU where I graduated first in my class. I continued on to Harvard Law School where I graduated with honors.

**EXPERIENCE:** Fort Worth City Council 1999-2007; Economic Development Committee, Chair Texas State Senator, 2009-present; Senate Committee on Economic Development, Senate Committee on Transportation, Veteran Affairs and Military Installations Committee

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**GREG ABBOTT (R)**

**HEALTH CARE:** Our healthcare system must be regulated at the state level, free of federal intervention; this includes repealing Obamacare and block-granting Medicaid. Texas provides an extraordinary network of access to health care, including local hospital districts. My ideas would enhance health care for women, the disabled, and veterans, and keep Texas a leader in medical research.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** I would increase funding for transportation by more than \$4 billion annually without new debt, taxes, fees, or tolls. We must continue to improve water infrastructure, including by reducing regulations, speeding up permitting process, and working at the regional level. I supported Prop. 6 (2013) financing water projects, and support Prop. 1 (2014) funding transportation.

**OTHER ISSUES:** 1. To protect individual liberty & prosperity by preventing big government policies from running Texans' lives. 2. To make public education in Texas top-ranked in the country by empowering parents, teachers, & principals by restoring genuine local control. 3. To keep Texans safe by securing our border and curtailing spillover crime caused by international gangs & cartels.

**EDUCATION:** Duncanville High School, Class of 1976. Undergraduate B.B.A. in Finance from the University of Texas, 1981. JD from Vanderbilt University, 1984.

**EXPERIENCE:** Attorney General of Texas, 2002-Present. Supreme Court of Texas Justice, 1996-2001. Judge of the 129th District Court, 1993-95. Attorney, Butler and Binion, LLP, 1984-92.

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**KATHIE GLASS (L)**

**HEALTH CARE:** NO! Medicaid is over 25% of our budget. The federal government dictates the terms. We must opt out of Medicaid, using the savings to craft a made-for-Texas program, resulting in better services at lower cost. This is part of my Plan for Texas Independence (not secession!) so Texas stands on our own two feet, strong and free, sovereign and independent. See [kathieglass.org](http://kathieglass.org)

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** Nullify unconstitutional federal acts -- Obamacare, EPA, etc. etc. Use line item veto to cut budget 50%. No taxpayer-funded services for non-citizens. Opt out of Medicaid, replace with Texas plan. End property taxes, toll roads, occupational licensing. End cronyism. Stop funding projects with debts. Serious educational overhaul. For details, see [kathieglass.org](http://kathieglass.org).

**OTHER ISSUES:** I want to be Texas Governor to unite Texans to resist tyranny from Washington and cronyism in Austin, to reclaim our ability to act as the sovereign state we are, such as securing our border-- ourselves. I'm the only one in this race with a vision of the coming collapse, a plan for how Texas stays strong and free when that time comes, and the guts to see it through.

**EDUCATION:** B.A. English, University of Georgia 1974; J.D., University of Georgia School of Law 1977

**EXPERIENCE:** Successful trial lawyer while raising family with husband Tom Glass. Nominations: Governor 2010; Atty.Gen. 1982. LULAC Woman of Distinction 2014. Open Carry Texas. Disabled American Vets. League of Independent Voters. Nix Prop 6 Coalition.

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**VOTER**  
information:  
**Voting in the General Election**

*In the General Election in November, voters in Texas may vote for any candidate they wish, regardless of whether they voted in a party primary or participated in a party convention. All candidates from all parties are on the same ballot.*



STATE OF TEXAS  
**LIEUTENANT  
GOVERNOR**

Four-year term. Must be at least 30 years old, a U.S. citizen, and a Texas resident for the five years immediately preceding the election. Among duties as part of both the Executive and Legislative branches: assumes powers of Governor when Governor is absent or unable to serve; acts as President of the Senate; by statute, is a member of several Legislative branch boards and committees. The salary is that of a state senator when serving as President of the Texas Senate and that of the Governor when serving as Governor.

**QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**TRANSPORTATION:** What measures do you support for Texas to meet its growing transportation needs?

**EDUCATION:** An educated workforce is one of the building blocks of responsible job growth. What measures do you support to improve our public education systems?

**HEALTH CARE:** According to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, about 1 million uninsured U.S. citizen adults below the poverty line in Texas do not qualify for affordable coverage through either Medicaid or the health insurance marketplace. Would you consider negotiating with federal Medicaid officials to pursue a Texas solution to close the coverage gap? Why or why not?

**OTHER ISSUES:** What other issues do you consider the most important, and how would you address them?



**LETICIA VAN DE PUTTE (D)**

**TRANSPORTATION:** I voted for SJR 1 during the 83rd 3rd Called Special Session proposing a constitutional amendment providing an estimated \$1.4 B of funds in the first year for road and bridge projects. As Lieutenant Governor, I will work with our legislature and local and state leaders to find a sustainable and long-term solution to our transportation issues.

**EDUCATION:** I will create an education system where teachers are free to teach and students are free to learn. Starting with getting high-stakes testing off the backs of our children. We will utilize widely accepted sampling procedures to gather school or district data. It would also save taxpayers millions in testing costs that we should reinvest in our classrooms.

**HEALTH CARE:** I will negotiate with federal Medicaid officials to pursue a Texas solution to close the coverage gap. 1 of every 4 Texans lacks health insurance. Because of Governor Perry's decision to reject Medicaid expansion, Texas will

lose approximately \$79 B in federal matching funds over the next 10 years. That system is unsustainable, bad for business, and bad for Texas families.

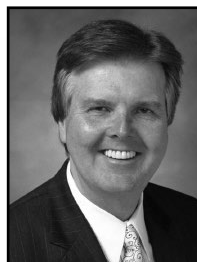
**OTHER ISSUES:** As Lt. Governor, I will continue to work on policies that keep Texas the #1 state for veterans, servicemembers and their families. I will lead the fight against human trafficking, in making the investments in water and roads that our state economy needs to thrive and ensuring our children and grandchildren receive an education that prepares them for a global workforce.

**EDUCATION:** 1993 Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government 1978-1979 University of Texas at Austin, College of Pharmacy 1976-1977 University of Houston, College of Pharmacy 1975 University of Houston 1973-1974 St. Mary's University

**EXPERIENCE:** 1999 – Present Texas State Senate District 26 1991 – 1999 Texas House of Representatives District 115

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**DAN PATRICK (R)**

**TRANSPORTATION:** Texas has increasingly relied on debt to fund our roads. Since 2004, the state's outstanding debt has more than doubled to \$41.3 billion and debt per Texan has grown to \$1,584 from \$865. I will move back to a pay as you go structure by ending the diversion of gas taxes and dedicating vehicle sales tax dollars to fund roads.

**EDUCATION:** As the chairman of the Senate Education committee, I led the charge on reducing standardized testing and reforming schools to better prepare our kids for college and career. I will continue to identify ways to link the local business community with public and higher education to ensure our students can pursue the college or career of their choice.

**HEALTH CARE:** I am a strong proponent of the 10th amendment and allowing states to implement the health and education programs that reflect their circumstances and values. I also believe that medicaid is a sinking ship drowning

under the weight of government. I support seeking a block grant from the federal government and allowing Texas to design a sustainable health care system.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Our increasing property taxes are hurting our business climate and punishing families. I am committed to passing property tax relief that will protect against rapidly growing taxes. I'm also committed to securing the border. We must protect Texas from the drug cartels and potential terrorists. We need Washington to pass immigration reform that does not include amnesty.

**EDUCATION:** University of Maryland-Baltimore

**EXPERIENCE:** I have been an entrepreneur my whole life. I started working as a TV sports anchor in Scranton, PA. and landed in Houston. I worked as an anchor for several years and eventually purchased several radio stations.

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**ROBERT D. BUTLER (L)**

**TRANSPORTATION:** We need to encourage new technologies like Google's driverless cars and Tesla's electric cars with their free refueling stations. The private sector has the answers to the future of transportation if only the government would get out of the way. We need to allow the direct sales of these new vehicles to the public without the outmoded car dealership monopoly.

**EDUCATION:** Public education is guaranteed by the Texas constitution. We need to streamline the funding process according to the financial need of the students. Parents should be able to choose which school their children attend. State money should follow those students to their school of choice. Schools should choose their own books & lesson plans without state interference.

**HEALTH CARE:** Our goal should be effective and affordable healthcare for everyone. We can accomplish this goal by ending the excessive federal and state regulations that currently burden our system. Hospitals & doctors are spending

more of their time & money on paperwork and less on patient care. We also need to end the AMA's cap on the number of residents who become doctors.

**OTHER ISSUES:** We need to legalize immigration by creating a rational process for people who wish to work in the US. We need to end the war on drugs because it hasn't stopped drug abuse and enforcement kills & injures more people than the actual drugs. We need to end illegal searches without warrants including local police, the NSA, and TSA. We need to end civil asset forfeitures.

**EDUCATION:** I studied International Relations at the George Washington University, and Political Management at the George Washington University Graduate School of Political Management. I was also certified to teach English as a Foreign Language in Mexico.

**EXPERIENCE:** I first started as the Military and Veterans Affairs intern for US Senator Connie Mack as a high school student in Florida. I have worked with various public officials over the years and have assisted in crafting state and federal legislation.

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**CHANDRAKANTHA COURTNEY (G)**

**TRANSPORTATION:** Increase spending for state infrastructure.  
**EDUCATION:** Texas record on education is abysmal. We need to: 1) Increase spending for education. 2) Have a fact-based rather than agenda-based orientation towards state approved curricula and their related textbooks. This means reining in the State Board of Education which has become the laughing stock of the US.

**HEALTH CARE:** Definitely. Texas needs to get on board with this. Aside from the federal funds which are available, it is simply the right thing to do.

**OTHER ISSUES:** 1) Immigration - It is not the business of state and local agencies to be involved in Immigration policies. 2) Prison Reform - Texas has one of the largest incarceration rates in the US. This must change. 3) Texas needs to get out of the "War on Drugs". 4) Women need unfettered access to abortions without interference from the state.

**EDUCATION:** Government College of Music and Dance, Vijaywada, AP, India

**EXPERIENCE:** State Executive Committee, Texas State Green Party

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**VOTER information: The Voters Guide**

You may bring this *Voters Guide* into the voting booth! In 1995, the Texas law prohibiting use of printed materials, such as this *Voters Guide*, in the polling place was ruled unconstitutional. (*Texas Election Code, Section 61.011*)  
*Additional candidate information and races are available at [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org).*

STATE OF TEXAS  
**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Four-year term. Must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, and a Texas resident for at least 12 months. Among duties: lawyer for the state; defends the laws and Constitution of the state; represents the state in litigation; approves public bond issues; enforces health, safety and consumer regulations; collects court-ordered child support; administers Crime Victims' Compensation Fund. Current annual salary: \$150,000

**QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**STATE/FEDERAL:** The Attorney General's Office has been actively involved in questions of state and federal jurisdiction. What do you see as the role of the Attorney General in these issues?

**OTHER ISSUES:** What other issues do you consider the most important, and how would you address them?

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Which advisory and enforcement responsibilities of the Attorney General's office will need the most attention and resources in the next four years, and how would you address them?



**SAM HOUSTON (D)**

**STATE/FEDERAL:** The Attorney General of Texas represents the state and must protect the rights of all citizens. I will be a strong advocate for Texas, but often a lawsuit is not the best solution for all Texans. I will remove politics from the office and work to resolve issues without spending unnecessary time and taxpayer dollars on lawsuits that drag on for years.

**OTHER ISSUES:** The single most important issue in the race for Attorney General is the issue of trust and integrity. As Attorney General I will come to work everyday and apply Texas values to meet the challenges of our great state. I pledge to the people of Texas to be an Attorney General they can trust -- an Attorney General with professional integrity.

**EDUCATION:** 1984, BBA, University of Texas at Austin; 1987, JD, Baylor Law School

**EXPERIENCE:** 26 years as a practicing attorney. Partner in my own firm—Shepherd, Scott, Clawwater & Houston

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support division, and the consumer and environmental protection divisions to name a few. I will take an active role to insure that the office issues proper and timely opinions.



**KEN PAXTON (R)**

**STATE/FEDERAL:** The Attorney General's primary role is to defend the state in court. This includes defending state laws when the state is party to a suit and when a federal law conflicts with state law. The U.S. Constitution must be interpreted in the manner in which our Founding Fathers intended. I will defend the Constitution which I am sworn to protect and advance its principles.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Protecting personal privacy and prosecuting identity theft is another area of importance. The Attorney General should work to protect individual liberties from government interference. I will continue to oppose the Affordable Care Act mandates and regulations that threaten individual liberties and intrastate commerce.

**EDUCATION:** Baylor University, B.A. (Psychology), Baylor University, M.B.A., Virginia University, J.D.

**EXPERIENCE:** Attorney, Partner in a law firm, State Senator, SD 8: January 2013 - current, State Representative, HD 70: January 2003 to January 2013.

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**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Border security and stopping human trafficking are major priorities. Crimes by individuals and gangs will be investigated and prosecuted. I will investigate and prosecute Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse. I will promote a pro-job, pro-business regulatory environment. Child support collections will continue to grow as they have under General Abbott.



**JAMIE BALAGIA (L)**

**STATE/FEDERAL:** Doing the job assigned by the Statutes and the Texas Constitution without political party interference. Favoring the citizens of Texas first and then the State of Texas next. There are times that the State of Texas must resist Federal overreaching without political grandstanding. There are also times that Federal Law trumps State Law and I am thankful for that.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Those involving the Energy Industry, Transportation, Population Growth and Water resources. I also believe that we must protect individual freedoms and the State and Federal Constitutional Rights of our citizens. We have a lot of intelligent people in this state that are not controlled by the political parties or corporations. These are the resources we need to utilize.

**OTHER ISSUES:** The legalization of marijuana and body camera video taping of all police/citizen encounters will bring down the animosity that is increasing between law enforcement and our citizens. We need to demilitarization of our police departments while understanding that in extreme situations specialized response teams are necessary. We need to bring "to protect and to serve" back.

**EDUCATION:** 1976, AA Degree, Law Enforcement, Blinn College; 1978, BS Degree, Criminal Justice, SWTSU (Texas State University); 1992, Doctor of Jurisprudence, University of Texas School of Law; 1956-current, Hard Knocks Degree, School of Hard Knocks.

**EXPERIENCE:** 1978, Texas Peace Officer, Brenham Police Department 1979 - 1990, Texas Peace Officer, Austin Police Department 1992 - current, Texas Criminal Defense Attorney 1993 - current, Federally Licensed Attorney

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**JAMAR OSBORNE (G)**

**STATE/FEDERAL:** I support limited government both at the federal levels. Big government is usually much more intrusive at the state level. The government's role is not to act as an adult babysitter. The Attorney General's office should prevent mob rule from trampling over individual freedom. The AG should protect free markets and the freedom to contract.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** The process for requesting public records should be simplified. Secondly, the process for requesting Attorney General opinions should be accessible to the public by broadening the definition of "authorized requestors." I also would like to get a statute passed, making the AG's office the designated agent for accepting service of process on behalf of the State.

**OTHER ISSUES:** I would fight to deregulate the legal profession so that all citizens would have equal access to legal services. I would fight to impose strict regulations over attorneys fees and to allow citizens the freedom to contract with the counsel of their own choosing, irrespective of whether or not the chosen counsel is a licensed attorney.

