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# Voters Guide

## Mar. 2, 2010 Primary Elections U.S. House of Representatives

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### **Candidates for U.S. House of Representatives, District 3**

*2 year term. Must be 25 years or older, a U.S. citizen and a resident of Texas. Responsible for representing the citizens of the district in which he/she is elected in the U.S. House of Representatives.*

**Sam Johnson (Incumbent), Republican** – No response from the candidate

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1. Please describe the education and experience that qualify you for the position of member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

As a veteran consulting and certified software engineer; and a 25 year progressive leader in Texas, I've consistently demonstrated qualities of a passionate negotiator, advisor, leader, and in-the-trenches activist. I have the skill necessary to be an effective member of Congress. There is no specific preparation for Congress; it is a unique position in the American body politic. The voter looks to a candidate's background to reveal the individual's preparedness; and whether he or she possesses the temperament, knowledge, intelligence, curiosity, leadership, courage and endurance to be an effective public servant. I possess these qualities.

2. Are continued deficits in the federal budget a source of concern for you? If not, why not? If so, what measures would you support to balance revenues and expenses?

The \$2 trillion federal deficits are of great concern to me. The near disastrous national financial meltdown, inherited from eight years of deficit spending by incumbent members of Congress has been averted, though recovery is not assured.

Federal government revenues must increase at the expense of grasping corporate CEO's and Wall Street titans, whose greed brought our nation to near collapse. Federal spending will be reduced through audits initiated for each U.S. Government Department with capable, honest business leaders at the helm. These leaders will recognize and eliminate programs which return little value to the taxpayer.

3. What measures would you support to deal with illegal immigration in our state and in the country as a whole?

Problems of illegal immigration must be addressed with a simultaneous three-part program.

- Strengthen immigration enforcement manpower levels to eliminate the hiring of illegal workers by employers.
- Place specialized Non Governmental Organization groups in countries as hiring agencies for U.S. employers, who need workers, but are unable to obtain them in the U.S.
- For illegal immigrants, wishing to return to their home country and registering that intent, provide them training in education, legal assistance or engineering, so repatriation comes with skills sent to strengthen their home country's economy, lessening pressure for future illegal immigration.

4. What do you think should be the role of the federal government in ensuring access to health care?

The federal government's role is insurance product regulation and setting of minimum standards. Americans value neighbors, community and fairness; healthcare access is one measure of those values. Our community now suffers indignities at the hands of mindless insurance bureaucrats, standing between our doctors and us. Waste, bloated overhead and delays for medical service often result.

A thoughtful system, overseen by a humane government protecting people, will strongly regulate private insurance markets. Each American would be provided with choice and access to a variety of private insurance providers whose similar insurance products compete on price and service quality; not service denial.

5. What conditions, if any, would you support to continue funding the war in Afghanistan?

The following conditions must be met to continue funding this war.

- Our military mission focuses on Taliban and al Qaeda leadership without being drawn into the ongoing civil war.
- An established, flexible timetable for military disengagement from the Afghanistan Theater.
- Swift and verifiable elimination of Afghan governmental corruption.
- Replacement of the opium trade with viable and legal rural development.
- Measurable encouragement of Afghan entrepreneurship with increased local supply purchases by our military
- Strong diplomatic, regional approach to strengthen our Pakistani ally and to leave the Afghan people with a viable, popular central government.

6. What measures would you support regarding global warming and climate change?

Reduction in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions can be achieved by several means.

- Business investment in green energy technologies, like wind, solar, geothermal and biomass, can be encouraged with tax incentives and governmental supports.
- Accelerating the Property Assessed Clean Energy Bond program to become nationwide, when fully implemented will by itself cut GHG by more than 10%.
- Carefully crafted regulation of the processing, transportation and final production of goods will not incur significant costs, but will reduce GHG and will provide the benefit of increased environmental quality and an improved way of life.

7. What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of Congress, and what is your position on these issues?

Economy – Enact immediate tax cuts to middle and lower income taxpayers – offset by taxation of greedy corporate CEO’s and Wall Street titans. Working people spend tax cuts, increasing our national wealth. Investing tax cuts to play in the stock market has no meaningful, positive economic effect.

Unemployment – Create government investments in communities targeting major infrastructure projects. When architects, engineers and project planners are fully employed, employment of skilled trades and craftsmen soon follow.

Long term projects providing ongoing, measured streams of money increase living standards; increase quality employment opportunities and assist the rise of overall well being of America’s people.

### **Christopher J. Claytor, Libertarian**

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1. Please describe the education and experience that qualify you for the position of member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The purpose of the Government is to protect the rights of its citizens as guaranteed in the Constitution. As a United States Military Academy graduate, I took an oath to support and defend the Constitution. That oath remains important. Additionally, I received training in leadership while at the Academy, and developed a yearning to provide a “lifetime of service to the nation.” After graduating in 1991, I served 10 years in the U.S. Army, including time in Kuwait and Germany. I learned what “service” truly means, and I will humbly serve the members of the TX 3<sup>rd</sup> District.

