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Gary and his wife of 34 years, Melissa, came to Texas in 1986 and started to build. With an unwavering belief in entrepreneurship and what someone can achieve without government in their face, Gary built a real estate investment company that now owns thousands of apartment homes and provides work to hundreds of Texans.

Gary and Melissa have given back to the community through their extensive involvement in Republican clubs, other conservative causes and the vital fight against those who would prey on the unborn. At the same time, they have supported causes to help children and young people, like their local Pregnancy Resource Center and the Fort Bend County Fair and local wrestling programs.

The tragic loss of their premature son, Jacob, in 1992 only stirred Gary and Melissa to do what they always do – build. By 1998, they were blessed with 13 children – 11 of whom were adopted, including some with special needs and others from the state’s foster care system. Gary and his family live on a ranch in Richmond. They have been members of Grace Community Bible Church since 1996.

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For the first time in many years, it appears that Texas Republicans will actually have a voice in determining the Republican nominee for President. And lucky for us, there is a highly qualified pool of candidates from which to choose. This is, of course, in sharp contrast to voters on the Democrat side who get to bet on what a colleague of mine refers to as, a “hobo fight”—one between two horrible choices. In that contest, the Democrats have on one side Hillary Clinton, a fatally flawed candidate who is engaged in a game of musical chairs with the Justice Department that should end with her indictment. On the other side is Bernie Sanders, an avowed socialist. Think about that for a moment. The candidate who tied with Mrs. Clinton—the presumed Democrat nominee—in the Iowa caucuses, does not deny, no in fact embraces, the fact that he is a socialist. The Democrats can only dream of the robust menu of talent from which we get to choose.

Republicans should be extremely proud of this field of exceptional talent.

That Republican field is one that numbered 17 at the beginning of the process and included 5 United States senators, 8 governors, a billionaire, a former CEO of a Fortune 100 company and John Kasich, who was both a congressman and a governor. To be clear, any of those 17 would be better than the last or next Democrat nominee. Republicans should be extremely proud of this field of exceptional talent.

Of course, it is a field that continues to shrink, both before and after the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary. At the time of this writing, there still remain nine candidates in the race, although in reality, the field is much smaller. The Iowa caucuses cemented top tier status for Senator Ted Cruz, Senator Marco Rubio and billionaire Donald Trump and set up a highly competitive three-way race going into the first in the nation primary held in New Hampshire, continuing to South Carolina and Super Tuesday.

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MARK HERMAN IS ENDORED BY:

- Dan Patrick - Lt. Governor of Texas
- Ed Emmett - County Judge
- R. Jack Cagle - Commissioner Pct # 4
- Jack Morman - Commissioner Pct # 2
- Steve Radack - Commissioner Pct # 3
- Ron Hickman - Harris County Sheriff
- Phil Camus - Constable Pct 5
- Phil Sandlin - Constable Pct 8
- Dick Moore - Constable Pct 4 (Retired)
- Mike Sullivan - Harris County Tax Assessor
- Chris Daniel - Harris County District Clerk
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- Patricia Harless - State Representative # 126
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2016 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY FEATURED RACE ENDORSEMENTS

Due to space limitations, only featured races are included in the endorsement commentary of the print edition of this year’s Voters Guide. The complete endorsement commentary can be found online at www.TexasConservativeReview.com.

President of the United States: Read our feature article beginning on page 3 and make an informed decision.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 7: JAMES LLOYD
Support for a challenger against an incumbent typically occurs when the incumbent no longer effectively represents his district or when the challenger brings something special to the race. In this race, both apply. Congressman John Culberson, who has held public office for nearly 30 years, has become a Washington insider and is out of touch with the district. Culberson voted for the terrible omnibus spending bill that funds Planned Parenthood, Obamacare, Obama’s illegal amnesty, and other offensive liberal programs. James Lloyd, on the other hand, brings fresh ideas and a youthful passion for conservative political reform. Lloyd will be a hard-working, principled conservative who will work to overturn the Washington big government party.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER: GARY GATES
As Gary Gates is quick to point out, “If you live in Texas, you are in the Oil and Gas business.” That’s because so much of our economy is tied to energy, which is the business of the Railroad Commission. And that’s why Texas voters should care about this race. We like Gary Gates because he is a seasoned business owner who can take a business approach and a passion for the oil and gas business to the agency.

JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 3: JUSTICE DEBRA LEHRMANN
Justice Debra Lehrmann has been a principled member of the Supreme Court since 2010. Prior to her appointment, Justice Lehrmann served as a district judge for 23 years. Lehrmann has an impressive list of endorsements including the endorsements of 12 previous justices of the Texas Supreme Court. TCR is proud to add our endorsement to her list and recommends a vote to keep Justice Debra Lehrmann.

JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 5: RICK GREEN
Rick Green is an impressive candidate. He completed college in just two years and began law school at the age of 20. At 27, Rick Green was elected to the Texas Legislature and was named Republican Freshman of the Year. In 2001, Rick Green and David Barton founded Wallbuilders, which promotes the country’s moral, religious and constitutional heritage. TCR is confident that Rick Green will apply his passion for the Constitution to the protection of our individual rights.

JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 9: EVA GUZMAN
During her sixteen years on the bench—first as a district judge, then a member of the 14th Court of Appeals and now as a justice on the Texas Supreme Court—Eva Guzman consistently receives high marks in judicial evaluation polls as well as accolades from professional, civic, and law enforcement groups. Eva Guzman has served the people of Texas with distinction and has earned re-election.

JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 2: RAY WHELESS
Ray Wheless has a breadth of experience in private practice and as a district judge that will be assets to him on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. Judge Wheless has presided over both criminal and civil cases and his versatility will give him a unique perspective on the Court. TCR also likes the fact that Wheless has been active within the Republican Party for 35 years.

JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 5: SID HARLE
Judge Sid Harle has been presiding over criminal cases for 27 years. During that time, he has developed a reputation as tough, but fair-minded. Judge Harle’s extensive judicial experience will be an invaluable asset on the Court of Criminal Appeals.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 127: DAN HUBERTY
Dan Huberty was elected to the Legislature in 2010 and quickly earned wide respect, including from Texas Monthly magazine who named him, “Rookie of the Year” for his understanding of the issues. Huberty’s background in education and business has allowed him to serve his constituents exceedingly well.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 128: WAYNE SMITH
Wayne Smith has an impressive record of achievement on conservative issues that includes: Co-authored legislation to provide $800 million in new funding for border security, co-authored legislation that would have banned sanctuary cities in Texas, co-authored $1.2 billion tax cut and supported legislation that defunded Planned Parenthood. Smith’s solid record on our issues earns him our endorsement for re-election.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 130: TOM OLIVERSON
Dr. Tom Oliverson is a physician and business owner who will bring a unique
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Rep. Dana Huberty
State Rep., Dist. 149

Rep. Debbie Riddle
State Rep., Dist. 135

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Hun. Gretchen Fagan
Mayor of Jersey Village

Hun. Justin Ray
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So how do these frontrunners stack up?

Texas Senator Ted Cruz: His image as an outsider and anti-establishment candidate combined with hard work is largely responsible for his strength and reflects an anger with the establishment that also helps Donald Trump while hurting candidates like Jeb Bush and Chris Christie. Cruz’s other strengths are his conservative principles and his debate skills, both of which also cut both ways. In a traditional D versus R matchup, conventional wisdom dictates that a hardcore conservative is unelectable in a general election. Fortunately for Cruz, when given the choice between a hardcore conservative and the current Democrat field, the conservative looks pretty good. Cruz’s other problem is his likeability—he just doesn’t have as much as one would like, especially among swing voters, which is due in part to his brilliant skills as a debater. The facts and reasoning that it takes to win a debate are often the ones that lose the hearts of voters, by appearing callous and cold. The other challenge that Cruz has is overcoming the curse of Iowa—since 1980 there have been 6 contested caucuses, in which only twice they actually predict the eventual nominee. And of those winners only one, George W. Bush in 2000, ultimately became President.