**EDUCATION:** Juris Doctorate (law degree) Masters Degree in Public Affairs Bachelors of Arts (Political Science)

**EXPERIENCE:** I graduated law school; however, I am not a member of any bar association. I have represented myself in lawsuits and have helped others to do the same.

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**i** **VOTER information:** YOU MUST REGISTER TO VOTE AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION DATE.  
**Registering To Vote** THE LAST DAY YOU COULD REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE 2014 GENERAL ELECTION WAS OCTOBER 6.

**WHO CAN REGISTER?** To register to vote, you must be: • a citizen of the United States, • a resident of the county, and • at least 18 years old on Election Day. You must not have been declared mentally incapacitated by a court of law. If you have been convicted of a felony, you may register to vote only after you have completed the punishment phase of your conviction, including any terms of incarceration, parole, supervision, or period of probation ordered by the court.

**WHERE DO I REGISTER?** You can register in person at the voter registration office in your county, or fill out an application that can be mailed or returned in person to the voter registrar in your county of residence. Application forms are available at many libraries, government offices and high schools. The application is available online at the Secretary of State's voter information website, www.VoteTexas.gov. The website also allows you to search to see if you are already registered. After you apply, a voter registration certificate will be mailed to you within 30 days. This certificate includes your precinct for voting on Election Day as well as your congressional, state legislative, county, and local districts.

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**i** **VOTER information:** **What is Provisional Voting?**

The Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 provides for provisional voting if a voter's name does not appear on the list of registered voters due to an administrative error. If your name is not on the rolls of registered voters in your precinct, but you believe you are registered, the election judge will attempt to determine if you are registered somewhere in your county. If your registration cannot be found, you may cast a provisional vote by filling out an affidavit and a paper ballot. This ballot is kept separate from the regular ballots, and the case will be reviewed by the provisional voting ballot board. The ballot will be counted only if the voter is determined to be a registered voter in that precinct. Provisional voters will receive a notice in the mail by the tenth day after the local canvass advising them if their provisional ballots were counted and, if they were not counted, the reason why.



STATE OF TEXAS  
**COMPTROLLER  
OF PUBLIC  
ACCOUNTS**

Four-year term. Must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, and a Texas resident for at least 12 months. Among duties: collects taxes and fees owed the state; reports the state's financial condition to the Legislature at the end of each fiscal year and provides estimates of revenue for the coming year; provides economic development assistance to local governments and businesses; audits the performance of Texas schools. Current annual salary: \$150,000

**QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** The comptroller is the chief steward of the state's finances. What measures do you support to ensure wise use of state money?

**IMMIGRATION:** Do you support updating the 2006 study on the economic impact of illegal immigration in Texas? Why or why not?

**OTHER ISSUES:** What other issues do you consider the most important, and how would you address them?



**MIKE COLLIER (D)**

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** 1. Implement quarterly revenue forecasting to provide Legislature with more accurate, more timely revenue information; 2. strengthen financial controls including ethics, compliance and enforcement upgrade; 3. reform fund accounting to eliminate diversions and other "shell games"; 4. restore Performance Reviews to Comptroller's Office and rename them Accountability Audits.

**IMMIGRATION:** I support any study that enhances our understanding of the facts underlying important policy decisions. If we have reason to believe the 2006 study is obsolete, it should be updated. As an independent Comptroller, I would be very happy to lead that effort and offer an unbiased point of view if asked to do so by the Legislature.

**OTHER ISSUES:** On tax administration, reform is needed to ease the burden of compliance on businesses. Comptroller should also form an independent point of view based solely on the facts as to the vital decisions confronting the legislature.

**EDUCATION:** I hold a BBA in Petroleum Land Management and an MBA from the University of Texas at Austin. I graduated from Georgetown High School in Georgetown, Texas.

**EXPERIENCE:** Landman at Exxon, 1984 - 1996, Houston Price Waterhouse (PwC), 1988-2011 (Austin, Dallas, New York, and Houston) (spent 11 months as Controller of Scientific Measurement Systems in 1992) PwC partner 2001-2011 CFO, Layline Petroleum, 2011-2013

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**GLENN HEGAR (R)**

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** I will continue the Comptroller's legacy of increasing transparency. Also, I would like to implement zero-based budgeting, a method of budgeting in which all expenses must be justified each new budget cycle. Finally, we need to end the practice of diverting fees that were collected for a specific purpose in order to balance the state's budget.

**IMMIGRATION:** Yes. Texans deserve to know how much illegal immigration costs the taxpayers each year. In order for Texas to truly understand the costs of illegal immigration to our state, we need updated numbers.

**OTHER ISSUES:** The current system of taxation is inefficient, unfair, and relies too heavily on an antiquated system of property tax collection. Other components of our tax system that need to be reformed are the appraisal process and the state's margin tax. Both are too burdensome and need significant reform.

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's Degree, Texas A&M University; Law Degree, St. Mary's University; Masters Degree, St. Mary's University

**EXPERIENCE:** Small business owner, former State Rep. (2003-2008), current State Senator, served on both House Appropriations & Senate Finance Committees, Chairman of Senate Subcommittee on Fiscal Matters, former Chairman of the Sunset Advisory Commission

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**BEN SANDERS (L)**

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** As I have said countless times we first have to fully understand what it is we are spending our money on and why. Once we have a clear understanding of that, then we can move to reducing our budget. After we've reduced our collective expenditures in the budget we can move to reduce taxes for everyone. (<http://tribtalk.org/2014/07/06/a-libertarians-take-on-property-taxes/>)

**IMMIGRATION:** As Comptroller I will not waste the taxpayer's money on reports and studies that are best suited by the academic departments of the State's already funded Universities. This questions was recently updated and answered in March of 2014 by UTEP and NCBSI. (<http://ncbsi.utep.edu/documents/UAC%20Project%20Site%20Visits/UTEP%20NCBSI%20Final%20Report%20March%2020%202014.pdf>)

**OTHER ISSUES:** The Local and State pensions have an unfunded liability of \$53,849,110,848. As Texas Comptroller I would strongly advocate that all government employees be given the same right to influence their future and retirement as any other citizen through the implementation of 401k or IRA systems. (read more web on my web site <http://www.vote4sanders.com/issues>)

**EDUCATION:** Bachelors of Science - Chemistry; Master of Science - Computer Science; Doctor of Business Administration - Applied Computer Science; Certified Contracting Officer's Representative - Defense Acquisition University; Certified Records Manager - NARA

**EXPERIENCE:** I've trained my entire life for this position. During my years at NASA and the US Army, I honed my skills in leadership, through fairness, integrity, and honor and will instill those values in the eighteen Field Offices across Texas. (on website)

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**DEB SHAFTO (G)**

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** The comptroller must support and work with staff to insure accuracy in reporting and must use those accurate reports to advise the legislature of the financial impact of proposed bills. Of greatest importance is the duty to inform the public about the financial ramifications of proposed legislation.

**IMMIGRATION:** Yes, the study needs to be both current and accurate to allow us to plan responsibly for the future. The 2006 study was indicative of needs and the realities of the time, but does not account for the recent influx of immigrants fleeing violence to the south.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Fair taxation and distribution of resources where needed. The needs of the people must be considered ahead of personal or corporate profits. Our schools must be adequately funded to ensure a capable citizenry. Also of great importance is the provision for adequate water resources for the future. We must start now.

**EDUCATION:** I have an undergraduate BS and a Master's Degree from the University of Houston

**EXPERIENCE:** I have worked in service jobs, worked for a state agency helping adolescents move to successful adulthood, and taught early childhood education for 16 years. I owned and operated a small business (15 to 35 employees) for many years.

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STATE OF TEXAS  
**COMMISSIONER  
 OF GENERAL  
 LAND OFFICE**

Four-year term. Must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, and a Texas resident for at least 12 months. Among duties: management of state lands and mineral-right properties totaling 20.3 million acres and providing revenues for the Permanent School Fund; repository of state land documents; responsible for the prevention of and response to oil spills that occur on "submerged" lands out to 10.3 miles in the Gulf of Mexico. The Commissioner also serves as a chairman of seven state boards, including the School Land Board, the Veterans Land Board, and the Coastal Coordination Council. Current annual salary: \$137,500

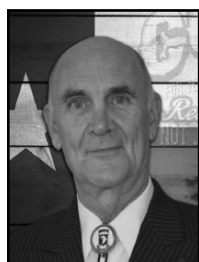
**QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**COASTAL LANDS:** Texas is among the five states receiving federal funding through the Restore Act passed by the Senate in 2011. How should this funding be used to improve the existing threats to Texas coastal lands?

**WETLANDS:** Much emphasis is being placed by ecologists and environmental groups on restoring and protecting the coastal wetlands to alleviate damage

from major storms; however, developers and home owners want to build in these areas. How would you address the concerns of these divergent interest groups?

**OTHER ISSUES:** What other issues do you consider the most important, and how would you address them?



**JOHN COOK (D)**

**COASTAL LANDS:** The historic funds exist in two categories the Direct Component and the Centers of Excellence component. The funds are available through grant programs and can be used to make improvements to the ecosystem or for economic recovery. Our grant requests should be to assist the industries impacted, including the fishing, shrimping, and crabbing industries and eco-tourism.

**WETLANDS:** The beaches of Texas have always belonged to the people of Texas. We need to keep it that way for future generations of Texans. I believe we should focus on protecting and restoring coastal areas. This includes restrictions on development. Developers must partner to keep tradition in mind on their projects thereby allowing development yet maintaining public access.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Set standards for Fracking that: 1 Protect our water resources, 2 Protect the health of populations 3 Respect adjacent property owners right to preserve their quality of life. 4 Maximize the royalties paid to fund Public Education. History records oil booms & busts. . Let's be careful not to destroy while we build our future on energy independence

**EDUCATION:** Immaculata High School, NYC, NY, St Francis College, Brooklyn, NY, El Paso Community College, El Paso, TX, University of Texas at El Paso, BBA, Mktg/Mgmt, University of Texas at El Paso, Teaching Certification

**EXPERIENCE:** 1965-1974 Western Electric Company Installer 1967-1970 United States Army Soldier 1975-1983 Mountain Bell Manager 1983-1990 Southwestern Bell Manager 1992-1993 EPISD Teacher 1994-1995 Hoang Foods VP Mktg 1999-2005 City Council 2005-2013 Mayor

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**GEORGE P. BUSH (R)**

**COASTAL LANDS:** We should focus on regional solutions that have benefits to water quality & habitat restoration as well as enhanced public recreation activities (fishing, boating, beaches). Protecting the ecological resources in turn assists in protecting our coastal economic resources, by slowing storm surge to reduce damage and improving habitats for our fishing and sporting industries.

**WETLANDS:** I believe we can do both. Texans have proven that we can manage our natural resources effectively while fostering a vibrant and strong coastal economy. I look forward to working with all stakeholders to ensure we have a bright future for the Texas coast.

**OTHER ISSUES:** As Land Commissioner, I will use the influence that the GLO has over public schools due to the Permanent School Fund to push for improvement in education, including more choice, more flexibility for schools and more results for students. I will also work to promote more energy jobs and to help our veterans as they return to civilian life after having served us in combat.

**EDUCATION:** Born in Houston, George P. received his undergraduate degree from Rice University. In 2000, he attended The University of Texas School of Law, where he earned his Juris Doctorate.

**EXPERIENCE:** Former inner city public high school teacher. Past Chairman of Uplift Education. Entrepreneur in real estate investment and energy sector. Officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve. Served in Afghanistan. For more information: [www.GeorgePforTexas.org/about](http://www.GeorgePforTexas.org/about)

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**VALERIE ALESSI (G)**

**COASTAL LANDS:** The fact that this is still a question four years after the BP oil spill is ludicrous. It is evident that the current leadership does not care for the environment, as the board that was appointed to address these problems did not even meet for the first time until October of 2013 and only unveiled a website in July 2014. Restoration needs to begin immediately.

**WETLANDS:** It is without question that environmental devastation contributes to climate change, and negatively impacts the world that we pass to our children. I cannot imagine having to tell future generations that property rights were more important than a sustainable environment, so I

fully intend to always put the well-being of the environment above the needs of the landed gentry.

**OTHER ISSUES:** For too long the state of Texas has put the needs of industry before the sustainability of the environment, and that must stop. I fully intend to take a strong position in favor of the good of the environment.

**EDUCATION:** No response.

**EXPERIENCE:** No response.

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STATE OF TEXAS  
**COMMISSIONER  
OF AGRICULTURE**

Four-year term. Must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, and a Texas resident for at least 12 months. Among duties: regulates fuel pumps and weights and measures devices; regulates pesticide use and application; certifies organically produced products; facilitates trade and market development of agricultural commodities. Current annual salary: \$137,500

**QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**ENVIRONMENT:** How do you propose to grow a business-friendly state while maintaining the environment?

**WATER:** What measures do you support to address the future water needs of Texas?

**OTHER ISSUES:** What other issues do you consider the most important, and how would you address them?



**JIM HOGAN (D)**

**ENVIRONMENT:** Sustainable agriculture is a goal that we must reach for. Young farmers is must. An environment that allows farmers to succeed. Land availability is right up there. Work with univeristies to have safer alternatives for herbicides and pesticides.

**WATER:** Desalination is definitely on the horizon. The cost has got to be worked on.

**OTHER ISSUES:** To be a farmer. You need land, capital, markets, and water. All will be prioritized.

**EDUCATION:** I graduated from Mansfield High School in 1969 and I attended college at Tarleton State University.

**EXPERIENCE:** I have spent 32 years in the dairy business and in farming.

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**SID MILLER (R)**

**ENVIRONMENT:** I believe the best stewards of the land are those who earn their living from it. While Texans should be concerned about preserving our environmental resources, we should not over regulate to the point that we kill jobs & economic opportunity. Today, Texas provides the safest, most cost effective food supply in the world while creating jobs and opportunities in agriculture.

**WATER:** Protecting our precious water resources is a top priority and will be a focus of the Texas Department of Agriculture. We must maintain the rule of capture, create desalinization plants, make water infrastructure improvements, and encourage conservation, including removing restrictions to allow rainwater harvesting.

**OTHER ISSUES:** We must protect our private property rights and fight back against overzealous &, oftentimes, abusive federal government overreach by the EPA, BLM, & USDA. We must preserve our unique Texas heritage and defend our constitutional freedoms, including our 2nd Amendment rights to keep and bear arms. We must secure our border and protect the farmers and ranchers who live there.

**EDUCATION:** AA - Cisco Junior College - Graduated with Honors Vocational Agriculture, B.S. - Tarleton State University - Graduated with Honors

**EXPERIENCE:** As an eighth generation Texas farmer and rancher, I raise crops, cattle, horses, & nursery stock. I am a former vocational agriculture teacher and served twelve years in the Texas House where I was Chairman of the Livestock & Agriculture Committee.

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**DAVID (ROCKY) PALMQUIST (L)**

**ENVIRONMENT:** The worst thing a farmer or rancher can hear is "I am from the government and I'm here to help you" What the government does least is what's best. With continuing drought we must look to new crops such as industrial hemp. Many states have already legalized this and as Texans we should be the leader in this eco-friendly crop of many uses.

**WATER:** The Texas Department of Agriculture really has little to do with our water resources. I would strongly encourage proper soil erosion prevention, rain water collection resulting in a tax break, and drought tolerant crops such a hemp. Some studies suggest irrigation water will be gone in 15 years in parts of Texas. We must begin the transformation now.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Marijuana Legalization needs to become a reality in Texas. We are losing millions of dollars to states like Colorado just as we have been losing gambling money to Louisiana and New Mexico. Let's legalize, regulate, tax, and then begin dismantling the state property tax. It can be done. Don't let politicians tell you otherwise. After all, they've been lying to us forever!

