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EDITORIAL

Experience Counts!

The Runoff Election for the 2018 Texas Democratic Primary is upon us.

The Texas Democratic Primary Election in March provided a slate of wonderful candidates. However, several of the races resulted in races where no one candidate received the necessary majority of 50 percent -plus results. Thus, we are having a Primary Runoff Election. Early Voting runs through May 18th and election day is May 22, 2018.

All of the candidates on the Runoff ballot are excellent candidates — great Democrats committed to serving citizens into the future. The candidates are hard working, well-qualified, knowledgeable folks sans “skeletons” in their past.

The striking difference in the candidates in this Runoff Election is their experience and background. We must choose not based on, “In the future, I will ... ,” but choose on a proven history which reveals what we can expect and have in their continued service.

Each of the candidates endorsed by the **GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE** editorial board bring a wealth of experience — guided by the rule of law and providing for the best interests of their constituents.

See You at the Polls!

Rachel Baker Ford. Editor

May 22, 2018 Primary Runoff Election

The Primary Runoff Election: Tuesday, May 22, 2018.

Vote in precinct. 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Early Voting Monday, May 14, 2018 – Friday, May 18, 2018

Check Dallas County Elections (or your county elections website) for early voting locations:

Dallas County Elections <https://www.dallascountyvotes.org/>

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ARTICLE

The Invisible Men

— Charles E. Ford, Jr.

We see them all over newscasts and talk shows when they are campaigning but then, as if by magic, the day after they are elected they disappear until it is time to run for re-election or campaign for a different office like, let's say, President of the United States. Who could I be talking about? Representative Pete Sessions and Senator Ted Cruz! Petey and Teddy are both up for re-election in November!

Ted Cruz has come out of his cave twice in the 5½ years since he took the oath of office as a Senator. The first was to show off his literary skills by reading "*Green Eggs and Ham*" to his fellow Senators who were mesmerized by his talent. The second occasion was when Donald J. Trump made him look like an idiot during the presidential debates by calling Ted names and insulting Ted's wife without getting even a grunt for a response.

Pete Sessions is no better. He votes the party ticket 95 to 98 percent of the time and serves on the Rules committee. That's his entire contribution for better government. He collects \$175,000 a year plus perks to participate in one committee. To add insult to injury, there are legitimate questions about whether Pete Sessions lives in Texas or Florida. Tax documents show a home in Texas in Pete Sessions' name and a second home in Florida that appears to be in his wife's maiden name. How much time he spends where is not clear. <https://befuddledbytheclovn.blogspot.com/2016/01/pete-sessions-florida-homesteader.html>

The six-page, 8 ½ x 11 brochure printed in glossy color we received from Congressman Pete Sessions was mailed as official business and paid for with our tax dollars, is an obvious campaign advertisement with the word DONATE omitted. It lists three corporations that gave employees \$1000 bonuses because of the corporate tax breaks in the "tax reform" law passed recently. That's great, but bonuses are a one time thing and we do not know if all the employees got the \$1000 bonuses or just a select group. Pete claims that same law empowers North Texas families to keep more of your hard earned money.

It's the same old story. The Republicans are buying your vote with your tax dollars while they take their cut to the bank in a wheel barrel. Pete goes on to brag about allowing parents to use their 529 Accounts to save for elementary, secondary, and higher education. See how easy it is? Just put more of your money away. He continues to explain to us how we benefit from the corporate and small business tax cuts. Hopefully some of us do. Pete Sessions brags in a 2016 website that he is a fiscal conservative and deeply concerned about our national debt and yet he voted for and brags about the tax cut bill that will add \$10,000,000,000,000 (that's TEN TRILLION) to the national debt. He boasts about 616,000 jobs created since December 22, 2017, an increase in paychecks, and the lowest unemployment rate in 45 years. Those things are true but the job creation rate is about par for recent times, the wage increase (2.7 percent) barely covers inflation, and unemployment now at 3.9 percent was already down to 4.9 percent when Trump took office.

When teenagers across the country started marching for changes they understood the problem. A pay-for-play congress that either isn't interested in solving problems or doesn't know how to solve our problems. The marcher's solution: vote the deadwood out of office.

Let's make Cruz and Sessions invisible permanently by replacing Cruz with Beto O'Rourke and Sessions with Lillian Salerno!

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EXPERIENCE COUNTS!



★ Lupe Valdez Governor

Lupe has a lifetime of experience in service as a U.S. Army Captain, Federal Agent and then 4 terms as Dallas County Sheriff.

While Sheriff, Valdez worked diligently to address deep structural problems that had developed over the preceding 20 years. The county jail was understaffed, overpopulated, and unsanitary. With her team and the leadership of the County Commissioners, she succeeded in tackling many of the challenges that had plagued the Department such as improving the quality of care for mentally ill inmates, changing culture, and striving to ensure any individual touched by the criminal justice system was treated with respect and dignity.

One of the first things Lupe instituted at the jail was to insist that no inmate would sleep on the floor of the jail. “No one can be rehabilitated while being forced to sleep on the floor.”

Lupe knows the value of a strong work ethic and the opportunity that comes with education.