Billionaire Donald Trump: The Trump achievement and maintenance of frontrunner status has perplexed the media and political pundits alike. Those of us in the real world though, get it. Trump has tapped into a real anger with the establishment and political business-as-usual in the country. It is a sentiment that inoculates him from his numerous gaffes that would have been terminal for any other candidate. Trump not only shrugs off his missteps, he is actually buoyed by them. The notable exception, it could be argued, is his boycott of the last Fox debate, which many speculate led to his second place showing in Iowa. The question though is how long can Trump’s Teflon coating last under heat before it starts to crack and peel. Many predict that when the veneer of his policy positions are pulled back, and voters discover that there is no “there” there, support will shift to a more traditional candidate like Rubio or Cruz.

...political campaigns, especially presidential campaigns, are unpredictable.

Senator Marco Rubio: Rubio is young, attractive and energetic, qualities which have inspired comparisons to JFK and give the Democrats reason for great concern. Rubio is seen as the reasonable conservative alternative to a much more hardline conservative (Cruz) and an unpredictable populist (Trump); unfortunately, Rubio is quickly becoming the establishment choice, which hurts him with the anti-establishment electorate, despite the fact that Rubio was elected to the Senate as the Tea Party choice against the GOP establishment pick. What’s interesting is that the voting records of Cruz and Rubio as rated by conservative groups are almost identical. Rubio also has the nagging issue of illegal immigration and his ties to the “Gang of Eight” bill which he now repudiates. This is a problem in the Republican primary, but one that he shares with Senator John McCain, who overcame the issue to become the Republican nominee in 2008.

So can we conclude that our nominee will be chosen from these three frontrunners? The easy answer is, “probably.” But political campaigns, especially presidential campaigns, are unpredictable. There are other candidates, but the question is whether or not Jeb Bush, Chris Christie or John Kasich can catch “lightning in a bottle.” The good news is that we will know before our own primary.

So all bet-hedging aside, the conservative decision will likely come down to a choice between Senator Ted Cruz and Senator Marco Rubio. It certainly beats the alternative—just think, our choice could be between a criminal and a socialist. Isn’t it great to be a Republican! ★
James Lloyd
For Congress ★ District 7

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“It’s past time for a new conservative voice for Congressional District 7. James Lloyd will be a hard working, energetic, principled conservative who will work to overturn the Washington big government party.” Texas Conservative Review

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Gary Gates is not your typical candidate. In fact, there’s not much about Gary Gates that can be described as typical. He doesn’t act like a candidate for statewide office. He certainly doesn’t behave like a man worth millions. You might not guess that he is a triathlete with nearly 3 dozen competitions under his belt. But he is all of that. And much more.

Gary and his wife Melissa began buying real estate when he was just 19 years old. It started with one house, then another and another. It wasn’t long before Gary realized the real financial opportunity was in multi-family housing and began buying and renovating apartments. Today he has over 4300 units, mostly in the Houston area, including the very first apartment he ever bought. It is a real estate empire that has made him a millionaire, to say the least. It is also one that has allowed him to provide for a family—a very large family; Gary and Melissa have 13 children—11 of whom were adopted. The Gateses felt led to start adopting after the loss of their premature son in 1992.

Gary Gates is an unassuming and private man. He doesn’t fit the mold of your typical backslapping politician. Had it not been for a single life-changing incident, Gates may have continued living his life in anonymity, quietly buying and renovating apartments out of the public eye and raising his family. But that all changed with a visit from CPS that led to accusations of “emotional abuse” leveled against Gates. When you talk to Gary about the incident, you discover that underneath his quiet and unassuming manner lies the heart and soul of a fighter. It is even more obvious when he tells the story. Gates did not back down. No, he fought the system, punched the bully in the face and won; taking his case all the way to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Gates has a short video posted at www.conservativemeansaction.com that details his fight.

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...we need more fighters like Gary Gates who will stand up and fight for all of us in Austin.

