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VOTERS GUIDE

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U.S. Representative District 3

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About this Voters Guide

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This guide lists candidates for U.S. Representative District 3. 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.

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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.

U.S. Representative 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.

QUESTIONS

Immigration: What changes, if any, would you propose to the current immigration policy? Why?

Foreign Intervention: Under what circumstances should the U.S. intervene militarily in a foreign conflict?

Infrastructure: What should be done, if anything, to ensure sufficient capacity and safety of the country's water and roads?

Social Security/Medicare/Medicaid: What changes, if any, would you support to the Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid programs? Why?

Elections: The Supreme Court decision in *Shelby v. Holder* struck down parts of the Voting Rights Act. What changes, if any, do you support to protect voting rights?

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

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Immigration: Our current immigration policy is based upon the following principles: the reunification of families, admitting immigrants with skills that are valuable to the U.S. economy, protecting refugees, and promoting diversity. The immediate challenge we are facing is finding a realistic solution to illegal immigration. I support a path to citizenship that includes comprehensive background checks and employment requirements for illegal aliens and ending the hopeless loop of bureaucracy that continually baits illegal immigrants with the empty promise of citizenship tomorrow.

Foreign Intervention: Without question, our military should intervene if there is an immediate threat to the U.S and/or if there is a threat to or at the request of a U.S. ally in need. Any intervention beyond that should be the subject of vigorous debate and ultimate consensus of our legislature.

Infrastructure: I support the FAST Act; however a long term solution to the Highway Trust Fund revenue deficit is crucial. Additionally, I would support programs that would modernize our rail system to include high speed commuter and freight trains. Mass transit decreases the wear and tear on our road system and provides a safe and productive alternative to air travel, not to mention the benefit to our environment. Tantamount to road quality is water quality. The Environmental Protection Agency is vital to ensure that regulations designed to keep drinking water safe are enforced.

Social Security/Medicare/Medicaid: If we continue to poorly manage the trust fund

through overspending and lack of investment options, Social Security will crumble. I propose a new approach to the investment strategy of the Social Security Trust which includes a diversification of assets, as well as a reduction of operational costs. Successful Medicare ACOs should be modeled and expanded to ensure that quality health care is rewarded and costs fall. I also support the expansion of Medicaid coverage to ensure the poorest are protected.

Elections: The 15th amendment to the Constitution states that the "right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude." If a state is bastardizing the Constitution to deny a person's right to vote, Federal intervention should be guaranteed. I support the reinstatement of Sections 4(b) and 5 of the Voting Rights Act. There are many things I think the states should bear responsibility for, but infringing on civil liberties should not be tolerated.

Other Issues: Campaign finance reform has been brought to the forefront of American politics and will undoubtedly become an issue for Congress to address. I would support reform that would allow a qualified candidate to run for public office without being influenced by a small number of wealthy donors. A public servant cannot effectively represent his constituents when he or she is pandering to the whims of wealthy individuals or businesses in order to maintain campaign contributions. Congress is in need of true citizen servants that are motivated by progress and not by reelection.

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Immigration: The United States bears a large responsibility for the number of political and economic refugees trying to relocate here. We should make it easier for such refugees to obtain permanent residency, leading to eventual citizenship. Anyone wishing to emigrate to the United States should have the opportunity to do so, under a quick, intelligent and compassionate vetting process. We can never have too much help in positively addressing our numerous concerns.

Foreign Intervention: The United States of America should only intervene in foreign conflict in the most extreme circumstances, and should use force as the last option, not the first. The military's first priority should be defense of our states and territories, not our economic or political interests. We should, of course, engage diplomatically in all conflict which threatens human life and civilization anywhere in the world. You make many more friends with a hug, than a club.

Infrastructure: Usable, clean, safe water supplies are one of the most important aspects of human civilization, along with food, shelter and transportation. We have decaying bridges and reservoir dams in danger of imminent collapse, threatening the lives of thousands of citizens and causing devastating economic problems. By diverting the trillions of dollars that we spend on militarism and redirecting it towards infrastructure improvements, we can fund such projects and provide jobs for hundreds of thousand of our people. Lets build more bridges and less bombs.