**EDUCATION:** High School Austin Community College

**EXPERIENCE:** I have been involved in agriculture since the age of 16 when I started my own plant business out of my back yard, thus carrying on 11 generations of family involvement in agriculture. I have been involved in many civic organizations.

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**KENNETH KENDRICK (G)**

**ENVIRONMENT:** I want Texas to be known as the safest place to buy agriculture Products, thus causing major producers to want to buy from Texas and have the Texas label. I want food from China marked as such given the problems they have caused. I GMO marked as such as consumers have the right to know. The pesticide division must enforce what is their, and chemical used must have been on ///

**WATER:** Water conservation districts have to be there. Fracking is a killer in that takes water and contaminates. We must progress in how we handle this. I know the aquifer that my area uses starts in Colorado, we can not let some dry it up from the northwest and then leave the rest of use bone dry. Like cities, we may have to implement a state wide restriction process also.

**OTHER ISSUES:** I am proud to be Running for Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, my main issues: 1) Make Texas Food the Safest in the nation and that be known

nationwide. 2)water be safe to drink. As a Former Pest Control Technician I know the way we must make sure our drinking water safe. 3)3) Corporate Accountability- After Blowing the Whistle on Peanut Corp of America, it was discovered ///

**EDUCATION:** My Wife serves on our school Board here in Wilson and I have a web page that shows my passion for teachers [https://www.facebook.com/WilsonISDconcernedcitizens?ref\\_type=bookmark](https://www.facebook.com/WilsonISDconcernedcitizens?ref_type=bookmark) in my local district. Even though I am running for Agriculture Commission ///

**EXPERIENCE:** As it relates to Agriculture Commissioner : Even though known as a Whistle Blower against the Peanut Company, I also have worked as a lab tech in the food industry, The peanut Plant, and a Pest Control Tech (all within Dept of AG) 5 year advocate ///

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STATE OF TEXAS  
**RAILROAD  
 COMMISSIONER**

Six-year term (on a three-person commission). Must be at least 25 years old, a U.S. citizen, and a Texas resident and registered voter. Among duties: regulation of the oil and natural gas industry, including drilling production and environmental protection; natural gas utilities; natural gas and hazardous liquids pipeline safety; surface mining of coal, uranium, and iron ore gravel, including land reclamation; transportation and storage of liquefied petroleum gas, compressed natural gas, and liquefied natural gas; encourages the use of clean-burning propane and researches new technologies for its use. Current annual salary: \$137,500

**QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**FRACKING:** Drilling rules were written to increase well productivity. What types of fracking rules are needed and how should they be enforced?

**COMMISSION STRUCTURE:** The Railroad Commission no longer allows staff members access to news media. How would you increase transparency of the Railroad Commission?

**OTHER ISSUES:** What other issues do you consider the most important, and how would you address them?



**STEVE BROWN (D)**

**FRACKING:** Rules should be established to ensure that landowners and key stakeholders are properly notified about permit applications. I would also support establishing a baseline of environmental factors through geological surveys and water tests to determine how drilling might impact an area. Finally, violators must be penalized decisively to deter future transgressions.

**COMMISSION STRUCTURE:** Texans deserve an accountable and transparent Railroad Commission. It is critical that the media have access to agency experts like petroleum engineers who understand the quality of work being done as Texas' oil and gas production booms. Repealing the media access rule would be a good first step in regaining the public's trust.

**OTHER ISSUES:** The voices of Texas taxpayers are buried in an avalanche of campaign cash. The public has lost trust in the fairness of the regulatory process. I would change the name to the Energy Resources Commission, shorten the fundraising period to one month per year for Commissioners not up for reelection, and prohibit donations from businesses with contested RRC matters.

**EDUCATION:** North Carolina A&T State University B.A. Political Science Minor Economics

**EXPERIENCE:** My career spans well over 15 years of legislative, political, and advocacy experience. I began my career at The White House as an intern for President Bill Clinton. I have since worked at the state, local and federal levels of government.

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**RYAN SITTON (R)**

**FRACKING:** All of the commission's rules should be based on sound science and data and properly balance the safety and health of communities with our need to responsibly produce as much energy as possible. Fracking is a proven, reliable and safe drilling technique that has allowed for tremendous growth in energy production. The current rules related to fracking are sufficient.

**COMMISSION STRUCTURE:** I don't believe this question is accurate. My understanding is that staff members are made available to the media in certain situations. I will encourage more access to the staff, but my way of increasing transparency will be to make myself available to the public and media to answer their questions about what actions the commission is taking and why.

**OTHER ISSUES:** I think it is critically important for the citizens of Texas to feel confident in the way that our natural resources are being produced. I plan to spend a great deal of time answering people's questions about what the commission does and why we do it. We have important challenges facing us including water issues, seismicity, municipal jurisdiction and others.

**EDUCATION:** Cistercian Preparatory School - Irving, Texas; Texas A&M University, B.S. Mechanical Engineering

**EXPERIENCE:** In 2006 my wife Jennifer and I founded PinnacleAIS, an engineering and technology company focused on reliability and integrity programs for the oil, gas, and petrochemical industries. I have over fifteen years of energy industry experience.

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**MARK A. MILLER (L)**

**FRACKING:** The Commission has rules to satisfy many purposes, e.g., prevention of waste, protection of mineral rights, water resources, and public safety. Fracking, per se, requires few additional rules. However, the fracking boom requires consideration of rules related to such things as waste water injection, discharge of natural gas, and protection of surface owner rights.

**COMMISSION STRUCTURE:** I oppose the current Railroad Commission policy and will work to revise it. Until I am able to do so, I will make myself readily and regularly available to the media and the public. As a knowledgeable expert in oil and gas, I will easily be in a position to adequately explain the Commission's policies, rule-making activities, and findings on important specific issues.

**OTHER ISSUES:** The oil and gas industry believes the Commission to be a fair arbiter of its "inside baseball" conflicts. The Commission must earn the same trust with the public by having highly-qualified Commissioners whose focus will be protecting public safety, natural resources, and the rights of all property owners, along with the right to engage in free and prosperous commerce.

**EDUCATION:** BS Engineering, Harvey Mudd College, 1972; PhD Petroleum Engineering, Stanford U., 1983

**EXPERIENCE:** 42 years as a practicing petroleum engineer, 18 of which were spent on the petroleum engineering faculty at UT Austin. Currently CEO and CTO of a small company that develops software for the oil and gas industry.

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**MARTINA SALINAS (G)**

**FRACKING:** The railroad commission needs to implement regulations that protect the quality of life that Texas citizens have come to expect. No one should have to worry whether their air is safe to breathe, or if their water is safe to drink. The commission also needs to be more vigilant in that only safe and reputable energy companies are allowed to operate in Texas.

**COMMISSION STRUCTURE:** I hope to amend the policy to at least allow technical staff to explain technical issues and provide technical information through the news media in order to provide public information.

**OTHER ISSUES:** As a public agency the Railroad Commissions only duty should be to the citizens of Texas. Industry interest should not be held more important than the rights of Texas citizens. Eminent domain and common carrier policy need to be reformed. Disposal well construction needs to be standardized and should have more inspections performed.

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's of Science in Civil Technology-Construction Management-University of Houston

**EXPERIENCE:** Have worked the past 8 years in the construction industry working on city and state road construction projects.

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# Voting for Judges

## IN TEXAS

ALTHOUGH IN SOME STATES JUDGES ARE APPOINTED, MOST JUDGES IN TEXAS ARE ELECTED. VOTING DECISIONS IN JUDICIAL RACES ARE AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT THAT A TEXAS VOTER MAKES.

### WHY ARE JUDICIAL ELECTIONS IMPORTANT?

Judges make decisions about fundamental issues that affect all of us — family life, education, health care, housing, employment, finances, discrimination, civil rights, public safety, and government actions. Those decisions can have long-lasting impact on individuals, groups, and the public as a whole. It is critical that our judges make fair decisions based upon open-minded and unbiased consideration of the facts and the law in each case. Judges must know the law and not be influenced by any external political and economic factors.

### WHAT SHOULD VOTERS LOOK FOR WHEN ELECTING JUDGES?

According to the American Bar Association, principles to consider in selection of judges include:

- *Judges should uphold the rule of law.*
- *Judges should be independent and impartial.*
- *Judges should possess the appropriate temperament and character.*
- *Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials.*
- *Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public.*
- *The judicial system should be diverse and reflective of the society it serves.*
- *Judges should be constrained to perform their duties in a manner that justifies public faith and confidence in the court.*

Unlike candidates for most political offices, judicial candidates cannot make promises about decisions they would make when certain issues or types of cases come up in their court. Questions posed to judges, therefore, focus on improvements they would make to their court, the need for impartiality and how they would increase access to justice.

### HOW IS THE TEXAS COURT SYSTEM ORGANIZED?

The Texas court system is made up of a statewide network of trial courts and appellate courts. In trial courts, judges and/or juries evaluate the facts and the law and make a decision in a civil or criminal legal dispute. When decisions in most trial courts are appealed, they are sent to an appellate court where judges consider what happened at the trial court, evaluate legal arguments, and then decide if a mistake was made. See <http://www.courts.state.tx.us/pubs/court-overview.pdf> for a chart of the Texas court structure.

The state's two highest courts, the Texas Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeals, have both administrative and appellate responsibilities. The Supreme Court is the final court of appeals within Texas for both civil and juvenile cases. The Court of Criminal Appeals hears criminal cases that are appealed from one of the 14 Courts of Appeals and death penalty cases that by law go straight to the Court of Criminal Appeals.

All members of each court are elected for six-year terms, with three elected every two years. Any vacancies are filled by gubernatorial appointment until the next general election.

### Identify the Court of Appeals Serving Your Texas County:

1<sup>ST</sup> COURT OF APPEALS: AUSTIN, BRAZORIA, CHAMBERS, COLORADO, FORT BEND, GALVESTON, GRIMES, HARRIS, WALLER & WASHINGTON

2<sup>ND</sup> COURT OF APPEALS: ARCHER, CLAY, COOKE, DENTON, HOOD, JACK, MONTAGUE, PARKER, TARRANT, WICHITA, WISE & YOUNG

3<sup>RD</sup> COURT OF APPEALS: BASTROP, BELL, BLANCO, BURNET, CALDWELL, COKE, COMAL, CONCHO, FAYETTE, HAYS, IRION, LAMPASAS, LEE, LLANO, MCCULLOCH, MILAM, MILLS, RUNNELS, SAN SABA, SCHLEICHER, STERLING, TOM GREEN, TRAVIS & WILLIAMSON

4<sup>TH</sup> COURT OF APPEALS: ATASCOSA, BANDERA, BEXAR, BROOKS, DIMMIT, DUVAL, EDWARDS, FRIO, GILLESPIE, GUADALUPE, JIM HOGG, JIM WELLS, KARNES, KENDALL, KERR, KIMBLE, KINNEY, LA SALLE, MASON, MAVERICK, MCMULLEN, MEDINA, MENARD, REAL, STARR, SUTTON, UVALDE, VAL VERDE, WEBB, WILSON, ZAPATA & ZAVALA

5<sup>TH</sup> COURT OF APPEALS: COLLIN, DALLAS, GRAYSON, HUNT, KAUFMAN & ROCKWALL

6<sup>TH</sup> COURT OF APPEALS: BOWIE, CAMP, CASS, DELTA, FANNIN, FRANKLIN, GREGG, HARRISON, HOPKINS, HUNT, LAMAR, MARION, MORRIS, PANOLA, RED RIVER, RUSK, TITUS, UPSHUR & WOOD

7<sup>TH</sup> COURT OF APPEALS: ARMSTRONG, BAILEY, BRISCOE, CARSON, CASTRO, CHILDRESS, COCHRAN, COLLINGSWORTH, COTTLE, CROSBY, DALLAM, DEAF SMITH, DICKENS, DONLEY, FLOYD, FOARD, GARZA, GRAY, HALE, HALL, HANSFORD, HARDEMAN, HARTLEY, HEMPHILL, HOCKLEY, HUTCHINSON, KENT, KING, LAMB, LIPSCOMB, LUBBOCK, LYNN, MOORE, MOTLEY, OCHILTREE, OLDHAM, PARMER, POTTER, RANDALL, ROBERTS, SHERMAN, SWISHER, TERRY, WHEELER, WILBARGER & YOAKUM

8<sup>TH</sup> COURT OF APPEALS: ANDREWS, BREWSTER, CRANE, CROCKETT, CULBERSON, EL PASO, HUDSPETH, JEFF DAVIS, LOVING, PECOS, PRESIDIO, REAGAN, REEVES, TERRELL, UPTON, WARD & WINKLER

9<sup>TH</sup> COURT OF APPEALS: HARDIN, JASPER, JEFFERSON, LIBERTY, MONTGOMERY, NEWTON, ORANGE, POLK, SAN JACINTO & TYLER

10<sup>TH</sup> COURT OF APPEALS: BOSQUE, BRAZOS, BURLESON, CORYELL, ELLIS, FALLS, FREESTONE, HAMILTON, HILL, JOHNSON, LEON, LIMESTONE, MADISON, MCLENNAN, NAVARRO, ROBERTSON, SOMERVELL & WALKER

11<sup>TH</sup> COURT OF APPEALS: BAYLOR, BORDEN, BROWN, CALLAHAN, COLEMAN, COMANCHE, DAWSON, EASTLAND, ECTOR, ERATH, FISHER, GAINES, GLASSCOCK, HASKELL, HOWARD, JONES, KNOX, MARTIN, MIDLAND, MITCHELL, NOLAN, PALO PINTO, SCURRY, SHACKELFORD, STEPHENS, STONEWALL, TAYLOR & THROCKMORTON

12<sup>TH</sup> COURT OF APPEALS: ANDERSON, ANGELINA, CHEROKEE, GREGG, HENDERSON, HOUSTON, NACOGDOCHES, RAINS, RUSK, SABINE, SAN AUGUSTINE, SHELBY, SMITH, TRINITY, UPSHUR, VAN ZANDT & WOOD

13<sup>TH</sup> COURT OF APPEALS: ARANSAS, BEE, CALHOUN, CAMERON, DE WITT, GOLIAD, GONZALES, HIDALGO, JACKSON, KENEDY, KLEBERG, LAVACA, LIVE OAK, MATAGORDA, NUECES, REFUGIO, SAN PATRICIO, VICTORIA, WHARTON & WILLACY

14<sup>TH</sup> COURT OF APPEALS: AUSTIN, BRAZORIA, CHAMBERS, COLORADO, FORT BEND, GALVESTON, GRIMES, HARRIS, WALLER & WASHINGTON

### **i** VOTER information:

**EARLY VOTING:** All registered voters may vote early by personal appearance at any early voting location in their county. Early Voting times and locations are listed on page 30 of this *Voters Guide*. Early voting days for the 2014 General Election are October 20 – 31.

### **When and Where You May Vote**

**ELECTION DAY VOTING:** On Election Day (Tuesday, November 4), you may vote at any of the Lubbock County General and Special Election Vote Center locations. The Election Day Vote Centers are listed on page 31 of this *Voters Guide*.

County elections addresses and fax numbers are available at [www.VoteTexas.gov](http://www.VoteTexas.gov) or at [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org). Voting places are also listed in most newspapers. In Lubbock County, you may vote at any of the Vote Center locations. You do not need to vote in your precinct.



