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2020 GENERAL ELECTION VOTERS' GUIDE

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THE 2020 ELECTION IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE OF OUR LIFETIME.

Gary Polland, Editor in Chief, TCR

If that statement evokes an eerie sense of déjà vu, fear not, because this is not the first time it has been uttered, nor will it be the last. That does not mean that it was untrue then or untrue now. It simply demonstrates that the consequences of elections are becoming increasingly dire as Democrats become emboldened by electoral victories to advance and expand increasingly radical agendas. Those agendas, by the way, can be found at every level of government, which requires vigilance up and down the ballot and is a topic for exploration in the paragraphs that follow. First we must heed the journalistic caveat, “Don’t bury the lead,” which means that we must state up front what we hope you the reader takes away from this article. **1. This is truly the most important election of our lifetime; 2. Every race on the ballot has consequences making it imperative to vote from the top of the ballot to the bottom and; 3. There is no straight ticket voting, which means voters must vote for each race individually (no more “press one and you’re done”) although every candidate’s party affiliation will be listed next to his or her name.**

STARTING AT THE TOP

The top priority for most voters on both sides during this election will undoubtedly be their vote for President of the United States. Conservative voters (Trump voters) understand the importance of this. They understand the stakes are high and include the reopening of our economy, getting Americans back to work, keeping our military and law enforcement communities strong and supported, maintaining our border security and so much more. But perhaps the highest priority at stake is maintaining the integrity of the U.S. Supreme Court and ensuring its trend toward a conservative majority. A leftist Court would certainly ensure a weakening, if not destruction, of the Second

Amendment, further advancement of abortion rights, and restoration of the full Affordable Care Act including the individual mandate with penalties for non-compliance. There is no doubt that this is the direction and the result Joe Biden and running mate Kamala Harris have designed for the SCOTUS. And they plan to achieve this by any means necessary. Both Biden and Harris refuse to deny that they will “pack the court,”

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which means they would dilute the conservative votes on the high court by adding six more justices. By adding young, liberal jurists to the Court, they could change the political direction of the nation for decades. This point alone makes the re-election of Donald Trump critical to our nation’s future and one which should motivate every conservative voter to jump from their beds to rush to the nearest polling location.

BOTTOM OF THE BALLOT, BUT A TOP PRIORITY

One of the most critical races on the ballot is at the bottom. That race is the one to replace outgoing Precinct 3 Commissioner **Steve Radack**, and it has massive consequences. In 2018, thanks in large part to straight ticket voting, Democrats ousted County Judge **Ed Emmett** and Precinct 2 Commissioner **Jack Morman** and took control of Harris County Commissioner’s Court,

leaving just two Republicans: Precinct 3 Commissioner **Steve Radack** and Precinct 4 Commissioner **Jack Cagle**. With their 3-2 majority, Democrats, true to their ideology, soon after the election attempted a massive tax increase, which was stopped by an ingenious procedural move orchestrated by Commissioners **Radack** and **Cagle**. The move was successful, and the tax increase was blocked because Republicans held two seats. But if Precinct 3 were to turn blue, there would be nothing stopping the Democrats from raising taxes at will and spending money however they please. For this reason and many more, it is critical that conservatives elect **Tom Ramsey** to replace Commissioner **Steve Radack**.

Ramsey is a great candidate with the experience to make a great commissioner. **Ramsey** is a graduate of Texas A&M who has a long track record of improving the safety, infrastructure, livability, and financial health of the communities he serves. An award-winning civil engineer turned senior executive and public servant, **Tom** has led companies, a city, and key action groups. Since his election as Mayor of Spring Valley in 2011, Tom has reduced the city’s tax rate by 21%, while investing more than \$38 million in infrastructure. With an unmatched record of achievement and experience, **Tom Ramsey** is far and away the best choice to replace outgoing **Commissioner Steve Radack**.

