

Dear Republican Primary Voter,

The Republican Primary elections are being hijacked by pay-to-play endorsement mailers like the Link Letter and Texas Conservative Review. These endorsement schemes have cost candidates almost \$1 million.

Even worse, these pay-to-play mailers are driven by profits and not the best qualified candidate.

These pay-to-play mailers no longer deserve our trust and as active voters we should no longer ask candidates to bear this unfair cost.

Since 1967, the Houston Realty Business Coalition has been involved in the political process, meeting with candidates and elected officials, and making endorsements. We are conservative members of the business community who support private property rights. The club supports itself with dues and contributions from like-minded business leaders in the community. No candidates paid any money towards these endorsements. Instead, after exhaustive research, we believe these are the best candidates to help move our country, state, county and city forward.

#### Thank you.

J. Fred Baca Chairman

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# **BEFORE YOU VOTE, KNOW THE FACTS!**

According to campaign finance reports, Republican candidates have paid Terry Lowry, founder of the Link Letter, and his What's Up Program over \$300,000 this year alone.

The same reports show Republican candidates paid Gary Polland's Texas Conservative Review almost \$100,000 this year alone.

### **Republican Primary for HARRIS COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Leslie Johnson	\$0.00	\$0.00	Houston Realty Business Coalition
Robert Talton	\$11,575.00	\$3,500.00	Terry Lowry's Link Letter, Gary Polland's TCR
Candidate	Paid to Terry Lowry	Paid to Gary Polland	Endorsed By:

#### Republican Primary for HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF

Candidate	Paid to Terry Lowry	Paid to Gary Polland	Endorsed By:
Ruben Monzon	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00 <sup>1</sup>	Gary Polland's TCR
Daniel J. Lemkuil	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	
Harold Heuszel	\$10,550.00	\$0.00	Terry Lowry's Link Letter
Carl Pittman	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	
Louis Guthrie	\$0.00	\$0.00	Houston Realty Business Coalition
Brian Steinocher	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Paul Day	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Guy Clark	\$0.00	\$0.00	

1. Monzon purchased a full page ad in Texas Conservative Review, the listed price is \$10,000.

#### **Republican Primary for JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 4**

Candidate	Paid to Terry Lowry	Endorsed By:	
John Devine	\$3,625.00	Terry Lowry's Link Letter, Gary Polland's Texas Conservative Review	
David Medina	\$0.00	Houston Realty Business Coalition	
Joe Pool, Jr.	\$0.00		

HRBC compiled this information from actual candidate campaign finance reports filed with the Texas Ethics Commission and Harris County Clerk's Office.

In 2010, Candidate A paid \$2,500 and says they were promised an endorsement by the Link Letter. Candidate B (A's opponent), paid \$10,000 and received the endorsement.

# **Republican Primary VOTER ALERT**

# **Pay-For-Play Endorsements Are Back**

Houston Tea Party Society, 10/26/10

# **Harris County Republican Party:** A system we should be ashamed of

"I am going to be very blunt in what I am about to say-very few activists or primary voters have any real say in who wins...they have allowed a private pay-for-play system to evolve within our party, whereby primary candidates have to...pay for 'advertising' in a 'newsletter,' in order to have an opportunity to get the endorsement of one or more of three men whose mailing lists gets their endorsements into the hands of every GOP primary voter."

Ed Hubbard, Big Jolly Political Blog, 03/28/12

Paid political advertisement, Houston Realty Business Coalition, Joseph O. Slovacek, PAC Treasurer. 1300 Post Oak Blvd, FL 2 Houston TX, 77056 "Recently Gary Polland, the writer of the 'Conservative Review' newsletter, was identified as being a pay-to-play publication by a Houston Chronicle blog. Polland received a \$40,000 contribution from Houston's Democrat Mayor Annise Parker that was followed shortly by a glowing review."

Agenda Wise Reports, 11/16/11

"I'm embarrassed to admit, that I was told buying an ad for \$10,000 I would get the endorsement."

> Republican Candidate who wishes to remain anonymous.