JUSTICE, CHIEF JUSTICE

# TEXAS SUPREME COURT

Six-year term. Must be at least 35 years old, a U.S. citizen, and a Texas resident. Must have been a practicing lawyer for at least 10 years or a lawyer and a judge of a court of record for at least 10 years. Serves as a member of the court of final appellate jurisdiction in civil matters in the state; has the power to issue writs of mandamus, and preside over proceedings for removal of judges; regulates and licenses lawyers; manages the Basic Civil Legal Services Program for the poor. Annual authorized salary: \$152,500 (Chief Justice), \$150,000 (Justice)

## QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES

**PUBLIC PROTECTION:** The Texas Supreme Court oversees and controls rules and standards for the legal profession. What changes, if any, are needed to provide better protection to the public?

**IMPARTIALITY:** Do you believe changes in the current election process are needed to improve or maintain impartiality, given the need to raise funds from political campaign contributors?

### WILLIAM MOODY (D)

**PUBLIC PROTECTION:** None

**IMPARTIALITY:** Yes



### NATHAN HECHT (R)

**PUBLIC PROTECTION:** Attorney ethics rules should be revised to prohibit unreasonable fees, better protect client confidentiality, prohibit improper intimate relationships with clients, ensure lawyer loyalty, and provide for fair but strict discipline of violators. The Texas Supreme Court has supported rules revisions to provide high ethical standards for lawyers and protect the public.

**IMPARTIALITY:** Texans want to elect their judges, and campaigning is expensive, but from my first race for the Texas Supreme Court, I helped pioneer contribution limits that have since become law. I have tried to

**EDUCATION:** B.A. Political Science UTEP J.D. Texas Tech University

**EXPERIENCE:** 28 years as District Judge

## CHIEF JUSTICE

raise broad support from many people and avoid any appearance of impropriety. I am always mindful of my solemn oath to faithfully execute the duties of my office.

**EDUCATION:** J.D., SMU Law School cum laude; B.A., Yale University (Honors in Philosophy)

**EXPERIENCE:** Texas Supreme Court (elected Justice 1988, re-elected 1994, 2000, 2006; appointed Chief Justice 2013); Fifth Court of Appeals (1986-1988); 95th District Court (1981-1986); lawyer and shareholder, Locke firm (1976-1981); Lieutenant, USNR, JAG Corps

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### TOM OXFORD (L)

**PUBLIC PROTECTION:** While no system is perfect Texas has a working and effective grievance process. Lawyers are suspended or disbarred every month for ethical lapses. Our problems involve access to justice and the courts. This is where we should focus our efforts.

**IMPARTIALITY:** I do not have an easy answer to the lack of impartiality in many of our courts. No one has that answer. If the public continues to allow thirty second TV ads to govern their vote candidates will continue to be beholden to the wealthy. Going to a non partisan election system would do nothing to change the need for large cash contributions. Voters must get beyond the ads.

**EDUCATION:** Undergraduate degree in Political Science from The University of Texas. Doctor of Jurisprudence from The University of Houston.

**EXPERIENCE:** Managing Attorney for the firm of Waldman and Smallwood P.C. for the past fifteen years. Managing Attorney for a non-profit legal aid office in Southeast Texas for the preceding ten years.

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## JUSTICE, PLACE 6

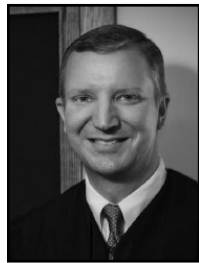
### LAWRENCE EDWARD MEYERS (D)

**PUBLIC PROTECTION:** I do not see the need for any changes at this time.

**IMPARTIALITY:** Yes.

**EDUCATION:** B.A. in history & chemistry from Southern Methodist University in 1970 J.D. from the University of Kansas School of Law in 1973 L.L.M. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1998 Board Certified in Criminal Law and Criminal Appellate Law

**EXPERIENCE:** 1973-1974 Assistant District Attorney, Montgomery County, Kansas 1975-1988 practiced civil, criminal, and appellate law in Fort Worth 1989-1992 Associate Justice, Second Court of Appeals in Fort Worth 1992-present Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals



### JEFF BROWN (R)

**PUBLIC PROTECTION:** The Court works diligently to responsibly oversee and administer the legal profession. I'm honored to serve as the Court's liaison to the Grievance Oversight Committee, which reviews the attorney-client grievance process and makes recommendations to the Court. The Court is constantly working to assure that the profession is responsive to the needs of the public.

**IMPARTIALITY:** I believe judges should be accountable to the voters. Currently judges must run for office and must raise money to fund those campaigns. Though I do not believe that Texas judges allow contributions to affect their impartiality, I understand that some may disagree. I

am open to the idea of adopting retention elections to dampen the influence of money in judicial elections.

**EDUCATION:** I have a BA in English from the University of Texas and a law degree, with high honors, from the University of Houston. I'm also board-certified in civil trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

**EXPERIENCE:** I have almost 13 years of judicial experience—6 years as a trial judge, 6 years as a court-of-appeals judge, and 11 months as a Supreme Court justice. I've won 3 judge-of-the-year awards. Before taking the bench, I practiced at Baker Botts in Houston

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## VOTER information

The League of Women Voters never supports or opposes candidates for office, or political parties, and any use of the League of Women Voters name in campaign advertising or literature has not been authorized by the League.

*Additional candidate information and races are available at [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org).*



**MARK ASH (L)**

**PUBLIC PROTECTION:** The Texas Supreme Court should approve standard forms that can be accessed by both lawyers and the persons who represent themselves without a lawyer (pro se). These forms should be available online and in all civil courts throughout the state. These forms should be suggested-forms only and not be considered legal advice or a substitute for competent counsel.

**IMPARTIALITY:** Impartiality can be difficult to maintain if a judicial candidate accepts political campaign contributions. I will not accept campaign contributions from anyone in excess of \$50.00. However, judicial

candidates should be free to accept any contribution amount so long as the contribution amount is a matter of public record.

**EDUCATION:** Las Cruces High School, Las Cruces, New Mexico, High School Diploma, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico, Associates in Arts University of Texas at El Paso, Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology, South Texas College of Law, JD

**EXPERIENCE:** Practice of Criminal and Civil Law in the State of Texas for over 20 years, I have represented individuals and small businesses in all federal and state courts in both criminal and civil matters.

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**GINA BENAVIDES (D)**

**PUBLIC PROTECTION:** While the legal profession is a self-regulating profession, we should also be mindful of the needs of the public at-large and how our profession affects the public. One of those needs includes ensuring that the everyone has continued access to our justice system. Since my appointment to the TAJC by the Texas Supreme Court in 2010, I have work hard to ensure that right.

**IMPARTIALITY:** As a judge who has sat through two elections and participated in an appointment-selection process, I support the election of

judges. Until we have a system which is void of politics and money, our current system at least gives the citizens of the State of Texas the right to choose their judges. As a judge for 7 years, I do not allowed politics enter into my decisions.

**EDUCATION:** JD University of Houston Law Center 1988 BAA University of Texas at Austin 1985

**EXPERIENCE:** Appellate Justice, Chair Texas Center for Judiciary, Board of Texas Access for Justice Commission, Board of Judicial Section, 2014 Judge of the Year, 2007 Latina Judge NHBA, Minority Director of SBOT, President MABA Texas, Regional VP TADC, many more

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**JEFF BOYD (R)**

**PUBLIC PROTECTION:** Our profession's greatest current challenge is finding ways to make it easier, more efficient, and less expensive for people to seek justice in the justice system. We have implemented e-filing, expedited trial rules, & Access to Justice programs around the state, and we need to improve these innovative changes to make courts more "user-friendly."

**IMPARTIALITY:** Changes in the current system could help, but many changes bring problems of their own. I have committed to not take a position on any current proposed changes until I have personally been through this election cycle as a candidate. The vast majority of Texans

want to keep ELECTING their judges, and my general view is that we should be hesitant to take away that right.

**EDUCATION:** Justice Boyd graduated summa cum laude (second in his class) from Pepperdine University School of Law in 1991. Before attending law school, he graduated cum laude with a degree in Biblical Studies from Abilene Christian University, in 1983.

**EXPERIENCE:** Justice, Texas Supreme Court (2012-present) Chief of Staff & General Counsel, Office of the Texas Governor (2011-12) Attorney, Thompson & Knight (1992-2000, 2003-2010) Deputy Attorney General (2000-2003) Youth & Family Minister (1983-2000)

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**DON FULTON (L)**

**PUBLIC PROTECTION:** They need to set better standards for themselves and the courts of appeal-pass a rule of appellate procedure which prohibits justices from seeing or learning the name of the lawyer submitting petitions or briefs. Make a decision on the merits and not on who the lawyer is. Enforce that rule with ethical sanctions for violation by attorneys or parties, recusal for justices.

**IMPARTIALITY:** The proposed rule above will do more than all the campaign finance rules. Once put in place a lot of the funds would dry up. There are now plenty of free sources for judicial candidates to get their message

out for little of no cost, and any contribution would be legitimate, rather than an attempt to buy influence. I have refused to solicit or accept any campaign funds.

**EDUCATION:** High School Diploma Arlington High School, Arlington, Texas (with honors) 1968 B. A. Economics 1972 (with honors) from U. T. A. Army Officer's Basic Course 1972 Juris Doctor S. M. U. School of Law 1976 Arly Officer's Advanced Course (App 1978)

**EXPERIENCE:** Private practice of law for 37 yrs in the courts of at least 35 counties around the state, along with: U.S. Sup. Court, U S Court of App., 5th Cir, Sup. Court of Texas, Court of Criminal Appeals, 3 Courts of App, FC ND TX, BIA and Imm. Court

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**CHARLES E. WATERBURY (G)**

**PUBLIC PROTECTION:** I believe the rules and standards of the legal profession I believe provide significant protection to the public.

**IMPARTIALITY:** The judicial election process has been utterly corrupted by the need to raise massive amounts of money in order to run a viable campaign. This requirement was put in place and maintained by both the Democrat and Republican party. The corrupting influence of huge amounts of cash ensures that both

the Democrat and Republican candidate are beholden to special interests.

**EDUCATION:** Baylor University School of Law, 1992 Juris Doctor Texas Christian University, 1989 Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude

**EXPERIENCE:** Practicing law since November of 1992. I have practiced in my own firm since February 1996. The focus of my practice is personal injury and immigration cases.

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**i** VOTER information: **Help Someone Vote**

**Have a relative, friend, or neighbor who needs help to go vote? Offer to take them to the poll when you are going!**



JUDGE  
**TEXAS COURT  
 OF CRIMINAL  
 APPEALS**

Six-year term. Must be at least 35 years old, a U.S. citizen, and a Texas resident. Must have been a practicing lawyer for at least 10 years or a lawyer and a judge of a court of record for at least 10 years. Serves as a member of the court of final appellate jurisdiction in criminal matters, including death penalty cases, in the state; has the power to issue writs of habeas corpus for felons; administers publicly funded judicial and lawyer education. Annual authorized salary: \$152,500 (Presiding Judge), \$150,000 (Judge)

**QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** The traditional funding source for legal aid for the poor and for indigent defense has been shrinking because of low interest rates. How can Texas improve access to justice in criminal cases?

**OBLIGATIONS:** What are the most important obligations of a Court of Criminal Appeals judge and why?

**JUDGE, PLACE 3**



**JOHN GRANBERG (D)**

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** There are many ways the source of funding for indigent can be improved. The screening process can be improved so that truly needy people receive indigent defense representation. Another source, would be to have a set percentage rate of taxes set by statute so that the various counties across the state will have a stable and predictable fund to draw upon.

**OBLIGATIONS:** The most important obligations are to review death penalty case and writs of habeas corpus. The justices need to be fair, impartial and accessible to last minute stays of execution. With

the state empowered to take a life, the judiciary needs to do its part to administer justice as openly, transparently, and as quickly as possible. Justice delayed is often justice denied

**EDUCATION:** 1998 Texas Tech University Dual Bachelors in Philosophy and Communication Studies with Honors 2001 Texas Tech University School of Law JD

**EXPERIENCE:** Solo Practitioner, Granberg Law Office, El Paso, Texas 2005---Present General Practice with an emphasis on criminal and immigration law. Licensed in the State of Texas and New Mexico, State and Federal Court. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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**BERT RICHARDSON (R)**

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** I have presided in 40 counties in the last 5 years. When counties have funding available for a Public Defender's Office that works best, in conjunction with judges appointing qualified lawyers from a list approved by the courts when the PD is conflicted. I have participated in 2 significant pro bono projects in my career and also believe local lawyers should do that.

**OBLIGATIONS:** First, to write opinions that lawyers easily understand that clearly follow the constitution and legislative intent of statutes.

To show up for work and work hard, issuing opinions in a timely manner. As an elected judge in Bexar County I was consistently ranked at the top of local Bar Polls for knowledge of the law, work ethic and judicial demeanor.

**EDUCATION:** J.D., St. Mary's University School of Law JD, B.S., Brigham Young University, High School - Judson, Converse, Texas, Board Certified in Criminal Law, Fluent in Spanish

**EXPERIENCE:** I am a 25 year lawyer that has served as a State and Federal prosecutor. I currently preside throughout the State as a Senior Judge. I have tried and presided over hundreds of trials, including capital murders and written over 50 appellate briefs.

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**VOTER  
 information:  
 Student Voters**

Students may use either their parents' address or their college address for voter registration, whichever they consider to be their permanent address. Students cannot be registered at both places. The general rule of thumb is that wherever students claim residency is the place where they should be registered to vote. Students who will be away from their address on Election Day and during early voting may request ballots by mail.

Student IDs are not adequate photo IDs for voting and will not be accepted at the polls.

**JUDGE, PLACE 4**



**KEVIN PATRICK YEARY (R)**

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** Indigent criminal defendants are entitled to free, constitutionally effective counsel, both at trial and on direct appeal. Some counties use public defender offices. In other counties, the courts appoint counsel. I have some other ideas, but any solution must balance the need for quality representation of indigent defendants against the reality of scarce resources.

**OBLIGATIONS:** The Court of Criminal Appeals (CCA) is our state's high criminal court. A CCA Judge must work with the other CCA Judges to ensure our laws are enforced appropriately in all the trial

and appellate courts in Texas. A CCA Judge should also always seek justice and should help to communicate the role of the Court and of other courts in our system to lawyers and the public.

**EDUCATION:** St. Mary's University B.A. English Communication Arts - 1988. St. Mary's University Law School J.D. - 1991.

**EXPERIENCE:** Licensed attorney for nearly 23 years Former briefing attorney at the Court of Criminal Appeals - 1991-1992 Former civil litigator/criminal defense attorney 19 year appellate prosecutor Commissioner for Texas Board of Legal Specialization

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**QUANAH PARKER (L)**

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** Since the supreme court implemented mandatory court appointments for folks that meet guidelines it's better. If we eliminated surcharges on drivers license mandatory license suspensions and decriminalized pot it would make for a lot less poor criminals who wouldn't need access to justice because they already got it.

**OBLIGATIONS:** Judges shouldn't care about the popular thing, but the right thing to do. Judges should be independent and not just a rubber stamp for the state. Judges should never go with the flow but stand up for the people and their right to pursue life liberty and happiness. My dad said

it best "The government should collect the taxes pave the roads defend the shores & leave us alone"

**EDUCATION:** Attended school in Norman Oklahoma through sophomore year, Abilene High. Abilene Christian University UT Law School, US Army M.P. officer basic course, Texas District Attorney's Association basic course and the school of hard knocks.

