

House District 102 Candidate Forum Video

October 8, 2014

The following are links for the video of the Texas House District 102 Candidate Forum co-sponsored by League of Women Voters of Richardson and the Richardson ISD Council of PTAs on Wednesday, October 8, 2014.

Description	Description
Opening slides	Information regarding the candidates and the forum
Question 1:	Why do you want to represent District 102 in the state legislature? Specifically, since neither of you has served previously in the Texas legislature, where you will be asked to vote on a wide range of issues affecting your constituents, how does your past experience prepare you for this position?
Question 2:	Texas's refusal to expand Medicaid means that thousands of low-income people from around the Metroplex still seek out basic medical care in the Parkland Emergency Room. Dallas County taxpayers are footing the bill for this inappropriate, expensive care. Do you support this situation?
Question 3:	Do you think the state is doing enough to regulate the oil and gas industry, especially with regard to the practice of fracking?
Question 4:	What is your position on connecting the Richardson/Plano area with DFW/Ft. Worth via the DART station located at 190 and 75?
Question 5:	In recent years, there has been a lot of emphasis on keeping state taxes low. How do you think this emphasis has affected the day-to-day lives of low- and moderate-income Texans?
Question 6:	Natural disasters and the current Ebola scare have highlighted the role of state government in emergency response and public health. Do you think the current level of state funding in these areas is sufficient to protect Texas citizens? Why or why not?
Question 7:	Do you support the current method of Redistricting used in Texas? If not, what method would you like to see instead?
Question 8:	The state significantly underfunds transportation spending for repairs and new roads, which has resulted in the use of toll roads. Do you support the use of toll roads? If not, where should the money for expanded transportation needs come from?
Question 9:	Do you support increased state funding for public education? Do you support enforcing the current 22-to-1 ratio of students to teachers in lower grades?
Question 10:	The cities of the North Texas Municipal Water

	District are experiencing a huge growth in population. What changes in state water policy do you support to help expand the supply of water to these cities? Do you support state-level water conservation mandates?
Question 11:	Do you support continuing the practice of electing judges in Texas? If so, where do you think voters should look to find enough information to vote responsibly in judicial races at all levels?
Question 12:	House Bill 5 reduced the number of state mandated tests. Would you support a further reduction in state-mandated tests for grades 3 through 8? And, if so, how would you propose to continue to hold school districts accountable?
Question 13:	Do you support banning legal abortion for women in Texas?
Question 14:	Many Texans live in rural areas, while the majority live in urban or suburban areas. How will you balance the conflicting needs of Texans from such diverse areas?
Question 15:	Should state troops be protecting the border? How would you balance business needs for labor versus border security?
Question 16:	Texas's population is becoming increasingly diverse and many urban areas are minority-majority. As Anglo Americans, how do you plan to represent the interests of minority populations in Texas?
Question 17:	Do you support guns being allowed on ISD campuses (so, elementary and secondary campuses) and college campuses?
Question 18:	Do you think the State Legislature should have more control over financial incentives to encourage business development in the state?
Question 19:	If elected, how will you balance your personal convictions with party loyalty if there is a conflict between what you believe is best for your constituents and how your party wants you to vote? Do you anticipate any opposition from special interest groups within your party?
Closing statements:	Closing statements by candidates
Closing remarks	Closing remarks by RISD Council of PTAs President
Closing slides:	Information regarding the November 4, 2014, General Election