## Mo. County Tea Party PAC

March 2018 Primary Elections MCTP PAC Endorsements

Proposals by Vetting Committee 15 January 2018

Presented by John Wertz



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**Bob Bagley Greg Parker Kristin Bays** Rep. Mark Keough **Mark Turnbull Matt Beasley Melanie Bush** Melisa Miller **Steve Toth** 

## **Vetting Committee**

- John Wertz (Chair)
- James Byers\*
- Dale Fessenden\*
- Larry Rogers
- 2 Anon Attorneys
- Ken Vaughn IT

- Pat Tibbs
  - Dennis Tibbs
  - Maureen Ball\*
  - Joe Sager\*
  - Bob Bagley\*

(\* except Pct. 4 Commissioners)



### **Entities who vet our Races**

- MCTP PAC all races impacting MoCo
- Patriots PAC most races impacting MoCo
- Residents Advocate local races no mtgs
- Texas Right to Life single issue
- Empower Texans mostly big races impacting MoCo
- Texas Liberty Caucus Free market; limited govt focus
- Houston Area Realtors pro business (Chamber)
- Most of others coming out Pay-for-Play

## Vetting Research

### Candidates

- Send all candidates a questionnaire
- Offer interview upon completion of questionnaire(except Pct. Chairs)
- Record a 1-hr interview (except Pct. Chairs)
- Conduct independent research

### Issues

Research



### 2018 Vetting Sum (51 candidates/office + 29 P.C's + 11 Props)

### 14 Non-Judicial Races (IV 15 Candidates)

- 14 of 20 local candidates were vetted
- 1 of 14 statewide candidates (only RRC)
  Only Agri race against Sid Miller serious
- 0 of 5 US Senate (4 against Cruz)

### 5 Judicial Races (IV 7 Candidates)

- 3 of 5 local candidates vetted (JP's)
- 4 of 7 statewide (3-CCA+1-284th)

#### **Precinct Chairs**

- 14 Contested Races
- 29 candidates (3 in Pct. 96) 17 answered Q's Including Jim Schulze(Dr. Wally's heir apparent)

**Propositions** (SREC) - 11



## **Vetting Rating System**

- Each contested candidate/ballot item scored(Vetting Policy)
  - Scale of 0-100 with 100 being "best"
  - <u>Final score</u> represents an <u>average of scores</u> from each vetting committee member participating
- "Endorsement" requires:
  - Average Score of at least 80 by committee
  - ¾'s (or 75%) or more of Vetting Committee vote
    - Only one endorsement vote by member for each race

## Vetting Process Results .....

- Results of Vetting Committee recommended to entire MCTP membership
- Results only become official if <u>60% or more</u>
  (<u>in each race</u>) <u>of MCTP PAC Voting</u>
  <u>membership</u> approves in this meeting



## **Vetting Documentation**

- All data recorded on web (education first)
  - Questionnaire answers
  - Video Interviews
  - Research results
  - PROS/CONS
  - Final Score/Average Rating
- Available at
  - http://usvotesmart.com
    - Will be updated if results are approved
  - Link from mcteaparty.org



## **Results**

- Following slides identify Vetting Committee recommendations
  - Ratings for each candidate
  - Endorsements (if given)
  - Pros for selected candidate
  - Material Con/s for others
  - Any other special notes in race

### **Propositions by the GOP SREC**

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## **GOP County Chair**

### **Terrence Boggs**

81%



- Constitutional Christian Conservative
- 100% for the RPT Platform
- Technology driven
- Trained precinct chairs Harris County
- Con new to county but familiar

#### Other candidate

- Dr. Wally Wilkerson 65%
  - Establishment welcomes Dems
  - Attempts to stifle conservatives in mtgs
  - Installed Pct. Chairs w/out Cnty Executive approval



## **Supporting GOP Precinct Chair Candidates(Hi Scores)**

- 13 Brian Crumby
- 16 Wally "Doc" West
- 17 Samuel Allison
- 29 Maureen Ball
- 35 Jon Bouche
- 40 Henry Daniels
- 57 Ashley Burke
- 60 Andy Nedrow
- 66 Adrian Kaiser
- 70 Jack Munich
- 77 Robin Dupuy
- 78 Todd Blackford
- 86 Jennie Stephenson
- 96 Scott Green



## **Federal Race**

## **US Senate**

1. Ted Cruz

96%



### Other candidates (all virtual unknowns)

2. Bruce Jacobson, Jr. 27 %

3. Stefano de Stefano 22 %

**4.** Mary Miller 12 %

**5.** Geraldine Sam 9 %



## **Executive State Government**

#### Governor

Greg Abbott

**76** %

•	Barbara	Krueger*	14 %
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 21 %

#### Lt. Governor

Dan Patrick 84 %

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Scott Mllder\* 61 %



## **Executive State Government**

#### **Agriculture Commissioner**

•	Sid Miller	76%
•	Trey Blocker	62%
•	Jim Hogan	20%

#### **Land Commissioner**

•	Jerry Patterson	78%
•	Davey Edwards	61%
•	Geo P. Bush	57%
•	Rick Range	36%

#### **Railroad Commissioner**

•	Christi Craddick	41%	
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## **Texas State House HD 15**

### Steve Toth 94%



- Generally in agreement w/MCTP on most issues
- Active in conservative circles & issues
- Well known Christian conservative

Other candidate

#### Jackie Waters 11%

Non-responsive/Missed EF Debate after commit



## **Court of Criminal Appeals Place 1**

### Justice David Bridges 56 %

- Well grounded Christian Conservative
- Defense, Prosecution, ADA
- Has written over 2,000 opinions

- Other CandidateJudge Sharon Keller 42 %
  - Has a number of ethics issues

Neither answered questionnaire



## **Court of Criminal Appeals Place 8**

### **Jay Brandon**

**86 %** 

- •3 atty's helping said he's extremely experienced for this position expert at writs (CCA bread & butter) & appeals
- Experience with death penalty cases
- Asset forfeiture "seize only after conviction"

#### Other Candidates

Dib Waldrip	<u>81 %</u>
Michelle Slaughter	80 %



## **County Clerk**

#### Mark Turnbull

**73** %

- Has a total command of the office capabilities
- Technology-driven early-adapter of providing records online
- Other than a few hiccups, office seems to run smoothly
- Opened clerk's office on Saturday, day after
  Obergefell passed for LGBT marriage licenses. (TX Law still says marriage is between Man & Woman).
  - Also, no state benefits for same sex. (Pidgeon v. Turner, June 2017 WL 2829350). Abbott does.

#### Other candidate

#### **Jeanie Stewart**

66 %

- Also didn't have problem w/issuing gay marriage license
- No experience in that office
- Would have a very steep learning curve, as manager



### **District Clerk**

### Melisa Miller 94 %



- Well qualified knows the people, processes, software, regulations
- Conscientious w/well-rounded management experience in Dist.
   Clerks office - 19 years experience, promoted to Office Manager

# Other candidate

### Cynthia Jamieson 51 %

- Though affable, not prepared for IV
- Not familiar w/positions' inner workings



## **County Treasurer**

### **Melanie Bush**

94 %



- Owns successful bookkeeping business
- Plans to streamline department going in using innovative procedures
- Proponent of zero-based budgeting
- Endorsed by: <u>Martha Gustavsen, Texas</u>
  Right to Life

Other candidate

### **Stephanne Davenport** 66 %

- Not an accountant by trade.
- Issues about Integrity, Nepotism, Secrecy and Intimidation



## **284th District Court**

### **Kristin Bays**

**94 %** 



- Understands all aspects of civil law and needs of this court.
- Supports conservative principles; strict constructionist
- Doesn't feel Co. Auditor is completely independent of Commissioners Court

Other candidate

#### Jo Ann Linzer

**54 %** 

- Did not respond to Questionnaire
- ADA Grimes County
- Said threshold for 284th was \$200K(only \$500)



## Justice of the Peace - Pct. 3

### **Matt Beasley**

**85** %

- Law enforcement experience
- Constitutional originalist
- COS in Noack
- Will have learning curve

#### Other candidate/s

#### **Ronnie Yeates\***

82 %

Prosecutor Grimes County

#### Dan Zientek\*

82 %

- Lengthy & broad experience in law enforcement; technology driven
- Concerns about ties to Marc Davenport



## Justice of the Peace - Pct. 4

### Ron Willingham 62 %

- Not a Davenport Client
- Reliable source: "he's persona nongrata for standing up against the incrowd"

#### **Other candidate**

Jason Dunn 39 %

- <u>Is</u> a Davenport Client
- Police Officer

## **County Judge**

## Mark Keough 91 %



- God centric Judeo-Christian ethics/beliefs
- Would reverse course on 249 toll road
- 88% Fiscal Responsibility Empower Texans
- Wants Ethics policy with punitive measures
- Strong proponent of zero-based budgeting

#### Other candidate

### Craig Doyal 19 %

- Former Dem (now RINO)
- Heads admin shrouded in out-of-control spending, secrecy, nepotism and hit lists
- Involved w/TOMA-gate, Goetz-gate, trailergate and Phonoscope-gate



## Commissioner - Pct. 4

### **Bob Bagley**

91 %



- 100% belief in MCTP Core Values
- Most conservative of all candidates
- Wants to reduce salaries, spending

#### Other candidate/s

#### Jim Clark

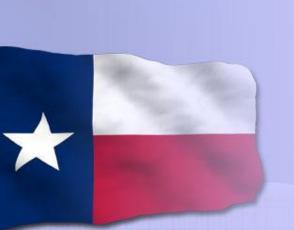
<u>58 %</u>

- Difficulties, including Animal Shelter and TOMA indictment before turning states' evidence
- Flooding issues(Allendale, River Oaks Dr.)
- Still dealing w/IRS Tax Liens

#### **James Metts**

0 %

- Sexual Harassment;
- Part of Davenport Ring
- Dodged EF Debate last week to attend fundraiser



## Commissioner - Pct. 2

### **Gregory Parker**

**79 %** 

- Commissioner experience in Comal County
- Outstanding References from Deputy Constable(Comal Cnty) & Comal Cnty HR Dir
- Ethics issues w/TEC-failure to file on time, to appoint campaign chair; to disclose contributions & expenditures; pushed for CO bldg construction

#### Other candidate/s

#### **Brian Dawson**

**53** %

- President of Fake Tea Party
- Fake Tea Party Financials in disarray
- Campaign Manager for Craig Doyal
- Supported the WPX Road Bond

#### **Charlie Riley**

26 %

WPX, TOMA, Goetz-gate, Trailer-gate; MISD-gate



### Conclusion

With your approval, these results become official .....

# **QUESTIONS?**



## Committee Recommends Voting YES on all Propositions by the GOP SREC

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