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Gates’ fight motivated him to become active politically. It led him to support candidates and start the Texas Citizens Coalition, an organization that helps give citizens a better understanding of government and encourages citizen involvement in the process. And now he is a candidate—running for the Texas Railroad Commission, whose job is to regulate the oil and gas industry, because he understands the importance of energy to our state. As Gates says, “If you live in Texas, you are in the oil and gas business.” Gates realizes the challenges that lie ahead for the RRC, pointing out that the fees that fund the agency are down due to the low price of oil and that it must adapt and become more efficient.

“The RRC needs a successful business owner and I am the only candidate in this race that has a proven track record of growing businesses,” he says.

Gary Gates is a businessman who has created hundreds of jobs. He is a man who understands not only the stifling vice grip of regulation on business, but also the effects of out of control bureaucrats who can bully with impunity. He is also a family man who opened his home and his heart to children in need. But most of all, Gary Gates is a fighter. And one thing is for sure, we need more fighters like Gary Gates who will stand up and fight for all of us in Austin.
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Harris County Sheriff Ron Hickman
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• Co-authored legislation that would have banned sanctuary cities in Texas
• Co-authored legislation to increase the homestead exemption by $10,000, resulting in a $1.2 billion tax cut
• Helped pass legislation that protects Pastors who refuse to perform same sex marriages
• Supported legislation that defunded Planned Parenthood

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Wayne Smith

To learn more about Wayne, please visit www.waynesmithcampaign.com and follow him on Facebook.
It has been since the 1980’s that your vote in the Republican Primary has mattered so much! In the wake of the 8th year of President Obama’s liberal policies, it is up to each and every Republican Primary voter to pick a conservative nominee that can beat Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders in the General Election. The Democratic Party Nominee will either be an untrustworthy Progressive or an authentic Socialist, so the stakes for our Country’s future couldn’t be higher!

The future of our free market economic system is in the balance, up to four US Supreme Court Justices could be replaced by the next President, and retaking the Presidency is key to unlocking the Republican majorities in both Houses of Congress to repeal Obama Care. We must pass a Balanced Budget Amendment to the US Constitution, reign in an out of control Federal Bureaucracy, and restart the Budget Process in Congress wrecked by Harry Reed and his Senate Democrat Allies over the past seven years.

I was proud to vote for a balanced budget in the Texas Legislature that reduced the growth of Government to just 1.8% a year for general revenues. The Texas Senate under the Leadership of Lt. Governor Dan Patrick is already studying 93 public policy changes this interim, and as the newly Elected Senate Republican Caucus Chairman you can count on me to support my colleagues’ efforts to pass conservative solutions to Texas Challenges. After you cast your ballot on March 1st, you can help by attending your Republican Precinct convention election night, and then joining me in attending your Senatorial District Conventions March 19th. At my District Convention, I will go over the successes of the last Legislative session and the bills that made a real difference in the lives of all Texans.

I invite you in advance to testify at Senate Select Committee on Property Tax Relief and Reform hearings in the Spring. As Chairman, my committee members and I are touring the State taking testimony on ever increasing Property Tax bills. The fact is that Property Tax bills are rising 3 times faster than median household income in Texas since 2003. In Harris County, Property Tax Revenue has risen 40% over the past three years, and it is time to seriously consider slowing the rate of all government spending to a combined limit of the inflation rate and population growth.

The turnout in the Republican Iowa caucuses set a record, and it is time for all Texas Republicans to make a difference in the voting booth as well. Join the “Taxman” in voting for conservatives up and down the Ballot, and get ready to support our Party’s Nominees as they take on the Democrats in the Fall Election. Your Republican SD-7 Senator will be there to help lead the way!

Godspeed,
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Texas Senate District 7
June 2015. His opponent is a lifelong Democrat who previously ran as a Democrat against a Republican judge. The decisions don’t get any easier than this one.