**EXPERIENCE:** Had 3 jobs Bible Salesman Soldier Lawyer.Sold bibles 9 yrs 4 Southwestern Company 2 put myself through school. Lead Army M.P. platoon & 40 yrs defended the rights of the crippled,downtrodden & damned in wrecks divorcees and accused.

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**JUDITH SANDERS-CASTRO (G)**

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** The funding problems of legal aid for the poor and legal defense for the indigent accused of criminal offenses are two different matters. The state legislature could address both problems by providing funding to support legal services programs for civil law problems and creating a non-partisan entity to distribute funding by numbers of indigents accused in each county.

**OBLIGATIONS:** As the court of last resort for people who have been adjudicated in the Texas criminal system, judges on this court must not only follow the law but must insure that both the letter and the spirit of the law are objectively and fairly

followed. Additionally, the Court of Criminal Appeals must be a fair arbiter of convictions possibly based on erroneous evidence.

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor of Fine Arts, University of Texas in Austin Juris Doctorate, St. Mary's University School of Law

**EXPERIENCE:** 33 years of civil litigation in civil rights, personal injury, family law, consumer law and special education, with some criminal litigation.

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JUDGE, PLACE 9



**DAVID NEWELL (R)**

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** Harris County has increased representation of the indigent through its Public Defender's Office. For counties that can't afford such an office, devoting a portion of asset forfeiture funds to indigent defense could provide additional revenue. Private organizations such as Fort Bend Lawyers Care, which my wife and I have volunteered with, can also provide assistance.

**OBLIGATIONS:** To fairly, impartially, and consistently interpret the law as written. Serving as a small group worship leader has shown me the need for humility in all aspects of my life. My extensive work on the editorial board

for The Texas Prosecutor demonstrates my commitment to consistent application of the law for a more transparent, predictable, and fair criminal justice system.

**EDUCATION:** B.A. - English with concentration in creative writing, magna cum laude - University of Houston, 1993 J.D. - University of Texas School of Law, 1997

**EXPERIENCE:** I have over sixteen years of experience handling criminal appeals including death penalty appeals. I have written several articles and lectured extensively across the state on the CCA. I am Board Certified in Criminal Law and Criminal Appellate Law

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**WILLIAM BRYAN STRANGE III (L)**

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** Texas should fund a robust system of public defenders.

**OBLIGATIONS:** A Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals must stand detached from outside influences such as campaign contributors and political parties. In addition, a Judge must apply strict standards to avoid abuse of power by the State.

**EDUCATION:** I hold the following degrees: BA in political science (SMU); Juris Doctor (George Washington University) and Science Masters (MIT).

**EXPERIENCE:** I served as a Naval Officer and am a combat veteran of the Vietnam War. I have over 35 years experience as an attorney and business manager.

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**VOTER information: Ballot-by-Mail**

Only specific reasons entitle a person to vote by mail (no longer called absentee voting).

**You may request a ballot by mail if you:**

- will be away from your county on Election Day and during early voting,
  - are sick or disabled,
- are 65 years of age or older on Election Day, or
- are confined to jail.

You do not need a photo ID to vote by mail, but photo ID will be required of first time voters if a driver's license or Social Security number was not included with the voter registration application.

Request an Application for Ballot by Mail from the early voting clerk in the county where you are registered, or download the form from [www.VoteTexas.gov](http://www.VoteTexas.gov). The completed form must be received by mail or fax between September 5 and October 24, 2014.

*Note: Postmarks don't count.*

A ballot will be mailed to you, and you must return your completed ballot to your county elections department by 7 p.m. on Election Day, November 4. The ballot must be received, not just postmarked, by that date. If you are mailing your ballot from outside the United States, the early voting clerk must receive your ballot by the fifth day after Election Day. (*You must mail it no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day.*)

**HELPFUL WEBSITES**

SECRETARY OF STATE  
[www.sos.state.tx.us](http://www.sos.state.tx.us)  
[www.VoteTexas.gov](http://www.VoteTexas.gov)

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (U.S.)  
[www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS  
[www.lwvtexas.org](http://www.lwvtexas.org)

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LUBBOCK COUNTY  
[www.lwvlubbock.org](http://www.lwvlubbock.org)

LUBBOCK COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE  
[www.votelubbock.org](http://www.votelubbock.org)

REPUBLICAN PARTY  
[www.texasgop.org](http://www.texasgop.org)

DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
[www.txdemocrats.org](http://www.txdemocrats.org)

LIBERTARIAN PARTY  
[www.lptexas.org](http://www.lptexas.org)

GREEN PARTY  
[www.txgreens.org](http://www.txgreens.org)

[VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org)

JUSTICE, CHIEF JUSTICE

# COURT OF APPEALS

Six-year term. Must be at least 35 years old, a U.S. citizen, a Texas resident and a district resident. Must have been a practicing lawyer or a lawyer and a judge of a court of record for a total of 10 years or more. Each Court of Appeals has intermediate appellate jurisdiction in both civil and criminal cases appealed from district or county courts in its district. Current annual salary: \$140,000 (Chief Justice), \$137,500 (Justice)

## QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** The traditional funding source for legal aid for the poor and for indigent defense has been shrinking because of low interest rates. How can Texas improve access to justice in criminal cases?

**OBLIGATIONS:** What are the most important obligations of a Court of Criminal Appeals judge and why?

CHIEF JUSTICE, 7<sup>TH</sup> COURT OF APPEALS: **BRIAN QUINN (R)** Unopposed NO RESPONSE RECEIVED BY PRINT DEADLINE. SEE VOTE411 FOR ANY LATER RESPONSES.

**VOTER**  
information:  
Online Resources

**AN INTERACTIVE VERSION OF THE LWV--LUBBOCK COUNTY  
VOTERS GUIDE IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [VOTE411.ORG](http://VOTE411.ORG).**

Enter your address and zip code  
and view the races and candidates that appear on your ballot.

You will be able to compare the candidates' responses to the questions side-by-side and create a printout of a ballot that you can take to the polls.

# TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

## PROPOSITION 1

OFFICIAL BALLOT LANGUAGE:

The constitutional amendment providing for the use and dedication of certain money transferred to the state highway fund to assist in the completion of transportation construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation projects, not to include toll roads.

EXPLANATION:

The proposed amendment requires the comptroller of public accounts to allocate one-half of the amount of oil and gas production tax revenue currently transferred to the economic stabilization fund, known as the Rainy Day Fund, to the state highway fund for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and acquiring rights-of-way for public roadways other than toll roads.

House Bill 1, the enabling legislation for Proposition 1, requires any amount transferred to the state highway fund to be allocated throughout the state by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) consistent with existing formulas adopted by the Texas Transportation Commission. The bill also calls for the appointment of a committee of legislators to determine a sufficient balance for the Rainy Day Fund, below which no general revenue would be transferred to the state highway fund.

ARGUMENTS FOR:

- The proposed amendment with its enabling legislation is a key step toward securing critical funding for transportation projects in Texas. The two measures together would present a politically viable means to secure a portion of the funding Texas needs to maintain roadway congestion at current levels, given population and economic growth.
- The enabling legislation allows the legislature to take necessary measures to ensure that a minimum balance is available to respond to natural disasters and fiscal emergencies by appointing a committee of legislators to determine a sufficient balance for the Rainy Day Fund.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST:

- The proposed amendment and its enabling legislation do not provide a solution to the state's serious, ongoing highway funding shortage. Because neither measure authorizes the collection of any additional revenue, the measures in effect take money out of one fiscal pocket and move it to another.
- The two measures would not adequately safeguard emergency reserves nor guarantee a minimum balance in the Rainy Day Fund. The bill would assign this authority to each legislature, which is subject to the preferences of any given legislative session. The Rainy Day Fund transfer is designated in the constitution in part to provide a well-protected reserve, which is important for the state's ability to withstand economic calamities and for its credit rating.

## WHAT TO TAKE TO THE POLLS

### TEXAS REQUIRES VOTERS TO SHOW PHOTO ID

Texas now requires voters to show an acceptable photo ID at the polls. The only acceptable photo IDs are:

#### TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) ISSUED PHOTO IDS

- Driver's license
- Personal identification card
- Concealed handgun license
- Election Identification Certificate

### UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO IDS

- Passport
- Military identification card
- Citizenship certificate or naturalization certificate with photograph

*Only the above photo IDs can be accepted at the polls.* Other photo IDs including student IDs, employer IDs and out-of-state driver's licenses cannot be accepted.

## VOTER information:

### Photo ID Details & Exceptions

- The photo ID needs to be current or have expired no more than 60 days before voting (citizenship and naturalization certificates have no expiration date).
- The name on the photo ID should match the voter registration card. If names don't match, a voter may be accepted if names are "substantially similar." If names match, addresses don't need to match.
  - *If the names don't match exactly, the voter can be accepted if names are substantially similar; poll workers will look at address, date of birth, and the photo. If names are substantially similar, the voter will initial a box for similar name when signing in to vote.*
  - *To avoid confusion, you can change the name on your voter registration to match that on your photo ID at least 30 days prior to the election.*
- Voters with a documented disability from Social Security or Veterans Affairs can apply for a voter registration certificate exempting them from the photo ID requirement.
- Voters without acceptable ID can obtain an Election Identification Certificate (EIC) from Texas DPS at no cost by providing proof of citizenship and identity and registering to vote at DPS or showing a voter registration card. Requirements for the EIC can be found at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/electionID.htm>. There is no charge for the EIC but the necessary documentation may have a cost.
- Photo ID is not required to vote by mail. Voters may apply for a mail ballot if 65 or older, ill or disabled, or absent from their county during early voting and on Election Day. Note: Photo ID will be required of first time voters if a driver's license or Social Security number was not included with the voter registration application.
- Voters who do not show an acceptable ID at the polls can vote a provisional ballot and have six days to show the required photo ID.
- Those who lack a photo ID because of a religious objection to being photographed or because of a natural disaster declared by the president will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot and complete an affidavit within six days of the election.

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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®**  
OF TEXAS



# Voters Guide

## CANDIDATE INFORMATION OBTAINED BY THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LUBBOCK COUNTY

The League of Women Voters of Lubbock County contacted the following candidates, those opposed and unopposed, for basic biographical information and responses to questions pertinent to the office each is seeking.

The responses to these questions are printed here **EXACTLY** as they were sent to the LWV--Lubbock. **NO CHANGES** in spelling, punctuation, capitalization or formatting were made by the League.

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## U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members of the U.S. House of Representatives serve 2-year terms.

### QUESTIONS FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CANDIDATES:

**Training and Experience:** Describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.

**Gridlock:** What measures should the House of Representatives take to stop the gridlock that has crippled Congress?

**Immigration:** What specific changes, if any, would you propose to the current immigration policy? Please explain.

**Foreign Intervention:** Under what circumstances should the U.S. intervene militarily in a foreign conflict?

**Environment:** According to the National Climate Assessment report, climate change effects are happening here and now. What steps, if any, should the U.S. House of Representatives take to establish environmental regulations to curb the effects of climate change?

**Other Issues:** What other issues do you consider most important, and how would you address them?

## U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 19

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**Training and Experience:** Public service has been my professional career. After enlisting in the Air Force at age 18, I worked for the National Weather Service. I worked up from team member to supervisor and program leader. I worked with governmental "red tape" for almost 37 years and know how to work and make changes within the system.

**Gridlock:** The current Congress in its entirety has made the word compromise a bad thing. The ability to compromise and work with both sides of the aisle is not only the most important attribute every member of Congress should have but absolutely mandatory for the furthering of democracy. Neither party should ever

get 100% of what they want. Compromise is necessary for the betterment of society. Playing political games on the backs of citizens is unacceptable.  
**Immigration:** Our immigration system is dysfunctional and a solution cannot be delayed another year. However, if people and businesses would quit exploiting the cheap labor of undocumented laborers, these individuals would quit coming into our country illegally. We need to set heavier penalties and fines and enforce our current laws. Then we could work on correcting the immigration system.

**Foreign Intervention:** Only when that conflict is a danger to the United States. Our involvement in foreign conflicts is the main driving force in our spiraling national debt.

**Environment:** The United States needs to lead by example in reducing our carbon footprint. However, if other countries do not follow there will be little effect. The House should lead in this effort to reduce pollution.

**Other Issues:** Veterans issues, Building a large VA Clinic adjacent to UMC, with testing and beds available will greatly help the Veterans in the Lubbock area. Abilene and Big Spring also need larger and better facilities. We have placed our troops in harms way and now we owe them a debt. As a veteran, I believe that we as a country have a duty to care for our veterans.

**RANDY NEUGEBAUER (R)**

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**Training and Experience:** I have a PhD in Economics, held a Chair in Bank Management and was a Professor of Finance at Texas Tech. I have been a director of a financial institution and consulted for many. I also have consulted for many government agencies, worked for the FED, and have prepared testimony for Congressional presentations. I can help solve economic problems.  
**Gridlock:** They have to find common policy by putting the country above their party interests. They should accept bipartisan solutions to major problems such as the Bowles-Simpson proposal to put our fiscal house in order. The Democrats dislike it since it would lower maximum tax rates, while closing tax loopholes, and cut some government benefits. The Republicans dislike closing loopholes. So they demonize each other in the press and don't cooperate.  
**Immigration:** First, border security is necessary to keep terrorists and undesirables out and make any policy effective. Second, the border needs gates

or doors so people who want to come to work can be admitted with work visas. Third, people already working here incognito should be allowed to sign up for work visas and possibly pay a fee so they can enter a path to citizenship. Fourth, people should not be eligible for welfare if they are not here legally.  
**Foreign Intervention:** The U.S. should get involved only if it will be threatened if not involved, or if it has treaty obligations it must keep. It should avoid foreign entanglements wherever possible. We should not be involved in the Ukraine or on the front lines in Korea, and we should require that Europeans provide most of their defense. We also should close foreign bases that are not critical to moving our forces around the world and avoid interfering abroad.  
**Environment:** None. The East-Anglia e-mails released in 2009 show much of the evidence used to support global warming was dubious. People who want public subsidies biased their research and views, and politicians who want to control people by controlling their energy use paid for it. In the last 15 years, the projected spike in temperatures has not occurred. Carbon dioxide is plant food; it was 3 times higher in the past and the biomass on earth thrived.  
**Other Issues:** Our Constitution and its Bill of Rights must be defended. People in Washington have increasingly ignored or tried to subvert our Constitution. They do so because the Constitution protects citizens against abuse by despotic governments, and many in Washington want despotic power over the people. Also, regulatory intrusions into persons lives, businesses, and finances must be reduced. I would vote against unconstitutional policies and spending.

**TEXAS STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
 Members of the Texas State House of Representatives serve 2-year terms.

**QUESTIONS FOR TEXAS STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CANDIDATES:**  
**Training and Experience:** Describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.  
**Education:** Do you support offering quality pre-kindergarten to all Texas three- and four-year-olds? Why or why not?  
**Health Care:** According to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, about 1 million uninsured U.S. citizen adults below the poverty line in Texas do not qualify for affordable coverage through either

Medicaid or the health insurance marketplace. Would you consider negotiating with federal Medicaid officials and pursuing a Texas solution to close the coverage gap? Why or why not?  
**Immigration Policy:** Texas has the second largest population of immigrants in the U.S. How would you propose Texas legislative officials work with federal officials on immigration issues and developing immigration policies?  
**Other Issues:** What other issues do you consider most important, and how would you address them?