2. Are continued deficits in the federal budget a source of concern for you? If not, why not? If so, what measures would you support to balance revenues and expenses?

The budget deficits are a major concern. No individual or organization can continue to obtain loans to operate as long as the Government has. What enables the Government to continue to get loans when an individual or business cannot is the

American taxpayers are unknowing co-signers. The future revenue from income taxes is put up as collateral. It is estimated the deficit is now equal to \$45,000 per person. For my family, that equates to \$180,000. What will I do to balance the budget? Cut spending. Cut programs. Reduce the size of the Federal Government to its Constitutional limits.

3. What measures would you support to deal with illegal immigration in our state and in the country as a whole?

We must first secure our borders. It has been said, "A nation with a porous border is not a nation at all." A wall is not the answer. Technology and human resources are needed. Once the border is secure, there must be programs in place to "legalize" otherwise law-abiding workers that are here, and increase levels of legal immigration in the future. The end goal must be complete protection along the borders from those who wish to enter for illegal activity AND a completely free and open labor market to enable businesses to fill the ever advancing skills gaps.

4. What do you think should be the role of the federal government in ensuring access to health care?

The federal government should have NO role in healthcare. We should repeal laws that have put restrictions on the free market of Health Care. Burdensome regulations and the Medicare/Medicaid system have created the healthcare situation we currently face. Health insurance is too expensive due to the government oversight on the industry. Once the regulations are removed, the free market will allow competitive pressures to bring costs back down. Charitable organizations will provide health care for those that cannot afford health insurance. It is time to start trusting in God and not the government to take care of those in need.

5. What conditions, if any, would you support to continue funding the war in Afghanistan?

The only reason to continue to fight in Afghanistan is to defeat the enemies who attacked us on 9/11/2001. Attempts at stabilizing the country or "nation building," should be avoided at all cost. Our government is too far in debt to be able to spend the resources on anything other than our own nation (re-) building efforts. Once the leader of our enemy is captured and brought to justice, we should terminate our involvement in the region as quickly as possible.

6. What measures would you support regarding global warming and climate change?

Global warming and climate change should not be a concern for the federal government. The government should only ensure that no business or organization is infringing on the rights of others by polluting shared resources. Additionally, we should not sign global treaties that limit the ability of U.S. businesses to operate freely.

7. What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of Congress, and what is your position on these issues?

The economy is the biggest issue. The only way to effectively “stimulate” the economy is to stop the drain on its resources. The budget deficit and the taxes needed to pay that debt have become the largest drag on the economy, and must be done away with. Ultimately, we must repeal the 16th Amendment and close the IRS. Americans can only be truly prosperous once they have complete control over their incomes. A Constitutionally limited government can be funded as it was for over 100 years, through other forms of taxation and fees for services.

### **Emma Elizabeth Berry, Independent**

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1. Please describe the education and experience that qualify you for the position of member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

**Education:** BA degree in English from the University of North Texas in Denton 1968-- second generation of Texas women in my family to have received a degree from that university. My mother received her degree when the school was known as *North Texas State Teachers College*.

**Experience:** From the self-employed middle class, I have worked as a free-lance writer and researcher all of my life. I know what it means to work for a living and pay taxes to support my community and watch while the privileged few slip through tax loopholes created by officials elected to represent the majority.

2. Are continued deficits in the federal budget a source of concern for you? If not, why not? If so, what measures would you support to balance revenues and expenses?

Indeed, continued federal budget deficits do concern me. Our crumbling national infrastructure tells us where the money is NOT going. Our taxation system is inequitable and immoral. It allows multibillionaires to pay a smaller percentage of their income in taxes than their administrative assistants. Most ordinary Americans pay between 25 to 30% of their income in taxes while, for one example, a certain Wall Street financial institution paid only 1% corporate income tax in 2008. Those who hitch free rides on the backs of ordinary American taxpayers are thieves. I support measures of fair and equal taxation for all.

3. What measures would you support to deal with illegal immigration in our state and in the country as a whole?

I would address the root cause and revise trade agreements. After NAFTA, illegal immigration increased exponentially to rising poverty in Mexico--from 2.5 million people in 1995 to a staggering estimated 12 million today. NAFTA removed protective tariffs and annexed Mexico as a low-wage transnational industrial suburb that eliminated Mexican producers, lowered wages, wiped out small businesses,

forced farmers off their land, and increased poverty. A real solution for people on both sides of the border is about creating family-supporting jobs that enable ordinary people to achieve their dreams--not trade agreements that trap human beings in industrial slavery.

