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» QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Background: What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?

Health Care: What specific reforms, if any, would you propose in health care policy to address the cost of and access to health care?

Immigration: What changes, if any, should Congress make in immigration policies?

Public Safety: What do you see as the best way to address mass shootings such as the ones in Santa Fe, Sutherland Springs, and Las Vegas?

Other Issues: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of Congress, and what is your position on these issues?

» Ted Cruz (R) No response received



» Beto O'Rourke (D)

Background: As a member of the City Council, I balanced a budget each year and ensured we were creating opportunity for everyone—fighting for public schools, good paying jobs and a community that treated everyone with respect. As a Congressman, I've worked with both parties to write legislation includ-

ing laws that improve access to health care for veterans.

Health Care: As the least insured state, we should be working to ensure every Texan can see a doctor, afford their prescriptions, and get the care they need so they are healthy enough to go to school, work a job, and live to their full potential. We must also work together to end the maternal mortality crisis in this country. Finally, let's lower prescription costs, safeguard Medicare, expand Medicaid, defend protections for those with pre-existing conditions and achieve guaranteed, universal health care.

Immigration: We need to rewrite our immigration laws to reflect our interests, our values, and the reality on the ground in Texas. Recognizing we are a nation of laws that can maintain order at the border without dehumanizing anyone, we have to put a stop to family separation, ensure that every separated family is reunified, pass the DREAM Act, provide immigrants with a fair path to work and citizenship, and ensure that everyone who comes to this country can contribute to their full potential.

Public Safety: Texas should lead the way in preserving the 2nd Amendment while ensuring people can live without fear of gun violence in our churches, schools, concerts and communities. Let's require background checks for all gun sales and close all loopholes; give federal help to school districts to improve campus safety; stop selling weapons of war that are designed to kill people as effectively and efficiently as possible; and support research on gun violence to better understand and address its root causes.

Other Issues: Every child deserves access to a high-quality education. We must keep our tax dollars in our public school classrooms, ensure equity in funding, and empower teachers to teach to students—not to high-stakes standardized tests. Prioritizing education also means finally paying our teachers a higher salary, ending the Windfall Elimination Provision, and taking care of our retired teachers. Let's make sure higher education is affordable too, including access to student loans and training programs.

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» Neal M. Dikeman (L)

Background: I'm a 6th gen Texan with a young family, active in my church and community. I've founded 7 tech startups, held every executive job from CEO, CFO, to Board member. My degree is economics, my career has been international. I know energy, tech, finance, ag, & Texas. I'm not a politician or career

government employee, but I know policy and I deliver

Health Care: Today doctors work for insurers; insurers for your boss; nobody works for you; so the system doesn't work. We need a Million Payer system: health insurance not tied to your job with spiraling costs hidden by government intervention and a bad 1940s corporate tax deal. Where you buy insurance directly, usable anywhere not just in a private insurer network. Give you corporate tax deal, open up the networks, require good faith estimates. Address cost and choice, not restrict price and service.

Immigration: Congress has talked about fixing immigration my entire voting life—with no action from either side. This has to change. Our current system works for no one. Immigration is a strength of America. We need more legal immigration, so that our companies and jobs stay home, and America reaps the benefits of its melting pot and factories. We need clear pathways for immigrants to come to this country to work, whether they stay and earn citizenship or not, combined with enforcement of our laws.

Public Safety: If I had a silver bullet solution, I'd lay it out. But no one does. This is not simple or fixable with federal action. Shall we pass new gun laws, erode our founding fathers' most basic protection against government overreach, and pretend that fixes such a devastating cultural issue so we can feel like we acted? What will we do when another shooting happens anyway, and our "silver bullet" did not work? Let's solve our crisis of community in our community, not from Washington.

Other Issues: Congress can't pass budgets, has run up debt levels not seen since WWII, borrows 20% of each \$, ignores the warnings of its own accountants. It's run up \$21 Trillion in unfunded Medicare, Medicaid & Social Sec debts from underpricing and overpromising, endangering hardworking Americans. In human terms: \$340K/American family, 2x the American mortgage. They plan to add \$12T in new debts by the time my 5 year old gets to HS, out borrowing the entire GDP growth. We need basic fiscal management.

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GOVERNOR

Four-year term. The governor is chief executive which means that he/she carries out the law. He/she appoints members to boards and commissions, appoints statewide executive officials, state judges, and district attorneys when vacancies occur, delivers the State of the State address, provides guidance to the legislature, calls special sessions of the legislature and sets the agenda. The governor can veto legislation (including a line-item veto on appropriations), sign legislation, or allow it to become law without his/her signature. Current annual salary: \$150,000

» **What does the governor do?** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y9mbgGhulyY&feature=youtu.be>

» QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Health Care: What specific reforms, if any, would you propose in state health care policy to address the cost of and access to health care for all Texans?

Infrastructure: What specific measures do you propose to meet the state's growing infrastructure needs (i.e. water, energy, and transportation)?

School Safety: What can be done to ensure the safety of our children in schools?

Other Issues: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of the Texas Legislature, and what is your position on these issues?

» Greg Abbott (R) No response received



» Lupe Valdez (D)

Background: As a daughter of migrant farmworkers, I've dedicated my career to public service and working for the greater good. From 2005-2017, I served as Dallas County Sheriff, managing a \$140+ million budget, and reformed a department that sorely needed it. I'm a proud veteran and spent most of my career as a federal agent.

Health Care: We have a health care crisis in Texas. An unregulated private health care system puts profit over people, while we remain the most uninsured state in the country. It's time to accept Medicaid expansion, which would insure 1.5 million Texans. We must expand access to healthcare in rural communities, which have become medical deserts after Texas closed more rural hospitals than any other state in the country in the last 8 years. I will also fight tirelessly to protect women's healthcare.

Infrastructure: First, we need to stop focusing on harmful, job-killing bills and start paying attention to the issues that truly matter to Texans. We should promote public and private investment in renewable energies and make sure all communities have access to safe, clean drinking water. All over our state, Texans sit in traffic because we have failed to make adequate investments. This is why transportation funding must meet our needs today, so that we are ready for future growth.

School Safety: We can't talk about school safety without mentioning gun violence and how our governor is acting as if it is inevitable & isolated to schools. We are NOT powerless to stop the bloodshed, regardless of where it happens. Common sense measures to keep guns out of dangerous hands include universal background checks, making it a state offense to lie on a background check, "red flag" laws, closing the boyfriend loophole, and banning high capacity magazines & bump stocks.

Other Issues: Public Education: A child's background, zip code, race, or how much money their parents make shouldn't matter—every child deserves the chance to succeed. We need universal Pre-K for all Texas kids & to remove the caps on special education funding. We must pay & treat our teachers as professionals & make sure they are teaching to our children, not a standardized test. For any of this, the state must pay its fair share of public education & stop putting the load on local communities & taxpayers.

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» Mark Jay Tippetts (L)

Background: I am bilingual and bi-cultural, and by profession, I am an International Legal & Business Consultant in Mexico and Latin America. I represented the Libertarian Party on the ballot in 2010 for Travis County Judge. In 2017, I was appointed to city council in Lago Vista, Texas. I know what it means to

hold office and stand on principles.

Health Care: I believe government should not provide, control, nor require health care. I do not believe that people have a right to be provided with healthcare at other peoples' expense. I will advocate the phasing out of Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIPS programs. I support free market based healthcare systems and health insurance. I oppose a "single payer" concept and the federal legislation known as the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Obama Care).

Infrastructure: I support eliminating barriers to free market construction and maintenance of infrastructure. We should let market demand and willingness to fund dictate which routes are developed. I oppose costly projects intended to benefit land developers through the abuse of eminent domain. Never should unelected boards be charged with transportation planning; as such boards are not accountable to constituents or local authority. Toll roads should not be used to restrict people's freedom of movement.

School Safety: I support measures to restore decision-making regarding education to parents, teachers, and local education boards. I reject any involvement of the federal government in our local school systems, including funding. By doing this we can eliminate across the board standards that have turned our schools into little more than testing sites, rather than a place where students are developing skills, learning mechanism for handling challenges and disappointments, and being evaluated as individuals.