**TEXAS STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 83**



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**Training and Experience:** I have represented individuals, small businesses and farmers for the previous ten years who have been engaged in many aspects of life. I understand that being a representative begins with listening to the people you represent, and continuing to communicate with them throughout your representation.  
**Education:** High quality pre-k makes sense. However, funding premier pre-k without increasing the performance of k-12 could result in excellent pre-k gains

that are then lost by the third grade We have to increase student performance in Texas, from pre-k to high school graduation.  
**Health Care:** Every dollar that we take from the Federal Government comes with strings attached. While the proposed deal might make economic sense in the first year or two, it would end up costing Texas Taxpayers significantly more than it is worth in the long term.  
**Immigration Policy:** The Federal Government needs to secure our border and enforce the laws on the books. A nation without borders is simply not a nation. If the Federal Government refuses to secure the border, then Texas should take the lead and seek reimbursement from the Federal Government for its failures.  
**Other Issues:** 1. Water and Private Property Rights - We must protect these rights from governmental takings and secure a water source for West Texas, period. 2. Life - I believe that life begins a conception, and that we must protect life from conception to its natural death. 3. Transportation - We need to dedicate the taxes we pay on gasoline to be spent on transportation and ensure our rural roads are protected and repaired.



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**Training and Experience:** I am a native West Texan who has worked for 35 years running a small manufacturing business and representing farmers, ranchers and small businesses to restructure their finances and make their operations more efficient. As such, I have been involved in managing complex financial problems under difficult economic circumstances.

**Education:** Yes. An early education best ensures that every student will develop proper skills and knowledge. The state should fund Pre-K programs and make

sure that the teachers responsible for such programs are properly trained.  
**Health Care:** Yes. However, the Texas solution should provide that Texans receive Medicaid funding. Our money should not be going to other states. Cuts to Medicaid result in less medical care for millions of Texas families, including those families whose members are veterans, have disabilities, and other problems.

**Immigration Policy:** I believe in humane immigration reform. The initiatives should come from our federal government. The federal House of Representatives should allow the Senate-passed immigration reform bill to come to a vote. I believe in a strong border fence that would discourage illegal immigration. I think the governor's initiative to send state troopers to the border is grandstanding and a waste of money.

**Other Issues:** Providing an excellent education so everyone can get a good job and industry has the skilled labor force it needs. This means restoring funds lost from budget cuts to public education, community colleges and state universities; good salaries for teachers; initiating pre-kindergarten programs; and creating regional technology training centers. Providing a safe, efficient highway system. Sustaining and expanding water resources.

TEXAS STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 84

**JOHN FRULLO (R)**

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**Training and Experience:** I served as a public school teacher and athletic coach for 29 years, interacting with thousands of students, colleagues, and parents on a personal and professional level. While an educator, I represented my colleagues in two professional organizations. I am a U.S. Army veteran and a small businessman.

**Education:** I support pre-K for for three- and 4-year-olds, especially in economically deprived areas in order to give all children the best opportunity to succeed in their K-12 education.

**Health Care:** Texas has a blemish on it's reputation as a state that cares for its people. With at least 25% of our population without health insurance, Texas legislators must do everything in their power to make affordable health care available for all Texans. If the governor is unwilling to agree to the expansion of Medicaid, it is incumbent on the legislature to work with Medicaid officials to protect the health of the people of the state.

**Immigration Policy:** I believe immigration policies come under the purview of the federal government, and that states should not be making laws that supersede or conflict with federal statutes. The laws governing immigration should not conflict with the Constitution of the U.S., and to protect the rights of immigrants I think the states should leave legislation in this area to the federal government.

**Other Issues:** Criminal justice: Replace prison sentences for victimless crime with probation, community or military service. Drug addiction: Treat addicts as sick people, not criminals. Mental health: Put people with mental health problems in treatment facilities, not prisons. Education: Insure that all students are ready for jobs or college. Increase spending for K-12 schools. Reduce the cost of college. Minority rights: Protect the rights of all minorities.

DISTRICT COURTS

Members of the District Courts serve 4-year terms.

**QUESTIONS FOR DISTRICT COURT JUDGE CANDIDATES:**

**Training and Experience:** Describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.

**Court Procedure:** The traditional funding source for legal aid for the poor and for indigent defense has been shrinking. How can access to justice be improved? What factors expedite or impede speedy and fair justice for

persons appearing in your court?

**Plea Bargains:** Does the increasing role of plea bargains ensure justice for the accused and the state?

**Other Issues:** What other issues do you consider most important and how would you address them?

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DISTRICT JUDGE, 137TH COURT

**JOHN "TREY" MCCLENDON (R)** Unopposed NO RESPONSE RECEIVED BY PRINT DEADLINE. SEE VOTE411 FOR ANY LATER RESPONSES.

DISTRICT JUDGE, 237TH COURT



**LES HATCH (R)** Unopposed

Education: B.S. Texas A&M University 1985, J.D. Texas Tech University School of Law 1988

Training and Experience: Twenty-one years in a civil private practice with numerous jury and bench trials prepared me to be a trial judge with a focus on civil and family matters. I have been on the bench five years and have presided over 40+ jury and 200+ bench trials.

Court Procedure: We educate parties who are unrepresented by counsel about the applicable procedures necessary to resolve their case, short of giving advice.

Plea Bargains: I do not preside over criminal matters at this time.

Other Issues: - no response -

DISTRICT JUDGE, 364TH COURT



**BILLY EICHMAN (R)** Unopposed

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in 2008 and was expanded in 2011. LPDO has actually shown an increase in funding for poor and indigent defendants. This office provides improved access to quality defense counsel in Lubbock County. As a judge I will carefully screen a defendant's request for appointed counsel to save money while still providing the truly indigent with appointed counsel.

Plea Bargains: With approximately 1300 new criminal cases filed in the 364th each year, it would be impossible for all the cases to be tried by jury. Plea bargaining is not a contemporary practice, and since 1930, over 90% of convictions have been based upon plea bargaining. Plea bargains guarantee convictions and protect sources, witnesses, and victims. That being said, not all persons accused of a crime are acutally guilty.

Other Issues: The most important issue for a court is to provide access for all people. Another important issue is the disposition of cases in an expeditious manner while always ensuring fairness and justice to all involved parties. I will work with the other Judges as well as prosecutors and defense lawyers to come up with an effective plan for an efficient disposition of the pending cases in the 364th District Court.

Training and Experience: I will have practiced law in Lubbock County for 20 years as of November 2014. I have tried approximately 100 jury trials at the District Court or County Court at Law levels. I have experience in public service and in the private sector. I am the Operating Committee Chairman for Crenshaw, Dupree, and Milam, L.L.P.

Court Procedure: The Lubbock Private Defender's Office (LPDO) began operation

LUBBOCK COUNTY JUDGE

The Lubbock County Judge serves a 4-year term.

QUESTIONS FOR LUBBOCK COUNTY JUDGE CANDIDATES.

**Training and Experience:** Describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.

**Responsibilities:** What are the responsibilities of the county judge?

**Communication Skills:** What qualities are necessary for the county judge to be an effective and responsible spokesperson?

**Cooperation:** How should the county and city cooperate on issues of mutual concern?

**Other Issues:** What other issues do you consider most important and how would you address them?

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**AUSTIN MICHAEL CARRIZALES (D)**

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Juris Doctorate, Texas Tech University School of Law M.P.A., Texas Tech University Certificate, Biosecurity Law

**Training and Experience:** As an attorney, I am forced to advocate for the best interests of my clients and it is something I take very seriously. As County Judge, I will apply my legal background to ensure that I am able to give the people of Lubbock County the best representation and at the same time build a positive reputation for Lubbock.

**Responsibilities:** The County Judge is the Director of Emergency Management; prepares County budget for approval by the County Commissioners; preside over Commissioner's Court; conducts mental competency hearings and other mental health related duties prescribed by law; serves on Juvenile Board, SPAG Board, Bail Bond Board, and others; refuses or issues alcohol beverage permits;

executes responsibilities associated of holding elections; and more.

**Communication Skills:** I feel like this varies based on your county and Lubbock's population demands more than usual. As a trained advocate and mediator, I possess the necessary communication skills to resolve disputes and facilitate compromises on the various issues the Commissioner's Court will encounter. My training with budgets, protocols, and the other issues government agencies oversee will equip me to professionally and effectively develop solutions.

**Cooperation:** The county and the city should form joint task forces to solve whatever issue we are facing at the time. I believe the Mayor and County Judge should be the spokesperson for each respective party and they can discuss the relevant issues and present reasonable solutions which may be passed by either City Council and/or the Commissioner's Court in front of the public eye.

**Other Issues:** To me, the most important issue related to the position of County Judge are transparency and accountability. Currently, it is very difficult for the citizens of Lubbock County to voice their opinions in front of the Commissioner's Court because we have meetings every other Monday at 10am. Frankly, this needs to change to evenings. Until we give our citizens a voice, it is hard to be truly transparent and held accountable for our actions.



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**Training and Experience:** I graduated from Texas Tech University. I have served Lubbock County as Justice of the Peace and as County Judge. I was sent to school when I was elected as County Judge in 1999 and I am required to take Continuing Education Classes each year. I have participated in various emergency management exercises.

**Responsibilities:** Most of the duties in Lubbock County involve probating of wills, and presiding over mental competency and guardianship hearings. The Judge also had a variety of responsibilities associated with holding elections, setting and receiving bond or sureties for certain County officials, and presiding over Commissioners Court. The Judge also serves as the Emergency Management

director for the County.

**Communication Skills:** Judges must respect and honor the judicial office as a public trust and strive to maintain confidence in our legal system. Basic standards of character and integrity should govern their conduct. Judges should maintain high standards of judicial and personal conduct. These values, public speaking skills and the ability to convey factual and timely information to the public are essential in making a judge an effective responsible spokesperson.

**Cooperation:** Communication between the City and the County is important. Both parties must be willing to sit down and address issues that will be mutually beneficial and cost effective well as addressing the needs and concerns of the public. The City of Lubbock and the County have a great relationship and are willing to address the needs and concerns of the public jointly as the law allows.

**Other Issues:** Keeping government small and taxes low are important issues. This requires a consensus on the Commissioners Court. Promoting conditions that will encourage businesses to locate in the Lubbock area is also important. The County can do this through tax abatements and incentives as allowed by law.

# LUBBOCK COUNTY COURT-AT-LAW

The Lubbock County Court-at-Law Judge serves a 4-year term.

## QUESTIONS FOR LUBBOCK COUNTY COURT-AT-LAW JUDGE CANDIDATES.

**Training and Experience:** Describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.

**Specialty Courts:** How does the growing trend toward specialty courts improve legal procedures in Lubbock County?

**Judge's Role:** Explain the role of the judge in ensuring that justice is both speedy and fair.

**Other Issues:** What other issues do you consider most important and how would you address them?

**WHY SHOULD YOU VOTE? HOW IMPORTANT IS YOUR VOTE?**

Do you want to have a voice about decisions that are made which affect you and your community?

Maybe the question should be: **WHY WOULD YOU NOT VOTE?**

LUBBOCK COUNTY JUDGE, COURT-AT-LAW #1



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Training and Experience: Military service gave me discipline. Working 4 years before college instilled respect for all. Law school taught me the law. But conducting 200+ criminal trials, handling 100's of civil cases state-wide, and serving as the Judge of this court for the past two and one-half years best qualifies me for this office.

Specialty Courts: Specialty courts allow us to intensively address the needs of

an identifiable group of offenders whose problems largely stem from addiction and who are willing to change their lives. Utilizing the resources of the specialty courts we are better able to rehabilitate these persons, changing their lives for the better and making society safer in the process. The reduction in recidivism also benefits the legal system as a whole.

Judge's Role: Fair justice requires competent & impartial judges who respect the Constitution and law as written. To ensure fair justice is timely rendered, the judge must control the docket and hold the lawyer's feet to the fire with meaningful settings and trials, all while treating the lawyers, parties, victims and witnesses with the respect and dignity every person deserves.

Other Issues: A judge needs a strong work ethic and an allegiance to the law and the law alone. Judges must not become activists, crafting opinions and rulings to fit what they would like the law to be. A Judge's role is to uphold the Constitution and see that everyone gets a fair trial. Judges must respect the co-equal Legislative branch of government and leave to the Legislature their designated responsibility to pass new laws as needed.

LUBBOCK COUNTY JUDGE, COURT-AT-LAW #2



**DRUE FARMER (R)** Unopposed

Education: Bachelor of Arts, Business, Texas A&M University, 1979 Doctor of Jurisprudence, Texas Tech School of Law, 1990

Training and Experience: Prior to becoming judge, I worked for the Lubbock County District Attorney's Office for 8 years, handling cases from traffic tickets to murder. I have had the honor of presiding over County Court at Law #2 for 15 years. This is a court of general jurisdiction, specializing in criminal cases, but also hearing family law, mental health, and probate.

Specialty Courts: Lubbock County is blessed to have various courts that specialize in treatment. This specialization began with the Drug Court, followed by DWI Court, Family Drug Court, and a ReEntry Court. We also have a special docket and caseworkers for people with severe and persistent mental illness. All of these specialty tracks allow an individually tailored treatment and management approach for offenders that need and want treatment to become productive citizens.

Judge's Role: A judge's role is to be fair and impartial to both sides, and see that each case is moved in a timely and judicially efficient manner. Each case must be evaluated on its own merits, but neither side should be allowed to delay just for delay's sake. Both sides must be held accountable by the Court, and are required to work with the judge to see that each case is moved or tried within a reasonable time frame, based on the facts of each case.

Other Issues: - no response -

LUBBOCK COUNTY JUDGE, COURT-AT-LAW #3



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Training and Experience: I have served as judge of County Court at Law #3 for 6 years, Associate Judge for more than 13 years, and 9 years of general civil litigation law practice. I have presided over thousands of civil, family and probate matters. I have a proven record as a fair and decisive judge who does not legislate from the bench.

Specialty Courts: The greatest impact specialty courts have on our local judicial system is in increased case dispositions and productivity. Specialty courts and specialized dockets are efficient and make good use of our limited judicial resources. We are able to move more cases because of our familiarity and extensive background in these specialized areas of the law.

Judge's Role: It is the responsibility of the judge to ensure that justice is fair and swift. No one benefits when cases are delayed. I have made it a practice to render prompt decisions based on the law, with honesty and integrity. I have worked diligently to implement procedures to streamline the trial of cases and to be well versed in changes in the law. This fundamental role of a judge cannot be accomplished without a strong work ethic.

Other Issues: The public's confidence in the judicial system is paramount. I work hard to maintain that confidence by rendering decisions based on the law and the evidence presented with honesty and integrity.

**i** VOTER Information:

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# LUBBOCK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

The Lubbock County District Attorney serves a 4-year term.



**MATT POWELL (R)** Unopposed

*Training and Experience:* Describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.

It has been my honor to be the District Attorney. I am a career prosecutor who has tried over 300 jury trials including approximately 70 murders and 15 capital murders. I have never lost a felony case. I will continue to do everything in my power to seek justice for victims.

*Plea Bargains:* Does the increasing role of plea bargains

ensure justice for the accused and the state?

I think plea agreements are a necessary part of our system. I don't think anyone ever really gets a "bargain." I think when you only have 60 - 70 trial weeks a year and you are presented approximately 16,000 cases a year, you have to negotiate or your system would be a complete baglog. We have created many programs and alternative prosecutions that try and deal with defendants who may be first

time offenders to keep them out of the courts.