**Stop Pay-to-Play** 

**Endorsements** 

in Houston



# **CANDIDATES You Can Trust**



Note: This list doesn't include HRBC endorsed candidates who are unopposed in the Republican primary.

**Railroad Commissioner** 

Christi Craddick

Beryl Burgess

Warren Chisum

□ Roland Sledge

□ Joe Cotten

Becky Berger

**Railroad Commissioner**,

Unexpired Term

□ Elizabeth Murray-Kolb

Greg Parker

Barry Smitherman

□ AI Lee

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2

□ Steve Smith **Don Willett** 

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4 □ John Devine David Medina

□ Joe Pool. Jr.

Member. State Board of Education, District 8 Barbara Cargill □ Linda Ellis

# State Senator. District 4 Tommy Williams □ Michael Galloway

State Senator, District 11 Daniel McCool

Dave Norman

**Larry Taylor** 

State Representative. District 127

Dan Huberty □ Bobby Jordan

State Representative, District 129 John E. Davis □ Mary Huls

State Representative, District 132 Bill Callegari

□ Randv Brown

State Representative, District 133 Jim Murphy

□ Ann Witt

State Representative, District 138 □ Whet Smith **Dwayne Bohac** 

State Representative, District 144 David Pineda Gilbert Pena

State Representative. District 149 □ Jack Lee Dianne Williams Don Mullins

State Representative, District 150 Debbie Riddle □ James Wilson

**District Judge**, 11th Judicial District Bruce Bain □ Michael West

**District Judge** 61st Judicial District □ Jeff Hastings George W. Gore George Mav

**District Judge**, 127th Judicial District □ Sonya Aston Russell Llovd

**District Judge**, 129th Judicial District Edward Casanova □ Michael Landrum □ Frank Pierce Chris Gillett

**District Judge**, 133rd Judicial District □ Sharon J. Hemphill Lamar McCorkle

**District Judge.** 151st Judicial District □ Leif Olson John Wittenmver

**District Judge**, 152nd Judicial District **Don Self** □ Janet Townsley □ Allyson Wilkinson

**District Judge**, 164th Judicial District □ Sophia Mafrige Bud Wiesedeppe

**District Judge**, 174th Judicial District Joe Vinas ر **Robert Summerlin** 

**District Judge**, 177th Judicial District **Ryan Patrick** □ Antonio Benavides

**District Judge**, 179th Judicial District ☐ Kristin M. Guiney Lana Shadwick

**District Judge**, 337th Judicial District 🗆 Jim Barr Reneé Magee

**District Attornev** 

Donna Detamore Theresa Chang

**County Attorney** □ Robert Talton Leslie Johnson

## Sheriff

□ Brian Steinocher

□ Ruben Monzon □ Paul Dav

Daniel J. Lemkuil

□ Harold Heuszel

Louis Guthrie

□ Guy Clark

□ Carl Pittman

Collector Mike Sullivan Don Sumners

**County School Trustee**, Position 3, At Large Richard Johnson ☐ Mike Wolfe

Position 4, Precinct 4 □ Kay Smith

Take this to the polls with you on Election Day.

# No money was accepted from candidates in the production of this mailing.

Candidate not yet endorsed

Judge, County Court at Law No. 2, Unexpired Term

**County Tax Assessor-**

**County School Trustee.** Raymond Garcia

# County Commissioner.

Precinct 4, Unexpired Term □ Robert M. Cadena

- □ Buck Buchanan
- **R. Jack Cagle**

Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 4. Place 1 J. Kent Adams □ Kevin Fulton

**Constable**, *Precinct* 3 David Cruzan □ William "Bill" Norwood

- **Constable**, Precinct 4
- □ Rolf Nelson
- Ron Hickman
- □ Robert Lozano
- □ Dale Bible
- □ Lindsay Siriko

**Constable,** Precinct 5

- □ Al Florido
- □ Robert "Bob" Van Pelt
- Phil Camus

## Constable, Precinct 8 Phil Sandlin

- □ Richard Goff
- □ Sonny Daughtry

Harris County Republican Party Chairman Jared Woodfill

Paul Simpson

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