

[Please note that all the following questions are required unless otherwise noted in the survey]

About the Campaign

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

a. Campaign website

VoteVikki.com

b. Campaign email address

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c. Campaign phone number

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e. Please provide a link to a candidate photo. Headshot preferred. (To instead provide a file, please email Brad Pritchett at bpritchett@aclutx.org)

File emailed.



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 am a community activist and a mom with four children in college. I am a graduate of UT (BBA) and the LBJ School of Public Affairs (MPA). I have a long history of volunteering on numerous boards and committees, school committees, and civic organizations. I've lived in SW Austin for 24 years, and am the broker/owner of Goodwin & Goodwin Real Estate. Over the years, I've worked in both the public and private sectors, and have been selling homes for 15 years.

Some of the volunteer work I've done includes helping those who need affordable housing. I was on the Family Selection Committee with Austin Habitat for Humanity and I've volunteered in the after school programs at Foundation Communities, as well as hosted tables at their annual events. I have also served on my HOA Board - Shady Hollow, the OHAN Board - Oak Hill Association of Neighborhoods, the SANA Executive Committee – South Austin Neighborhood Alliance, and the SACC Board – South Austin Civic Club, among other activities. I have also volunteered with AISD throughout the years my children were in AISD schools, from 1998-2017.

My main reason for running for this office is to work on school finance reform to ensure we continue to provide an excellent education for all students around the state of Texas, and we provide a decent living and retirement for our teachers. I also plan to work on issues surrounding health care and ensuring people are able to get the health care they need, transportation and traffic, environmental issues and ensuring our budget reflects our priorities.

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.

- 1.) Support public education in a variety of ways: reform the school finance system, pay teachers higher salaries, keep all tax dollars in public schools - no vouchers, increase number of school counselors and social workers who focus on mental health and not just academics, decrease time spent on high stakes tests, increase access to CTE.
- 2.) Protect the environment support expansion of renewable energy, provide mechanism for water planning and flood mitigation, provide better direction to TCEQ for protecting water and air quality
- 3.) Work on budget so it reflects the priorities of providing strong public education to all Texas children, to expand Medicaid and work to lower the maternal mortality rate, and to eliminate some of the outdated loopholes and incentives that still exist.



Texas

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.

Legislation has been divided into 3 categories:

- 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



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



ABSTAIN

House Bill 3859

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

FOR



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



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.



AGAINST

ABSTAIN

House Bill 3130

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



AGAINST

ABSTAIN

Senate Bill 292

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



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.



AGAINST

ABSTAIN



House Bill 674

Relating to the suspension of a student enrolled in a grade level below grade three from public school and to a positive behavior program for public schools.



AGAINST

ABSTAIN

Section III - Protecting Liberty

Description – Legislation pertaining to free speech.

House Bill 89

Relating to state contracts with and investments in companies that boycott Israel.



AGAINST

ABSTAIN

Senate Bill 179

Relating to harassment, bullying, and cyberbullying of a public school student or minor and certain mental health programs for public school students; increasing a criminal penalty.



AGAINST

ABSTAIN