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## What's Ya' Gonna Do?

**When Social Security goes away?**

**When Medicare goes away?**

**When Healthcare goes away?**

**When Voting Rights go away?**

**When Education goes away?**

**When Jobs go away?**

**When Pensions go away?**

**When the Freedom of Speech goes away?**

**When there is No Air to Breathe?**

**When there is No Water to Drink?**

**When there is No Food to Eat?**

**When there are No Living Creatures?**

**“Tell me, over and over again my friend,  
Ah, you don't believe we're on the eve of destruction.”**

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# GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE

## EDITORIAL

### We're on the Eve of Destruction

The news is full of reports regarding the shenanigans of the dTrumpster and the gang of GOP'ers who worship him and his dictatorship. Now, a known evil Russian dictator has been given an invitation to the White House. 7/28: Tweetybird-in-Chief invited to Moscow.

Where is the fear greater? The secret Helsinki agreements with the Ruskies? The denial of interference in our elections — proven to be true? The refusal to accept scientific fact — like climate change and global warming? The destruction of our natural resources — land, air, water, and don't forget our treasured public lands? The loss of our personal rights of freedom? How about the Constitution and the Rule of Law? Or the Emoluments Clause is in the law so office holders like the prez. cannot, must not personally benefit financially while in office?

Current reporting tells us many of the children, stolen, ripped, from their families — families who came to our country seeking asylum and are now *not eligible* to be returned to their families. Also reported is the fact that the jails (incarceration centers) are at capacity and they have no idea where or with whom, some of the children are located. The courts have issued orders that the rest of the children are to be reunited by the Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> deadline. Of course, the earlier court imposed deadline to reunite those children under five years of age has passed.

On September 10, 2009, Rep. Joe Wilson SC2-R, best known for shouting “You Lie” at President Barack Obama during the president's 2009 address to Congress on health care legislation. Later he declared his, “Oops” moment was rude. Wilson is currently running to be the top GOP'per on the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Emma Dumain for the *McClatchyDC Bureau* reports Wilson is using his PAC money to contribute to other members of the House.

[www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/article215114675.html](http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/article215114675.html)

Today, July 24, 2018, the Attorney General of the United States called for the incarceration (jailing) of Hillary Clinton, by chanting, “Lock her up! Lock her up!” He also encouraged the students to commit insurrection. “Go, get 'em!” This was done at an assembly of high school students and was followed by his laughter. (*MSNBC Live with Ali Velshi 7/24 2:20 p.m.*)

Messaging from the White House is increasingly damning to the public. The Teety-Bird-in-Chief has begun a campaign shouting the Russians are fighting very hard to influence the Midterm elections ... fighting very hard for Democrats... to win. The attacks on Mueller are unending. Polls reveal 51 percent of Americans polled stating the Trumpster has been compromised by Putin. Who's he kidding?

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Every day we are closer to destruction; the end of life as we know it in these United States. *America the Beautiful*, has suffered and endured much in these many years through the work — the courage, blood, sweat and tears of so many real patriots. Evil propaganda and threats will not be victorious.

My voice will not be stilled. My vote will not be stolen. See you at the polls!

Rachel Baker Ford, editor

# GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE

## WHAT'S YA' GONNA DO?

### Trump's Proud Achievements – 7/21/2018

— Charles E. Ford, Jr.

**North Korea:** Trump met with Kim Jong Un and less than 24 hours later declared North Korea was no longer a nuclear threat. But what really happened? Kim Jong Un made Trump look like an idiot. Trump pounded his chest, made grunting noises and hurled threats of fire and fury like the world has never seen. At the same time Kim Jong Un was firing missiles toward Japan, testing rockets and testing bombs. After they met and signed a piece of paper, North Korea continued to expand their production capability for their nuclear arsenal.

**Tax Cuts for everyone:** Untrue (lie) to begin with. The bulk of the tax cuts went to corporations and the ultra-rich including Trump. The effect on any individual's taxes won't be clear until tax time next year but don't plan on your refund to pay for that new car. Like all tax changes they put it in one pocket and take it out of another pocket. Some of us will pay more. They also haven't restrained healthcare premiums.