*Human Trafficking:* What measures do you support to combat human trafficking?

I think we have plenty of measures already in place that address this issue. Kidnapping, prostitution, and organized crime are just a few. On the rare times we have had a case involving these issues, we have aggressively prosecuted the offender as much as possible.

*Other Issues:* What other issues do you consider most important and how would you address them?

The number one issue that we deal with in the criminal justice arena is folks with a drug or alcohol issue. Almost all the crimes we prosecute have some underlying drug or alcohol issue. I believe this is a community issue as well as a prosecution issue. Government can't fix these problems. It takes a pastor, friend, boy scout leader, etc. to get to the root of the problem. Volunteer and make a difference.

# LUBBOCK COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK

The Lubbock County District Clerk serves a 4-year term.



**BARBARA SUCSY (R)** Unopposed

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Education: Associates Degree, York College, York, Nebraska plus additional hours from Lubbock Christian College

*Training and Experience:* Describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.

I was elected Lubbock County District Clerk in 2002, following a career of over 24 years as a legal assistant and law office manager. I served seven years as an officer in the Texas Association of Legal Professionals and have held several chairmanships in the County & District Clerks Association of Texas.

*Responsibilities:* What do you consider to be the most important duties of the district clerk's office?

The District Clerk's Office is charged with the duty of maintaining all records of the District Courts for felony criminal, civil, juvenile, tax, adoption, child support, and family law cases. The office also handles passport applications and issues summonses for jury duty. Implementation of the online jury reporting system is in its final testing, and will be more convenient for jurors and will reduce costs to the County.

# LUBBOCK COUNTY CLERK

The Lubbock County Clerk serves a 4-year term.



**KELLY J. PINION (R)** Unopposed

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Education: Graduate Frenship High School, 33 Continuing Educational Conferences, 16 Regional Area Meetings, Basic Mediation Training and various training sessions by Texas Association of Counties

working experience in the County Clerk's Office. I have introduced new technologies for identity theft prevention, website utilization and records preservation. I have enhanced customer service and created a more customer friendly environment.

*Responsibilities:* What do you consider to be the most important duties of the county clerk's office?

The County Clerk serves primarily as the chief records archivist for the County Judge, three County Courts at Law and the Commissioner's Court. The Clerk also records and maintains a vast array of public records such as marriage license, property records, liens, assumed name certificates, military discharge records, cattle brands and birth and death records. The job requires excellent organizational, management and accounting skills.

*Training and Experience:* Describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.

I have been your County Clerk for the last 8 years. I have 30 years professional

# LUBBOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Members of the Lubbock County Commissioners serve a 4-year term.

## QUESTIONS FOR LUBBOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES:

**Training and Experience:** Describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.

**Cooperation:** How should the county and city cooperate on issues of mutual concern?

**Hydraulic Fracturing:** What is your position on hydraulic fracturing in Lubbock County?

**Other Issues:** What other issues do you consider most important and how would you address them?

## LUBBOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2



**MARK E. HEINRICH (R)** Unopposed

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Education: Bachelor of Science -Texas Tech University

**Training and Experience:** My successful record of more than 7 years as the County Commissioner is a fundamental qualification for re-election. Representative for Budget Committee, Transportation Advisory Committee, United Way, and SPAG. 112 hours of County and State continuing education training. Resident of Lubbock County Precinct 2 for 52 years. Texas Tech alumnus.

**Cooperation:** The County and City currently cooperate on issues such as Library Services, Vector Control, Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization, Elections,

general assistance, inmate work programs, Overton TIF, Lubbock Business Park, and JAG Grants. I have and will continue to research any duplication of services between the County and the City to ensure the citizen's taxes are spent efficiently and effectively.

**Hydraulic Fracturing:** Hydraulic Fracturing is a proven technology that has been used since 1947 in more than one-million wells in the United States to help produce oil and natural gas to reduce dependence on foreign sources of energy. The industry is regulated by Federal and State Governments such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Railroad Commission through rigorous controls to protect our natural environment.

**Other Issues:** Growth and Public Safety. Lubbock County has a 5 year strategic plan to manage all County resources to anticipate and respond effectively and efficiently to the growing needs of Lubbock County. Public Safety has been addressed by additional funding for 7 patrol officers for quicker response time in the unincorporated area. The first year of the 3 year Law Enforcement Center is included in this strategic plan while lowering the tax rate for 2015.

## LUBBOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4



**PATTI JONES (R)** Unopposed

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YouTube video: <http://N/A>  
Education: Associates Degree in Accounting

**Training and Experience:** I have made continuing education a priority, receiving approximately 625 hours of continuing education training on topics relevant to all areas of County Government. My knowledge, experience, and common sense has been the foundation on which I make my decisions in meeting the challenges facing our growing community.

**Cooperation:** The county and the city already cooperate in several areas; vector control, libraries, and radio shop for all law enforcement vehicles. There is always a constant effort to identify areas in which we, Lubbock County, and the City of Lubbock can cooperate. The Court and the Council owe it to the citizens of Lubbock to make everyone's tax dollar go farther.

**Hydraulic Fracturing:** Hydraulic fracturing has been around since the 1940's. With the surge in oil and gas prices our area has seen more "fracking" than ever before. There are pros and cons on both sides of the issue. My main concern is to protect our valuable ground water supply, the Ogallala Aquifer.

**Other Issues:** In the fourteen years I have been Commissioner there has been tremendous change. Lubbock County is no longer a training ground but has a great working environment with excellent customer service. The annual budget, comprehensive annual financial report, current tax rates, disbursement register, debt information, utilities and more are now all found on the Lubbock County website as a pledge of transparency to the taxpayers.

# LUBBOCK COUNTY TREASURER

The Lubbock County Treasurer serves a 4-year term.

**SHARON GOSSETT (R)** (No photo submitted) Unopposed

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Education: High School 1978 Some business school

**Training and Experience:** Describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.

I have been the County Treasurer for 12 years and have attended continuing

education for those 12 years.

**Responsibilities:** What do you consider to be the most important duties of the county treasurer's office?

The checks and balances it provides to the citizens. You can not have one person in charge of all of the receiving and disbursing of the counties money. In my opinion that would be poor management of the counties funds. The citizens need to know that some one is watching to see how their money is being spent.

# LUBBOCK COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

A Lubbock County Justice of the Peace serves a 4-year term.

## QUESTIONS FOR LUBBOCK COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE CANDIDATES:

**Training and Experience:** Describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.

**Responsibilities:** What are the responsibilities of the Justice of the Peace?

## LUBBOCK COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1



### JIM HANSEN (R) Unopposed

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Education: Texas Tech, Class of 1977

civil cases. Instructor and mentor to judges around the state. 700 hours of continuing legal education. Involved in improving educational opportunities for Judges statewide, as well as a myriad of computer and technology projects with Lubbock County. Active in Legislation.

**Responsibilities:** My court is the primary civil court when damages/disputes involve less than \$10,000. Exclusive jurisdiction over Evictions and class C misdemeanors including traffic tickets, hot checks, and penal code violations. Administrative responsibilities involving budget, computer programs, and accounting matters. "Go to" person after hours for felony filings and search warrants.

**Training and Experience:** Judge Hansen has presided over 111,000 criminal and

## LUBBOCK COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 2



### JIM DULIN (R) Unopposed

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Education: 12 years Public School, 2 years Wayland Baptist University, and nine months at DPS Training Academy.

**Training and Experience:** 2 years Criminal Justice at Wayland Baptist University, 9 months Training at DPS Academy, hundreds of hours of in-service Training as DPS Trooper, hundreds of hours in-service training at the Texas Justice Court Training Center, 15 years as a Justice of the Peace and 25 years as a State Trooper.

**Responsibilities:** I serve as a Judge for Civil Cases up to \$10,000 Jurisdiction, adjudication of Class C Misdemeanor Criminal offenses, issuing warrants for all felonies, approving search warrants for Law Enforcement, performing marriage ceremonies and conduct property hearings.

## LUBBOCK COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 3

### AURORA CHAIDES-HERNANDEZ (D) (No photo submitted) Unopposed

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Education: B.S.in Nursing - TTUHSC 1988- R.N., B.S.N.; B.S.in Human Development and Family Studies-TTU 1988; J.D. TTU School of Law 1993

**Training and Experience:** In addition to my formal education, I have served for 19 years as Judge for Lubbock County precinct 3. I have completed 350+ hours

of judicial training, have met my Texas Continuing Legal Education for my law license and Texas Continuing Nursing Education requirements for my nursing license.

**Responsibilities:** Criminal- Traffic, Juvenile, Truancy, P&W, Animal Control, IBC; Civil - controversy is \$10,000 or less, evictions; Administrative Hearings-DL and handgun suspension/revocation/denial; Magistration-Rights Warnings, Bond Setting, Probable Cause Determination, Peace Bond, Issuance of EPO's Mental Health Warrants; Administrator- Supervise Court Clerks, collect, remit and safeguard public funds, submit reports to State of Texas. Fair and Impartial.

## LUBBOCK COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 4



### ANN-MARIE CARRUTH (R)

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Education: Texas Tech University School of Law, Doctorate of Jurisprudence & Texas Tech University, Bachelors of Science in Agriculture

the wisdom to apply it fairly is what makes a court operate efficiently and effectively. As the only attorney in this race, I believe that I am the most qualified to run the JP Court on day one.

**Responsibilities:** The Justice of the Peace court hears cases ranging from juvenile truancy to foreclosures and traffic tickets. A JP must also keep an account of fees earned, report collections of fines and manage personnel. Precinct 4 reflects a diverse collection of the county's population, including both urban and rural constituencies. I am experienced in handling legal cases, and pledge to conduct the court's business with fairness, integrity and transparency

**Training and Experience:** Knowledge of the law and



# LUBBOCK COUNTY CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 4

A Lubbock County Constable serves a 4-year term.



**C. J. PETERSON (R)**

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Education: Monterey High School 1993-1996 South Plains College 1997-2007 Tarrant County College 2005

Training and Experience: Describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.

I've been in Law enforcement for 8 years. I've been on Patrol with the Slaton

and Denver City Police Department. I've worked for three different Sheriff's Departments: Lynn County, Hockley County, and Cochran County. I've worked in Loss prevention for 10 yrs. I've been appointed as Constable Pct 4 since March of 2014.

Impact: How does the job of constable impact the ordinary citizen of Lubbock County?

Constables are certified peace officers; they have the same enforcement powers as other peace officers and often participate actively in criminal investigations. In many communities, constables focus on truancy cases. In addition to performing traditional law enforcement functions, the constable also serves as bailiff for the justice courts and serves subpoenas and papers necessary to the functioning of both the civil and criminal justice systems

# HIGH PLAINS UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, PRECINCT 1

High Plains Water Conservation District members serve a 4-year term.

**QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES.**

Training and Experience: Describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.

Monitoring Water Usage: The Texas Water Development Board awarded a \$617,500 grant to the High Plains Underground Water District to help pay for meters to monitor water use. Do you support requiring producers to

install and use meters to measure water use in fields? Why or why not?

Water Rights: There are reports from homeowners of dry water wells when producers irrigate fields. How would you propose that a homeowner's water rights be protected?

Other Issues: What other issues do you consider most important and how would you address them?



**JAMES POWELL**

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Education: BS Agronomy BS Enotmology Texas Tech University Texas Nutrient Management Specialist

Training and Experience: Duties of a director or spelled out in chapter 36 of the state water code which I've studied. I've received training in both open meetings act and open records act. For the past three and a half years I've been involved in a number of public hearings for the district. Worked on local irrigation and water issues for 30 year.

Monitoring Water Usage: I do not support requiring meters. Under district Rules

meters are an option for reporting water us. Grant funding has been approved by TWDB but not yet excepted by the board. These grants are not free money but a cost share granted by the legislation. These grants if and when activated would provide funding for irrigators wishing to use these funds. Cooperators would need to sign up and abide by the contract managed by the district.

Water Rights: We the board have already addressed this with district rule #4 where a land owner with a private exempt well can register that well with the district so no one else can drill a well within 100 yard of the homeowner property.

Other Issues: As a board member I will continue to advocate for local control of groundwater and property rights. Conservation of groundwater will continue to be my focus. I will accomplish this through district lead demonstration and education. As a board member I will push hard for these issues.

**DAN SEALE** (No photo submitted)

Email for public contact: [danfordirector@gmail.com](mailto:danfordirector@gmail.com)  
Education: Lubbock High School graduate 1963

Training and Experience: Worked for the High Plains Water District for nearly 43 years retiring in 2011. Have experience in all areas pertaining to the Water District. I know what needs to be done and what doesn't.

Monitoring Water Usage: No I do not. I believe that the amended rule 5 which allows for alternate methods to report water usage is workable. No need to put an additional expense on the producers.

Water Rights: Some of the home owners wells are not drilled to red bed therefore they may need to deepen their wells to red bed. A group of owners that do not have municipal water and are experiencing water problems can join together and create a water supply district.

Other Issues: Wise spending of the tax payers money. With over \$5,000,000 in the bank as of December 31, 2013 the Board of Directors raised the tax rate. Areas of responsibility is being forgotten. Need to enforce the rules. The Water District needs to be pro active not reactive. Lots of open wells needs to be fixed before some child falls in one.

**VOTERS GUIDE**

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**and the Lubbock County Elections Office**

# LUBBOCK COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, PRECINCT 1

Lubbock County Water Control and Improvement District members serve 4-year terms.

## QUESTIONS FOR LUBBOCK COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT CANDIDATES.

Training and experience: Describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office.

Land Use Planning: What is your vision in terms of long range planning for public recreational development and private development of the Buffalo

Springs Lake area?

Conservation: What conservation efforts do you feel are important for maintaining and enhancing water and land quality?

Other Issues: What other issues do you consider most important and how would you address them?

## SHIRLEY BLAND

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED BY PRINT DEADLINE. SEE VOTE411 FOR ANY LATER RESPONSES.

## ROBYN BYRD

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED BY PRINT DEADLINE. SEE VOTE411 FOR ANY LATER RESPONSES.

## TED CARTHEL

(No photo submitted)

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Education: BS degree in agronomy from Texas Tech

Training and experience: Owned several businesses, retired insurance agent, taught Dale Carnegie sales courses, raised on a farm, West Texas born and bred. Current resident of Buffalo Springs Lake. I flunked retirement so I am running for the Lubbock County Water Dist #1 lake board.

Land Use Planning: I believe we should do more to protect the lake shoreline

because it is eroding and filling up the lake. There is a need for street improvement. For visitors to the lake, the marina service should be improved. To help insure that Buffalo Springs Lake continues to be a place that residents of Lubbock County and surrounding area want to visit and enjoy.

Conservation: There is a definite need to cut down on erosion, especially at the shoreline, to keep the lake from filling up with eroded soil. Having served as chairman of a tree planting committee for the lake, I feel it is important to continue this program to enhance it.

Other Issues: Help promote Buffalo Springs Lake as one of this regions important recreational areas.

## GREG LEWIS

Education: 3 years of college

Training and experience: I am currently serving on the water board at LCWCID #1. I also have a house on the lake and see the every day activity. I am always watching for ways to improve the quality of the lake, so visitors can enjoy their county lake to the fullest. I am asking for your vote so that I may finish implementing my ideas.