Other Issues: Drug Policy: I oppose the War on Drugs. Consistent with the principles of self-ownership, consenting adults ought not be restricted from partaking in activities that harm no one else. This includes possession, consumption and/or market transactions of substances for medicinal, recreational, or other purposes. Individuals seeking or providing medical treatment should not be subject to prosecution.

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Four-year term. The lieutenant governor is powerful because of his/her position as president of the Texas Senate where he/she appoints the chairs and vice-chairs of committees, appoints senators to committees, assigns bills to committees, and controls the Senate's agenda. He/she is also a member of several commissions and boards, and serves as governor in the governor's absence. Salary is that of a state senator when serving as President of the Texas Senate \$9,612 plus \$190 per diem and that of the governor when serving in governors absence.
» What does the lieutenant governor do? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3R0FmiZnEPQ&feature=youtu.be>

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Other Issues: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of the Texas Legislature, and what is your position on these issues?



» Dan Patrick (R)

Background: Please refer to www.danpatrick.org/meet-dan for my biographical information.

Health Care: My stance on important issues facing Texas is detailed in my record as the Lt. Governor of Texas. Please refer to www.danpatrick.org, as well as my official website, www.ltgov.state.tx.us, for the most current information on my positions.

Infrastructure: My stance on important issues facing Texas is detailed in my record as the Lt. Governor of Texas. Please refer to www.danpatrick.org, as well as my official website, www.ltgov.state.tx.us, for the most current information on my positions.

School Safety: My stance on important issues facing Texas is detailed in my record as the Lt. Governor of Texas. Please refer to www.danpatrick.org, as well as

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Other Issues: My stance on important issues facing Texas is detailed in my record as the Lt. Governor of Texas. Please refer to www.danpatrick.org, as well as my official website, www.ltgov.state.tx.us, for the most current information on my positions.

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» Mike Collier (D)

Background: For many years I was a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers, leading teams of professionals performing financial audits and rigorous financial and operational analysis. I hold a BBA and an MBA from UT-Austin. Suzanne and I have been married 29 years and we have two sons who attended public schools (K-12) in Texas. Both graduated from UT-Austin.

Health Care: It's time we expand Medicaid. It's a good deal for Texas. We also need a Patient Financial Bill of Rights, including (1) absolute protection for Texans with pre-existing conditions, (2) protection against in-network vs. out-of-network surprise billings, (3) bills that are transparent and in plain English, and (4) mandatory disclosure if lower cost options (drugs and procedures) are available. And we must invest in women's health, mental health, and children's health, as we once did!

Infrastructure: We have a revenue problem in Texas that we must fix. Otherwise we cannot invest properly in infrastructure. In so doing, we cannot increase taxes on homeowners, because we are over-taxed already. As Lt. Governor I will take the first step in solving this problem by closing a well documented big-corporate property tax loophole (known as Equal and Uniform) which will recover \$5 billion in missing revenues (per year). Other steps, if needed, will be the subject of my reelection campaign.

School Safety: I do not support arming teachers and "hardening targets." The answer in my opinion is more counselors and trained psychologists who can develop relationships with students and react before, not after, a crisis develops. We also need a background check system that works, and red flag laws. Some physical security upgrades will no doubt be called for by local officials. The state should appropriate funds and enact legislation according to these principles.

Other Issues: We must increase investment in public education (smaller class sizes, special education teachers, pre-K, better pay for teachers and support staff), reform the charter model to achieve the original objective (enhance public school effectiveness), and end further discussion of vouchers. We must restore health-care benefits taken away from retired teachers, and fund teacher retirement plans (TRS-Care and defined benefit pensions). We must end gerrymandering and reform our criminal justice system.

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» Kerry Douglas McKennon (L)

Background: I have 20+ years of management experience. I am National Chair of Outright Libertarians, have had two terms on the LPTexas executive board, and had two terms as the Platform Chair for LPTexas. I am the Libertarian Party Hale County Chair.

Health Care: The most important thing the state could do for healthcare is to allow interstate commerce of insurance. This would allow for true competition and drive down the costs. I'd also like, but do not have the authority, to drastically decrease the size of the FDA which creates corrupt structures reducing market competition.

Infrastructure: TXDoT must prioritize TX's infrastructure results that are fixes rather than patches. Water is the life-blood of Texas's agriculture, energy and tourist industry. We must work with those industries and districts to ensure

» Kerry Douglas McKennon (L) (continued)

water in perpetuity. Energy and water go hand in hand. Our current guidelines are decades old, causing us infrastructure damage, loss of water, potential loss of energy, and loss of life and property. TX needs regulation and technology more modern than the mid 20th century.

School Safety: We have a constitutionally mandated public-school system in Texas, which we must make safe while respecting individuals and their rights. We must empower local schools to determine their safety protocols as opposed to a blanket state-issued guideline. Some schools may allow teachers to carry arms for defense. Others may put in metal detectors. Many will find ways to have secure lockdown. There are free market options regarding public school safety, which I encourage schools to research.

Other Issues: Police accountability through body cameras, require police to take out their own insurance for accidents, and demilitarize our officers. Repeal all laws which make a criminal of someone without a victim. A crime requires a victim. A perfect example of this is responsible cannabis use. For all such victimless cases I would expunge records of those currently or formerly incarcerated. Abol-

ish the death penalty. It is better to incarcerate hundreds of criminals than execute a single innocent.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Four-year term. The attorney general is the chief law enforcement officer of the state, represents the state and state officials in legal matters, issues opinions, collects child support, administers the crime victims compensation fund, enforces the open records/open meetings acts, approves public bond issues, and enforces consumer regulations. Current annual salary: \$153,750

» What does the attorney general do? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xcrvTA-RIhE&feature=youtu.be>

» QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Background: What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?

Responsibilities: Which responsibilities of the Attorney General's office are your highest priorities for the next 4 years, and how do you intend to accomplish them?

Consumer protection: What are the most important consumer protection issues facing Texans?

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

» Ken Paxton (R) No response received



» Justin Nelson (D)

Background: The Texas Attorney General should be a check on power, not a rubber stamp. I learned about the rule of law from Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. I teach at University of Texas Law School, and am a "Texas Super Lawyer" for being one of the most effective lawyers in Texas. Texas deserves

an Attorney General who will fight for ALL TEXANS.

Responsibilities: The Texas Attorney General should be a check on power. I will stand up for the rule of law. The Texas Attorney General should not be a rubber stamp for anyone—whether in Washington D.C. or Austin. Nobody is above the law. I will fight corruption, work to protect pre-existing conditions in health care coverage, fight for public education, advocate for resources to treat the opioid crisis, and crack down on fraud.

Consumer protection: The Texas Attorney General's office should fight fraud, cybercrime, and corruption to make sure everyone has a level playing field. I will

make sure that small businesses and individuals are not the victims of fraud and deception. This includes ending partisan lawsuits and focusing on non-partisan consumer fraud investigations and making sure Texas is the leader in responding to fraud after natural disasters.

Other Issues: The Texas Attorney General has wide power to ensure justice. I will clean up the Attorney General's office, ending the corruption, and addressing our most urgent problems—fighting the opioid crisis, protecting consumers from fraudulent and abusive businesses, reforming criminal justice, fixing the child support system, ending gerrymandering. I will make the office into one that fights for every single Texan.

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» Michael Ray Harris (L) No response received

COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Four-year term. The comptroller is the chief financial officer of the state, collects state taxes and fees, pays the state's bills, provides revenue estimates to the legislature, certifies the budget, reports the condition of the state's finances, and provides economic development assistance to local governments and private businesses.

Current annual salary: \$150,000

» What does the comptroller do? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bIKSUsAZk2E&feature=youtu.be>

» QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Background: What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?

Revenue: What measures would you take to address the financial viability of the State of Texas?

Responsibilities: Which responsibilities of the Comptroller of Public Accounts office are your highest priorities, and how do you intend to accomplish them?

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

» **Glenn Hegar (R)** No response received



» **Joi Chevalier (D)**

Background: As an innovative senior product strategist for successfully acquired startups to Fortune 100s, I've led large, diverse teams with products, programs, and internal businesses earning billions in revenue. Currently, I am a small business owner, focused on launching food companies into market, generating new food products, jobs, and entrepreneurs.

