



Congratulations on your candidacy for State Representative!

The ACLU of Texas will be engaging our members and other voters in multiple House Districts to provide them with information about the November election. **The ACLU of Texas does not endorse candidates for political office.**

We would like to invite you to participate in this process by providing responses to the questions asked on the next page.

Please help educate voters in your district by providing your full response by August 22, 2018.

For incumbent legislators we ask you to provide a short candidate statement highlighting your reasons for seeking office in this district and a brief listing of your top 3 priorities in the next legislative session. Please limit your candidate statement to 500-words and limit top priorities to 250-words per priority.

In addition, we will be providing information regarding incumbent voting records on legislation of key importance to the ACLU of Texas and our membership in the 2017 regular and 2017 special sessions. This information will be presented to members and other voters as a total percentage score based on how the incumbent voted.

For non-incumbent candidates we ask you to provide a short candidate statement highlighting your reasons for seeking office in this district and a brief listing of your top 3 priorities in the next legislative session. Please limit your candidate statement to 500-words and limit top priorities to 250-words per priority.

In addition, we will be asking you to take a position for or against legislation of key importance to the ACLU of Texas and our membership in the 2017 regular and 2017 special sessions.

Legislation has been divided into 3 categories:

- Ending Discrimination: positions on LGBTQ equality, immigrant rights and reproductive freedom
- Advancing Justice: positions on criminal justice reform
- Protecting Liberty: positions on free speech

By submitting this questionnaire, you give permission for your responses to be made available to the public online. We will provide a link to your responses when they launch online in August.

Should a candidate chose not to participate, the site will note that as well.

Please direct any questions to Brad Pritchett at bpritchett@aclutx.org

Respectfully,

ACLU of Texas



About the Campaign

(For Public Use: to be posted online along with candidate responses and legislative record)

a. Campaign website www.juliejohnsonfortx.com

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c. Campaign phone number 469-607-7555

e. Please provide a link to a candidate photo. Headshot preferred.

(To instead provide a file, please email Brad Pritchett at bpritchett@aclutx.org)

Candidate Statement

(Please limit your answer to no more than 500-words)

Please provide a brief biography, including why you are running for office and your qualifications for the office sought.

I've owned and operated my own businesses for 22 years. My profession as an attorney gives me an advantage to understand true impacts of the legislation we pass. I have also been extremely involved in party politics as a precinct chair and fundraiser for many campaigns. I know what it takes to win. The Women's March this January was a significant moment that inspired me to step forward. Second, I realized there was a need in this particular race for a strong female voice to counteract hate and the total assault on women's health as practiced by the current officeholder.



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Top Priorities

(Please limit your answer to no more than 250-words per issue)

Please list your top 3 priorities during the next legislative session.

Public Education- Texas clearly does not spend enough per student. At present, with one party leadership, we are at a political stalemate that shortchanges our children and Texas property owners. The basic allotment per student, expanding our pre-K campuses and offering more wraparound services at schools around the state is an obvious start to direct increased spending.

Property Taxes- Despite a tax surplus, the Texas government has decreased funding for public education and healthcare year after year. This is the main driver of rising property taxes. I plan to tap into the revenue surplus to alleviate the pressure on property tax revenue to cover inadequate state funding of public education.

Healthcare; Medicaid Expansion- I will fight for Medicaid expansion so that Texans are not taxed twice to cover uncompensated care at county medical facilities.



For non-incumbent candidates for office.

To best inform our membership about their choices in this election we will be listing the incumbent candidate’s legislative record on issues of key importance to the ACLU of Texas and our membership from the 2017 regular and 2017 special sessions.

For the purposes of this candidate survey, we are asking how you would have voted on these same specific pieces of legislation so we can provide our membership with a comparison between the candidates on these key issues.

We will include links to the bill language for each piece of legislation.

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- Ending Discrimination
- Advancing Justice
- Protecting Liberty

To respond just select FOR or AGAINST or ABSTAIN for each piece of legislation to reflect how you would have voted given the opportunity. Your answers will be used to create an overall score on your position on ACLU of Texas key issues.

Section I – Ending Discrimination

Description – Legislation pertaining to LGBTQ equality, immigrant rights and reproductive freedom.

[Senate Bill 4](#)

Relating to the enforcement by campus police departments and certain local government entities of state and federal laws governing immigration and to related duties and liability of certain persons in the criminal justice system; providing a civil penalty; creating a criminal offense.

FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN

[Senate Bill 8](#)

Relating to certain prohibited abortions and the treatment and disposition of a human fetus, human fetal tissue, and embryonic and fetal tissue remains; creating a civil cause of action; imposing a civil penalty; creating criminal offenses.

FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN

[House Bill 3859](#)

Relating to protection of the rights of conscience for child welfare services providers.

FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN



House Bill 13 – Special Session

Relating to reporting requirements by certain physicians and health care facilities for abortion complications; authorizing a civil penalty.

FOR **AGAINST** ABSTAIN

House Bill 214 – Special Session

Relating to health plan and health benefit plan coverage for elective abortion.

FOR **AGAINST** ABSTAIN

House Bill 215 – Special Session

Relating to reporting and certification requirements by certain physicians regarding certain abortions.

FOR **AGAINST** ABSTAIN

Section II – Advancing Justice

Description – Legislation pertaining to reforming our criminal justice system.

House Bill 351

Relating to the administrative, civil, and criminal consequences, including fines, fees, and costs, imposed on persons arrested for, charged with, or convicted of certain criminal offenses and to the creation of a commission to review certain penal laws of this state; increasing a criminal penalty.

FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN

House Bill 3130

Relating to the establishment of an educational and vocational training pilot program for certain state jail felony defendants.

FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN

Senate Bill 292

Relating to the creation of grant programs to reduce recidivism, arrest, and incarceration of individuals with mental illness.

FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN

Senate Bill 1849

Relating to interactions between law enforcement and individuals detained or arrested on suspicion of the commission of criminal offenses, to the confinement, conviction, or release of those individuals, and to grants supporting populations that are more likely to interact frequently with law enforcement.

FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN

