







VOTER GUIDE

Bexar County Joint Special, Constitutional Amendment, General, Special and Bond Elections

November 3, 2015

State Representative District 118 Special Election Candidate Responses	School Choice	Traditional Marriage Only	Oppose Abortion	Protect Religious Liberty Rights	Investigate Planned Parenthood	NO Toll Roads	Allow Intelligent Design	Conscience Accommodation	Voters Approve Annexation	TO REVIEW THE CANDIDATE QUESTIONS, GO TO: http://tlipa.org/ ANSWER KEY YES Agree with statement NO Do not agree with statement DA Declined to answer questions after repeated attempts NC No clear answer provided - ambiguous statement, indirect answers in questionnaire responses or from interviews
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Anthony Alcoser ^{1,3}	No	No	DA	DA	DA	DA	DA	DA	DA	NOTES ¹ In person interview, 10/8/2015, SouthSA Chamber of Commerce forum ² Candidate returned questionnaire responses via email. ³ Candidate did not return questionnaire
Robert Casias ²	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Gabe Farias ^{1,3}	No	No	NC	NC	NC	Yes	NC	No	NC	
Michael Holdman ²	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
John Lujan ²	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tomas Uresti ^{1,3}	Yes	No	Yes	NC	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	

CANDIDATE	CANDIDATE BACKGROUND
Anthony Alcoser 	Development Director, Texas A & M; former Harlandale ISD Board Pres. http://www.anthonfortexas.com/issues . Endorsed by the Stonewall Democrats (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender rights) http://www.stonewallsanantonio.org/
Robert Casias 	Former U.S. Army Colonel, Rancher, President Emeritus at Somerset ISD Education Foundation, St. Mary's parishioner, Somerset; www.linkedin.com/pub/robert-casias/25/768/661
Gabe Farias 	President of the West SA Chamber of Commerce, sports broadcaster; http://gabefarias.com Endorsed by State Rep. Joe Farias, City Councilman Ray Lopez

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Michael Holdman 	Business owner (GPS Your Way, M.H. Services), member of Friendship Church; http://www.michaelholdman.com/
John Lujan 	Business owner (Y&L Consulting), retired SA firefighter, deputy sheriff; Southside Baptist Church; http://www.johnlujan.org/ Endorsed by Texans for Lawsuit Reform PAC Endorsed by Pastors PAC Endorsed by TX Leadership Institute for Public Adv.
Tomas Uresti 	Business owner (URC Construction), legal assistant; Harlandale ISD Board member; http://www.tomasuresti.com/ Endorsed by Texas State Senator Carlos I. Uresti, Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff

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Texas Constitutional Amendment Election - November 3, 2015

Title	Subject	Description	2015 Constitutional Amendment Review (Source: Capitol Hill Report) ¹
Proposition 1 S.J.R. 1	Taxes	Changes the homestead exemption amount for school district property taxes from \$15,000 to \$25,000	Pro: The proposed amendment provides much-needed tax relief by increasing the amount of the mandatory school district residence homestead exemption, likely reducing the amount of taxes paid by a homeowner over the average lifetime of homeownership by thousands of dollars. Con: The increase in the mandatory school district residence homestead exemption will provide only nominal property tax relief for homeowners.
Proposition 2 H.J.R. 75	Taxes	Exempts property from taxation for surviving spouses of totally disabled veterans	Pro: The proposed amendment corrects the problem of two classes of surviving spouses of totally disabled veterans. Con: The proposed amendment would decrease property tax revenue available to school districts, municipalities, counties, and other taxing units
Proposition 3 S.J.R. 52	Official Residence	Repeals the requirement that certain executive officials reside in the state capital, Austin, while in office	Pro: The proposed amendment would reduce the burden of the state capital residency requirement on state officers and their families. Con: The amendment would allow full-time state officers to be physically present at the state capital infrequently and to possibly neglect their duties of office.
Proposition 4 H.J.R. 73	Gambling	Allows professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct charitable raffles	Pro: The amendment would encourage sports fans to contribute to worthy causes, and raise additional money for the foundation's charitable purposes. Con: Amendment will expand gambling in Texas and could lead to future expansion of gambling through the use electronic raffles at sporting venues and expand other electronic gambling at bingo establishments, horse tracks, or greyhound racetracks.
Proposition 5 S.J.R. 17	Transportation	Authorizes counties with 7,500 people or less to perform private road construction and maintenance	Pro: The proposed amendment would give rural counties and private landowners in those counties more flexibility to update private roads that are poorly maintained. Con: All counties in the state should have the option to construct and maintain private roads in the county as long as private landowners agree and pay the county for the cost of the work.
Proposition 6 S.J.R. 22	Hunt & Fish	Provides for a right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife	Pro: Supporters feel that animal rights groups and anti-hunting activists may try to impose stricter limits on hunting and fishing in this state, and supporters therefore seek constitutional protection for those activities as a preventive measure to preserve the opportunity to hunt and fish for future generations. Con: Opponents feel that the amendment is unnecessary because there is no threat to hunting and fishing in this state. Efforts to enact the amendment as a preventive measure may in fact spur groups opposed to hunting and fishing to begin activity in response.
Proposition 7 S.J.R. 5	Govt. Finances	Allocates a portion of sales and use tax revenue to the state highway fund through 2032	Pro: The amendment would provide a consistent and reliable source of funding for transportation projects in the state. This state's current transportation system is inefficient and in poor repair in many areas, which has a negative effect on the state's economy. Con: The proposed amendment, which would constitutionally dedicate billions of dollars of state tax revenue each year only to transportation-related projects and the payment of transportation-related debt, would tie the hands of future legislatures during a time when the legislature has discretion over less than 20 percent of the state's budget. This could lead to the state being required to make substantial cuts in essential state services, such as public education and health and human services.

Note: ¹ For a more detailed analysis of the constitutional amendments (statewide ballot measures), go to:
<http://www.tlc.state.tx.us/pubsconamend/analyses15/analyses15.pdf>
<http://us3.campaignarchive1.com/?u=f02f670a42d7f3cd19e82c10d&id=aad0d6e9bb&e=a332388a98>