**Immigration:** Trump and Sessions are so proud of kidnaping children when they cross the border with their parents. What idiots! They didn't even take the time to prepare for the migrants and are breaking the law by denying asylum seekers the right to due process. Only a few hundred of the several thousand children taken from their parents have been returned to the parents because they didn't record where the children and the parents were taken. They admit hundreds of the children will NEVER be returned to their parents.

**Tariffs:** Trump has so little brain power he can't understand who pays a tariff. If we import a car from Germany and charge a tariff ( a fancy word for another tax), the manufacturer includes that in the price of the car. The higher price may or may not affect the number of units sold but the German government will reciprocate anyway with a tariff on goods they import from the United States. So the citizens of both countries pay more, a lose-lose situation. Of course if you have a billion dollars you don't care. Importers will avoid the tariffs if they can by finding a supplier in a country not affected by tariffs. The result is lost jobs in the exporting country. We have already seen jobs lost in the United States because the tariff caused a decrease in the amount purchased or increased the cost of the product so the company could no longer compete and closed the doors.

**Russia:** Trump insisted upon a meeting with Putin and it finally happened. After their two hour one-on-one secret meeting Trump came out for the press conference looking like a whipped dog, praised Putin and bad mouthed the U.S. intelligence network. Trump claimed Putin was very forceful when he denied Russia meddled in our 2016 presidential election. Trump, who swore he would have the most transparent administration of all time hasn't even shared the conversation of one-on-one with the head of the head of U.S. intelligence network or the pentagon.

**“How do I love you?”** (Forgive us, Elizabeth Barrett Browning)

Trump, a wanna-be dictator-Tweeybird, appears to be suffering the effects of early stages of senility. His memory is gone and he cannot concentrate long enough to finish a sentence. His speeches and conversations are incoherent rambling. The quick temper and the inability to process thoughts are also typical of those of us in our later years. Or he could just be an overgrown, obnoxious bully. Take your pick.

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**GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE**  
**A VOICE FROM ACROSS THE POND**

**No Where to Run, No Where to Hide**  
**2018 edition**

— *Pauline Bourqui*

Whilst celebrating a bittersweet one year anniversary return to the U.K. after 26 years in Dallas, a surreal moment was occurring, Air Force One was in British airspace, carrying U.S. President Donald Trump!

An enemy of stability in Europe, thousands of Brits were demonstrating on the streets of London, beneath the orange Trump Baby Blimp, a light hearted object deflecting from the already dark mood here in the U.K.

The Trump visit was underway!

The U.K. Government did it's best, considering the protesters, but didn't reckon on Donald Trump, himself. He had bullied allies at the NATO Summit, making sure the U.S. couldn't be relied on as a European ally, let alone Britain. What a terrible diplomatic mess.

Angry U.K. public reaction was on view, I myself was furious, because unlike most people here, I had lived in America for a generation, loved most Americans, and know that Donald Trump is widely regarded as an embarrassment, and then some!!!

The President is looking to break up NATO and the EU, and supports Brexit which I personally regard as an economic disaster for Britain. He gave an interview to a British tabloid newspaper supporting Brexit, a real kick in the teeth for us in the U.K., claiming we are "losing our culture."

Making any policy comments on foreign soil is of course a terrible *no-no*, but such is the Trump culture.

The visit continued. The President kept our 92 year old Queen waiting in 90+ degrees of heat for 15 minutes, walked in front of Her Majesty whilst inspecting the troops, and all this at a cost of £30 million to the British public for Donald Trumps visit.

The President has claimed that the British public "like him a lot" but there is really some good news: Both the British Museum and the Museum of London are interested in putting the Trump Baby Blimp in their permanent collections, meanwhile it starts a world tour, in Scotland!!