Land Use Planning: It is important not to over build, to keep as much public use land as possible. The homes bring income for the lean winter months and visitors bring income during the summer, a balance needs to be maintained.

Safety and usage of ATV trails has become a concern. We are currently

evaluating my suggestion to create new bike trails for safety. Another concern, because of the lake's size the building of docks needs to be watched.

Conservation: I am currently opposed to building a road through our spillway wetland area. This area has a nature trail through it and was only accessible by foot. The asphalt road will break this area up. This road was not needed or approved by the Texas Fish and Wildlife department. We are the only water recreation park in the area and are responsible for protecting wildlife. Once it is destroyed we can't bring it back. Don't just stand by, conserve.

Other Issues: The water district is proposing a new office building that would put us into debt. The idea of borrowing a large amount of money to finance debt over several years is not good planning. The long term payments could be a constant drain of funds and could create a need to raise gate fees. I do not want to see this happen. The lake needs to stay affordable. It is very important to keep clean park areas. Campgrounds, and play areas need attention.

## MICHAEL SHOBE

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Web Site: <http://www.michaelshobe.info>

Education: UC

Training and experience: Served previous term on the Lubbock County Water Control and Improvement District # 1 Board, Appointed President of the Texas Department of Health, Licensing and Certification Board by President Bush, Appointed as Municipal Criminal Court Judge. Owned a Private Medical Practice for 26 years, Commercial Property Investments

Land Use Planning: Vast improvements were made during my previous term in

office including land use and improvements. I hope to continue and expand these previous efforts thru the development of dormant unused land resources both for recreational and residential use.

Conservation: One of the key achievements in term of improving water quality at the lake was achieved by repairs made to the dam valve system allowing cycling of water and lowering the lake for shoreline repairs as well as removal of vegetation ( cattails ). Grounds maintenance and improvements in concert with a tree management program are crucial to improving the resources within the District.

Other Issues: The District has enjoyed great expansion in recent years thanks to the efforts of many. Much is still to accomplish. Public Image and Awareness are a top priority as well as the un-romantic issues such as roads, sewers, water systems, ordinance reviews, accounting systems, leasing agreements, interlocular agreements ... the list goes on .. Board members must bring to the table working knowledge of many areas of business.



**GREG THORNTON**

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Education: Roosevelt high school, Eastern New Mecixco Texas Tech

Training and experience: as the lake manager for 5 years i cleaned up the lake ,removed the cattails ,removed the old dilapidated boathouses and promoted the two most successful boat races the lake ever had repaired the boat ramps ,opened up the parks for camping ,brought new events, built the amphitheater ,spurred redevelopment and renovation  
Land Use Planning: clean up whats there , make sure whats being done new is good for the long term vitality of the lake , make the lake a usable and clean well

maintained asset for recreational users and residence, look at all proposals as a Stuart of the land and a business manager ,maintain a balance of homes and recreational use and to keep the lake in a pristine condition  
Conservation: the key to the quality of the lake and its condition is balance and maintenance if its understaffed the lake suffers with trash and damage to facilities . big events have always been part of the lakes history which is fine if it is managed the shorelines need to be cleaned of trash the lake needs top be stocked w fish, the trees need to be maintained and replaced, the grass needs to be mowed  
Other Issues: management . no clear "path " the board needs to direct the image and direction of the lake and manage the business of the lake, the board needs to work together to direct the manager on a clear defined coarse of action for each revenue stream, the marina has been a source of pride and the biggest source of shame reflecting directly on the board of directors and how the group of managers conduct business #1 on my list MARINA #2 maintanace& staff

**LUBBOCK COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, PRECINCT 4**  
Lubbock County Water Control and Improvement District members serve 4-year terms.

**PAUL HODGES** (No photo submitted)

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Education: 1967 - Monterey High School Lubbock Christian College Texas Tech University

Training and experience: Proudly serving the last four years on the board, I have used my skills as a business owner and manager to make decisions that enhance and beautify our county lake. We have made many improvements, and have exciting plans for the future. Help us continue the progress. Cleanliness and beauty is what we strive for.  
Land Use Planning: Planning is already in the works for more recreational development in unused areas of the district. An atv track that will appeal to the younger riders as well as adults is planned. Improvements to our camping facilities is an on going project, with paving and landscaping on the way. Also

several beautiful home sites are available. Buffalo Springs Lake is a recreational water district for all county residents. Exciting events are scheduled.  
Conservation: Good water quality is essential for a recreational water district! Projects we continue for this purpose are, reed- vegetation thinning, algae monitoring, and always trash and runoff control. Land quality will continue to be addressed with erosion control, ground plants, and our ongoing tree upgrade and replacement program. Our goal is to keep our "West Texas Oasis" beautiful and clean for all the people of Lubbock county.  
Other Issues: One issue that I feel is needed for our lake is more support from our county fathers and our neighbor city-Lubbock. Our events bring a positive economic impact to the city and county, and when business prospers everyone benefits. Positive recognition of our wonderful facility would be a step in the right direction. I will work hard to enhance our image through knowledge and education. We have no tax base, we are a self supported entity.



**ROYCE LEWIS**

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Education: Southern Methodist University, Coronado High School

Training and experience: Linda and I started Capital Mortgage from scratch in 1986. From those humble beginnings, we have grown our company to a nationally recognized mortgage firm with over \$2 billion in servicing assets. I can build relationships with people and make those relationships mutually beneficial to them and Buffalo Springs Lake.  
Land Use Planning: I believe we can do a lot to enhance the physical and fiscal condition of the lake. I want to work to make sure that we are making decisions,

not avoiding them. I want the managers to be held accountable for dereliction & malfeasance. I believe there are new, modern ways we can fund services at the lake including services like iTex. By cultivating new revenue streams and holding people accountable, we can enjoy the lake even more.  
Conservation: I believe it's important for us to make sure we are making smart decisions. We are next door to one of the best universities in the country. We need to create a partnership with the university to allow these great, young minds to craft new ways for us to conserve and improve Buffalo Springs Lake. Beyond making sound changes to the way we treat the lake, we need to ensure the employees of the lake are held accountable for their duties.  
Other Issues: I believe the present board has allowed personal agendas and petty politics create a dysfunctional administrative hierarchy that has weakened the infrastructure. I have witnessed how certain board members have developed an attitude of arrogance that causes them to dwell on personal agendas with little regard for the lake. Poorly funding police and funneling signage grant money endangers the public. There is tremendous room for improvement.





**SANDRA J. LEWIS**

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 Education: Bachelor of Science Marketing Multiple Accounting Courses

Training and experience: Marketing Degree – 10+ years experience as a Marketing Manager. Accounting Experience – multiple courses. 5+ years experience Supervisor – Scheduled and supervised 20+ workforce. Lake Homeowner - my objective is to increase the value and longevity of the Lake.  
Land Use Planning: My vision is to bring in more families. I would do this by: Increasing and improving the beach areas. Adding more family areas/ playgrounds concentrating around the campgrounds. Add rental cabins- this

has been approved and never completed. Long range: Campground Store. This would house a small store, kid’s games, entertainment center. A place for campers to go during rainy or cool days.  
Conservation: Better designation of land to maintain areas used for Nature. Define parking and camping areas to maintain the quality of the grounds. A Plan to maintain the health of the trees and stop the elm beetle problem that is destroying so many of the trees. Work with General Manager to develop a plan to maintain shoreline erosion maintaining overgrowth.  
Other Issues: Earn the reputation of being a clean, well maintained campground suitable for families by Improving cleanliness of entire area. Garbage removal. Raking grounds used for camping. Improving maintenance/ cleanliness of restrooms. Equipment checked daily for damage; every table, every swing checked. Maintenance hours increased on busy days; weekends, holidays. Decreased throughout week. Planned long term road maintenance instead of patches.

**EARLY VOTING IN LUBBOCK COUNTY**

Early Voting by personal appearance for the November 4, 2014 General and Special Elections will be conducted at ALL EARLY POLLING LOCATIONS ON THE DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS LISTED BELOW:  
 Early Voting Dates: October 20 – October 31

**MONDAY – FRIDAY, OCT. 20 – 31**  
**8:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**  
**EXCEPT SUNDAY, OCT. 26**  
**1:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.**

Main Polling Place:  
 Lubbock County Elections Office  
 Public Room  
 1308 Crickets Ave

United Supermarkets/Locations listed below:

- 2630 Parkway Dr.
- 4425 19 St (19<sup>th</sup> & Quaker Ave) Mkt Street
- 112 N University Ave-Amigos
- 2703 82nd St (82<sup>nd</sup> & Boston Ave)
- 401 Slide Road (4<sup>th</sup> & Slide)
- 8010 Frankford Ave (82<sup>nd</sup> & Frankford)
- 1701 50 St (50<sup>th</sup> & Ave Q)
- 4205 98 St (98<sup>th</sup> & Quaker Ave)

Texas Tech University  
 Student Recreation Center  
 Texas Tech Campus

Slaton ISD Administration Office  
 140 E Panhandle  
 Slaton

Roosevelt Clubhouse  
 1400 CR 3300

**MONDAY – FRIDAY, OCT. 20 – 31**  
**Hours: 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.**  
**(Closed Saturday and Sunday)**

Abernathy City Hall  
 811 Avenue D, Abernathy

**TEMPORARY BRANCH**  
**EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS**

**October 20, 2014**  
**MONDAY**

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
 Casey Administration Building  
 501 7<sup>th</sup> St, Wolfforth

**October 21, 2014**  
**TUESDAY**

8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
 Covenant Medical Center –Lobby  
 3615 19<sup>th</sup> St

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
 Ransom Canyon City Hall  
 24 Lee Kitchens Dr., Ransom Canyon

**October 22, 2014**  
**WEDNESDAY**

8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
 Covenant Medical Center-Lakeside  
 Garden Room (Basement)  
 4004 24<sup>th</sup> St  
 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
 Idalou Clubhouse  
 202 W 7<sup>th</sup> St, Idalou

**October 24, 2014**  
**FRIDAY**

8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
 University Medical Center (UMC)  
 602 Indiana Ave

**October 25, 2014**  
**SATURDAY**

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
 Carillon Senior Living Campus  
 1717 Norfolk Ave

**October 27, 2014**  
**MONDAY**

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
 New Deal ISD Administration  
 401 S Auburn, New Deal

**October 28, 2014**  
**TUESDAY**

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
 Shallowater Community Center  
 902 Avenue H, Shallowater

**October 29, 2014**  
**WEDNESDAY**

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
 Lubbock Community Services for the Deaf (LCSD)  
 2414 34<sup>th</sup> St

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
 Ventura Place  
 3026 54<sup>th</sup> St

**October 30, 2014**  
**THURSDAY**

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
 Life/Run Center for Independent Living  
 8240 Boston Ave

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
 Emeritus at Elmbrook Estates  
 5301 66<sup>th</sup> St

**October 31, 2014**  
**FRIDAY**

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
 Raider Ranch  
 6548 43<sup>rd</sup> St

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
 Windmill Village Rehabilitation and Healthcare  
 507 MLK Blvd

**LUBBOCK COUNTY GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS  
VOTE CENTER LOCATIONS  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014  
7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.**

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Abernathy City Hall – 811 Avenue D, Abernathy	Elks Lodge No. 1348 – 3409 Milwaukee Ave	Mae Simmons Community Center – 2004 Oak Avenue	South Plains Church of Christ – 6802 Elkhart Ave
Bacon Heights Baptist Church – 5110 54th Str	First Assembly of God Church – 3801 98th Str	Mount Vernon United Methodist Church – 2304 Cedar Ave	St Joseph Catholic Church – 102 N Avenue P
Broadview Baptist Church – 1302 N Frankford Ave	Green Lawn Church of Christ – 5701 19th Str	New Deal ISD Administration Office – 401 S Auburn Str, New Deal	Sunset Church of Christ, The Well – 3651 34th Str
Byron Martin ATC – 3201 Avenue Q	Harwell Elementary School – 4101 Avenue D	Parsons Elementary—2811 58th Str	Sutherlands Lumber – 3701 50th Str
Calvary Baptist Church – 5301 82nd Str	Hodges Community Center – 4011 University Ave	Patterson Library – 1836 Parkway Ave	Texas Tech University Library – 18th Str & Boston Ave, TTU Campus
Casey Administration Building – 501 7th Str, Wolfforth	Home Depot – 2615 50th Str	Ramirez Charter School – 702 Avenue T	Wright Elementary School – 1302 Adrian Str
Catholic Diocese of Lubbock – 4620 4th Str	Idalou Clubhouse – 202 W 7th Str, Idalou	Roberts Elementary School – 7901 Avenue P	
Cavazos Middle School – 210 N University Ave	Lubbock-Cooper Performing Arts Center (PAC) – Woodrow Rd & Hwy 87 (on Woodrow Rd West of Lubbock-Cooper High School	Roosevelt Clubhouse – 1400 CR 3300	
Celebration Christian Center – 8001 Upland Ave	Lubbock-Cooper North Elementary School – 3202 108th Str	Roscoe Wilson Elementary School – 2807 25th Str	
Church on the Rock—10503 Slide Rd		Shallowater Community Center – 902 Avenue H, Shallowater	
		Slaton ISD Administration Office – 140 E Panhandle, Slaton	

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## WHAT TO TAKE TO THE POLLS

### TEXAS REQUIRES VOTERS TO SHOW PHOTO ID

Texas now requires voters to show an acceptable photo ID at the polls. The only acceptable photo IDs are:

#### TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) ISSUED PHOTO IDS

- Driver's license
- Personal identification card
- Concealed handgun license
- Election Identification Certificate

#### UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO IDS

- Passport
- Military identification card
- Citizenship certificate or naturalization certificate with photograph

*Only the above photo IDs can be accepted at the polls.* Other photo IDs including student IDs, employer IDs and out-of-state driver's licenses cannot be accepted.

## VOTER information:

### Photo ID Details & Exceptions

See "WHAT TO TAKE TO THE POLLS" on the front page for a list of accepted photo IDs. This section provides additional information about the photo ID requirements.

- The photo ID needs to be current or have expired no more than 60 days before voting (citizenship and naturalization certificates have no expiration date).
- The name on the photo ID should match the voter registration card. If names don't match, a voter may be accepted if names are "substantially similar." If names match, addresses don't need to match.
  - *If the names don't match exactly, the voter can be accepted if names are substantially similar; poll workers will look at address, date of birth, and the photo. If names are substantially similar, the voter will initial a box for similar name when signing in to vote.*
  - *To avoid confusion, you can change the name on your voter registration to match that on your photo ID at least 30 days prior to the election.*
- Voters with a documented disability from Social Security or Veterans Affairs can apply for a voter registration certificate exempting them from the photo ID requirement.
- Voters without acceptable ID can obtain an Election Identification Certificate (EIC) from Texas DPS at no cost by providing proof of citizenship and identity and registering to vote at DPS or showing a voter registration card. Requirements for the EIC can be found at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/electionID.htm>. There is no charge for the EIC but the necessary documentation may have a cost.
- Photo ID is not required to vote by mail. Voters may apply for a mail ballot if 65 or older, ill or disabled, or absent from their county during early voting and on Election Day. Note: Photo ID will be required of first time voters if a driver's license or Social Security number was not included with the voter registration application.
- Voters who do not show an acceptable ID at the polls can vote a provisional ballot and have six days to show the required photo ID.
- Those who lack a photo ID because of a religious objection to being photographed or because of a natural disaster declared by the president will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot and complete an affidavit within six days of the election.

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