4. What do you think should be the role of the federal government in ensuring access to health care?

Among the many possible solutions, Americans should be allowed to form their own non-profit health care co-ops. They should not need permission from the federal government, the state, or from Wall Street corporations to do this. We should have a choice other than private health insurance corporations whose negligence in fulfilling their contractual obligations has resulted in the deaths of thousands of Americans. I strongly oppose a mandate to provide 40 or 50 million new customers for privately owned Wall Street health insurance corporations who have a long and checkered history of defrauding their customers by denying rightful claims.

5. What conditions, if any, would you support to continue funding the war in Afghanistan?

The enemy is everywhere. Congress and our military need to wake up to the 21<sup>st</sup> century and stop waging conventional warfare against an unconventional enemy. One would think Vietnam would have been lesson enough. Our military spending should primarily go toward improving our intelligence so that we can thwart crude attempts to blow up ordinary Americans inside our own country. There is a clear and present danger, but it's not in Afghanistan or Iraq. The USA should stop propping up crooked regimes around the world while trying to force our culture on other nations at the end of gun barrel.

6. What measures would you support regarding global warming and climate change?

Arguments about global warming are as non-productive as arguments about creation vs. evolution. Instead of wasting taxpayers' time with such useless political posturing, I support cleaning up existing messes and making corporations who created these messes pay for the cleanup—not individual taxpayers. Cleaning up several hundred superfund sites all over the USA would make a difference. Ask residents of Anniston Alabama, a community so contaminated by corporate irresponsibility that residents cannot grow vegetables in the soil, kick up dirt, or chew gum while working in their yards. Their children can't even play in the grass because it's contaminated.

7. What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of Congress, and what is your position on these issues?

Creation of jobs—Protection of citizens from Wall Street predators—Audit of the Federal Reserve Bank! I would support small businesses that create jobs. Democrats and Republicans work hard to expand Wall Street and Federal Reserve powers. Wall Street and Federal Reserve magicians who created and still profit from our trashed economy are the very same people assigned to “repair” our economy. I would work to see that these people are removed from the leadership positions that

enable them to continue to receive and distribute corporate welfare in the form of taxpayer handouts to themselves and to their pals.

## **Candidates for U.S. House of Representatives, District 4**

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### **Lou Gigliotti, Republican**

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1. Please describe the education and experience that qualify you for the position of member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Degree in Math/business and certified teacher

MBA course work American University

Texas resident for 26 years

Business owner and job provider in Texas, experienced in meeting a payroll

Taxpayer for 40 years

I am NOT a LAWYER and NOT A POLITICIAN!

I am a Concerned Citizen willing to change my life to do something to help this great Country of ours.

Successful Racing team driver owner in this tough industry

2. Are continued deficits in the federal budget a source of concern for you? If not, why not? If so, what measures would you support to balance revenues and expenses?

Deficits are a huge concern as is balancing the budget. A balanced budget would need to be addressed on the "Expenses" side! STOP SPENDING. The American people don't mind paying their fair share. When spending is examined closely we see our money wasted. and there is outrage.

While the US Economy has fallen, 20 million people have received an unemployment check in 2009 but government has increased by 19% and they got raises. Our government is broke but they still write BAD CHECKS, bouncing the world over.

3. What measures would you support to deal with illegal immigration in our state and in the country as a whole?

The word "Illegal" says it all. No Amnesty plus implementing real border control. My Grandparents came to America legally, learned English, worked and paid taxes.

There is a legal process to come to America; anything else is unacceptable. Eliminate the "Anchor Baby" provision and make it costly when our immigration laws are broken.

Proof of Citizenship must be shown before government benefits can be obtained, including for non-emergency health services. It must be harder for benefits meant for Americans to be obtained by illegal immigrants.

4. What do you think should be the role of the federal government in ensuring access to health care?

Government should not be involved. Where in the constitution is that authority?

Insuring access is acceptable but giving the government control of our medical destiny is wrong!

Emergency care is denied to no one. Overloading the system is partly caused by illegal immigration.

Lawsuits add to the cost with no benefit to the health product.

Doctors should be held accountable but we need lawsuit (tort) reform to keep the money in the hospitals and reduce costs.

The "healthcare" bill adds 117 new bureaucracies between us and our doctors, each will drain money from the system.

Government is NOT efficient.

5. What conditions, if any, would you support to continue funding the war in Afghanistan?

That region is not winnable in the normal sense. Small Special Forces and covert ops could accomplish the goals efficiently and break up the terrorist's system.

If our troops are there and in harms way, then we must give them the tools but at the same time we must get them out of harms way.

It is foolish to go to the Middle East and fight terrorists, while our government condones immigration people who make up the terrorists.

Halt immigration from countries that boldly claim to want to destroy America. We must stop "letting the enemy in our gates".

6. What measures would you support regarding global warming and climate change?

It was SO COLD in Washington last week that I saw a Democrat with his hands in his OWN POCKETS!

That sums up the climate discussion.