[ ed: 30,000,000 British Pound Sterling = 48,648,000 U.S. Dollars

The exchange rate the system calculated between British Pound Sterling and U.S. Dollar on 22/07/2018 is 1 GBP = 1.6216 USD  
<http://www.currency-converter-calculator.com/convert/GBP/USD/30000000>]

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**THE GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE** welcomes Pauline Bourqui's voice. She lived in Dallas for 26 years with her husband. While a resident, she was an active Democrat, precinct chair and good friend to many. An avid lover of the environment, her urban home was replete with gardens, where she grew and nurtured many vegetables. Water was supplied to the gardens via a rainwater collection system.

Last year, Pauline returned to her homeland, the United Kingdom. We are glad to remain in contact via the internet though we miss her presence among us!

# GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE

## "WHAT YA' CAN DO"

### The Choice is Clear

## Lupe Valdez for Texas Governor



— Charles E. Ford, Jr.

Lupe Valdez has demonstrated her compassion for others throughout her life. She understands what it is like to work for a living and the opportunity for a better life comes with education.

Lupe worked as a migrant farm worker as a child and adult, worked her way through college, served as a Captain in the U.S. Army, and protected us as the Sheriff of Dallas County for twelve years.

Lupe Valdez has seen and lived the life of those less fortunate. Valdez knows and understands the struggles with paying monthly bills and dealing with the setbacks life throws at us when least expected.

Lupe is ready to tackle the future and make the Texas Government serve the people of Texas. Lupe's vision is a Texas where everyone can take part in the great prosperity of our state.

As sheriff, one of her first changes was to make sure inmates had beds and were not allowed to sleep on the floor of the jail, a simple but significant demonstration of her compassion for others. She believes that you cannot rehabilitate a person if you did not treat them with respect.

Lupe managed the Dallas County Sheriffs Department with 2800 employees and a \$150 million budget, while bringing the jail into compliance with the law.

Beto O'Rourke has Ted Cruz running scared in a close race. This will help Lupe close the gap on the current Governor. Confidence in political polls is very low since the the Presidential election steal. *Real Clear Politics* reports Lupe trailing 49 percent to 35.8 percent. If Lupe can gain just 7 percent she will lead with 42.8 (35.8 +7) percent to 42 (49-7) percent and she will be Governor Lupe!

See <https://www.lupevaldez.com/> for a detailed list of issues and Lupe's solutions.

Contrast Lupe Valdez as a human being that understands how we live, her aspirations for Texans, and her goals as Governor with the current Governor who denies Texans healthcare by not expanding Medicaid, who consistently tightens needless regulations that make it harder or impossible for women to access healthcare and deny their access to abortion. The current Governor requires the remains of a miscarriage or abortion to be buried or cremated rather than use the body parts or tissue for research that might lead to cures for diseases or disabilities. He is too dumb to realize he might benefit from the research. The current Governor, an avid Trump supporter, is quick to give corporations tax relief shifting the burden on Texans while he gives vouchers for charter schools and reduces support for public schools — starving Texas children and Texas teachers.

Our current Governor is an impediment to a better life for the majority of Texans. He supports taking migrant children from their parents and putting them in wire cages. Over 2,500 children have not been returned to their parents and nobody knows how many will never be returned to their parents.

They will be reunited with their parents when Lupe Valdez is elected as the next Governor of Texas in November 2018.

We really need government at all levels that solves problems rather than creates problems and a government that responds to the needs of the people that elect them.