Revenue: Cutting costs is no substitute for creating revenue. The Comptroller's office should work to increase revenue with regular agency audits to understand/fix lost revenues; support real school finance reform; close loopholes in commercial valuations; increase small business growth and expansion; update outdated consumption taxes; fully implement Internet taxes after the SCOTUS Wayfair decision; sunset old sector abatements; reduce Texas' \$50B debt to free Texas finances up to serve its citizens.

Responsibilities: The Comptroller's office can tie dollars to real world outcomes. It must be neutral, fair, and accurate about legislation & program values; in-

crease revenue while stewarding cost; encourage large & small business growth; be a proactive voice defending Texans' daily lives with innovative and forward-thinking management of her wallet. This includes Special Reports on economic opportunities in expanding ACA/Medicaid or tackling school finance reform, so legislators make informed policy decisions.

Other Issues: Healthcare: the Comptroller should provide special reports on costs to Texas in not implementing the ACA / Medicaid expansion. Texans carry the cost for uncompensated or underfunded care, no preventative care, or care pushed out to criminal justice and housing due to a broken ACA implementation and a failure by Republican leaders to have real data and prioritize this. We need to reclaim Texas' dollars and use them here. It's an outsized part of the budget and hampers prioritizing in other areas.

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» **Ben Sanders (L)**

Background: I've trained my entire life for this position. During my years at NASA & 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. As Comptroller I won't use scare tactics against my fellow Texans

to control them. Together we can Win!

Revenue: Your government's principal function is to protect your freedom, your unalienable rights of Life, Liberty and Property, all crucial rights for building a free and prosperous society. My vision of government is one strictly confined to its constitutional role, a government that respects civil liberties, recognizes that the individual is more important than the State, exercises fiscal restraint and understands that government must pay its debts, believing in free markets.

Responsibilities: 1.) Creating a more fiscally transparent Texas Government through the use of technology. 2.) Form a better fiscal educational outreach system for Texans. To help educate and promote small business and consumers on taxes and business process for better job creation. 3.) To faithfully execute my oath of office and safeguarding that I and no one in my administration performs any action that violates the constitutions of the United States of America or the State of Texas.

Other Issues: Four years ago I warned the Texas Pension system was insolvent and grossly under funded, that it could not pay the money due its members. Now that warning has become a reality. As Texas Comptroller I have a plan to protect our State Pension Holders, and their families, ensuring their financial security by giving them the right to retire on their own terms and control their own futures.

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COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Four-year term. The land commissioner oversees the state's land and minerals. As such, he/she chairs the Veterans Land Board, which administers five programs for Texas veterans, manages the leasing and sale of state lands (which supplies funds to the Permanent School Fund), is responsible for environmental protection of Texas' coast, and chairs eight state boards including the School Land Board and the Coastal Coordination Advisory Committee. Current annual salary: \$137,500

» What does the land commissioner do?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BB1qoaQTz60&feature=youtu.be>

» QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Background: What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?

Coastal Planning: What measures would you implement to restore and protect the coast, wetlands, and the built environment to minimize damage from major storms?

Veterans: What are the most significant land-related issues facing Texas veterans and what can the General Land Office do to address those needs?

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



» George P. Bush (R)

Background: I have run a conservative and efficient Land Office. I am saving taxpayer money while putting more money into the Public School Fund than ever before. The GLO has been a government office that works for the people during my first term.

Coastal Planning: The restoration of McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge in Jefferson County is one example of what we are trying to do on the coast. Restoration to this area provides critical protection to Port Arthur and the oil and gas infrastructure of the state. The GLO, along with its partners, has identified approximately 60 similar, high priority projects.

Veterans: The General Land Office offers several great veterans programs such as the home loan and health care assistance programs. I'm committed to continuously looking at all of these programs at the GLO and across this great state for

ways to improve the lives of our military and each of their families. Any time a veteran needs help in getting an education, a job, or health care we should try and provide some form of assistance.

Other Issues: Continuing Hurricane Harvey relief—The Texas coast was devastated by Harvey last fall and we need to continue to fight for those affected. Helping Veterans—Ensuring that veterans have access to crucial services is a top priority for my agency. Saving the Alamo—My objective is to ensure the Alamo tells the heroic story of the battle better than ever and for many years to come.

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» Miguel Suazo (D)

Background: As a former US Senate staffer, I have worked on issues related to land use planning, education, veterans, environmental protection, and economic development. As an energy professional and attorney, I will provide direction on mineral leasing for supporting education, a key duty of the GLO,

and also stewardship of our Texas lands

Coastal Planning: The Land Commissioner must be proactive in protecting the coast from natural and man-made dangers. I will use nature to protect it and ourselves a central focus of my duties. For example, restoring oyster habitats, preventing brackish water invasion of fresh water habitats, combating invasive species, building berms and sand dunes, are all elements of a "coastal wall" that will limit flooding and must all be part of a comprehensive approach to coastal protection.

Veterans: Veterans can face formidable challenges returning to civilian life following their service to their country. I am concerned that the VLB is not offer-

ing sufficiently competitive loans to Texas veterans compared to many other programs through the Department of Veterans' Affairs and other states. I also think that the extent of the GLO's outsourcing to third parties the origination and servicing of these loans needs to be examined.

Other Issues: The most critical issue facing the next Land Commissioner is that of leadership. The Land Commissioner must elevate the profile of the key issues Texans face through the GLO and educate the public about these issues, especially with respect to the Alamo. The current commissioner has failed to demonstrate the managerial ability to achieve success for Texas on a range of issues. Texans must elect a leader with a proven record of success and I believe I am that leader.

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» Matt Pina (L)

Background: First, I was raised in Texas. For this position, it is of utter importance that this person is raised in the state as it monitors two major things. Our public lands, such as the Alamo, and our public school fund. I have my B.A. and M.A. in political science and currently sit on San Antonio's

Transportation Board.

Coastal Planning: While many of our bays are surrounded by larger metro areas there is plenty of coastline that is not supported or kept to the same pristine condition. With the offshore drilling taking place off the shore I would like to see

some of the revenue generated from that exploration go towards the maintenance of that space.

Veterans: The biggest gap faced by veterans is by those who are permanently disabled. In the state of Texas, little is done to ensure that they can live in adequate settings that afford them to live independent and normal lives. H.E.B. has on average provided 2 homes a year to Homes For Our Troops. An organization that builds homes for permanently disabled Veterans. While I applaud the effort made by these organizations, the General Land Office could coordinate in order to make these homes cheaper

Other Issues: The Alamo doesn't belong under the Land Commissioner's purview. As the current GLO commissioner isn't a native Texan, I will quickly

» Matt Pina (L) (continued)

explain that the Alamo was saved from demolition by a group of women who were descended from the founders of this great state—the Daughters of the Texas Republic. These women fought tooth and nail to purchase and restore the Alamo for all Texans. It should be returned to the effective stewardship of The Daughters of the Texas Republic.

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COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Four-year term. The agriculture commissioner's principal job is promoting Texas' agricultural products. In this capacity, the commissioner facilitates trade and marketing of agricultural products, regulates weights and measures, regulates pesticide use and application, certifies organically produced products, administers the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs, provides financial help to farmers, and helps solve issues related to natural disasters. Current annual salary: \$137,500

» **What does the agriculture commissioner do?**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qcp0jPszNg8&feature=youtu.be>

» QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Background: What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?

Agriculture: How do you propose to promote Texas agriculture at the state, national and international levels?

Health: What can be done to protect consumers and promote healthy lifestyle in Texas' communities and schools?

Other Issues: What are your highest priorities, and how do you intend to accomplish them?



» Sid Miller (R)

Background: I'm honored to be our state's 12th Commissioner of Agriculture. It's a job I've been preparing for all my life as an 8th generation farmer, rancher, commercial nurseryman, nine-time World Champion rodeo cowboy, vocational ag teacher, FFA advisor, six-term Texas legislator, Chair: House Commit-

tees on Agriculture & Homeland Security and Public Safety

Agriculture: Promoting Texas Agriculture and marketing Texas food & fiber across our state, our nation, and the world has been, and will remain, one of my top priorities as Agriculture Commissioner. During my first term, my team and I have made marketing trips to every continent on the globe with the exception of Antarctica. We have expanded and improved TDA's successful "GO TEXAN" marketing program and have initiated special programs to promote Texas' growing wine, craft beer, and specialty crop industries.

