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VOTERS GUIDE

March 1, 2016, Primary Election
Texas Representative District 66

Early voting: February 16-26

Election Day: March 1 – Polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

About this Voters Guide

This *Voters Guide* is published by the League of Women Voters of Collin County to help citizens prepare to cast an informed vote. The League of Women Voters encourages informed and active participation in government. The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

This guide lists candidates for Texas Representative District 66. It is available online at www.lwvcollin.org, along with separate guides for statewide offices and other offices that include all or part of Collin County. A separate online *Voters Guide* gives general information about voting in the primary elections, including how to register to vote, where to vote, and how to vote by mail.

Candidate responses for all races are also available at www.VOTE411.org, where you can enter an address and review a personalized ballot with races specific to that address.

Questionnaires were sent to all candidates for each office, whether or not the race is contested. Candidate replies were subject to a character limit and are printed without editing or verification. If a candidate did not respond by the deadline, "No response received" is printed. Candidates were asked to avoid references to their opponents. Photos are included for candidates who provided them.

This *Voters Guide* is organized by office sought, with candidates listed in alphabetical order, regardless of their political party.

Texas Representative District 66

2-year term. Must be 21 years or older, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Texas, and a resident of the district represented. Responsible for representing the citizens of the district in which he/she is elected in the Texas House of Representatives.

QUESTIONS

Education: What changes, if any, should be made to public education financing in Texas?

Water: What should be done, if anything, to ensure sufficient capacity and safety of water in Texas?

Energy/Environment: How would you balance the development of energy sources with environmental concerns?

Human Trafficking: What, if anything, should Texas do to reduce human trafficking?

Payday and Auto Title Loans: What, if any, state regulations are needed on Payday and Auto Title loans, and why?

Transportation: What are the main transportation needs in Texas, and how should they be funded?

Other Issues: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of the Texas Legislature, and what is your position on these issues?

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Education: None provided
Experience: None provided

Education: Many businesses have and continue to move to Texas because of our low tax structure and affordable cost of living. I feel that it is not unreasonable for these corporations to share in the cost of our education system. Each community should be able to fund their individual ISD and create curriculums that fit the needs and desires of the community without having to feel the burden of financing our communities. I believe creating a pool funded by corporations and distributed by priority and need through our state education board will lead to the brightest generation ever.

Water: Water is our most precious resource. It is the building block of all life. I believe that clean drinking water and our access to it is one of our most precious rights. As a community we have an obligation to do what we can to insure this not just now but for future generations. I believe that the collection of rain water by the individual as well as the community would be a great start. This gives the individual the ability to participate in the conservation process. Hopefully inspiring future generations to take an active role in conservation.

Energy/Environment: Here in Texas we have been blessed with a wealth of fossil fuel resources and industries. It has helped us to maintain the strong sovereign state we are. As times have changed and new science has become available it is paramount that we diversify our resource pool. I believe that giving these staple industries an incentive to explore new alternatives as well as encouraging new industries to come to our state is the best way to balance our energy needs while continuing to grow our strong economy in new directions.

Human Trafficking: Human trafficking is an age old problem. Tragic and hideous. I am not educated enough on this topic to give solution to this very complex problem at this time. As a father I can not comprehend what these families must feel.

Payday and Auto Title Loans: Payday and title loans while predatory by nature do serve a purpose for some. I think that transparency and easy to understand terms are as far as the state should intervene. As long as the borrower has all the information about possible pitfalls in these kind of loans it is up to them to make the choice that best fits their situation.

Transportation: With our booming economy has come many growing pains. One of these is that our roads can not handle our traffic. Many of us must take toll roads everyday and sometimes multiple times a day. This means we are paying to sit in traffic on our way to work. I believe that our roads are well funded but that the many is not being spent responsibly. It is time that we hold our contractors more accountable. In cost, efficiency and effectiveness. Crony contracts must be stopped.

Other Issues: I believe that clean food and water are some of our most pressing issues. By giving people good, safe, clean food and water leads to the ability to make better choices in life. I believe our food needs quality labels so that we can make an informed decision about what's best for our bodies. I believe that water fluoridation is not necessary especially with the advancement in dental technology. I am dedicated to leaving this world better than I found it not only for my son's generation but for generations to come. A healthy body helps create a healthy mind and spirit.

Gnase Nelson (Democratic Party) – No response received

Matt Shaheen (Republican Party) – No response received

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Your vote is your voice. Be heard.