It is no contest. **Vote for Lupe Valdez for Governor of Texas in November!**

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**“WHAT YA’ CAN DO”**

**Lupe Valdez for Texas Governor**

**Lupe’s Issues and Solutions**

- √ Women’s Health:  
A room full of men in Austin should not be between women and their doctor. Protect women’s access to healthcare and her right to make decisions about her own body.
- √ Women in the Economy:  
Equal pay for women, paid sick leave, and affordable child care.
- √ Water:  
Safe drinking water without pollutants for everyone is a priority issue.
- √ Voting Rights:  
Make it easier for Texans to get to the polls, not harder including automatic voter registration.
- √ Transportation:  
Reduce gridlock on our highways with high speed rail and attractive public transit options.
- √ Redistricting:  
Fair maps so everyone’s vote will count. Change the rules for defining political boundaries. Gerrymandering leaves a large portion of the population with no representation at the state or federal level of government.
- √ Property Taxes:  
Protect Texans from being priced out of their home due to the hyperinflation of property taxes.
- √ LGBTQ Equality:  
Protect the rights, dignity and lives of our LGBTQ community.
- √ Jobs/Economy:  
Provide access to college for everyone with trade school or vocational training as options. Level the playing field for women and provide all an opportunity to earn higher wages and a better life.
- √ Immigration:  
Protect the Dreamers and immigrants from the cruel policies of the current Governor and the Federal Government. Treat immigrants fairly and with respect. Children will not be jerked from their parents and put in wire cages.
- √ Healthcare:  
Healthcare is a right. Immediately accept Medicaid expansion and expand access to healthcare in our rural communities.
- √ Gun Violence:  
Improve background checks and close loopholes.
- √ Environment:  
Climate change is an urgent matter. Protect our natural resources.
- √ Education:  
Lupe, a product of and proponent for public schools, lives by the words, *educar para elevar*, educate to elevate. Pay and treat our teachers as professionals, prioritize investing in education, and provide universal Pre-K for all Texas students.
- √ Disability Rights:  
The ability to live, work, and play is a right for all. Treat Texans with disabilities with respect.
- √ Criminal Justice:  
End mass incarceration, cash bail, and for-profit prisons. Strengthen bond between police and communities. Ensure humane treatment for undocumented immigrants and decriminalize small amount of marijuana.
- √ Civil Rights:  
Expand Civil rights protection and fight discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other piece of what makes up the diverse population of Texas. Insure everyone is treated fairly and equally.
- √ Border Security:  
Make smart investments and fund people who truly understand the border.

# GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE

## “WHAT YA’ CAN DO”

### Beto O’Rourke for U.S. Senator in Texas

— Charles E. Ford, Jr.

Beto (Robert Francis) O’Rourke is the hope of the Democratic party to defeat Ted (Rafael Edward) Cruz as a U.S. Senator to represent Texas after the ballots are counted in November. Beto has represented Texas 16<sup>th</sup> District in the U.S. House since 2013 serving on the Armed Services subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, the subcommittee on Strategic Forces, the Veteran’s Affairs subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs and the subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

**Beto Positions on Issues** [<https://betofortexas.com> for details.]

√ Agriculture:

Strengthen federal crop insurance programs. Provide robust rural infrastructure. Ensure farmers don’t face labor shortages. Avoid trade wars.

√ Economy:

Promote fair and transparent markets. Promote regulations that protect consumers, promote competition and grow the economy.

√ Education:

No public tax dollars to private schools. Increase public funding for low income communities. Protect teacher’s retirement benefits. Strike down SB6 that discriminates based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

√ Energy:

Address climate change. Optimize the use of energy. Promote new and renewable energy sources.

√ Equality:

Treat all Americans equally under the law: Support the Equality Act. Same sex couples are entitled to the same federal benefits as any other family.

√ Government Accountability:

Supports term limits. End gerrymandering with non-partisan redistricting commission.

√ Healthcare:

Healthcare is a basic human right. Improve the ACA (Obamacare). Expand Medicaid in Texas. Lower premiums and prescription drug cost using government purchasing power. Create public option for the exchanges.

√ Higher Education:

Increase funding for Pell Grant scholarships and the Federal Perkins program. Broaden educational opportunities. Control inflation for college/university.

√ Immigration:

End the militarization of immigration enforcement. Pass the Dream Act. Legalize the status of millions of immigrants already in our country.

√ Jobs:

Invest in training, certification, and registered apprenticeship programs. Expand access to broadband to all communities. Protect the Earned Income Tax credit.

√ Justice:

End the prohibition of marijuana. End the war on drugs and for-profit prisons. Improve access to mental health. End the current system of bail bonds.

√ National security:

Provide the necessary financial support to ensure the military can accomplish their missions. Pay the total cost of war as we wage it.

√ Seniors:

Protect Social Security and Medicare. Improve healthcare access. Ensure affordable prescriptions.

