

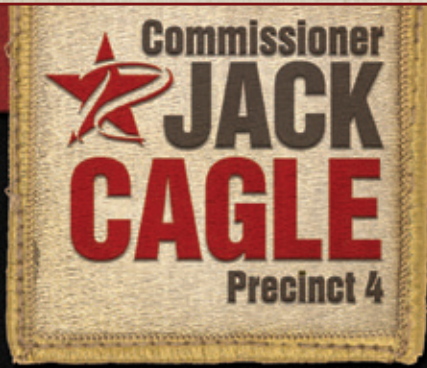
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By *Gary Polland, TCR Editor-in-Chief*

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## UNITED STATES SENATE: TED CRUZ

Senator **Ted Cruz** has been a conservative vote in the U.S. Senate, but more important than his vote is his leadership on conservative issues. This firebrand has led the way on issues even when they are not popular and has continued to bring innovative solutions to our most pressing problems. For as long as **Cruz** remains conservative and effective, TCR will continue our enthusiastic support for Senator **Ted Cruz** against all challengers.

## U.S. CONGRESS, CD-2: KEVIN ROBERTS

There is no question that conservative icon **Ted Poe** will leave huge shoes to fill in Texas' 2nd Congressional District when he retires next year. **Kevin Roberts** is TCR's pick to fill those shoes. Roberts, after just one term in the Texas Legislature representing House District 126, has already made quite a name for himself among conservatives. His legislation requiring state agencies to eliminate one existing regulation for every new regulation is groundbreaking and an example of the kind of conservative leadership TCR expects from him in Washington. **Roberts'** executive level experience in the private sector combined with his conservative legislative experience makes him the clear choice in a crowded field of nine candidates.

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**Pete Olson** is a highly decorated naval aviator, who has made his mark in Congress since his election in 2008. **Olson** has stood on conservative values in Congress including protecting the unborn and the 2nd Amendment and worked for border security, job growth and our national security.

## U.S. CONGRESS, CD-29: PHILLIP ARONOFF

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## FIRST COURT OF APPEALS, PLACE 7: TERRY YATES

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## PRESIDING JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS: DAVID BRIDGES

**David Bridges** is a former prosecutor who had an effective career keeping murderers, rapists and robbers off Texas streets. He then went to work for the State Bar of Texas where he worked to disbar unethical attorneys. For the past twenty years **Bridges** has served as a Justice on the Fifth District Court of Appeals and will make an excellent Presiding Judge at the CCA.

## GOVERNOR: GREG ABBOTT

**Governor Greg Abbott** has a distinguished career that includes service as Texas Attorney General, Justice on the Texas Supreme Court and a district judge. His numerous accomplishments prior to election as governor include establishing a Cyber Crimes unit and a Fugitive Unit to track down sexual predators. Since taking office as the 48th Governor of Texas he has implemented a conservative agenda that includes the largest tax cut in Texas history following the 2015 session of the Legislature. Governor **Greg Abbott** is a strong Texas Governor who deserves re-election.

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### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: DAN PATRICK

Lieutenant Governor **Dan Patrick** has a proven record of success as a conservative leader—first as a business owner and radio talk show host, who used his microphone to promote conservative candidates and causes, as well as shining the conservative light on liberal follies across the state. He was then elected state senator representing District 7 where he put his talk into action as one of the most conservative members of the Texas Senate. As Lt. Governor, **Patrick** continues to advance the conservative agenda, passing tax cuts, funding increased border security and education reform.

### TEXAS STATE SENATE DISTRICT 17: JOAN HUFFMAN

**Joan Huffman** is a consistent and conservative voice in the Texas State Senate. A laundry list of awards that include “Taxpayer Champion,” “Law and

Order Award,” and “Faith and Family Champion” by the most conservative organizations in the state leave **Huffman’s** conservative credentials unassailable. Add to that a lifetime of experience in criminal justice as both a prosecutor and a district judge and **Joan Huffman’s** value in the Senate is apparent.

### STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 126: KEVIN FULTON

There is an interesting side story to the contest to replace **Kevin Roberts** - who is running for Congress in District 2 - in that two of the three candidates are spouses of current or former elected officials. The third candidate and only one not leveraging his spouse's name to establish his or her own political career is **Kevin Fulton**. **Fulton** is an Army war veteran, an adoptive father and an attorney who is running on his own qualifications and experience, which includes lawsuits for religious freedom. Based on merit, not marriage, **Fulton** is the clear choice.

### STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 134: SUSANNA DOKUPIL

**Susanna Dokupil** picked one heck of a fight when she challenged one of the most pro-abortion and liberal Republicans in the Texas House. **Dokupil** is not only a committed conservative who will advance issues such as protecting the unborn, cutting government spending and achieving education reform, but she is also eminently qualified. **Dokupil** holds a bachelor's degree from Baylor University, a master's degree from George Washington University and a Law degree from Harvard. She previously served as Special Counsel to the United States Senate Judiciary Committee and Assistant Solicitor General for the Office of the Attorney General of Texas. She is also endorsed by Governor **Greg Abbott**. Conservative and qualified, **Dokupil** is just the person to steer District 134 back to the right.

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### **STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 144: RUBEN VILLARREAL**

**Ruben Villarreal** has an impressive resume that includes two Master's degrees from Houston Baptist University. **Villarreal** is co-pastor of La Iglesia del Pueblo, a large 1800-member church founded by his father. This father and son team are also the founders of Radio Aleluya, a network of over 15 radio stations in and around Houston with a Spanish Christian format. This principled and energetic entrepreneur and pastor will definitely bring a new perspective to the State House.

### **STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 150: VALOREE SWANSON**

**Valoree Swanson** ran in 2016 and won election on a conservative platform. During her first legislative session, **Swanson** honored that platform with her votes. Valoree's performance as a freshman legislator should earn her a 2nd term.

### **TEXAS RAILROAD COMMISSIONER: CHRISTI CRADDICK**

**Christi Craddick** has been a force for conservative progress who has helped increase efficiency and enact common sense policies at the Railroad Commission. She, along with fellow conservatives on the commission, have stood strong against misguided EPA regulations that harm the Texas oil and gas industry and with it the Texas economy. TCR stands with **Christi Craddick**, a proven leader who has worked effectively for conservative principles, efficiency and transparency at the Texas Railroad Commission.

### **COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE: SID MILLER**

**Sid Miller** has exactly the kind of experience and qualifications for a great Commissioner of Agriculture—he is an eighth generation Texas farmer and rancher who holds a Bachelor's degree

in Vocational Agriculture Education from Tarleton State University. Prior to his election as Commissioner of Agriculture, **Miller** served in the Texas House where he earned a reputation as a staunch defender of Texas agriculture, constitutional freedoms and individual liberties for all Texans. **Miller's** opponent is an attorney and lobbyist. No contest.

### **COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE: GEORGE P. BUSH**

Native Texan **George P. Bush** is the future of the Republican Party in Texas. He has not only the credentials that make him qualified, but also an appeal to the youth and Hispanic demographic that make for an unbeatable standard bearer. It doesn't hurt that his grandfather and uncle are both former presidents of the United States. His own history of public service following graduation from Rice University includes deployment as a naval officer in Afghanistan and then work as a public school teacher. **Bush**, who also holds a law degree, is the founder of two companies and active with charitable causes including Big Brothers and Big Sisters and the Dallas/Fort Worth Celebration of Reading. **Bush** was elected to his first term as Land Commissioner in 2014 and has already made an impact on the office by advancing private property rights and helping to protect military veterans. For the future of Texas, TCR recommends a second term for **George P. Bush**.