LAW AND ORDER

2020 has been a chaotic year that has tested the criminal justice system. There have been riots, looting, assaults and murder in the name of racial justice. The war on cops has never been more extreme. Some have suggested defunding the police or slashing their budgets as they did in Austin. If nothing else it has proven that conservatives support law enforcement, while liberals turn their backs on them, and remain



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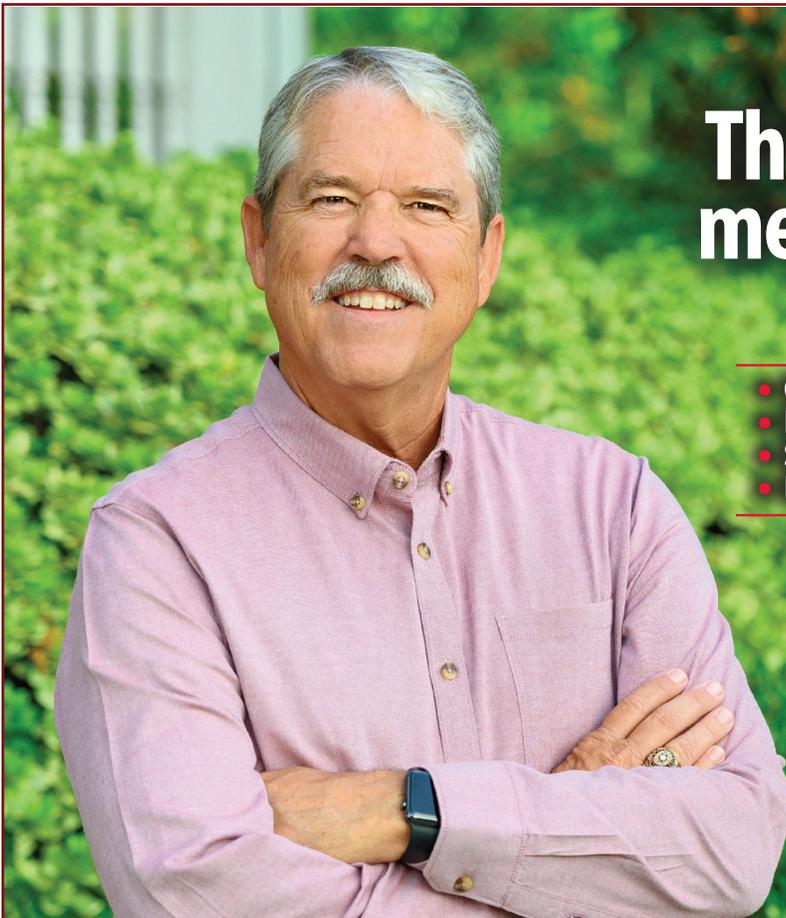
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content to watch society burn. 2020 has shown how important it is to elect public officials who stand for law enforcement and the rule of law. On this year's ballot Harris County conservatives can vote for judges, a district attorney, constables, justices of the peace and a sheriff who will ensure that our criminal justice system protects our citizens.

On the front end of the criminal justice system are our law enforcement officials, who enforce the laws and apprehend those who would break those laws. This year we have two exemplary Constables up for re-election: Precinct 4 **Constable Mark Herman** and Precinct 5 **Constable Ted Heap**. **Mark Herman's** career with the Precinct 4 Constable's Office began in 1986 as a patrol deputy. **Herman** climbed the ranks, with distinction, first to sergeant, then lieutenant and finally assistant chief before being appointed as the Precinct 4 Constable in 2015, where he has earned the respect of his deputies and the community. **Ted Heap** was elected Precinct 5 Constable in 2016 with an overwhelming 88% of the vote, leaving little doubt about his credentials. During his four years leading Precinct 5, **Heap** has modernized the office and implemented innovative programs, all of which are based on the office's core values of Honor, Integrity and Service, which adorn their badges and patrol cars. **Heap's** accomplishments show exactly what the public can expect from conservative law enforcement.

At the heart of the ballot are candidates for judge. The Republican judicial candidates—many of whom are former judges with outstanding credentials—will act in accordance with the law, interpret the law rather than attempt to make law and treat all who appear in court with respect. An outstanding example of Republican talent is **Judge Sheri Y. Dean**, who served eight years as judge of the 309th District Court and is now seeking

election to the 133rd District Court. **Dean's** experience, both as an attorney and as a judge, makes her eminently qualified to serve the community once again in the criminal justice system. **Dean** is emblematic of the Republican judicial candidates on the ballot, all of whom will be excellent judges.