√ Veterans:

Improve quality care within and outside the VA. Improve claims and appeals response. Ensure no veteran goes homeless.

√ Women’s health:

Protect the woman’s right to choose. Expand Medicaid. Guarantee access to birth control and emergency contraception. Protect the Title X family planning program.

What has Ted Cruz accomplished in five and a half years? He read *Green Eggs and Ham* to the Senate and ran for president. When Beto appeared on national television talking about the children kidnaped by the government, Cruz got scared and introduced a bill that failed in the Senate.

Join the crowd. **Vote For Beto O’Rourke in November.** <https://betofortexas.com>

## Elect Mike Collier for Texas Lieutenant Governor

A Texas Lieutenant Governor has more power than a Texas Governor. According to Wikipedia: The Texas Lt. Governor is the most powerful office in Texas government. He/She controls the work of the Texas Senate, as president, controls the budgeting process as a leader of the Legislative Budget Board. The Lt. Governor establishes all special and standing committees, appoints all chairpersons and members, and assigns all Senate legislation to the committee of his choice. He/She is an ex officio member of several statutory bodies including the Legislative Budget Board, the Legislative Council, the Legislative Audit Committee, the Legislative Board and Legislative Council, the budget and policy and is also a member of the Legislative Redistricting Board, charged with adopting a redistricting plan for the TX House and Senate, or U.S. House after the decennial census if the Legislature fails to do so. (Paraphrased: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lieutenant\\_Governor\\_of\\_Texas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lieutenant_Governor_of_Texas))

Mike, a graduate of the UT, worked for Exxon briefly but most of his career was spent with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) an accounting firm, as an auditor. In Houston, he lead a team of two dozen providing financial services to some of PwC's largest energy companies. The experience serves as a solid baseline for understanding the duties and policies of the Texas Lieutenant Governor.

### Positions On Issues [www.collierfortexas.com/](http://www.collierfortexas.com/)

- ✓ **Property tax reform:** Close the property tax loopholes. Use the recovered funds to fund education and reduce property tax for homeowners and small businesses. (Dan Patrick's four annual budgets called for property values and local taxes "shall be increased" by 4.56 percent in 2015, 6.18 percent in 2016, 7.04 percent in 2017, and 6.77 percent in 2018 or 26.9 percent since Dan Patrick took office.)
- ✓ **Public education:** Strongly oppose high stakes testing and vouchers. Tuition for higher education must be within the reach of working and middle class families.
- ✓ **Corruption:** Create the Texas Audit, Performance, and Integrity Commission for financial audits, performance audits, and public integrity assurance.
- ✓ **Quarterly review forecasts:** Reform and modernize our budgeting process adopting best practices from business to make better fiscal decisions.
- ✓ **Employment and Wages:** Support labor unions, a living wage, affordable health care, retirement security and income equality.
- ✓ **Women's Health:** Restore investment in women's health programs. Decisions involving pregnancy should be left to the woman, her doctor, and her faith. Reduce the need for abortion services by investing in women's health services, including sex education, contraception and adoption.
- ✓ **Respect for Diversity and Inclusiveness:** All Texans should be treated with respect, and treated equally under the law. Oppose legislation that is designed to discriminate against any Texan regardless of faith, race, gender, sexual orientation and gender identity, or socio-economic status.
- ✓ **Border Security:** Secure our border, but include efficient coordination among local, state, and national agencies, use of enabling technologies, due consideration of the rights of property owners, and support for a thriving trade relationship with Mexico.
- ✓ **Environment, Safety, Climate Change:** Hold Texas businesses to a very high standard of environmental protection and safety. Conversion from coal-fired to gas-fired electricity generation is essential. Lead in technological innovation and clean energy.
- ✓ **Immigration:** Texas must provide leadership around comprehensive immigration reform, including a guest worker program and a path to citizenship that is efficiently, fairly, and consistently administered. Oppose government overreach that limits local law enforcement's autonomy and produces greater danger to Texans.
- ✓ **Restoring Compassion to Texas Public Policy:** Texans are a generous, compassionate people and ready to invest in properly designed, fiscally responsible programs that help those who cannot help themselves.
- ✓ **Second Amendment Rights:** My first duty as Lt. Governor will be to protect the Second Amendment. Texans must promote reasonable policies that will promote gun safety.
- ✓ **Preserving Democracy:** Oppose legislation that disenfranchises any class of voter and support legislation that ensures every person eligible to vote can do so without fear or frustration.
- ✓ **Campaign Finance Reform:** Support contribution limits, prohibitions on "dark money" pools, and state matching funds for qualifying candidates.
- ✓ **Redistricting:** Gerrymandering is the root cause of our political crisis. Support citizen-drawn or computer drawn districts for both state legislative and U.S. Congressional districts.

**Vote Mike Collier for Lt. Governor to stand up for Texans in November.**

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## GIVE SCREWY LOUIE THE BOOT!



### Dynamo - Dr. Shirley J. McKellar

Dr. Shirley J. McKellar is definitely a dynamo, a go-getter with multiple degrees. She served 16 years in the military during which she served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom as a nurse. She was wounded, came home as a disabled veteran, and received a variety of medals. Dr. McKellar has significant experience in the military, business, politics, and the medical field. Dr. McKellar is currently CEO of McKellar-McKellar-Ntaka and Associates, a non-profit organization. The diverse background provides the well rounded experience and discipline expected in a member of Congress.

Being a disabled vet doesn't slow her down. When she attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for Homeless Vets in Dallas, she wanted one for East Texas. She wouldn't take no for an answer from politicians, gathered a group together, donated a portion of her own land and worked with HUD and the VA to "make it happen." The ground was broken on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 for a complex where veterans can use their VA Benefits to buy their own condos.

For 20 years, she operated an early childcare education center in Tyler providing care and education until midnight 7 days a week. Every child served at that center graduated from high school and went on to college.

But, wait, there is more. *The Longview News* referred to Dr. Kellar as "just a nurse."

The Faith Chatham Community helps us with a list of accomplishments for this "just a nurse."

- √ Implemented much of the women's health care for the U.S. Military in the European Theatre
- √ Established the only comprehensive breast center in the U.S. Military serving men and women
- √ Partnered with the UT Medical School to determine why the mortality rate for men and women of color who have breast cancer is significantly greater than for white women and to look for treatments which give better outcomes.
- √ Co-founded (with UT Medical School) the African American Breast Cancer Awareness and administers a \$5 Million grant for finding solutions for people with cancer.
- √ Got 61.9 percent of the 2018 primary vote even though she was outspent by nearly 3 to 1.
- √ East Texans know and trust her because she is always there serving beside them, working for them, and fighting for them.
- √ She has created more jobs in East Texas than most government programs.

Dr. McKellar wants the opportunity to continue to serve the people of East Texas in as an aggressive representative in the U.S. House of Representatives. She will shake up the good old boys that wile their time away.

It is time for the voters in East Texas to show the world they can do better, much better than screwy Louie Ghomert to represent the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives. Get rid of a piece of deadwood in the do-nothing congress.

Send a donation to help Shirley boot out Screwy Louie!

Vote for Dr. Shirley McKellar in November.

[www.votemckellar.com](http://www.votemckellar.com) Address: POBOX 4094 Tyler, Texas 75712 903-520-0297

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## GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE FROM THE DALLAS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR

For the first time since Donald Trump took office, it appears that Democrats and Republicans are in agreement: Trump did a lousy job representing us in his private summit with Vladimir Putin in Helsinki. In a CBS News poll, taken this week, 32 percent of Americans approved of Trump's actions and 55 percent of Americans did NOT approve. And that poll doesn't address the way Trump misbehaved with our NATO allies before the summit.

We are embarrassed for Trump, but we are even more embarrassed as Americans for the way our President has acted. Before the Summit, we could pretend that he was just that crazy uncle in the family. But now, his antics are out in the open, for all the world to see.

Two years ago, Donald Trump was telling us all that he was going to "Make America Great Again." Make no mistake, Trump is making America hate again. He is pitting us against each other. And he's making the rest of the world think less of us.

When asked if they thought their protests [in the United Kingdom] would make a difference to President Trump, one of the protest organizers, replied, "No, Trump won't care, but we are hoping the Americans will notice." We noticed and, frankly, we appreciate the support. Over 200 years ago we rejected a king, whom we considered a dictator, in favor of freedom and independence. Now we need to gain overthrow a dictator, who is supposed to be acting as a president. This time, however, we have the right to vote. We don't need a bloody revolution to get rid of this dictator. We only need a revolution at the polls.

We need everyone to revolt with their vote on November 6, 2018.

Granted, Trump is not up for re-election until 2020 — if he is not indicted before then. However, it is crucial that we show our force NOW in 2018. We must vote against anyone who will support Trump and his policies, and we must vote against anyone who is too scared of him to stand up for their constituents.

By electing more Democrats, we slow Trump down. With enough Democrats added to Congress, we can stop Trump and his right-wing supporters from implementing their un-American policies so that they can no longer:

- Discriminate against people of color, sexual orientation and gender, disabled, and religious groups.
- Separate children from their parents, caging them and keeping inadequate records
- Allow Russia to interfere with our elections
- Take away health care for Americans
- Allow a President to violate the constitution and stack the Supreme Court.

We will fight, and we will surf the "Blue Wave" to victory. The Republicans are scared. They are telling their flock to stay in line. They are telling their sheep that there is no such thing as the "Blue Wave." FAKE FACTS! In the 2018 primary election, Dallas County had the biggest Democratic turnout since 2008, and Democrats significantly outnumbered Republicans in the Dallas County primary election.

We have an opportunity to show America and the world that America is already great and we are going to Make America Proud Again! We can do this if we work together. In the words of anthropologist Margaret Mead: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

We have only 15 weeks before the November 6th General Election, so let's make it count. Participate in block walks and/or phone banks out of the North and South satellite offices of the DCDP coordinated campaign. This campaign is working to elect all Democratic nominees.

Check [www.dallasdemocrats.org](http://www.dallasdemocrats.org) or call the DCDP Office at 214-821-8331. We must to work together for victory in November.

Democratically yours,  
Carol Donovan

# GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE

## BITS & PIECES 1



Laura Barrera, Esq.  
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My 5-yr-old client can't tell me what country she is from. We prepare her case by drawing pictures with crayons of the gang members that would wait outside her school. Sometimes she wants to draw ice cream cones and hearts instead. She is in deportation proceedings alone.

### It what world is this justice?

Linda Rosenfeld Magid shared a post.  
Galveston Progressive Connection 6/29/18  
Comments

**Lesley Pearl:** Every time I read this, my heart breaks a little more.

**Sarah McGee Heath:** Heartbreaking

**Judy Egan Michel:** In Putin's world, now in Trump's world. It will never end as long as we have a heartless President indebted to a communist Dictator. It all boils down to Mueller and the investigation. The truth is out there in bits and pieces, all we need now is the whole truth and the facts to prove it. America as we know it, our Allies as they know it, is scarred and will take years to fix. We will survive this too. It's these children I feel sick about. No one to tuck them in, no one to hold them when their scared or cry, all alone in a strange country, some so young and no one to tell them it will be ok. I can't even imagine being separated from my children when they were little.

It's just not the America I know or the America I want my grandchildren to know.

### "Duh, I Don't Know"

Today, Trump said he didn't know why Russia would have interfered in the 2016 Presidential Election? This article sums up Russia's reasons to have worked illegally to put Trump in power.

"Either Donald Trump is flat-out an agent of Russian interests — maybe witting, maybe unwitting, from fear of blackmail, in hope of future deals, out of manly respect for Vladimir Putin, out of gratitude for Russia's help during the election, out of pathetic inability to see beyond his 306 electoral votes. Whatever the exact mixture of motives might be, it doesn't really matter."

"Or he is so profoundly ignorant, insecure, and narcissistic that he did not realize that, at every step, he was advancing the line that Putin hoped he would advance, and the line that the American intelligence, defense, and law-enforcement agencies most dreaded."