It's a way to get into the pockets of Americans using junk science and fear to get into peoples wallets.

Clean air and water are the correct goals. In China the air is so dirty that you could "swing a bat, and leave a mark in the air."

That is NOT acceptable. But confiscating money and power in the name of "global warming" or "Climate Change" or "the new Ice age" is dishonest.

7. What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of Congress, and what is your position on these issues?

Congress will introduce “universal voter registration” as a way to automatically register anyone on any government list. That includes illegals on the welfare rolls, social security names or any government list. This is just another voter fraud scheme and must be stopped.

Tax increases are on the way to try to get the people to pay for the crazy spending, graft and corruption.

If Washington DC was a forest, one man can not cut down the whole forest; but one man CAN light a “forest fire”, and our representatives have put their matches away years ago.

### **Steve Clark, Republican**

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1. Please describe the education and experience that qualify you for the position of member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

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Masters Degree, Environmental Management (UTSA – 1976)

Instructor of U.S. Government (San Antonio College – 1977-1979)

Program Director/Lecturer – AT&T Executive Education Program at the  
Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

Senior Executive for AT&T in China and Asia/Pacific, Managing Director 1991-1994

Chief Operating Officer of Connectivity Solutions and affiliated Bell Labs units

Founder/CEO NetPort USA

Director of the National Association of Manufacturers (2001-2004)

Director of the American Chamber of Commerce in China

2. Are continued deficits in the federal budget a source of concern for you? If not, why not? If so, what measures would you support to balance revenues and expenses?

The Dollar is under unprecedented assault from the unsustainable growth in the U.S. debt. Deficits as a percent of GDP are at record levels. The interest on the debt alone is now greater than the Defense Budget. If we do not take immediate, credible, sustained, and substantive cuts in discretionary non-defense spending the struggling economy will get to a “tipping point”. Investors and global economies will recognize credible fiscal prudence and we can avert the fears that too many share. Reducing rate of growth does not equal absolute cuts, which are essential.

3. What measures would you support to deal with illegal immigration in our state and in the country as a whole?

Sequence is important. First, shut the border. Perimeter defense is a military charter not a police one. We don't want our military policing the streets and you should not ask a police agency to perform a military function. I would support any reasonable approach to place National Guard, Coast Guard, or other uniformed service in this effort. In so doing technology should be leveraged to maximize available resource. Funding for INS, Customs, ICS, and other agencies that are destined to continue failing in this function should be diverted to expansion of the relevant military mission.

4. What do you think should be the role of the federal government in ensuring access to health care?

There is no authority in Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution (or elsewhere) for the Federal Government to assume this role. The several States should be aggressive with Tort Reform and the Federal Government could facilitate interstate competition among the insurers as with other interstate commerce. The free market and the Hippocratic oath is the best protection for continually improving the best health care system on the planet.

5. What conditions, if any, would you support to continue funding the war in Afghanistan?

The Constitution ensures civilian leadership of the military. Let the civilian elected officials decide when, where, and who to fight, but let the professional military decide "how" to fight. Sending our troops into battle against an enemy without uniforms and then restricting the ability of our troops to eliminate targets and "finish the job" creates the quagmires people fear. Sherman defined the nature of war. No one wants it, but the effective prosecution of conflict should be the overriding objective.

6. What measures would you support regarding global warming and climate change?

We must insist on higher standards of professionalism and scientific rigor over the bodies that were providing opinionated conclusions rather than statistical data. Science is often changing. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ufxTi1s3a34>

7. What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of Congress, and what is your position on these issues?

The House was intended by the Founders to be the "People's House", imbued with the important power of the purse. Lifelong politicians have fostered an "endless cycle of reelection" rather than selfless service. Term Limits are needed to allow for the intended refresh, suggested by two-year terms. WE CANNOT KEEP SENDING THE SAME PEOPLE TO WASHINGTON AND EXPECT DIFFERENT RESULTS.

## **John Cooper, Republican**

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1. Please describe the education and experience that qualify you for the position of member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

My education consists of BA and TH B from Bible College; Master of Divinity from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from Luther Rice Seminary. I am also a Registered Professional Land Surveyor. As a small business owner, I have had to face economic crises, paying taxes, while keeping my company debt free. Having also worked for the State of Texas and with local city governments, I have experienced the political side of government. As a Pastor, I have dealt with people from all backgrounds.

2. Are continued deficits in the federal budget a source of concern for you? If not, why not? If so, what measures would you support to balance revenues and expenses?

Yes, our nation MUST have a balanced budget. The future of our country is at stake. The state of the economy is a direct reflection of the current Administration and Congress's endless talk of new federal programs and taxes / example the Health Care Bill. We must eliminate All discretionary spending / it is simply charity. As former Congressman Davy Crockett said over 150 years ago "It's Not Yours to Give". I will introduce measures to achieve these goals.