### **JUDGE 185TH CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT: MARITZA ANTU**

**Maritza Antu** is an eleven-year veteran of the Harris County District Attorney's Office where she advanced up the ranks reaching the position of Chief Prosecutor. Maritza's experience includes every conceivable type of criminal prosecution from misdemeanors to capital murder. **Antu** is passionate about representing the interests of the extremely vulnerable, especially children, and that passion, along with her vast experience will no doubt be invaluable to victims seeking justice in the 185th Criminal District Court.

### **JUDGE 189TH CIVIL DISTRICT COURT: SHARON HEMPHILL**

**Sharon Hemphill** is a Board-Certified trial attorney with over two decades of experience who not only holds a J.D., but also a LL.M. (Masters of Law). She is a former Briefing Attorney for the Supreme Court of Texas and is qualified to practice in Federal Courts and the Supreme Court of the United States. **Hemphill** is known as a smart, hardworking attorney with the temperament needed to be a first-class judge. **Hemphill** was one of our nominees in 2016 after winning her primary election but was defeated under an ineffective Paul Simpson-led GOP that lost every single county-wide race on that ballot. Let's hope that there is new leadership at the HCRP after the March primary that can help **Hemphill** and our other qualified candidates win election in November.

### **JUDGE 263RD CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT: CHARLES JOHNSON**

**Charles Johnson** is a big man - big enough that he had a successful career in the National Football League before retiring to pursue a legal career. But bigger than his stature are his values. He says, "I grew up in a place in Texas where the majority of citizens were conservative people of faith and believers in a meritocracy; American values and plain hard work." In many ways **Charles Johnson** is larger than life and is just the kind of lawyer who will make an excellent addition to the Harris County District Courts.

### **JUDGE 295TH CIVIL DISTRICT COURT: RICHARD RISINGER**

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### JUDGE 280TH FAMILY DISTRICT COURT: GEORGE CLEVINGER

Longtime family law attorney **George Clevinger** is our choice here. Besides being a good family law lawyer and conscientious fighter for families and children, George will be ready from day one. He is also so efficient he will be able

to handle the court's docket and assist the other burdened courts in handling family law cases.

### JUDGE, HARRIS COUNTY CIVIL COURT AT LAW NO. 2: THERESA CHANG

After graduation from South Texas College of Law, **Theresa Chang** worked as an Assistant County Attorney for 10 years and served as the Division Chief of the Revenue Division and the Compliance Division of the Harris County Attorney's Office. She was appointed to the bench in 2012 and reduced the court docket by 45% since taking office. Under Judge **Chang's** leadership, less than 1% of disposed cases went on to appeal. **Chang** has extensive experience, both on and off the bench, that makes her far more qualified than her opponent.

### JUDGE, HARRIS COUNTY CIVIL COURT AT LAW NO. 4: SOPHIA MAFRIGE

**Sophia Mafrige** has 30 years' experience handling litigation, transactional matters and civil mediation. **Mafrige** has a breadth of civil experience that makes her well suited and exceptionally qualified to hit the ground running as judge of Harris County Civil Court at Law No. 4.

### HARRIS COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT NO. 8: DAN SIMONS

As a child growing up in poverty and then in foster care, many people may not have predicted success for a young **Dan Simons**. But **Simons** worked his way through adversity and achieved success. **Simons**, an Air Force veteran, has seen the law from both sides of the table - both as a prosecutor and a defense attorney - which will give him a unique perspective at County Criminal Court No. 8.

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# WHY TEXAS REPUBLICANS MUST RE-ELECT GEORGE P. BUSH

By **Marc Cowart**, *TCR Managing Editor*



## **Background**

George P. Bush is a native Texan born in Houston to parents Jeb and Columba Bush. George P. has an extensive career in public service —

working as a public-school teacher after graduating from Rice University, serving in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan as an officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve, and now as the 28th Land Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office (GLO).

He has also worked as an attorney and founded two companies.

## **1st Term Accomplishments**

During his first term at the GLO, Bush has put his conservative principles into practice by cutting the size of the office and creating a leaner, more efficient organization, which provides the taxpayers with more bang for their buck. Bush's critics, including his ballot rival Jerry Patterson, have complained about Bush's cuts, but Bush is proud of the more fiscally responsible GLO. Bush also took on Barack Obama and his Bureau of Land Management when it attempted to seize a 116 mile stretch of Texas land along the Red River. Bush prevailed, protecting both the rights of property owners and the mineral rights, which help fund the Permanent School Fund and public schools.

## **The Future of the GOP**

George P. Bush deserves re-election based entirely on his qualifications, his effectiveness and his accomplishments in four short years. But there is another equally compelling reason Republicans should see Bush's re-election as a political imperative—Bush can reinvigorate a Republican Party, whose future is in doubt. The GOP in Texas has long wrestled with the dilemma of exploding populations of young people and Hispanics who feel increasingly disconnected from a largely aging GOP leadership. No matter how much "outreach" the GOP does to

young people and Hispanics, it won't penetrate these groups until it starts to look like them from the grassroots to the leadership. Bush can be the catalyst that ignites and perpetuates change from the top down. The good news is that he has already been tested.

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***Bush has put his conservative principles into practice, most notably by cutting the size of the office and creating a leaner, more efficient organization, which provides the taxpayers with more bang for their buck.***

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George P. Bush's attractiveness as a public figure was proved at the 2014 general election ballot boxes—in his inaugural campaign he outpolled every candidate on the statewide ballot, many of whom have spent decades establishing their followings. This speaks simultaneously to the positive persona of Bush and the declining popularity of an outdated brand that still bears the reputation as a place for rich, white men. It is a brand in desperate need of a reboot and George P. Bush is just the sort of leader who can re-energize and make over the brand. Why is Bush so popular? For starters he is attractive, youthful and charismatic. Certainly not the qualities on which a movement can be entirely built, but a good start. But Bush brings much more to the table. As a former school teacher, he can appeal to educators, which is a huge and powerful block. Ditto for veterans with his military experience. Conservatives like that Bush backs up his rhetoric with action. Pro-lifers have witnessed Bush speaking out from the "bully pulpit" on behalf of the unborn. Bush's Hispanic heritage is huge for attracting supporters who already share Republican values, but who are hesitant to join due to poorly worded rhetoric and the distrust it breeds. Bush's ability to draw Hispanics

to the GOP cannot be understated.

George P. Bush is the future of the Republican Party. The Democrats realize it and are scared to death. Establishment Republicans, afraid of losing control, feel likewise; just look at those opposing him in the primary.

George P. Bush can invigorate the tired and underperforming GOP brand. He can attract young people, women, veterans, teachers, disillusioned conservatives and Hispanics—but first he MUST win re-election.

For the future of Texas, vote to re-elect George P. Bush as Texas Land Commissioner. ★

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# HARRIS COUNTY NEEDS A NEW PARTY CHAIRMAN

By *Gary Polland, TCR Editor-in-Chief*



If Harris County voters can only vote in one race on the March 6th Republican ballot, they must vote in the Harris County Republican Party Chairman race and they must choose wisely, because if they choose wrong in this race, nothing else matters. The stakes are truly that high.

That's because the Harris County Republican Party can wield massive influence. It can bring to bear massive resources. And it can win massively, if these resources are brought to bear intelligently and effectively. Unfortunately, the only result the current Chairman **Paul Simpson** has been able to achieve massively . . . is losing.

When Simpson ran against the incumbent, **Jared Woodfill**, he excoriated Woodfill for losing half the races on the countywide ballot in the 2012 Obama wave. He said Harris County Republicans could do better and placed 100% of the blame at the feet of Woodfill.

In 2016, Simpson ran a countywide campaign on behalf of the Republican ticket under the ridiculous and nonsensical slogan, "Harris County Works," which offered little inspiration or clarity. Many didn't understand the message at all. In the end, "Harris County Works" . . . didn't. Simpson, who had said he could do better than winning 50% of the countywide races, did, in fact, lose them all. That's right—**Paul Simpson lost every single race**. While Republicans across the country were riding the Trump coattails to historic victories, Simpson failed massively. That massive failure was again due to empty messaging and the fact that Simpson, instead of embracing the **Donald Trump** candidacy, ran from it, doing nothing to hide his embarrassment over the top of the ticket. And then, instead of taking responsibility for his ineffectiveness and massive failure, Simpson blamed Trump for the losses.

Simpson has squandered valuable party resources on ineffective campaign strategies—like opening many brick-and-mortar retail spaces, at a time when brick-and-mortar is going the way of the dinosaur—and then refusing to take a single ounce of responsibility for his poor decisions and lack of leadership. It was and is the height of hypocrisy demanding the head of his predecessor for **WINNING** half the races, while he lost **ALL** the races and then blamed everyone but himself.

Fortunately, Harris County Republicans have the chance to replace Simpson with a real leader who can right this ship and put together a winning game plan for this year's critical 2018 general election. **Chris Carmona** is a bright, young and energetic leader with a vision for the future. Carmona's youth, and vision to use state-of-the-art technology and strategies, contrasts sharply with



Simpson's 63 years, and commitment to outdated and ineffective strategies. Carmona, like our other featured candidate **George P. Bush**, is also Hispanic and has a vision for attracting and integrating Hispanic voters into the local party, which is badly needed in a time of population explosion within the Hispanic community. Carmona's leadership can yield results, not only in 2018, but for years to come. **Vote for Carmona like our ticket's success depends on it—because it does.** ★

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**Aaron Burdette** is a career prosecutor with over 10 years' experience and 50+ jury trials under his belt. He is also the former Chief of the Misdemeanor Division and an active member of the community that he hopes to continue protecting as judge of Harris County Criminal Court 11.

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**Mike Wolfe** has been fighting in the trenches with fellow conservative warriors since he started corresponding with former President **Ronald Reagan** when **Wolfe** was a teenager. In 2006, **Wolfe** was elected a Harris County School Trustee, where he spearheaded

the effort to name the HCDE's Administration building in honor of Ronald Reagan. During his time on the HCDE, **Wolfe** has stood firm on conservative principles by blocking millions of dollars in proposed tax increases and by cutting HCDE's tax rate.

## **HARRIS COUNTY SCHOOL TRUSTEE, POS 4, PCT 3: JOSH FLYNN**

**Josh Flynn** is a longtime conservative political activist whose Republican grassroots credentials are without dispute. **Flynn's** many years of professional experience as an accountant and small business owner will add great value to the HCDE, which is responsible for a \$100+ million annual budget.

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# **ABOUT TEXAS CONSERVATIVE REVIEW EDITOR**

## ***Gary Polland***



The pugnacious and always outspoken Gary Polland is one of the leading conservative voices in Texas. Whether it's through the popular TCR internet newsletter and website, regular radio appearances, his TCR voters guides, or as co-host of *Red, White and Blue* - the popular political roundtable show on Houston Public Media (PBS Channel 8) - Polland is a force for tough, thoughtful conservatives.

Polland has been a practicing attorney for more than 42 years. His practice is a mix of trial work in family, civil and juvenile courts. He is Board Certified in Civil Trial law and has a reputation as a tough and skilled advocate for his clients.

Polland served as Harris County Republican Chairman from 1996 to 2002 and was overwhelmingly returned to office every time he ran. As Party Chairman, he earned national recognition for his leadership. His aggressive party-building efforts, including leading the fight against a bad arena deal and against the court ordered

## ***Human Events described Gary Polland as the most successful County Chairman in America.***

striking down of the Texas sodomy law, were featured in publications like *Human Events*, *The American Spectator*, the *Houston Chronicle* and *Inside Houston Magazine*.