Law enforcement and the judiciary are two cogs of the criminal justice machine. One has little effect without the other. Bridging the gap between those is the Harris County District Attorney who is responsible for taking those apprehended by law enforcement and prosecuting them within the judiciary. Unfortunately for Harris County citizens, the current **District Attorney Kim Ogg** has been obstructed in her ability to keep violent offenders off the streets due to the



From the White House to the State House to the Court House, please vote all the way down the ballot.

policies of some radical Democrat federal judges and the leftists on Commissioners Court led by County **Judge Lina Hidalgo** and **Commissioners Rodney Ellis** and **Adrian Garcia**. Their constant pushing to “empty the jails” has hamstrung efforts to keep us safe which has resulted in a significant increase in the crime rate especially by violent predators.

Harris County voters do have an option with challenger **Mary Nan Huffman**, who served as a prosecutor in the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office for almost 10 years,

rising quickly to become the Chief Felony Prosecutor in the Child Exploitation Division and over the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Division, where she directed the work of multi-agency task forces from federal, state and local agencies. **Mary Nan Huffman** is a tough former prosecutor with the experience and tough-on-crime attitude Harris County citizens need at the Harris County D.A.'s Office. There is no doubt she will have no qualms about calling out the radical left including judges and members of Commissioners Court.

Rounding out the bottom of the ballot is former Harris County District Clerk **Chris Daniel** who, like many Republicans, was tossed from office in 2018 in a Democrat wave. **Daniel** was an exemplary District Clerk who is now

running for Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector. As District Clerk, **Daniel** relied heavily on technology to modernize the office, which he will surely duplicate at the tax office, which is responsible for vehicle registrations, collecting property taxes and maintaining the voter rolls. Running alongside **Daniel** is another former office holder **Stan Stanart** looking to regain his seat as County Clerk, which, like **Daniel**, was lost in 2018. This is an office of major significance since it administers the elections and is key to ensuring election integrity. It is also important from a fiscal perspective. In 2016, **Stanart** spent just \$4 million on

elections, while the current Democrat officeholder has been allocated a mind-numbing \$27.7 million. We simply cannot afford Democrats to continue such out of control spending in Harris County.

THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE—MORE IMPORTANT THIS YEAR THAN MOST

Every two years, the Texas Legislature, comprised of the Texas Senate and Texas House of Representatives, meets to draft

ABOUT TEXAS CONSERVATIVE REVIEW EDITOR

Gary Polland



Gary Polland is one of the most thoughtful conservative voices in Texas. **Gary's** thoughts and opinions are regularly found in and on the popular TCR email newsletter and website, his regular radio appearances, the informative TCR voter's guides, and his popular "Tell It Like It Is" tv show on A Star TV.

Polland is an opinion leader for public policy minded conservatives, independents and liberals who can think for themselves. He believes that it

is the Texas Conservative Review's job to give citizens all the information and trust them to do what is best.

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Polland has been a practicing attorney for more than 45 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 successful and skilled advocate for his clients. In 2018, **Gary** was honored to be selected as one of the top 15 civil trial lawyers in the Houston area by *Houstonia Magazine*.

Polland served as Harris County Republican Party Chairman from 1996 to 2002. **Gary** is considered the most successful Chairman in the last 30 years, having won over 97% of all races during his term. He also led the party into public policy activism on issues relating to public schools, tax rates, opposing legislating judges and defeating a badly conceived arena deal.

Gary appears regularly as a commentator on KTRH 740, KPRC 950, KSEV 700, and News 88.7 radio stations in the Houston area.