3. What measures would you support to deal with illegal immigration in our state and in the country as a whole?

We must secure our borders Period! As to illegal immigration, DEPORT THEM! Enforce current laws. Coordinate Federal and State assets more efficiently. Use our military's high technology where ever we can. Without Defense and National Security, nothing else matters.

4. What do you think should be the role of the federal government in ensuring access to health care?

If the Health Care situation is as terribly bad as the current Administration portrays, ITS BECAUSE OF FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTIONS THAT HAVE MADE IT THAT WAY! Again, we should take some common sense action to un-do what 50 years of tinkering has produced. "ITS NOT YOU'RE TO GIVE" regarding the Federal Control of Health Care.

5. What conditions, if any, would you support to continue funding the war in Afghanistan?

Our Nations freedom and world security are at risk. We must support this cause. We never cut and run from our enemies.

6. What measures would you support regarding global warming and climate change?

The global weather debate will continue to rage. I am not a scientist. I believe that our Nations endless capacity to create, dream, provide genius, free market solutions / opportunities, will systematically reduce mans footprint on this Earth. Government Mandates are unacceptable.

7. What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of Congress, and what is your position on these issues?

National Security / Iran, North Korea, China, Russia. Push for sanctions that have teeth. Job Creation, abolition of the IRS in favor of a Flat Tax, growing the economy equals Financial Security. A Balanced Budget. I will submit legislation to reign in all Government spending, except National Security. Putting the Constitution first. The best Government is the one that governs the least. .

**John Kowert, Republican** – No response from the candidate

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1. Please describe the education and experience that qualify you for the position of member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Proven businessman, educated at Harvard, Pepperdine, University of Missouri, Indiana University, and The University of Houston. I have built several multi-million dollar companies. I understand the effects of taxes on small businesses, along with government intervention. I understand that too much government in small business causes loss of jobs, and loss of tax revenue. I would not run my company like the government; if I did I would be broke. Get the lawyers out of office. Elect a businessman and America will see a profit not a loss.

2. Are continued deficits in the federal budget a source of concern for you? If not, why not? If so, what measures would you support to balance revenues and expenses?

Yes, the deficit is a major concern of mine, as it should be for everyone. The government simply is irresponsible at present. The best example is: ask yourself if you are in debt, what do you do? Spend more or hold back? A responsible person stops spending and tightens their belt. This government SPENDS like there is NO TOMORROW. GUESS WHAT, THEY ARE RIGHT, THERE WILL BE NO TOMORROW FOR OUR CHILDREN. I would eliminate the ridiculous spending and the earmarks for friends of the politicians.

3. What measures would you support to deal with illegal immigration in our state and in the country as a whole?

I would place reserve troops at the border and stop the flow into the USA and Texas. Unlike every other country, including England, we treat our illegals as if they were

house guest instead of ILLEGALS. We should allow LEGAL immigration, deport the illegals, stop funding free services, and penalize every employer that hires illegals. We need to respect the immigrants that follow the rules. The USA has to stop sending the message that it is okay to COME TO AMERICA ILLEGALLY, NOT CONTRIBUTE, AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER. Look at California going broke due to illegals.

4. What do you think should be the role of the federal government in ensuring access to health care?

Offer alternative suggestion and open the border of each state to competitive sales of insurance. Implement Tort Reform (Law suit Reform) nationwide on the medical industry. Offer over the counter selling of medications with phone approval by doctors. Prosecute frivolous law suits of doctors. Keep health care private, not government run. Medicare is our example of government run health care. Is this what we really want our health care to turn into, a defunct government run program? Competition makes things cheaper, including insurance and health care.

5. What conditions, if any, would you support to continue funding the war in Afghanistan?

I am opposed to war in general, but there are times when it is better to fight a war on the soil of our enemies than on our own door step. If we can prevent future wars from coming to America, then I would support to protect Americans at all costs. I support stronger military and I am grateful to the service men and women. America is a great nation, we need to start leading and stop apologizing. I am a leader; I won't follow the wrong path! I will take the proper measures to protect America.

6. What measures would you support regarding global warming and climate change?

It is our responsibility to take care of this planet. We have the knowledge and technology to move towards more effective measures to save our planet. I would support tax incentives to businesses for development of technologies so that they are plug and play. Tax incentives would help the industry move forward, and I would support them.

7. What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of Congress, and what is your position on these issues?

1<sup>st</sup> Deficit, stop the spending immediately.

2<sup>nd</sup> Jobs/Economic Growth.

I propose the following:

- A) Offer reduced taxes to businesses, which will attract companies that have moved offshore back to America. This will provide Americans with much need jobs.
- B) Offer Tax incentives for hiring new employees.
- C) Offer Tax incentives for new equipment purchases and/or business purchases. This would stimulate new production and incentives for companies to purchase new goods, creating new jobs and tax revenues.