Health: Before I took office, our school lunch program was failing in its mission to help keep kids healthy. That's why I launched our Farm Fresh program to connect Texas farmers and ranchers, schools, child care providers and local com-

munities with tools and resources available through the Texas Department of Agriculture. The goal of Farm Fresh is to increase awareness of the vital role agriculture plays in our lives, as agriculture is the key to improving the wellness of our children & communities.

Other Issues: I want to further expand our TDA "GO TEXAN" marketing program marketing Texas agriculture products around the globe. Continue our program of making Texas school lunches great again. We've already made great progress by repealing all the burdensome TDA mandates and rules on our Texas schools. Strengthen TDA's consumer protection division and ensure that Texans are not ripped off by unscrupulous businesses or organized criminals using credit card skimmers and other tools to steal your identities.

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» Kim Olson (D)

Background: I am a 4th generation farmer and beekeeper, 25 year veteran of the U.S.A.F., and lifelong public servant. My work as a school district administrator and nonprofit CEO, combined with my background in agriculture and military service, provide the skills and experience needed to succeed in the

role of Texas Commissioner of Agriculture.

Agriculture: My specific plans for marketing Texas ag products locally include infrastructure support, such as processing or distribution facilities; expanding local food purchasing among school and institutional foodservice, restaurants, and retailers; and updating the GO TEXAN program. Infrastructure and state-led mar-

keting will also serve farmers in accessing national markets. I will support Texas farmers as a strong advocate, ensuring that their interests are represented in trade deals and negotiations.

Health: I will promote nutritious school lunches with training, education, and Farm to School, and will encourage participation in after-school and summer meal programs. My administration will promote local food access initiatives, such as workplace wellness, farmers' markets, and retail incentive programs. And, we will address food safety standards by ensuring that our farmers meet the requirements while educating consumers on their role in handling and preparing safe, healthy foods.

Other Issues: A top priority is the economic viability of Texas agriculture with marketing, infrastructure, and education initiatives. Also, we must return

» Kim Olson (D) (continued)

respectability and professionalism to the office, to ensure the credibility of TDA in the Texas legislature and among state, national, and international partners. Next priority—two words: broadband internet. We will pursue funding and partnerships to ensure high-speed internet access in rural areas for education, economic development, and healthcare.

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RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

Six-year term. The railroad commissioner is one of the three-member Texas Railroad Commission. The commission has no regulatory authority concerning railroads. Instead, it regulates the oil and gas industry, gas utilities, pipeline safety, safety in the liquefied petroleum gas industry, and surface coal and uranium mining. Current salary: \$137,500

» **What does the railroad commissioner do?**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5uZASQUUOs&feature=youtu.be>

» QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Background: What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?

Natural Resources: How do you plan to balance oil, gas, and mining interests with protection of natural resources and the environment?

Safety: How would you address the various safety issues concerning pipelines, and oil and gas production?

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



» Christi Craddick (R)

Background: Having served Texans for six years as your Railroad Commissioner, I am well-versed in the regulatory needs of the agency and the industry's importance to our state. In my first term, I have brought more of our data online, overhauled our IT infrastructure, and found efficiencies in our processes, allowing us to do our job better and at less cost.

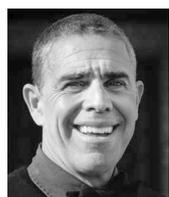
Natural Resources: Fair and consistent regulation allows us to protect our natural resources while the industry safely produces Texas energy, grows our economy and creates jobs. During my time at the Railroad Commission, we have updated our rules to ensure we are effectively regulating energy production, and that companies continue to choose to do business in Texas.

Safety: The Railroad Commission's statutory duty is to prevent waste of the state's natural resources, protect the correlative rights of mineral owners, and oversee the safe production of oil and gas. Enforcement of our rules, including

permitting and reporting requirements and field inspections, provides the tools we need to successfully carry out our mission.

Other Issues: During this time of enormous growth within the Texas energy industry, we must have thoughtful, balanced leadership at the Railroad Commission. I'll continue to streamline our processes, maximizing the agency's efficiency while maintaining our regulatory effectiveness. I'll increase transparency, bringing more of our data online for public use. I'll advocate for educational paths for a highly-trained, technically-skilled workforce.

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» Roman McAllen (D)

Background: I am trained as an urban planner, architect and historic preservationist; at first glance regulating the oil and gas industry in TX doesn't seem like a good fit. The fact is that 88% of Texans live in cities. Oil & gas directly impacts urban life.

My diverse experience will allow me to be a leader in this important statewide position.

Natural Resources: Right now I plan to balance the commission. The current

commission is entirely beholden to the industry. It is an open secret that commissioners accept campaign contributions 24/7, 365 days a year, from the industry. I will balance the commission by listening to and believing scientists, surface rights owners & municipalities and supporting them. Current commissioners deny the science behind climate change. I do not and I will lead on the absolute need to move to 100% renewables.

Safety: I would lobby to change the name of the commission to something that tells the public, & the commissioners themselves, what the commission is supposed to be doing. I would seek increased reporting requirements for wastewater

» Roman McAllen (D) (continued)

injection wells. I will complete ride-alongs with employees in the field to see what is happening first hand on Texas land. I will hold public meetings all over Texas to hear from people what their concerns are. There are many professionals who have grave concerns.

Other Issues: Assiduous enforcement of existing regulations on all matters is crucial. Added costs to accomplish this should be absorbed by the industry. The

health, safety, and welfare of all Texans here now, and God willing in the future, depends on true leadership. *Sentence does not meet criteria.* We must do better.

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» Mike Wright (L)

Background: I have a BS in Engineering from the United State Military Academy (West Point) and a MBA from Harvard Business School. This educational background gives me the analytical ability to study complex situations and make rational decisions. I also have ten years of oilfield equipment manufacturing experience.

Natural Resources: If a rule or regulation is requested to be waived but has the intended purpose of protecting natural resources or the environment, the operator would need to submit a plan to monitor the activities surrounding the natural resources or environment that the rule or regulation is intended to protect. This would allow early detection of any possible negative impact on natural resources or the environment before it becomes a major issue.

Safety: I would insist that all safety rules and regulations be followed. I would also want the Railroad Commission or the operators to conduct seismic studies when they conduct operations in areas with different geological formations

than they have operated in the recent past or when they use higher pressures or greater volumes of water where no known seismic activity has occurred. There are many opinions about the effect of fracking operations and the disposal of water into wells.

Other Issues: Making sure there is a supply of water and finding an economical method for disposing of the water used in fracking and production are major issues. Desalination can provide the fresh water and possibly could be used to recycle brackish water that comes from fracking and production. Based on some tentative calculations, it appears that this can be done economically. The operators would pay for the work but be given some credit against the Oil & Gas severance tax/fee they currently pay.

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JUSTICE, TEXAS SUPREME COURT

Six-year term. A member of the court that hears only civil cases. The Supreme Court issues final decisions on civil and juvenile appeals, issues writs of mandamus/habeas corpus, and has jurisdiction over orders or judgments of trial courts if the Supreme Court determines them important to the jurisprudence of the state. Current salary: \$171,000

» What does the Texas Supreme Court do?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JuRIMQt57Xo&feature=youtu.be>

» QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Background: What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?

Public Protection: What changes, if any, are needed to provide better protection to the public regarding rules and standards for the legal profession?

Mental Health: What should the Supreme Court's goals be in the newly formed Judicial Commission on Mental Health?

Responsibilities: Which responsibility of a Texas Supreme Court justice is your highest priority and how do you intend to accomplish it?

» JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 2



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» JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 2 *(continued)*



» Steven Kirkland (D)

Background: In 13 years as a Judge, I've presided over more than 750 jury trials and fought to make our court system more transparent, accountable and fair. As a community leader, I fought to expand affordable housing and end discrimination. As a lawyer, I sued polluters to protect our neighborhoods.

These experiences help make my decisions more fair and just.

Public Protection: Justice demands the highest standards, but rules alone do not ensure quality representation. Recent studies reveal an alarming amount of mental health and substance abuse issues among attorneys. This crisis creates sub-standard service to clients and drives up costs for everyone. The Court should lead the profession in addressing these issues, not only through discipline but also through prevention. I have a long history of speaking and advocating for recovery from drug and alcohol addiction.

