



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

- a. Campaign website – www.TerryforTexas.com
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- c. Campaign number – (972) 914-9043
- e. Candidate photo - Headshot attached

Candidate Statement

I want to take my lifetime of education, work experience, and community service and put it to work doing a better job representing you in Austin than my opponent, who has not been able to be an effective legislator for Irving & Grand Prairie.

I know the strength of our neighborhood schools matters: it prepares our children for the jobs of the future, it attracts new employers, and it keeps our home values strong. As an educator, I understand the tools we need to help our students thrive. I support funding for Pre-K education and fully restoring funding to help our neighborhood schools. My opponent hasn't made our schools a priority. He's helped lead the fight to cut classroom dollars for student success, undermine the quality attention they can get in classrooms and more – and he's faced bipartisan opposition because of it.

I've been a small business owner, and helped other local small businesses thrive as a non-profit director. I've signed paychecks, balanced budgets and helped other businesses succeed. I support expanding access to healthcare and the extension of Medicaid funding in Texas, as it would help close the coverage gap while decreasing our property tax burden. My opponent's irresponsible record of rejecting funding results in an increase in property taxes while raising health care costs on local businesses. That's not helping Texas succeed.

My opponent voted against local control and instead supports fracking in our neighborhoods. I believe our local communities need to have the ability to enact the ordinances in their municipalities that will be in their best interests. We also need a change in political will to do something about predatory lending in such a way to encourage small loans without preying on those in need. Predatory lending practices lead to a debt trap for low income families. My opponent practices the politics of division. House District 105 is a diverse district and deserves to have a representative who celebrates its diversity as a strength. As a civil rights advocate and former local CLU board member, I will work toward equal opportunity for all Texans to succeed.

The state legislature needs representatives who understand the need for compromise and working together across party lines; legislators who can balance the need for fiscal responsibility with the needs of the state; legislators who support Texas families with educational opportunities, access to healthcare, and protection for the most vulnerable in our society, the children; legislators who will fight for working families with good paying jobs.



Top Priorities

- 1.) Helping our neighborhood schools by increasing state funding, reducing the unfair standardized tests and meddlesome state regulations, and by increasing community involvement and local control.
- 2.) Increasing access to quality, affordable healthcare to all Texans with the acceptance of Medicaid funding.
- 3.) Using my experience in local economic development to create good-paying jobs with good benefits by increasing access to job training and a college education.

Section I - Ending Discrimination

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

Senate Bill 4 - AGAINST

Senate Bill 8 - AGAINST

House Bill 3859 – AGAINST

House Bill 13 – Special Session – AGAINST

House Bill 214 – Special Session – AGAINST

House Bill 215 – Special Session – AGAINST

Section II – Advancing Justice

Legislation pertaining to reforming our criminal justice system.

House Bill 351 – FOR

House Bill 3130 – FOR

Senate Bill 292 – FOR

Senate Bill 1849 – FOR

House Bill 674 - FOR

Section III – Protecting Liberty

Legislation pertaining to free speech.

House Bill 89 – AGAINST

Senate Bill 179 – FOR