*FaceBook 07/07/18 — Joe Wells*

### Loving A Free Nation

George Washington once said "Freedom is the light that many men have died in darkness for."

I say we have reached a very dark time in America, were our freedoms are now at risk of ending. November must be a month of change. I know not everyone isn't excited about every Democratic candidate, but I personally ask you to cast your vote for a Democratic candidate. I ask this of all my Dems., common scenes/country before Republican Friends as well.

We must have new warriors in our State and Country's House and Senates. We must not settle on allowing ignorance to become our norms, for sure the day we do chaos, anarchy, and the purge of a free nation will truly began.

Take part in the process, Vote, Vote, Vote.

"feeling optimistic."

*FaceBook 07/19/18 — Cedric Davis Sr.*

### Apply the McConnell Rule

The Rule of 2016 should apply - let the people's voice speak in the November 2018 Election and the new U.S. Senate can take up the duty of Advice and Consent to the Trump nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Supreme Court Justices should not be confirmed without a thorough review by the Senate's Judiciary Committee, open Hearing and vote on referring nomination to the Senate Floor for a vote by the majority.

There is no rush to replace Justice Kennedy. The new Supreme Court Term does not begin until October 2018. It's not at all unusual for a newly confirmed Justice to take his/her seat on the Supreme Court bench mid-term. No harm done.

Great harm done to our Democracy if the rush to confirm a justice results in a poor replacement.

[#DelayTheConfirmationHearOurVoices!](#)

*FaceBook 7/18 Katherine Savers McGovern*

### Texas Is Also Drowning in Debt

Texas is also drowning in debt — thanks to Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick's leadership of the Texas Legislature's Budget Bureau Committee.

I understand that the so-called “rainy day fund” of \$12 Billion secures around \$120 billion in loans held by various financial institutions. If accurate, that could mean that Texas would have to give concessions to its creditors in order to use the rainy day fund. Way to go, Dan Patrick!

Meanwhile private residential owners and small businesses bear the increasing burden of property taxes arising from the increase in value of the real property, while commercial property owners make off like bandits fudging the actual market value of that real property. Result equals private residential property owners and small businesses are subsidizing commercial property owners while our public school system, health care system, etc. suffer from continued under funding.

Way to go, Dan Patrick!

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*FaceBook 7/24/18 Katherine Savers McGovern*

### The Great Political Divide

*Original Post:*

The great political divide is between those who ask who I should hate and those who ask where I can find common ground. Another way to put it is the politics of vilification *vs* the politics of compromise.

Through that lens, it is fairly easy to see who is in which camp...and which camp we want to be in. Just think'n.

*Responses:*

John Morris: Does that include vilifying Bernie?

Steve Love Does what include vilifying Bernie??

That Bernie comes to your mind suggests that Bernie might fit in one of those categories and needs defending. But you really cannot vilify someone who resorts to vilification...we just must never allow to be forgotten their role in electing Trump.

Evil forgotten or ignored is evil welcomed to return.

*FaceBook 7/26/18 Steve Love*

### Equal Justice Under Law

The ultimate justification for the existence of this country is captured in these words: “Equal justice under law,” where justice is understood to be the healing of an injury to the body-politic.

Justice is not about establishing a political pecking order but about making the wounded whole.

That cannot be achieved through the politics of hate and personal destruction, which is why the ending of the Trump administration is NOT a party issue; it is a fight to save the soul of this country.

Trump embodies a cancer threatening the life of our country as the Constitutional Framers envisioned it!

Join the resistance...your country needs you!

*FaceBook 07/21/18 Steve Love*

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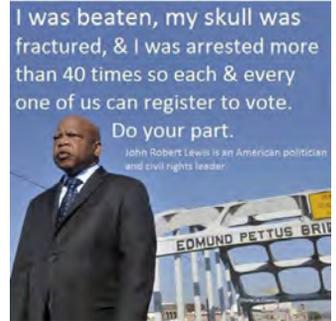


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