Mental Health: This commission needs to identify and remove the legal barriers people face when seeking help for mental health issues. This includes expand-

ing the use of problem-solving courts like veterans and homeless courts and drug and alcohol rehab courts. The commission needs to identify ways the legal system is detrimentally impacted by people in mental health crisis and seek solutions that humanely address the impacts. Finally, the commission must seek to educate the Justice system on these issues.

Responsibilities: Texans deserve justice, not politics, from their Court. Yet, the Court has increasingly issued opinions that can only be explained by extremist partisan politics. Texans deserve better. Because we elect our judges in partisan elections, it may not be easy—but it's an imperative. We must restore the Court to its constitutional role as the protector of individual liberty and equality before the law, and an independent voice of everyday Texans in government.

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» JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 6



» Jeff Brown (R)

Background: I've been a judge for nearly 17 years, having served at all three levels of the Texas judiciary—six years as a district judge, six years on an intermediate court of appeals, and five years on the Supreme Court. I'm board-certified in civil trial law and have won three judge-of-the-year awards, including

Texas appellate judge of the year.

Public Protection: I serve as Supreme Court liaison to the Texas Board of Law Examiners and to the Grievance Oversight Committee. In the first role, I'm constantly working to make sure we admit to the legal profession only persons of high moral character. In the second role, I'm constantly working to guarantee that grievances clients file against their attorneys are thoroughly and fairly investigated. We must assure that attorneys handle their responsibilities to the public with competence and integrity.

Mental Health: I co-chair the newly formed Judicial Commission on Mental Health. The purpose of the commission is to develop, implement, and coordinate policy initiatives designed to improve the courts' interaction with—and the

administration of justice for—children, adults, and families with mental-health needs. We will do that through legislative proposals and through the sharing of best practices so that judges have the resources they need to serve folks who come into their courts with mental-health needs.

Responsibilities: My highest priority as a Texas Supreme Court justice is to decide cases fairly, efficiently, and according to the law. It's something I strive to do everyday. It requires hard work and a deep-seated devotion to the rule of law. I'm proud to say that I've built a record and a reputation as a fair, hard-working judge who never legislates from the bench. And I hope to continue in this important work as long as the people of Texas allow me to do so.

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» Kathy Cheng (D)

Background: For seventeen plus years, I represented clients in complex commercial litigation, contested divorce cases and probate cases, tax matters, and real estate cases, which are potential types of cases that the Texas Supreme Court might hear.

Public Protection: Our founding fathers created a system of check and balance whereby the judiciary shall be impartial. For almost a quarter of a century, the Texas Supreme Court has consisted of a panel of justices of one mindset as a result of straight ticket voting. In order for justice, fairness and equality to become a reality, the panel shall consist of justices of diverse background, experience and knowledge to be able to

» JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 6

» Kathy Cheng (D) *(continued)*

consider the applicable law from various perspectives and to apply it accordingly.

Mental Health: The Texas Supreme Court shall oversee the Judicial Commission on Mental Health only administratively as it does with the State Bar of Texas and the Board of Law Examiners.

Responsibilities: Educating the general population on how the judicial branch affects all Texans. Ways of achieving such priority may include but not limited

to conduct civic engagement events, generating a pamphlet detailing the roles of judges in the judiciary or be a frequent speaker for different events occurring throughout the state of Texas.

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JUDGE, TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

Six-year term. A member of the court with final judgment in all criminal cases. The court must review all cases in which the death penalty is assessed. It also exercises discretionary review in other criminal cases and issues writs of habeas corpus. Current salary: \$171,000

» What does the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals do?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MdspUkvqoZ4&feature=youtu.be>

» QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Background: What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?

Access to Justice: What recent technological developments provide opportunities to improve the state's indigent defense system in civil and criminal cases?

Mental Health: What should the Court of Criminal Appeals' goal be in the newly formed Judicial Commission on Mental Health?

Responsibilities: Which responsibility of a Court of Criminal Appeals judge is your highest priority and how do you intend to accomplish it?

» PRESIDING JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

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» Maria T. (Terri) Jackson (D)

Background: I have the experience, fairness and discernment needed on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. As a district court judge, I have presided over thousands of serious felony offenses, which range from low-level drug offenses to capital murder. I have presided over one hundred jury trials and I have

a combined 15 years of judicial experience.

Access to Justice: One of the more recent advancements in Harris County has been the implementation of electronic filing. Electronic filing enables attorneys and other users to submit documents to multiple courts, utilize digital signatures, reduces court costs and creates a centralized location for documents. The reduction of court costs and access to critical documents is paramount to the indigent defense system as it saves money on the front end.

Mental Health: The Judicial Commission on Mental Health was formed in February 2018. The goal is to develop, implement and coordinate policy initiatives

to improve the courts' dealings with individuals in the court system who are in crisis. In my opinion, the primary goal should be to create resolution for key issues that plague the judicial system, beginning with overcrowded dockets, lack of communication between judges, court staff, attorneys and mental health care providers, and funding issues.

Responsibilities: The Court needs judges that are sensible and can identify complex issues facing the court. My highest priority is to treat everyone fairly and be available when hot button cases, such as death penalty cases, come before the court, even if it is not within the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lastly, it is imperative to work closely with the Texas legislature, our Governor and other community stakeholders to address issues that need to be reformed in the criminal justice system.

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» JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS PLACE 7

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» JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS PLACE 7 (cont.)



» Ramona Franklin (D)

Background: My experiences as a former Harris County Assistant District Attorney, defense attorney in private practice and currently a district court judge have all uniquely crafted me with an uncommon legal background. Serving in all of these capacities have afforded me the opportunity of experiencing the

legal perspective from all vantage points.

Access to Justice: The new e-filing system that is being implemented across the State of Texas is a new tool that has been very useful in streamlining court documents processing. As a Court of Criminal Appeals jurist I will not infringe upon a person's due process rights by enforcing unreasonable deadlines and causing a defendant to be executed because his attorney failed to timely submit an appeal before the court's 5 o'clock p.m. court closing time which was done to Michael Richard

Mental Health: In my opinion, the Court of Criminal Appeals should be the leader for all criminal courts in the State of Texas for handling mental health

cases. I concur with the opinion set out in *Atkins v. Virginia* (2002) 536 U.S. 304 that states, "More than any other single factor, mental defects have been respected as a reason for leniency in our criminal justice system." I am concerned with the nature of our current Court of Criminal Appeals decisions regarding mental health issues.

Responsibilities: As a Court of Criminal Appeals jurist I will continue to carry out the mantra I employ every day as a State District Court judge, "Blindfold Justice...One Case At A Time." I will concentrate my efforts in ensuring that indigent defendants are afforded all of the necessary tools to launch a successful appeal. I will work diligently to ensure that the results that occurred in the Ricky Kerr case will never happen again in the State of Texas.

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» JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS PLACE 8



» Michelle Slaughter (R)

Background: Having served as a district judge for the past several years, I have presided over thousands of criminal cases ranging from state-jail felonies to capital murder cases. Moreover, I have a proven track record of efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and saving taxpayer dollars, all while ensuring

that the interests of justice are served.

Access to Justice: There is so much opportunity to improve access to justice with technology. One example is e-filing. With e-filing, courts are much more accessible to the indigent. Online forms and instructions can be developed to allow individuals to create their own court filings and legal documents if they want to represent themselves. In addition, through the use of video chatting apps (i.e. FaceTime), those without transportation can still appear and participate in court without fear of sanctions.

Mental Health: The goal needs to be determining and implementing cost-effective ways to provide justice in criminal cases involving mentally-ill defen-

dants. While punishment is certainly a goal of the criminal justice system, so is rehabilitation. The cycle of criminal activity can only be broken if a defendant can be rehabilitated. Rehabilitation is especially difficult with mentally-ill defendants because the criminal justice system lacks the proper resources. That deficiency must be rectified.

Responsibilities: Preserving and protecting an individual's constitutional rights must be the highest priority in the CCA. As a constitutional conservative judge, my opinions will inform the public of the constitutional issues at hand and my decisions will strictly adhere to the U.S. and Texas Constitutions. Transparency is another priority. Therefore, even if I am in the minority on a decision, I will not be afraid to issue critical dissenting opinions that call attention to constitutional violations.

