

BEXAR COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION November 3, 2020

Texas Leadership Institute for Public Advocacy

ENDORSEMENT LIST

 **VOTE WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE!** 

OFFICE	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	RECOMMEND
President	<b>Donald J.</b>	<b>Trump</b>	Endorse
United States Senator	<b>John</b>	<b>Cornyn</b>	Endorse
United States Representative, District 20			No Endorsement
United States Representative, District 21	<b>Chip</b>	<b>Roy</b>	Endorse
United States Representative, District 23	<b>Tony</b>	<b>Gonzales</b>	Favor
United States Representative, District 28	<b>Sandra</b>	<b>Whitten</b>	Favor
United States Representative, District 35	<b>Jenny Garcia</b>	<b>Sharon</b>	Endorse
Railroad Commissioner			No Endorsement
Supreme Court, Chief Justice	<b>Nathan</b>	<b>Hecht</b>	Endorse
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6	<b>Jane</b>	<b>Bland</b>	Favor
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7	<b>Jeff</b>	<b>Boyd</b>	Endorse
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8	<b>Brett</b>	<b>Busby</b>	Endorse
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3	<b>Bert</b>	<b>Richardson</b>	Endorse
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 4	<b>Kevin Patrick</b>	<b>Yeary</b>	Endorse
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 9	<b>David</b>	<b>Newell</b>	Endorse
Member, State Board of Education, District 5	<b>Lani</b>	<b>Popp</b>	Endorse
State Senator, District 19	<b>Peter P. "Pete"</b>	<b>Flores</b>	Endorse
State Senator, District 21	<b>Frank</b>	<b>Pomeroy</b>	Endorse
State Senator, District 26			No Endorsement
State Representative, District 116	<b>Robert</b>	<b>Litoff</b>	Favor
State Representative, District 117			No Endorsement
State Representative, District 118	<b>Adam</b>	<b>Salyer</b>	Endorse
State Representative, District 119	<b>George</b>	<b>Garza</b>	Favor
State Representative, District 120			No Endorsement
State Representative, District 121	<b>Steve</b>	<b>Allison</b>	Favor
State Representative, District 122			No Endorsement
State Representative, District 123			No Endorsement
State Representative, District 124			No Endorsement
Chief Justice, 4 <sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals District	<b>Renee</b>	<b>Yanta</b>	Endorse
District Judge, 37th Judicial District	<b>Joseph P.</b>	<b>Appelt</b>	Endorse
District Judge, 57th Judicial District			No Endorsement
District Judge, 73rd Judicial District			No Endorsement
District Judge, 131st Judicial District			No Endorsement
District Judge, 144th Judicial District	<b>Melisa</b>	<b>Skinner</b>	Endorse
District Judge, 166th Judicial District			No Endorsement
District Judge, 175th Judicial District			No Endorsement
District Judge, 379th Judicial District			No Endorsement
District Judge, 386th Judicial District	<b>Daphne Previti</b>	<b>Austin</b>	Favor
District Judge, 399th Judicial District	<b>Walden</b>	<b>Shelton</b>	Endorse
District Judge, 407th Judicial District			No Endorsement
District Judge, 408th Judicial District			No Endorsement
District Judge, 438th Judicial District			No Endorsement
Sheriff			No Endorsement
County Tax Assessor-Collector	<b>Stephen David</b>	<b>Pennington</b>	Endorse
County Commissioner Pct. No. 1	<b>Gabriel</b>	<b>Lara</b>	Favor
County Commissioner Pct. No. 2			No Endorsement
County Commissioner Pct. No. 3	<b>Trish</b>	<b>DeBerry</b>	Endorse
Constable Pct. No. 1			No Endorsement
Constable Pct. No. 2			No Endorsement

OFFICE	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	RECOMMEND
Constable Pct. No. 3	Mark	Vojvodich	Endorse
Constable Pct. No. 4	Larry	Ricketts	Favor
North East ISD - Trustee, Place No. 1	Mike	Osborn	Endorse
North East ISD - Trustee, Place No. 3	Ione	McGinty	Endorse
North East ISD - Trustee, Place No. 4	Joseph	Hoelscher	Endorse
North East ISD - Trustee, Place No. 5	Cimmaron	Gilson	Endorse
North East ISD - Trustee, Place No. 6	Robert "Steve"	Hilliard	Endorse
City of San Antonio Proposition A			Against
City of San Antonio Proposition B			Against
Advanced Transportation District – Prop. A			Against
San Antonio ISD – Proposition A			Against
San Antonio ISD – Proposition B			Against