Lupe lives by these words:

“Educar para elevar. Educate to Elevate”



★ Lillian Salarno CD-32

Lillian, an attorney, has spent her life providing for others.

As Deputy Undersecretary for Rural Development she ensured rural communities had access to safe drinking water, affordable housing, and high-speed broadband, fighting tirelessly to assure rural programs were positioned for success and sustain ability while ensuring tax dollars were leveraged effectively.

Lillian has:

Written and passed legislation to improve healthcare worker safety.

Worked to fight the spread of HIV/AIDS at Parkland.

Founded an innovative medical device company

Partnered with the World Health Organization to reduce the spread of infectious disease.

Defended family farmers, forgotten communities and small businesses decimated by corporate takeover.

“I’m running to take on the system and stand-up for the people — for my children and all Texans who want a better future for the next generation.”

★ Martin Hoffman

Judge, 68th Civil District Court



Judge Hoffman, elected to the bench in 2006, has over a decade of judicial experience and two decades of legal experience.

He is:

Engaged in the community
Compassionate
Committed to efficiency and fairness
Respected by his peers.

★ Carl Ginsberg

District Judge, 193rd Judicial District



“I believe that a fair, honest judiciary is critical to our concept of justice in America.”

Judge Ginsberg, elected to the bench in 2006, has over a decade of judicial experience and two decades of legal experience. He has a reputation for fairness, objectivity and temperament.

★ Ken Tapscott

Judge, County Court-at-Law No. 4

“I have always worked to serve the people, maintain my independence, preserve the public trust, and rule in an equitable and just manner.”

Elected to the bench in 2006, he has over a decade of judicial experience and two decades of legal experience.

He has mentored young law students, helped establish the Dallas Bar Trial Academy and volunteered for Habitat for Humanity.

★ Marilyn Mayse

Judge, County Criminal Court of Appeals No. 2

“It’s about to justice and fairness for all.”

Marilynn, an Air Force and National Guard veteran, has 23 years of Felony Court experience.

She is active in the Dallas community and the NAACP. Marilyn has been a Dallas County Democratic Precinct Chair and election judge for over 20 years.

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BITS & PIECES

Salerno's story is compelling

Re: "I can beat Sessions, 2 rivals say — Salerno touts business experience; Allred notes rise to success," by Gromer Jeffers Jr., May 2 Metro & State column.

Lillian Salerno is reluctant to contrast her experience with Colin Allred's, so let me do it for her.

Her story is even more compelling. She grew up poor in Dallas, one of nine children, and pulled herself up by her bootstraps and built two businesses. He was the only child of a white single mother who was a schoolteacher.

She worked for over five years in the U.S. Department of Agriculture and was deputy undersecretary of Rural Development for the Obama administration, helping rural areas with innovation and entrepreneurship, managing a \$220 billion bank that serviced the poor. Allred filled in at HUD for less than five months during the transition when Clinton lost.

After building Retractable Technologies in Elm, and fighting off monopolies like Becton Dickinson to get its device to market, she worked to bring her safe needle technology to the world and was involved in the international HIV prevention campaign. He worked for about six months for Battleground Texas during the Wendy Davis campaign.

The Blue Wave may mean anyone can win, but having a person in place with a proven track record who can hit the ground running and not someone who needs "on the job training" will be a huge advantage. Did I say she is a woman?

Dorothy Mundy, University Park

We voted today.

We voted for the woman running in the 32nd CD, Lillian Salerno.

Why? *NOT* because the guy was unqualified, but because he lacked what his opponent has in a moment when women have discovered their voice as never before.

Women are voting for women regardless of party affiliation precisely at a time when we need Republican women to reject their candidate and vote for a Democratic Woman, with whom they share a vision of life foreign to their party's candidate.

As James Carville would say:
"It's electability, stupid!"

—Steve Love Facebook 5/14/18



The Blue Wave Has Arrived!

Texas Democrats will converge in Fort Worth for the 2018 Texas Democratic Convention.

Sign up today!

www.texasdemocraticconvention.com

Fort Worth Convention Center
1201 Houston Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Y'all Come and Join the Party!

United States Senate

U. S. Senator Debbie Stabenow
MICHIGAN

Dear Rachel Baker,

I'm writing to share some great news! Yesterday, the Senate passed a resolution to reinstate the net neutrality rules that guarantee free and open access to the internet for all Americans.

I was proud to cosponsor the resolution the Senate passed. This is a great victory for Michigan's students, businesses, and families!

We would not have won without your support. Your emails, calls, letters, and social media posts made the difference. So thank you for speaking out! As this moves to the House for consideration, I hope you'll continue to make your voice heard.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me to share your opinions or if I can be of assistance to you or your family.

Sincerely,

Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator

This message was sent to multismas@aol.com. If you would prefer not to receive updates like this in the future, please click [here](#), which will take you off the list for future updates from my office.

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow
The United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510
dstabenow.senate.gov

Editor: This information came as a press release from Senator Stabenow (MI-D). I'm sure we won't hear from our Texas Reps!

Let them know - call, email them today!

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