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» Mark Ash (L)

Background: I have been a criminal defense for 25 years. I graduated from UT/El Paso in 1985 and South Texas College of Law in 1992.

Responsibilities: Protect Civil Liberties. I will uphold the US and Texas Constitutions and improve the quality of life for all Texas by deciding individual cases

in an impartial manner based on the law and the facts because everyone's rights matter.

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» VOTER ID: WHAT TO TAKE TO THE POLLS

Bring your ID to Vote Texas!

All citizens wishing to vote must be on the official list of registered voters. Voters may use one of seven (7) forms of photo ID, listed below. **IDs may be expired up to four years. Persons seventy years of age or older may use an expired ID.**

- Driver license
- Texas Election Identification Certificate (EIC)
- Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS
- Texas license to carry a handgun issued by DPS
- US military identification card containing the person's photograph
- US citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph
- US passport (book or card)

Registered voters without photo ID, who cannot reasonably obtain one, may sign a form and present the original or a copy of one of the following documents with the voter's name and address to vote a regular ballot:

- Voter registration card
- Certified birth certificate
- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Government check
- Paycheck
- Any other government document such as an out of state driver's license or expired Texas driver's license.

The form is called a "Voter's Declaration of Reasonable Impediment or Difficulty." The voter must mark on the form one of the following reasons for not providing a photo ID.*

- Lack of transportation
- Disability or illness
- Lack of birth certificate or other documents needed to obtain an acceptable form of photo ID.
- Work schedule
- Family responsibilities
- Lost or stolen identification
- Acceptable form of photo ID applied for but not received

*ID address does not have to match the voter registration address.

"Substantially similar name"

The name on the photo ID should match the voter registration card or be "substantially similar." If the names don't match exactly but are substantially similar, the voter will initial a box for similar name when signing in to vote.

Voter harassment

- Election officials cannot question a voter about the use of an ID type
- Poll watchers may never question a voter about Voter ID issues

» STUDENT VOTERS: AWAY AT COLLEGE? BE A TEXAS VOTER!

You must be registered to vote.

- Find out at votetexas.gov
- Register to vote! (Note! We don't have online voter registration in Texas)

I am registered at my parents' address!

- Drive home! Early vote or vote on Election Day
- or Vote By Mail

I am registered at my college address!

- Skip the lines! Vote early!
- Or vote on Election Day!

You must show an ID to vote! You can't use your student ID. Your ID address does not have to match the voter registration address.

» VOTE BY MAIL

Who can vote by mail in Texas?

- Over 65
- Sick or disabled
- Out of the county on election day or early voting,
- In jail but otherwise eligible to vote

Apply to Vote By Mail!

- Applications to Vote By Mail are available from your county election official. For the Texas General Election your application to Vote By Mail must be received at your county election official's office by Friday, October 26, 2018. Note: postmarks don't count.
- A ballot will be mailed to you. Then Vote!
- Return your completed ballot to your county elections department by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 6, 2018. If mailed, the ballot must be postmarked by Election Day and received by the next business day.
- *If you are mailing your ballot from outside the United States, the county election official must receive your ballot by the fifth day after Election Day. (It must be postmarked no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.)



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ON YOUR LOCAL BALLOT NOVEMBER 6, 2018

THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES HAVE NOT BEEN EDITED OR ALTERED IN ANY WAY.

(D) - Democrat (R) - Republican (L) - Libertarian

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 13

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office. (approximately 50 words)
2. What do you think our defense priorities, including cyber security, should be? (approximately 100 words)
3. How should Congress ensure the viability of Medicare and Social Security into the future? (approximately 100 words)

4. What specific reforms, if any, would you propose in health care policy to address the cost of and access to health care and medications? (approximately 100 words)
5. What changes, if any, should Congress make in immigration policies? (approximately 100 words)
6. What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of Congress, and what is your position on these issues? (approximately 100 words)

MAC THORNBERRY (R)

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1. Fifth-generation Texan. Raised on family ranch in Donley County and continue to be involved in the family cattle business. Graduate of Texas Tech University and the University of Texas School of Law. Currently represent the 13th District in Congress and am Chairman House Armed Services Committee.

2. The most important component of our national security is the people who serve. We owe them the best equipment, the best training, and the best support our country can produce.

We also have to field modern technologies faster. In some areas, we are behind our adversaries. Cyber is a domain of warfare. We have the best people and the best technology, but we have tied our own hands from defending the country against state actors. All of us have some role to play, both in keeping our computers safe and in double-checking information that comes across our screens.

3. Medicare and Social Security are two of the most important federal programs and it is important to face their challenges openly and honestly—protecting benefits for those currently enrolled in the programs, for baby boomers, and

for future generations without bankrupting the country in the process. Changes should be phased in over time, keeping promises to those who count on them while giving younger people time to adjust to a new system.

4. I support and voted for the House-passed bill that fully repeals and replaces Obamacare. It failed in the Senate by one vote. We must continue to work for ways to stop the harmful effects of Obamacare, control costs, and put patients in charge of their health care, all while protecting Medicare beneficiaries.

5. Any nation must control who and what comes across its borders, so border security and enforcement are essential. We must also enforce laws inside this country with tools so that government and employers can quickly and effectively know who is here legally. Also need efficient way for temporary workers to enter so we know who comes, where they are, and that they go home when their permitted time expires. Finally, our legal immigration system must be reformed so that we can continue to attract the world's best and brightest to come here to contribute to our economy.

6. Trade—Agriculture is always on the front lines of trade disputes and heavily affects the economy of our district. Trade is the one thing that is threatening the economic growth that is off to such a good start and must be watched closely. Taxes—Congress should make the tax cuts permanent and completely eliminate the death tax. Opioid Crisis—The opioid epidemic is a crisis affecting all of our communities that we cannot ignore and Congress must continue to work on legislation to combat this threat to our society.

GREG SAGAN (D)

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1. BA in Political Science; MBA in Organizational Behavior; ABD in Industrial Relations/Labor Economics; former Navy LCDR/Vietnam vet; extensive experience consulting to senior executives, most in nuclear utilities, on corporate culture and human performance

2. 1. Cyber security 2. Military pay/benefits 3. Military family support 4. Veterans' care 5. Coast/border security 6. New weapons development

3. 1. Repeal of the recent tax act that lowered the tax rates for the wealthiest individuals and corporations 2. Make FICA applicable to all income levels 3. Provide universal, single-payer health care to all Americans 4. Raise the retirement window for Social Security for those joining the labor force now 5. Encourage and support extending mandatory retirement ages

4. Universal, single-payer health care for all Americans. Eliminate the profit motive from health care, and eliminate competition in health care - both of which drive costs up and not down. Reduce private health insurance to covering elective care, income replacement, and any "uncovered" costs associated with universal, single-payer health care.

5. Recognize that immigrants are a vital source of economic health; make it easier for immigrants and refugees to become citizens; provide citizenship to all legal immigrants who serve in the armed forces; establish a North American Economic Union, to include Canada, the U.S., Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean nations; return to welcoming refugees and providing safe haven

6. Government corruption - remove from office all of those who use their office for personal profit Foreign meddling in our electoral processes - either reduce dependence on digital technology for voting or secure such technology from foreign exploitation or both Trade policy - Stop the trade war the current administration has started and regain the markets we have shed Women's equality - In pay, career opportunity, health care, domestic violence, sexual assault and access to education and employment LGBTQ equality - accept these "marginalized" members of our society Minority justice

CALVIN DEWEESE (L) No response received by the deadline.

STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 31

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office. (approximately 50 words).
2. What specific changes should be made to public school financing and why? (approximately 100 words)
3. What state legislation would you support to help Texas residents improve their economic positions? (approximately 100 words)

4. What state legislation is needed to increase availability of affordable health care for Texas residents? If none, please explain. (approximately 100 words)
5. What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of the Texas Legislature, and what is your position on these issues? (approximately 100 words)

KEL SELIGER (R)



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1. I served eight years as mayor, fourteen years as a state senator and thirty six years in private business.

2. We need to phase out the recapture system (Robin Hood) and go back to the state sharing costs. They have gone from 50% to 37%.
3. Those that create jobs and create a positive business environment.
4. Possibly incentivizing public health efforts like the clinic program run by Texas Tech in Lubbock.
5. Higher education, transportation and mental health.