### CITY OF SAN ANTONIO - PROPOSITION A

#### Sales and use tax for the "Pre-k 4 SA" early childhood education program.

\*VOTE AGAINST – The "Pre-K for SA" program is a duplication of federal Head Start and local school districts' role. Taxpayers already pay a school tax, so why should they pay another tax to the City for a city-operated school system. When students are staying home, and businesses are being closed because of the mayor and county judge's direction, why do they want to gather children and teachers together? When businesses are closing, and people are unemployed, why is the city government taxing and spending? Finally, this is a program put together by former City Manager Sheryl Sculley to raise former Mayor Julian Castro's national political fortune. It is NOT a needed program. Vote AGAINST.

### CITY OF SAN ANTONIO - PROPOSITION B

#### Ready to work "SA Workforce" program for job training and scholarships, a reallocation of an existing sales & use tax resulting in no net tax increase.

\*VOTE AGAINST - This is another waste of city taxpayers' money for a municipal program that duplicates federal and state job-training programs. The city workforce grants are political payoffs that go to local non-profits who support the City's political establishment. The City government should only fund projects and programs that benefit everyone, instead just some. Furthermore, taxpayers should not spend money on duplicate programs, and the city government should not spend money during the pandemic-caused economic crunch. Let private businesses keep the money to rebuild so they can hire workers. Otherwise, what's the point of training anyone if there aren't any jobs? The City must stop spending money on a duplicative job training program and stop reallocating funding except for critical public services like public safety, public works (streets and sidewalks), and drainage that benefit all citizens. Vote AGAINST.

### ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT - PROPOSITION A

#### (Previously Created with Voter Approval by VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority) To provide enhanced public transportation and public transportation mobility options, the Advanced Transportation District ("District") will utilize a one-eighth of one percent (1/8 of 1¢) sales and use tax.

\*VOTE AGAINST – Again, why do taxpayers need a new tax during a period of economic stress, and why should they support a public transportation system that puts them close to each other when they are supposed to be socially-distanced? Furthermore, VIA is a public-funded agency, yet it has refused to allow an independent audit for public information. It has repeatedly wasted money on costly studies and consultants to build a streetcar system, even after taxpayers and voters said NO to the idea. Taxpayers do NOT need another tax or more public spending on a transportation system that is afloat, which goes against the pandemic guidance of social distancing, and creates another tax when citizens and businesses are suffering an economic downturn.

\*RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTARY BY GEORGE H. RODRIGUEZ, EL CONSERVADOR

### SAN ANTONIO ISD - PROPOSITION A

#### School Buildings Proposition

\*\*VOTE AGAINST. This is a \$1.2 Billion bond proposal, the largest bond ever proposed by the SAISD. In 2016, SAISD's bond election raised \$450 million. Where are any metrics and substantive analysis about the results from all this public funding going to the public school system? IS all this money transforming and improving the quality of education and professional standards set by the district schools' administration and teaching staff? SAISD does not figure in the top public schools in Texas. Children at Risk's 2019 rankings report for Texas elementary school shows two San Antonio BASIS schools (no. 297 and 721) and the Young Men's Leadership Academy (no. 1219) out of the state's 4579 statewide schools rated in the report. After these three specialized schools, there is Schenck Elementary (No. 1470) and Highland Park El (No. 1637). The rest of SAISD schools trail towards the bottom end of the schools reviewed. The Basis Schools are charter schools which provides evidence that developing alternative schools will be a major part of reforming San Antonio's moribund and failing schools - NOT more good money (taxpayers money) thrown at the poorly performing public school system in San Antonio. VOTE AGAINST

### SAN ANTONIO ISD - PROPOSITION B

#### School Technology Proposition

\*\*VOTE AGAINST. Proposition B is another bond increasing property taxes. At \$90 million, should taxpayers be held up for more new technology in schools rather than reforms in administration and quality of teaching talent? How about the principle of KISS? Keep it simple. Go back to the three "Rs" and develop higher standards of teaching our children the three essentials of "Reading, Riting, and Rithmetic". VOTE AGAINST.

\*\*COMMENTARY BY PHIL SEVILLA, PRESIDENT OF TLIPA AND GEORGE H. RODRIGUEZ, EL CONSERVADOR