Whether it is online, in books, on television, radio or the latest public policy debate, **Gary Polland** is a thoughtful conservative commentator and political leader that voters have come to trust for his insight, intellectual honesty, and the accurate information he regularly shares with voters. ★

~ ENDORSEMENT EDITORIAL (CONTINUED)

Texas laws, which is of course hugely important to all of us. But this session of the Legislature will have a much more dramatic and important impact on Texas' future because following the 2020 census, next year is a redistricting year when the Legislature will redraw boundaries for the U.S. House of Representatives, Texas Senate, Texas House of Representatives and the State Board of Education. This is one of the reasons that liberal Democrats from across the country are spending millions to try and take control of the Texas Legislature. If they achieve their goal, they can gerrymander the districts and eliminate Republican seats by simply moving boundaries. It is a scary, but very real threat.

Senate District 11 is one of the races on the ballot in southeast Harris County and one critical to the future of redistricting. **Senator Larry Taylor**, the Republican incumbent, has earned a reputation for being pro-education, pro-business, and a tough fighter for

the communities of the Gulf Coast. His experience as a business owner gives him a real-world perspective that is sorely needed in the Texas Senate. For these reasons, it is vital that voters get to the polls to re-elect Senator **Larry Taylor**.

Another featured race on our list is that for Texas House of Representative, District 129. **Dennis Paul** is an engineer and business owner who was elected to the Texas House in 2014. Since his election, **Paul** has been an effective advocate for conservative principles having authored and passed legislation in support of the Second Amendment, government transparency and the Ellington Spaceport Project, just to name a few. His priority list for future sessions includes property tax reform, improving school safety, government reform and protecting property rights. **Dennis Paul** has been an effective representative for District 129 and gets TCR's thumbs-up for another session in the Legislature.

BACK TO THE LEAD

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This election is too important to sit at home. There is much at stake this election and conservatives are implored to get out to vote, vote the entire ballot, vote for the Republican candidates, and get as many like-minded friends and family to do likewise. This is a war for the future of our nation; treat it that way or suffer the consequences. ★

SAMPLE BALLOT

Vote down the ballot for each individual candidate.