D) Tax incentives for purchases of green products, hybrid cars, solar heating/cooling.

**Ralph Hall (Incumbent), Republican** – No response from the candidate

**VaLinda Hathcox, Democrat**

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1. Please describe the education and experience that qualify you for the position of member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Tax judge, Texas Comptroller Bullock, understand government financing, zero-based budgeting; Deputy Texas Attorney General, transferred Child Support welfare program to collection system; Legislative Director, Texas Association of Counties, passed health care act to fulfill county's constitutional mandates; State Bar of Texas Legislative Director, repealed Texas Death Tax; Hopkins County Attorney, prosecuted hot checks putting money into local merchant's pockets enabling jobs creation; Governor Briscoe's intern, General Land Office, wrote leases for alternative energy, plugged oil wells to protect groundwater; defended taxpayers from excessive tax; Golden, Potts, Boeckman & Wilson; fight IRS for small businesses, Hathcox Law Firm; Rancher BA'69 MA'71, TAMU-Commerce; JD'75 UT.

2. Are continued deficits in the federal budget a source of concern for you? If not, why not? If so, what measures would you support to balance revenues and expenses?

Past national debt was America borrowing from Americans through bonds. In 2008, was worried that today's trillion+ debt was borrowing from others, especially China; US spent \$406 billion interest payments, third largest budget expense. Still worried, but China and world's economy are dependent on US economy's success and stability; will give President's budget chance to work. Regulate banks out of hedge funds, back into bonds. Make Wall Street banks pay back their stimulus "credit cards" with 10,000% interest they charge. Create tax environment encouraging the creation of jobs directly.

3. What measures would you support to deal with illegal immigration in our state and in the country as a whole?

Majority of illegal residents entered legally and many had to stay because of our laws, while paperwork slowly worked through system. Require ICE to work backlog on legal applications. Support my 2006 recommendations, which have been adopted: a package that secures borders, supports e-verify in workplace and creates legal channels for skilled workers to enter to work including: improving borders secured with electronic surveillance developed by District 4 military contractors. US cannot allow Haitians temporary amnesty without recognizing law abiding, productive aliens.

4. What do you think should be the role of the federal government in ensuring access to health care?

Federal government must reduce costs and eliminate fraud in health care programs it already provides, Medicare and Medicaid. This legislation is intended to lower long-term health-care costs for consumers and Government. Send Senate and House bills to reconciliation committee. They do **not** provide for “death squads”; health care to illegal aliens; pay for abortions, or take away a citizen’s private health care or Medicare. They are more conservative than Massachusetts law which does not curtail spiraling costs. They **do** close the “doughnut” hole in Medicare drug benefits, add Medicare coverage for preventive screening services, end sweetheart deals with insurers, and ///

5. What conditions, if any, would you support to continue funding the war in Afghanistan?

In 2008, when asked about Iraq, I replied, “None”, because we were in the wrong war in the wrong place for the wrong reasons. Afghanistan is where we should have been for the last eight years, but I will not support another 8 years. **Surge, search, destroy, get out or better, take it to Yemen.** -- the birthplace of the terrorist leader that the US military is looking for in Afghanistan and the site of most of the terrorist acts. -- **right now with all out swift, deadly force**, then come home and defend our borders and rebuild our infrastructure.

6. What measures would you support regarding global warming and climate change?

Don’t support “cap and trade”; does not solve any problems; provides another loophole that will increase fuel costs, especially to agriculture. Support any technology that detoxs emissions from manufacturing, with incentives, to encourage new manufacturing, retooling by current manufacturers, and creators of jobs. I do not support false science from right or left, i.e. cows belching produces too much methane gas and are destroying the ozone. If we really want to get rid of global warming and cool the air, we’ll get rid of talk radio, politicians, and quit serving beans at political BBQ’s!

7. What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of Congress, and what is your position on these issues?

Why do intelligent “human beings” want to dirty or destroy our own nests. US agriculture’s farmers and ranchers are stewards of this land. The environment can benefit from increased productivity on the land already dedicated to agriculture. According to the world’s wealthiest man, “when productivity is too low, people start farming on grazing land, cutting down forests, using any new acreage they can. When productivity is high, people can farm on less land.” The world will need twice as much food by 2050 to feed 8 billion humans and their pets. Support using 37% of Earth already being farmed.

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1. Please describe the education and experience that qualify you for the position of member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

BA, Political Science (*USC*). Worked for Congressman in D.C., experienced the House inter-workings. During the 6 months, helped with Committee Statements, Floor Speeches, and shadowing the Congressman.

I hoped then to return to D.C. as Congressman. With Congress' authority to declare and fund war, I could not send citizens to battle unless I were also willing to do so. After graduation (*during Desert Shield*), I joined the Army. Trained counterintelligence, counternarcotics, and counterterrorism.

Worked 13 years in private industry (*mostly wireless telecommunications*).