JACK B. WESTBROOK (L)

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1. Born and raised in Lubbock. School government. Married 39 years. Have family and friends who live and work in all of Senate District 31. Bachelors degree in business from Wayland Baptist University. Master's degree in Bible and family ministry from Lubbock Christian University and 60 hours post-grad work at Texas Tech. USAF 14 years. Immigration officer. Church pastor, elder, minister. Addictions counselor. Substitute Teacher. Potter Co. Chair LPTEXAS. Emeritus member and producer, Vocal Majority. Political advocate.

2. Public school financing is broken. Teachers are not paid well. They take out loans to fund teaching supplies; seen my wife do it. The benefits for teachers dwindle yearly. Athletics and arts are being considered for elimination when they are necessary for a well-rounded education. Districts are spending millions of dollars on stadiums and other things that would be better spent elsewhere. Privatization of the education system is probably the best solution. I doubt that

it would be supported by voters. Ideally, the solution requires motivating wealthier districts to help support poorer ones.

3. The Republicans have talked about reducing property taxes for ten years, but they have not. They say they have not increased tax rates, but they have increased property values. We are paying higher taxes for vehicle registrations than ever before while funding more toll roads than ever before. Our government is funding a number of items that put money in the pockets of their supporters instead of doing what's in the interest of all Texans. Building more prisons is a good example.
4. The insurance system in our country is a scam. More and more, Texans pay more for less coverage. The system we have drives up medical costs. Moreover, we have a federal government that says it will only pay so much, but insurance companies are charged much more. As a former self-pay patient, my cost was often discounted. Legislation will not fix healthcare. Only benevolence will do that.
5. Immigration -- demand federal revision of laws that cause illegal immigration. Drug reform -- legalization of hemp and marijuana. Doing so will benefit our farmers, boost our economy, and cause financial loss for cartels. Moreover, it will reduce prison population which will help the economy. Resource management -- water, oil, ranching, and farming will be critical issues of interest to our district. We must properly manage these resources with due diligence and consideration for others as well.

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR JUSTICE, 7TH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, PLACE 2 – JUDY PARKER (R)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR JUSTICE, 7TH COURT OF APPEALS, PLACE 3 – PAT PIRTLE (R)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT JUDGE, 47TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT – DAN L. SCHAAP (R)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT JUDGE, 181ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT – JOHN B. BOARD (R)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT JUDGE, 251ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT – ANA ELIZABETH ESTEVEZ (R)

POTTER COUNTY

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 2

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office. (approximately 50 words)

2. What are the challenges of this office and how would you address them? (approximately 100 words)

ROBERT TAYLOR (R)



1. I have nearly 40 years of law enforcement and military training and experience. I have a Criminal Justice degree from Amarillo College and over 4500 continuing education hours associated with the Criminal Justice System. I have lived and worked in the area the Justice Court oversees for 52 years.

2. The JP Court is the people's court, an area where one can voice their concerns regarding a number of procedures such

as traffic tickets, small claims and evictions to name a few. The Judge should have a listening ear to that effect and after listening to all said make a decision based upon what facts are presented and rules of law affecting the incident. He shall make a fair and impartial ruling. People want to be heard. I will be that Judge, a listening ear, encouraging citizens to engage with the court expressing their viewpoints concerning matters brought before it.

CLAUDIA GRIEGO (D)

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1. I have over 20 years experience working with all branches of our court systems and law enforcement, I work with high

volumes of criminal cases at any given time. I have developed a great love of the court system and a deeper passion for helping people.

2. I feel that Precinct 2 is on top of it's game but has had a weak link in the past and that is the position I intend to fill. I know that I am the candidate that can best relate to the citizens of my community and I know that I will help strengthen this precinct. I am prepared to serve in every capacity required of me to help make East and Northeast Amarillo a more inclusive and productive community. I will work with transparency and integrity and always make myself available.

CANYON ISD PROPOSITION

The issuance of \$196,700,000 of bonds by Canyon Independent School District for the construction, acquisition, renovation and equipment of school buildings in the district, the purchase of sites for school buildings, the purchase of new school buses, and the levying of the tax for payment thereof.

FOR AGAINST

The following explanation is provided by the Canyon Independent School District.

2018 Bond Overview

Growth, New Facilities

- Two New Elementary Campuses (#9 and #10)
- New High School (#3 High School)

Renovation and Expansion

- Expand and renovate Randall West Campus
- Renovate Randall East Campus back to a Junior High (#3 Junior High)
- Renovate Existing Facilities
 - Sundown Lane Elementary
 - Canyon Intermediate
 - Canyon Junior High
 - Midway Career and Technical Education Center
 - CHS Baseball and Softball (locker rooms, concession and restrooms)
 - CISD Manufacturing Academy Expansion

Technology

- Add fiber connectivity between our campuses

Activity Buses

- Add Activity Buses

Kimbrough Stadium

- Renovate Kimbrough Stadium (accessibility, restrooms, concession stand and field house)

Total: \$196,700,000

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT

The estimated financial impact of the total 2018 bond proposal is anticipated to be \$.1284 for a total combined rate of \$1.3534. An increase to homeowners tax bill based on the assumed net value of \$161,194 (\$186,194 less homestead exemption) would be a monthly cost of \$17.24 a month or \$206.93 yearly.

IMPACT ON SENIOR CITIZENS' PROPERTY TAXES

Canyon ISD property taxes for citizens aged 65 or older or for disabled citizens are not affected by the bond election as long as a homestead and over 65 exemption application has been filed with the local appraisal district.

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older cannot be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65 – regardless of changes in tax rate or property value – unless there are new improvements to the homestead that increase the value of the home.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE AT
www.canyonisd.net/bond2018**

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR JUSTICE, STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 87 – FOUR PRICE (R)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT JUDGE, 320TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT – PAMELA COOK SIRMON (R)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR POTTER COUNTY JUDGE – NANCY TANNER (R)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR JUDGE, COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1 – WALT WEAVER (R)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR JUDGE, COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 2 – MATT HAND (R)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT CLERK – CARLEY SNIDER (R)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR POTTER COUNTY CLERK – JULIE SMITH (R)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR POTTER COUNTY TREASURER – LEANN JENNINGS (R)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR POTTER COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2 – MERCY MURGUIA (D)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR POTTER COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4 – ALPHONSO VAUGHN (D)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR POTTER COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1 – DEBBIE HORN (R)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR POTTER COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 3 – GARY JACKSON (R)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR POTTER COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 4 – THOMAS L. JONES (D)

RANDALL COUNTY

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 86

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Background: What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?

Education: What specific changes should be made to public school financing and why?

Economy: What state legislation would you support to help Texas

residents improve their economic positions?

Health care: What state legislation is needed to increase availability of affordable health care for Texas residents? If none, please explain.

Other issues: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of the Texas Legislature, and what is your position on these issues?

MIKE PURCELL (D)

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Background: I taught history and political science and coached football in Texas Panhandle high schools for 30 years. I was twice elected President of the Potter Randall Democratic PAC. For the last 3 years I have served on the Texas Democratic Party Executive Committee for Texas Senate District 31. I also served on the TDP subcommittees on Election Process



Education: Ten years ago the state contributed 48.5% of our school budgets. Today that has fallen to 38%. We must restore full funding for our children's education by making sure all pay their fair share. Small business and homeowners

are paying more than their share. Texas needs well educated workers and well educated voters.

Economy: Affordable post secondary education weather community college or four year universities are vital for a modern workforce. These educational opportunities must be within financial reach of all our citizens. Higher wages for all are an asset not a burden to our state and communities. The more money people have to spend the stronger our economy will be.

Health care: America is the richest nation in the history of the world. We can afford health care for all if we choose. I would explore new ideas such as a state/local partnership. Our counties already carry the burden of caring for the poor. I would also explore how the state could incentivize business to provide empolyee insurance.

Other Issues: Criminal justice reform, Bail reform for those awaiting trial, Tax reform

JOHN SMITHEE (R)

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Background: Have been actively involved in community and business all my life. My wife and I have raised our family in the Panhandle and we believe in the people of the Panhandle and Panhandle values. I have had the privilege of serving in the Texas House, and would appreciate the opportunity to continue serving



Education: Public school financing needs to be reformed to be made more equitable. There is a tremendous disparity in the current formulas that must be fixed. The current formulas discriminate against mostly rural, low-to-moderate wealth, and slow-growth districts. It is simply not fair to future generations not to correct this serious inequity.

