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TEXAS PARENT PAC ANNOUNCES ENDORSEMENTS FOR MARCH 1 PRIMARY

Austin, Texas—Texas Parent PAC today announces its endorsements of legislative candidates for the March 1, 2016 primary election. It is the state's political action committee for parents and grandparents of children in public schools, parents-to-be, and anyone who supports high-quality public education.

Texas Parent PAC was founded in 2005 with a goal of electing more state legislators who will advocate for schoolchildren and neighborhood public schools. In five election cycles, the PAC has helped to elect 51 new members of the Texas Legislature and to defeat 19 incumbent legislators.

The PAC is endorsing a small, select number of candidates in the primary so the group may concentrate its resources and volunteer time. Endorsed candidates are:

Republican Primary Election

Texas Senate

SD 1: **Red Brown**, Lindale [Web Site](#)

SD 24: **Susan King**, Abilene [Web Site](#)

Texas House of Representatives

HD 1: **Rep. Gary VanDeaver**, New Boston [Web Site](#)

HD 4: **Lance Gooden**, Terrell [Web Site](#)

HD 5: **Jay Misenheimer**, Lindale [Web Site](#)

HD 7: **Jay Dean**, Longview [Web Site](#)

HD 8: **Rep. Byron Cook**, Corsicana [Web Site](#)

HD 17: **Rep. John Cyrier**, Lockhart [Web Site](#)

HD 54: **Scott Cosper**, Killeen [Web Site](#)

HD 55: **Hugh Shine**, Temple [Web Site](#)

HD 58: **Rep. DeWayne Burns**, Cleburne [Web Site](#)

HD 59: **Rep. J. D. Sheffield**, Gatesville [Web Site](#)

HD 60: **Kevin Downing**, Granbury [Web Site](#)

HD 64: **Lynn Stucky**, Sanger [Web Site](#)
HD 71: **Stan Lambert**, Abilene [Web Site](#)
HD 73: **Rep. Doug Miller**, New Braunfels [Web Site](#)
HD 92: **Scott Fisher**, Euless [Web Site](#)
HD 94: **Andrew Piel**, Arlington [Web Site](#)
HD 99: **Rep. Charlie Geren**, Fort Worth [Web Site](#)
HD 115: **Bennett Ratliff**, Coppell [Web Site](#)

Democratic Primary Election

HD 49: **Gina Hinojosa**, Austin [Web Site](#)
HD 77: **Lina Ortega**, El Paso [Web Site](#)
HD 137: **Rep. Gene Wu**, Houston [Web Site](#)
HD 144: **Mary Ann Perez**, Houston [Web Site](#)

Details about the Texas Parent PAC endorsement process are available [here](#).
Additional information about the PAC is on its [web site](#).

About 95 percent of funds contributed to Texas Parent PAC are spent in support of campaigns. The PAC has low operating overhead, with no headquarters office and no salaried staff. Board of Directors members volunteer their time to provide day-to-day leadership, and parent volunteers help with campaigns and fundraising. As needed, the PAC contracts with professionals having specialized skills to accomplish specific tasks.

Texas Parent PAC does not believe public education should be a partisan issue, and it supports candidates of both major political parties. Additional candidates will be endorsed for the May 24 primary election runoff.

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