Libertarian County Chairman (*resigned to run campaign*), volunteered as football coach and kindergarten class reader.

2. Are continued deficits in the federal budget a source of concern for you? If not, why not? If so, what measures would you support to balance revenues and expenses?

Yes, it is. Recently, China surpassed Americans as holders of US debt; we now owe China more than ourselves.

Deficit spending, raising debt ceiling, corporate bailouts, and other spending will mean more debt and risk of hyperinflation.

I will work vigorously to reverse this by:

1. Balance Budget Amendment. Make Congress accountable.
  2. Reduce Spending. Cut unnecessary programs and redundant agencies. No corporate bailouts. No government healthcare.
  3. Cut taxes. Revenue increase as more people go back to work. Small businesses can afford to do business again.
  4. Finally, Audit the Fed. Spending is enabled by Fed creation of money.
3. What measures would you support to deal with illegal immigration in our state and in the country as a whole?

Illegal immigration costs Texans' with little return. Texans lose jobs by loss of state revenue, lower wages (*also due in part to no tax*), while paying for education and general welfare.

First, encourage federal government to participate in dialog with border states (*who are the front-line*) about recommendations. The federal government must utilize and tighten borders. Including, but not limited to, more border agents, physical barriers, technology, and ability to call up the Guard. Penalize companies that hire illegal aliens. Increase deportation. Proof of citizenship (*or legal status*) for hiring driver's license, and housing.

4. What do you think should be the role of the federal government in ensuring access to health care?

It is NOT the role of federal government to provide healthcare, nor to legislate patient care. But, the federal government CAN help to provide greater access by:

1. Tort Reform. End frivolous cases by enacting a 'loser pays' system. Cap settlements that a court or jury may award. Encourage lawyer ethics reform by repealing client solicitation through broadcast media.
2. Remove interstate insurance barriers thereby allowing free market principles to work.
3. Remove preexisting condition clause.

I will work to lower healthcare costs through these methods which will ensure easier access to healthcare.

5. What conditions, if any, would you support to continue funding the war in Afghanistan?

I would continue budgetary funding 'as is' while examining military plans and exit strategies. It is difficult to make a case for something without access to full situational intelligence.

BUT, I will never reduce funding while our soldiers have 'boots on the ground.' To do so would put our fighting men and women in harm's way and send a message of weakness to the world.

Remember that the USA is in Afghanistan because of the events on 9/11.

6. What measures would you support regarding global warming and climate change?

First, I will call congressional hearings on this so-called crisis and closely examine recent revelations that data was purposely skewed in favor of "proving" global warming. If there were any politicians or officials that were knowingly involved or aiding these efforts, I would seek criminal prosecution.

I strongly oppose the Cap-n-Trade Bill (*and any future version thereof*), that would strongly tax Americans to reduce carbon footprint. But, I also applaud those that do so voluntarily and without mandate on the rest of Americans.

7. What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of Congress, and what is your position on these issues?

Healthcare and Cap-n-Trade are not gone. During the last two years of the administration, especially if Democrat controlled, they will push for this legislation and other bills that have created this current constitutional crisis - a move towards socialism.

By electing Prindle as your Representative, not only will I be a vote against this, I will speak loudly and publicly. It is time to restore leadership to our revered institutions by electing men of courage, principle, and dedication to the citizens. I am that man and I promise to fight for these issues that we all believe.

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1. Please describe the education and experience that qualify you for the position of member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

I have two B.S. degrees one in Political Science another in History from TAMU-C, and a Master of Public Affairs degree from UTD. I have worked in the Public Sector on a the Local Government level, and run an organization (along with the Board of Directors) of over 165 members called the Dallas Area Paranormal Society, with a large public involvement.

2. Are continued deficits in the federal budget a source of concern for you? If not, why not? If so, what measures would you support to balance revenues and expenses?

Deficits under Keynesian Economics are fine; however I don't like offering \$2.2 trillion in loans at 0% interest to the people that destroyed our economy along with \$700 billion of free money to the same. When you say you will spend \$80 billion a year on a program for tax-payers that some how becomes deficit spending, yet \$110 billion a month in Iraq is fine, along with the soon to come \$80 billion a month in Afghanistan. The way it is now, if it benefits Big Business its fine, if it goes to the tax-payers its deficit spending.

3. What measures would you support to deal with illegal immigration in our state and in the country as a whole?

This issue **only came up after the Iraq war was going bad** in 2005, at best its wag-the-dog at worst its racism at its core. I was in the Dallas Mega-March of 300,000 people (almost all were American Citizens) with my wife who once was an undocumented immigrant. My way of dealing with it is simple, allow them to get drivers licenses so they may secure insurance and I will be able to stop paying for uninsured motorist. Outside of that they should be able to start the immigration process to end their undocumented status.