Over the years, Polland's political alliances have stretched from the White House to the halls of Congress and to the Texas Legislature and Governor's Mansion. He is a confidant to state, national and local officials. His support

and advice have proven invaluable to conservatives seeking office. His TCR guides for voters offer insight and information on local, state and national issues and elections, they have become a key feature of the campaign season in Texas.

Polland received the "Elected Official of the Year" award from the Republican National Hispanic Assembly, the "Tuff Tusk" award from the National Federation of Pachyderm Clubs and was also named "Reaganite of the Year" by the Reagan Alumni Association. Polland was also honored to receive the "Torch Bearer" award from TORCH, a faith based religious organization. Polland authored "A Time for Choosing: 25 Years Later," a commentary on President Reagan's classic speech.

Whether it's on the web, in books, on television and radio or at the forefront of the latest political battle, Gary Polland is a conservative leader that voters have come to trust for insight and accurate information. ★

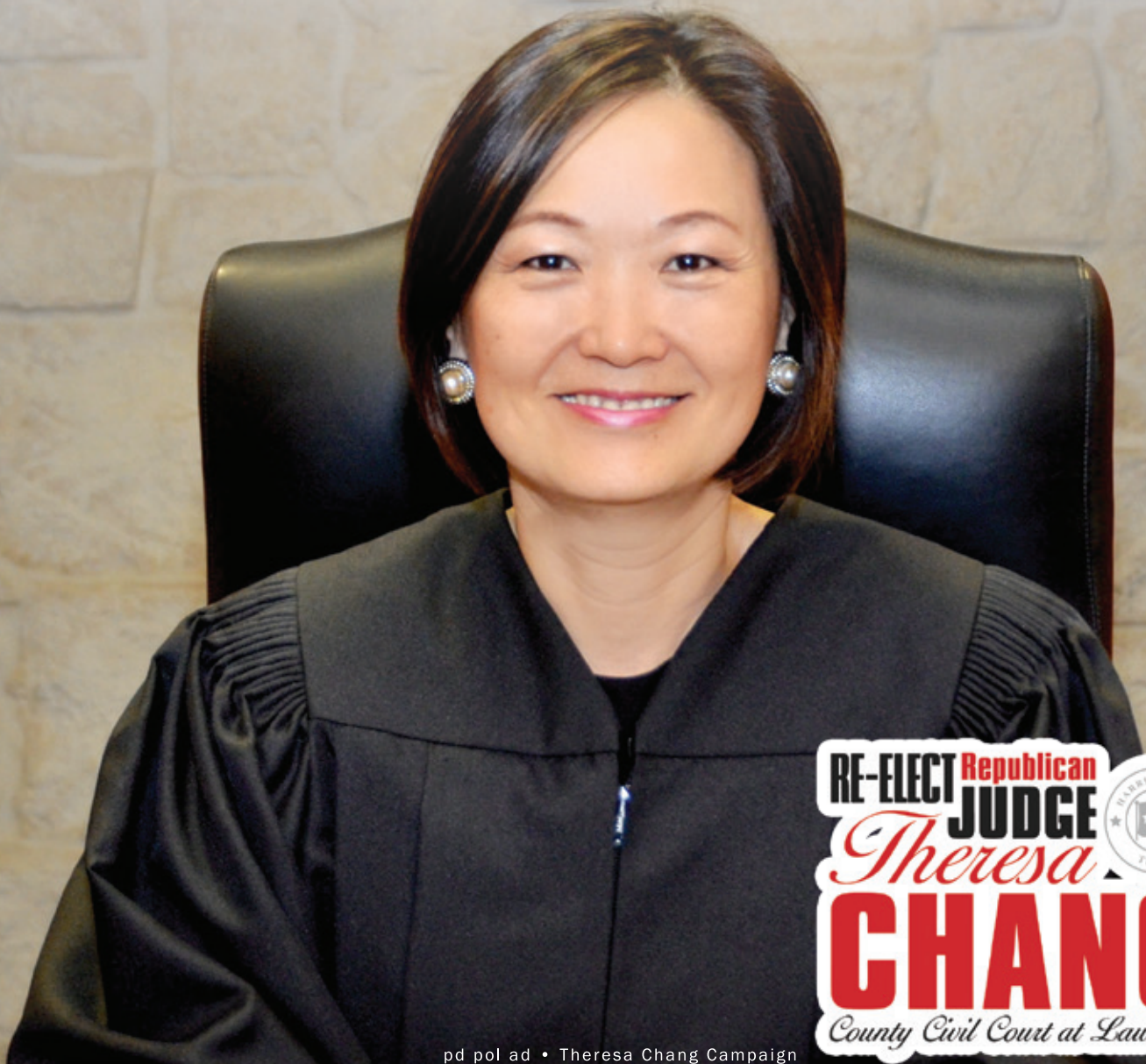


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# CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2 SPOTLIGHT

## FEATURED RACE: US HOUSE, DISTRICT 2

Congressman **Ted Poe** is a long-time friend of conservatives. He was missed when he retired as a district judge and will be missed once again as he retires from Congress. This once Democrat stronghold—formerly held by the likes of Charlie Wilson and Jim Turner—turned red for the first time with Poe's election in 2004. It is important to Republicans that the very best candidate win the Republican nomination to carry on the conservative work started by Congressman Poe.

As with most open seats, the Congressional 2 race drew a large field, mushrooming to nine candidates by the filing deadline. **Kevin Roberts**, the current Representative of House District 126, decisively threw his hat into the ring less than 24 hours after Poe made his announcement.