COUNTY ATTORNEY: JIM LEITNER

Jim Leitner is far and away the most qualified candidate in the two-way race for Harris County Attorney. Leitner has a legal career that spans 40 years and includes experience as former General Counsel to the Sheriff of Harris County, former First Assistant District Attorney in Harris, Bell, & Lampasas Counties and 20 years in private practice. Leitner also has 300+ jury trials and 300 appellate briefs under his belt.

HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF: RON HICKMAN

When you talk to Sheriff Ron Hickman, something becomes very obvious, very fast—he loves law enforcement and he is exceptionally good at it. He’s also very smart, which is clear when he starts discussing statistics and budget figures. Since taking over, Hickman has made many reforms including implementing business methodologies and upgrading technology. There is no doubt that Harris County is safer with Ron Hickman as Sheriff.

COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR: MIKE SULLIVAN

Under the leadership of Mike Sullivan, customer service and efficiency have flourished at the office of Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector. Sullivan continues to drive innovation at the office and his passion for the office shows in his dedication to efficient delivery of services, while maintaining a sharp eye on the budget.

COUNTY SCHOOL TRUSTEE, POSITION 2, PRECINCT 4: ERIC DICK

Eric Dick has a heart for public service and deep compassion for others, which was epitomized by his effort to repeal the City of Houston’s charitable feeding ban. Eric, a strong fiscal conservative, is running for the HCDE to add another needed voice of fiscal accountability.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 4, PLACE 1: LINCOLN GOODWIN

Judge Lincoln Goodwin has had a diverse legal career that includes a US District Court clerkship, a private practice and a former position as an Assistant District attorney. With experience in both criminal and civil law, Judge Goodwin is uniquely qualified to preside as the JP Precinct 4, Place 1.

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 4: MARK HERMAN

When Constable Ron Hickman was appointed Harris County Sheriff, Mark Herman was tapped by Harris County Commissioners Court to succeed him. Herman has served over three decades in the Precinct 4 Constable’s office, rising through the ranks to the position of Assistant Chief, where he supervised nearly 250 deputies. Herman’s long history in the office makes him the perfect successor.

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 5: TED HEAP

Ted Heap has 30-plus years of experience and is the only candidate in the race who is a law enforcement officer, which is vital for someone leading frontline officers. Heap has been recognized for his service and promoted through the ranks, achieving the rank of Chief at the Precinct 5 Constable’s office.

HARRIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN: RICK RAMOS

Rick Ramos has an inspiring story. He and his family fled a communist dictatorship in the dead of night to seek a better life in the U.S. With desire and hard work, Ramos built a successful legal practice and achieved the American Dream. Now Ramos wants to apply his grit and determination to reforming and revitalizing the local party. Ramos’ youth, energy, passion and heritage make him ideally suited to lead the HCRP in the critical 2016 election.
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Bud Wiesedeppe - Justice, 14th Court of Appeals District, Place 2
Kevin Fulton - District Judge, 11th Judicial District
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Cindy Bennett Smith - District Judge, 133rd Judicial District
Jeff Hastings - District Judge, 151st Judicial District
Ryan Patrick - District Judge, 177th Judicial District
Ken Shortreed - District Judge, 80th Judicial District
Lincoln Goodwin - Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4, Place 1

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Rick Ramos has the conservative vision to move our party forward. As our Harris County Republican Party Chairman, Rick will:

- Stand up for the values that make our party great
- Build a bridge to like-minded voters
- Hold Republican elected officials accountable when they fail to represent our Party Platform and conservative values
- Empower grassroots activists with the most cutting edge and user-friendly technology available
- Inspire and engage the next generation of voters

“As a first generation Cuban American who fled a communist dictatorship in the dead of night, I understand the greatness of this country and the ideals and values that make it the envy of the world. I achieved the American dream through hard work and by embracing our American values. As your chairman, I will fight for our shared conservative values and hold our Republican representatives accountable when they fail to uphold our values and the party platform.” — Rick

Polland served as Harris County Republican Chairman from 1996 to 2002 and was overwhelmingly returned to office every time he ran. As party chairman, he earned national recognition for his leadership. His aggressive party-building efforts, including leading the fight against a bad arena deal and against the court ordered striking down of the Texas sodomy law, were featured in publications like Human Events, The American Spectator, the Houston Chronicle and Inside Houston Magazine.