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✓ JAIMY Z. BLANCO
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- RAILROAD COMMISSIONER
✓ JAMES "JIM" WRIGHT
- CHIEF JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT
✓ NATHAN HECHT
- JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PL. 6, UNEXPIRED TERM
✓ JANE BLAND
- JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PL. 7
✓ JEFF BOYD
- JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PL. 8
✓ BRETT BUSBY
- JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS PL. 3
✓ BERT RICHARDSON
- JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS PL. 4
✓ KEVIN PATRICK YEARY
- JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS PL. 9
✓ DAVID NEWELL
- MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 6
✓ WILL HICKMAN
- MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 8
✓ AUDREY YOUNG
- STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 4
✓ BRANDON CREIGHTON
- STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 11
✓ LARRY TAYLOR
- STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 13
✓ MILINDA MORRIS
- STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 18
✓ LOIS W. KOLKHORST
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 126
✓ E. SAM HARLESS
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 127
✓ DAN HUBERTY
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 128
✓ BRISCOE CAIN
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 129
✓ DENNIS PAUL
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 130
✓ TOM OLIVERSON
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 132
✓ MIKE SCHOFIELD
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 133
✓ JIM MURPHY
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 134
✓ SARAH DAVIS
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 135
✓ JUSTIN RAY
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 138
✓ LACEY HULL
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 142
✓ JASON ROWE
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 144
✓ TONY SALAS
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 145
✓ MARTHA ELENA FIERRO
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 148
✓ LUIS LA ROTTA
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 149
✓ LILY TRUONG
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 150
✓ VALOREE SWANSON
- CHIEF JUSTICE, 14TH COURT OF APPEALS
✓ TRACY ELIZABETH CHRISTOPHER
- JUSTICE, 1ST COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, PL. 3
✓ RUSSELL LLOYD
- JUSTICE, 1ST COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, PL. 5
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- DISTRICT ATTORNEY
✓ MARY NAN HUFFMAN
- JUDGE, COUNTY CIVIL COURT-AT-LAW NO. 4,
UNEXPIRED TERM
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- JUDGE, COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT NO. 12,
UNEXPIRED TERM
✓ LINDA GARCIA
- JUDGE, COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT NO. 16
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✓ JOE DANNA
- COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
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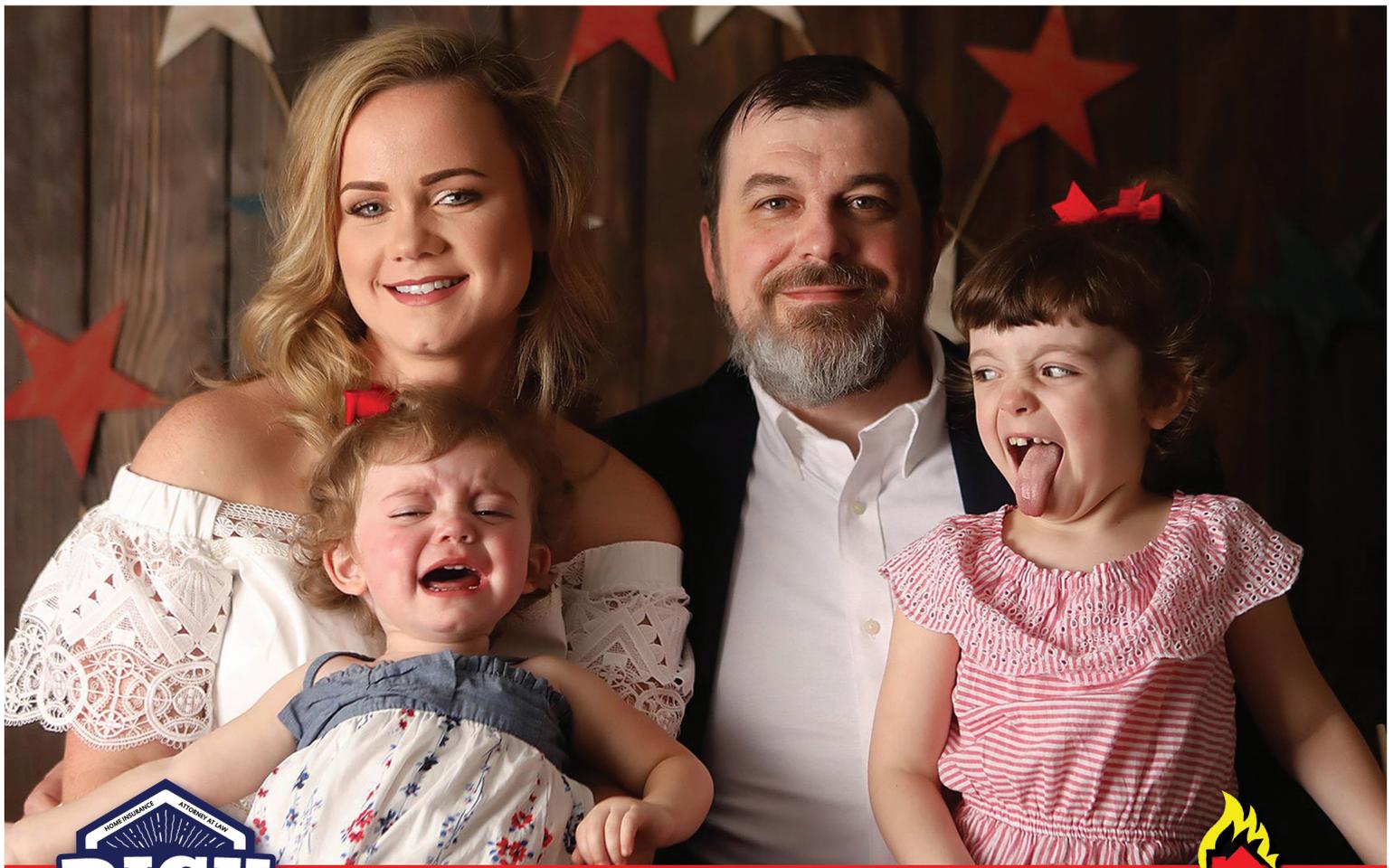
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