Of the remaining eight candidates, TCR considers two to be viable, although they both have roadblocks to election. Like it or not, the ability to either raise money or self-fund determines viability in most campaigns in districts of any size. Taking this into consideration, **Kathaleen Wall** and **Rick Walker** round out the field of viable candidates along with **Kevin Roberts**, who TCR considers to be closest to the mold of Congressman Poe.

### KATHALEEN WALL



Anyone living in Congressional District 2 has undoubtedly heard of **Kathaleen Wall**; she has after all spent millions of dollars saturating the televisions and radios of the Houston-area along with almost daily mailers into CD 2 mailboxes. Perhaps the biggest hurdle facing **Wall** has to do with her husband Holloway Frost, 22 years her senior, who is under fire for sexually harassing at least one female employee. That employee filed a lawsuit, in which she recites multiple occasions of abuse, for example (excerpted from the lawsuit), "On 'numerous occasions', Frost approached Pappas-Blancas, hugged her, and would then either shove his hands down the back of Blancas' pants and undergarments, grab her butt, or brush his hands across Blancas' breasts." Frost's defense to his victim was, "I thought you liked it." **Wall** has chosen to stand by her man, which has led some to charge that she has tacitly approved of his behavior. It is difficult to imagine that this dark cloud would not undermine her effectiveness, if elected in a political and social climate already hyper-sensitive to sexual harassment and assault allegations.

Others charge that **Wall's** wealth makes her out of touch with her potential constituents. On her required personal finance report for example **Wall** shows as much as \$250,000 of credit card spending per month. It is hard for average Joes across the district to believe that someone

that extravagant could relate to them and their struggle with real life.

One final sticking point for committed Republicans is **Wall's** vote for Hilary Clinton in the 2008 Democrat Primary. It's not a silver bullet through the heart, but it could be the proverbial straw that breaks the camel's back considering the other drags on her candidacy.

**Wall**, though, has a hedge against her criticisms, rolling out numerous endorsements from many high profile elected officials. These endorsements might be impressive, if not for the fact that **Wall** and hubby have given nearly \$4 million to these same elected officials and others over the past 7 years.