Over the years, Polland’s political alliances have stretched from the White House to the halls of Congress and to the Texas Legislature and Governor’s Mansion. He is a confidant to state, national and local officials. His support and advice have proven invaluable to conservatives seeking office. His TCR guides for voters offer insight and information on local, state and national issues and elections, they have become a key feature of the campaign season in Texas.

Polland received the “Elected Official of the Year” award from the Republican National Hispanic Assembly. The “Tuff Tusk” award from the National Federation of Pachyderm Clubs and was also named “Reaganite of the Year” by the Reagan Alumni Association. Polland was also honored to receive the “Torch Bearer” award from TORCH; a faith based religious organization. Polland authored “A Time for Choosing: 25 Years Later” and is in the process of revising and updating President Reagan’s classic speech.

Whether it’s on the web, in books, on television or at the forefront of the latest political battle, Gary Polland is a conservative leader that voters have come to rely on for insight and information.
TCR RECOMMENDATIONS

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*We have chosen the most qualified, conservative candidate in select down ballot races. Regarding the Presidential race, please read our analysis beginning on page 3 to assist you in making an informed decision.*

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~ Senator Paul Bettencourt

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1. Protect Texas from Federal Over-reach
2. Stand up for Property Owners and Private Property Rights
3. Improve Agency Effectiveness, Accountability, and Agility

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What Texas leaders are saying about Gary Gates...

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Republican State Representative, District 3
“Gary Gates has proven his dedication and commitment to promoting Conservative Republican ideals in our state. His commitment to a strong Texas is without question.”

Mark Keough
Republican State Representative, District 15
“Gary has demonstrated that he believes in Conservative Republican policies and has dedicated a tremendous amount of time and energy towards ensuring that those policies remain in place for future generations of Texans.”

Rick Miller
Republican State Representative, District 26
“Gary is a proven leader and believer in Texas values. I’m proud to call him my friend, my fellow conservative, and proud to endorse him for Railroad Commissioner.”

John Zerwas
Republican State Representative and Chairman, District 28
“Gary is a proven commodity. I’ve gotten to know Gary and I can say that he is committed to Conservative Republican values. He would be a great choice for RRC.”

Jim Keffer
Republican State Representative, District 60
“Gary is a hard worker with a passion for the future of Texas. I know he will fight for what’s in the best interest of all the citizens of our State.”

Phil Stephenson
Republican State Representative, District 85
“I’ve gotten to know Gary, and there’s no questioning his commitment to Conservative Republican values. He is a strong fighter for and believer in Texas values.”

Jodie Laubenberg
Republican State Representative and Chairwoman, District 89
“I’ve gotten to know Gary, and he is a man of his word and is a man with tremendous conviction. His commitment to Conservative values in our State is without question.”

Matt Krause
Republican State Representative, District 95
“I’ve enjoyed getting to know Gary this past year. I admire his passion for advancing limited government principles and appreciate his leadership with the conservative Texas Citizens Coalition. He would be a reliable conservative voice on the Railroad Commission.”

Craig Goldman
Republican State Representative, District 97
“Gary has proven to be a business leader with great vision in the private sector. More vision like his is needed in politics today, and less bureaucracy.”

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“I’ve gotten to know Gary during the 84th session, and I have only positive things to say about him. He is dedicated to ensuring that Texas remains strongly red and he has a clear commitment to solid Conservative values. I’m proud to endorse him in this open RRC race.”

Gary Polland
Editor-in-Chief, Texas Conservative Review
“For almost 15 years, I’ve worked through the Texas Conservative Review to make sure conservatives across the State know about the issues and know which candidates stand for the values we believe in. Gary Gates is the kind of candidate we look for — real world business experience and success, a track record of fighting for conservative ideals, and a strong family man. I’m proud to endorse Gary Gates for Railroad Commissioner.”

Dr. Steve Hotze
President, Conservative Republicans of Texas
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