Economy: Property taxes have become an unbearable burden for many Texas homeowners. The Legislature must act to relieve this growing burden. Otherwise, the Legislature should not take any action regarding taxes or regulation that will impair the excellent business climate and reputation we have created in this State. Lower taxes and less regulation mean more jobs and more opportunity for all Texans.

Health care: We continue to look for more ways to provide insurance coverage to those who currently have none. We have rapidly expanded the number of medical school admission slots in Texas, and now we need to increase medical residencies to encourage young medical providers to stay in Texas --particularly in rural Texas. We must continue to find innovative ways to provide basis medical services in our small and rural communities.

Other Issues: In the Panhandle, we are charging ahead with plans to establish the newest and finest school of large animal veterinary medicine in the world. Our future is bright, and we always look for new opportunities to expand jobs and development in the Texas Panhandle.

RANDALL COUNTY PCT. 1 CONSTABLE (unexpired term)

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Describe the training and experience that qualify you for this office. (approximately 50 words)

2. What are the challenges of this office and how would you address them? (approximately 100 words)

RICHARD BEALS (R)

Occupation: Texas Peace Officer
Campaign Website: Listed in the Candidate Section at www.randalltxgop.com



1. For over 29 years I've served as a Texas Peace Officer at both the state & local levels.

- 13+ Years Randall County Sheriff's Office
- Patrol Officer & Warrant Deputy
- Honor Guard & Field Training Officer
- Deputy of The Year
- 9+ Years State Arson Investigator & Supervisor
- Master's Degree

- 4,000 Hours Training
- Numerous Awards & Commendations

2. The primary duties of a Constable in Texas are to provide court security as well as serve civil papers and arrest warrants. As your new Constable, I've increased court security in the Finance Building and served all civil papers received. I saved the County over \$17,000 on the acquisition of a much needed replacement vehicle. My office finished this fiscal year under its final budget. Randall County has many unserved warrants. Reducing these warrants is a matter of contacting defendants & following up as needed. I was honored to be appointed as your Constable & look forward to serving our community in this new role.

PATRICK "TINSLEY" TINSLEY (Write-In)

1. I have 10 years of experience as a peace officer and hold a Master Peace Officers license. In addition I hold certifications as a field training officer, a firearms instructor, a narcotics investigator and a court security specialist. I have worked in patrol, investigation, as a deputy, and as a court officer. I am a graduate of the Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy and both WTAMU and Texas Tech.

2. The challenges of the constable's office originate because there is not a

clear cut policy manual in place to outline the specific duties of the office. The office is meant to be a security and warrant officer for the justice of the peace court. In some instances, individuals have been elected to constable's offices with no prior police training and have caused a great deal of trouble due to inexperience and the lack of clear cut guidelines as to the boundaries of their duties. If elected, I will endeavor to immediately produce for approval of the county commission, a clear, concise, and coherent policy manual for the Randall County Constable's Offices.

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR RANDALL COUNTY CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY – ROBERT LOVE (R)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR RANDALL COUNTY JUDGE – ERNIE HOUDASHELL (R)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR RANDALL COUNTY JUDGE, COUNTY COURT-AT-LAW #1 – JAMES W. ANDERSON (R)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR RANDALL COUNTY JUDGE, COUNTY COURT-AT-LAW #2 – MATT MARTINDALE (R)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR RANDALL COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK – JOEL FORBIS (R)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR RANDALL COUNTY CLERK – SUSAN ALLEN (R)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR RANDALL COUNTY TREASURER – ANGIE PARKER (R)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR RANDALL COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2 – MARK BENTON (R)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR RANDALL COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4 – BUDDY DEFORD (R)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR RANDALL COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1 – J. TRACY BYRD (R)

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR RANDALL COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 4 – CLAY HOUDASHELL (R)



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Thursday, October 11, 2018
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1314 South Polk, Amarillo**

POTTER COUNTY EARLY VOTING

If you have recently moved to Potter County and need to vote a Limited Ballot, plan to vote early at the Santa Fe Building.

Main location:

Santa Fe Building
900 S. Polk

Hours for voting at Santa Fe Building:

Mon.-Fri., Oct. 22-26	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 27	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 28	12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Mon.-Fri., Oct. 29-Nov. 2	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Branch locations:

Casey Carpet One 3500 I-40 West Frontage Road	The Craig 5500 SW 9th Ave.
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United Amigos 3300 E I-40	Cornerstone Outreach 1111 N. Buchanan St.
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Hours for Branch Locations Early Voting:

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Mon.-Fri., Oct. 29-Nov. 2	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

RANDALL COUNTY EARLY VOTING

Randall County Election Administration Office**

1604 5th Ave
Canyon, TX 79015

October 22-October 26, 2018 (Monday-Friday)	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
October 27, 2018 (Saturday)	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
October 28, 2018 (Sunday)	12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
October 29-November 2, 2018 (Monday-Friday)	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Randall County Annex

4320 S. Western
Amarillo, TX 79109

October 22-October 26, 2018 (Monday-Friday)	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
October 27, 2018 (Saturday)	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
October 28, 2018 (Sunday)	12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
October 29-November 2, 2018 (Monday-Friday)	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Randall County Justice Center

2309 Russell Long Blvd
Canyon TX, 79015

October 22-October 26, 2018 (Monday-Friday)	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
October 27, 2018 (Saturday)	12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
October 29-November 2, 2018 (Monday-Friday)	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Region 16 Education Service Center

5800 Bell Street
Amarillo, TX 79109

October 22-October 26, 2018 (Monday-Friday)	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
October 27, 2018 (Saturday)	12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
October 29-November 2, 2018 (Monday-Friday)	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Comanche Trail Church of Christ

2700 E. 34th
Amarillo, TX 79103

October 22-October 26, 2018 (Monday-Friday)	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
October 27, 2018 (Saturday)	12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
October 29-November 2, 2018 (Monday-Friday)	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**Main Early Voting Location

POTTER COUNTY VOTE CENTERS

Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day, November 6, 2018

Registered voters in Potter County may vote at ANY of the locations below.

Amarillo Auto Supply and Off Road 3601 E. Amarillo Blvd.	Discovery Center 1200 Streit Dr.	Lighthouse Baptist Church 5631 Pavillard
Bell Ave. Church of Christ 1600 S. Bell St.	Grace Community Church 4111 Plains Blvd.	Pride Home Center 3503 NE 24th
Buzula Furniture Outlet 716 W I-40	Highland Park ISD Admin. Bldg. 15300 E. Amarillo Blvd.	Second Baptist Church 419 N. Buchanan
Chaparral Hills Church 4000 W. Cherry	Hillside Christian Church, NW 600 Tascosa Road	United Citizens Forum 901 N. Hayden
The Church at Bushland 1800 FM 2381, Bushland	Kids, Inc. 2201 SE 27th	Valle de Oro Fire Station 23801 FM 1061, Valle de Oro
		Wesley Community Center 1615 S. Roberts

RANDALL COUNTY VOTE CENTERS

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Registered voters in Randall County may vote at ANY of the locations below.

The Cowboy Church 8827 S. Washington Amarillo, TX 79118	Region 16 Education Center 5800 Bell Street Amarillo, TX 79109	Oasis Southwest Baptist Church 8201 Canyon Drive Amarillo, TX 79110
Comanche Trail Church of Christ 2700 E. 34th Amarillo, TX 79103	Randall County Fire Department# 2 9451 FM 2186 Amarillo, TX 79119	Randall County Annex (new location) 4320 S. Western Amarillo, TX 79109
Randall County Justice Center 2309 Russell Long Blvd Canyon, TX 79015	Arden Road Baptist 6701 Arden Road Amarillo, TX 79109	The Summit 2008 12th Avenue Canyon, TX 79015
Southwest Church of Christ 4515 Cornell Amarillo, TX 79109	Central Baptist Church 1601 SW 58th Amarillo, TX 79110	Coulter Road Baptist Church 4108 S. Coulter Amarillo, TX 79109
Redeemer Christian Church 3701 S. Soncy Amarillo, TX 79121		

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