### RICK WALKER



**Walker** is the founder of a "green" company that for years has promoted the "green" movement and its liberal proponents including Barack Obama, who he praised for his health care plan, stimulus package, cap-and-trade legislation and taxpayer funding of "green" initiatives. But what does he say about Republicans?

From a 2009 post on his website, "Plenty of environmental clean-up is on the horizon for new President Barack Obama who is stepping into the toxic waste left behind by the Bush administration. Bold strokes were taken by Obama, one of which is the capping of large giveaways of taxpayer dough afforded to monolithic oil and gas companies. Obama's new budget suggests a limit for greenhouse emissions restricting some of the offenders from the free reign they have been rewarded with over the past decades." Not so much a fan of President George W. Bush, **Walker** has also taken swipes at Senator Ted Cruz, insinuating payoffs and infidelity. An extensive article is posted on [TexasConservativeReview.com](http://TexasConservativeReview.com) about **Walker** and his "green" agenda for those interested in more.

No one is perfect, but the skeletons in the closets of these two candidates rank higher than most.

### KEVIN ROBERTS



**Kevin Roberts** is TCR's choice for a variety of reasons—he's never voted in the Democratic Primary or extolled the virtues of Barak Obama, can relate to his neighbors across the district and he is a conservative with a voting record in the Texas House to prove it. He has no clouds of sexual harassment hanging over his head and has not taken cheap shots at his fellow Republicans. Not only is **Kevin Roberts** the safe choice, he is the best choice. ★



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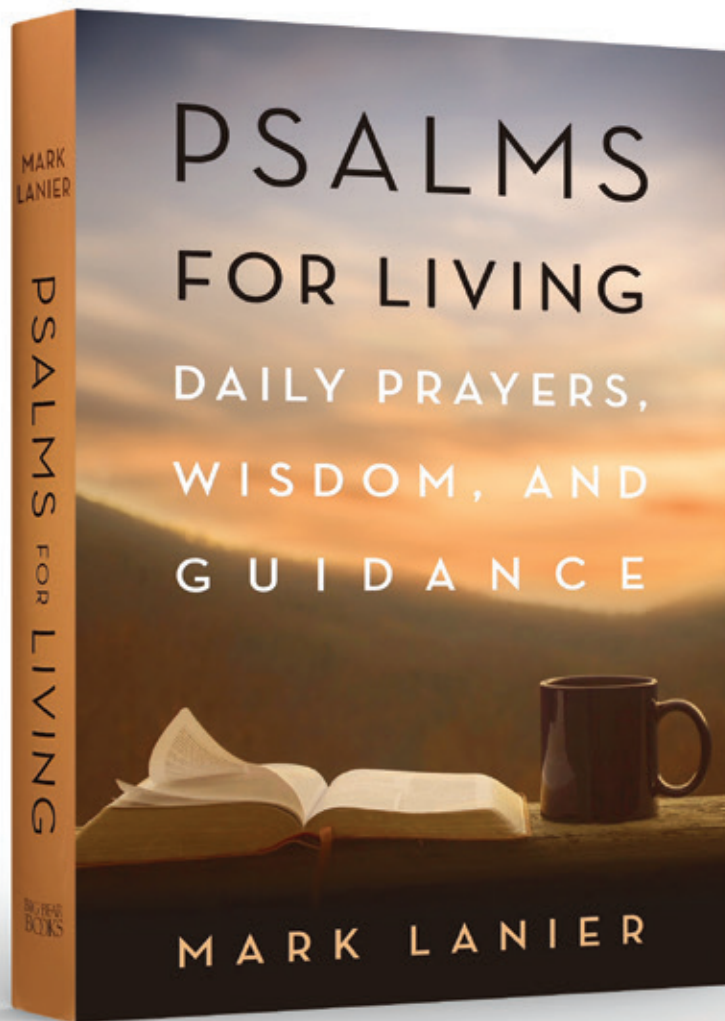


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