4. What do you think should be the role of the federal government in ensuring access to health care?

I believe Medicare should be expanded to include all Americans, and that there should be no deductibles. Since we already pay taxes we should get some visible results for those taxes. If we stop nation building Iraq alone, and start nation building the U.S. we would have enough to complete this task without raising taxes. For those that still wish to have private insurance, they should be able to get it, as those that currently reject Medicare do.

5. What conditions, if any, would you support to continue funding the war in Afghanistan?

I wouldn't, we have seen the biggest threat to the U.S. was not a few terrorist here and there; it was a lot of bankers in New York. The "Great Recession" has affected me more on a day-to-day basis than any terrorist attack. Plus, we have a lot of allies

in the region that we send billions to each year. It is their region and their problem; let them take care of it!

6. What measures would you support regarding global warming and climate change?

I support emissions trading legislation, but more importantly I support the development of all forms of infrastructure inside the U.S., along with those to help support the energy needs of our people especially on an environmentally friendly level. So of course I would like to revisit the Kyoto Protocol.

7. What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of Congress, and what is your position on these issues?

This is what I would like to see in the agenda for the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress. I would like to see the banking system to become heavily regulated, and oil companies to be nationalized so that they both may never threaten our economy again! I would also like to see Congress be paid the federal minimum wage per hour of work, and for their benefits to match the median number of Americans; also campaign spending /fund raising to be limited to \$30,000 an election, and lobbying to be open and transparent to the public via FOIA.

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1. Please describe the education and experience that qualify you for the position of member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

I believe that in order to represent, a representative must understand the people of the district. I've worked in factories in the district and received my bachelor's and master's degree in the district. When I had my business, I made many friends in the district. I lived in apartments in the district where most other candidates would have reservations living and dressed in Navy uniform with others in the 4th. The northern part of the community where I currently serve as Economic Development Director is in the District and we've made regional partnerships and friendships.

2. Are continued deficits in the federal budget a source of concern for you? If not, why not? If so, what measures would you support to balance revenues and expenses?

Yes, the deficits in the federal budget are of great concern. I believe there are two ways to work to resolve this. First, we cut waste and merge federal departments. I write many grants in my current capacity and continuously look for funding opportunities on grants.gov. Click on "New Opportunities This Week" and you will see waste. Second, we need to reconsider the existence of the IRS and most taxes. Taxes need to be less invasive. We can generate as much federal revenue with Fair Trade Practice via tariffs and a federal sales tax of 12 – 15%.

3. What measures would you support to deal with illegal immigration in our state and in the country as a whole?

We need to secure our borders now. Many illegal aliens come to America for economic opportunity. We need to re-visit NAFTA and replace it with a Fair Trade Agreement where business in America is advantageous for major producers. If the e-Verify system is used only for labor verification and impedes on no liberties, I would support this as well. We should end birthright citizenship and stop welfare for illegal immigrants. I am opposed to amnesty. Lastly, the feds should partner with the National Guard to enforce current laws on the books.

4. What do you think should be the role of the federal government in ensuring access to health care?

Healthcare reform is needed. What Washington has currently debated is to overhaul the entire engine when the engine maybe only needs a starter. They were trying to do too much – pretty common for the feds. I believe we could have resolved the issue quickly and easily and with favorable results by looking at open markets, state's rights, public program audits and increased education on what is currently available. Healthcare reform is more of State issue – State's should work with those in the insurance industry to assist in making healthcare more affordable.

5. What conditions, if any, would you support to continue funding the war in Afghanistan?

I believe we need to keep our eyes on terrorism and any threat that comes before the nation. We need to fully support the military in their duties regardless of politics. I believe we need to define our goals in any military conflict, accomplish the goal and pullout. No nation can withstand perpetual war – a war on terrorism is a perpetual war. We need to restructure special units in our intelligence systems and Special Forces to swiftly deal with terrorists. A war on a nation needs declaration from Congress.

6. What measures would you support regarding global warming and climate change?

I believe we can best be stewards to the land through Fair Trade Policies. It is advantageous to profits for some industries to move to nations that have lower environmental, human rights, and other standards. Through a Fair Trade Policy, tariffs would be implemented on products produced in foreign countries. As the standard of living increases in that nation (environmental policies enacted) the tariff fee decreases and the cost of production in foreign countries increase making it less advantageous for our industries to go to Mexico or abroad. I am against Cap and Trade.

7. What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of Congress, and what is your position on these issues?

The most pressing issue is a long-term resolve for the economy. The economy effects resources available to achieve everything else needed. We need to look at our foreign trade policy and seek Fair Trade Agreements. We need to restructure the invasive tax system so that it is fair and returns revenues needed to run

government. We need to merge departments to cut the budget without losing effectiveness. We need to let the States deal with State issues. We need to re-enact the Glass-Steagall Act to avoid Big Bank abuse. And we need to kick the lobbyists out of Washington.