Social Security/Medicare/Medicaid: "We the People of the United States, in Order to

form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America". No one in this country should be deprived of food, water and shelter. The fact that military spending takes priority over the other items in this preamble to our Constitution, is a national disgrace and should be immediately rectified.

Elections: Any law which makes it harder to vote in elections should be eliminated. Any law which bars citizens from voting in elections should be eliminated. All U.S. citizens should be automatically registered to vote upon obtaining eighteen years of age. All registered voters should be allowed to fully participate in national elections. States and municipalities should retain the right to set residency requirements for state and local elections.

Other Issues: We have to improve our environment. Any decision which pits economics over the health of our planet is destructive and will eventually doom our species. Monetary influence must be removed from our political process. I would eliminate the Electoral College and restore governing to the majority voice. If we could find one hundred citizens, free of prejudice and partisanship, to rewrite our constitution, we should. It has been two-hundred-twenty-seven years since it's adoption and our oligarchy republic is no longer functioning in the interest of the vast majority of its citizens.

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Immigration: Create a sponsorship program. Any one that wants to come work in the US and has someone that wants to hire them (and do the necessary background checks, i.e. sponsor them) should be allowed to enter the country. This creates a truly free labor market. Free markets are critical to the economic success of our country.

Foreign Intervention: None. The Constitution states military forces are for the

defense of the nation. Not projecting power. Not intervening in foreign conflicts.

Infrastructure: The Constitution states that "post roads" should be provided. I believe Interstate and Federal highways fall under this definition and therefore Congressional jurisdiction and should be maintained (planned for expansion) accordingly. (Not States or Counties, with money passed back from Federal Sources). State and Local roads should

be maintained (and any plans to expand them) by those authorities, and they should be free to make planning and funding decisions without Federal oversight.

Social Security/Medicare/Medicaid: All of these programs are NOT enumerated in the Constitution, and therefore should not exist at the Federal level. My plan is start a transition to the States of all funding and operation of these programs. States may or may not chose to continue them or create something different.

Elections: Voting turn-out rates are so pathetically poor in this country. We must

make it easier for every citizen to vote. Secure, verified ID, on-line voting should be allowed in addition to early voting, going to a traditional poling location on more than just 1 day, to maximize the turn-out.. Old laws and old formulas are no longer applicable. Its simple, one legal citizen = one vote.

Other Issues: Federal Income Taxes - Eliminate them! War on Drugs - End it! NSA - Abolish it! The size of the Federal Government - Cut spending drastically, including military spending by 60%

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Immigration: Secure the border, not allow illegals to stay. We have veterans that are homeless and without benefits eraned. It is immoral for them to go without while illegals are given everything. It is also a slap in the face to those that came here legally.

Foreign Intervention: To protect our freedoms, way of life and defense of our allies.

Infrastructure: Our sturtures are out dated and in a state of disrepair. We must keep our infrastructure updated and repaired.

Social Security/Medicare/Medicaid: First of all, stop dipping into social security. Replace funds taken then leave it alone.

Elections: You have to have an ID to but alchol, tobacco and to vote in most union elections. It should be that way to vote. As well, only US Citizens should be able to vote.

Other Issues: The economy. Under Obama the economy is starting to falter. I believe more jobs in the USA would help as well. Lower tax rates, get rid of NAFTA, WTO and TPP

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Experience: I am a successful get-things-done businessman working for large industry leaders like IBM and Cigna, smaller, start-up companies like Exigen and foreign-owned companies like CGI. I understand how to work with others to achieve results.

Immigration: There are two parts to moving forward. First, we must do what we can to stop the flow of illegal immigrants into the US. That does not mean building a wall. It does mean beefing up security and applying targeted enforcement measures. The second part of moving forward is to provide a path to citizenship through comprehensive immigration reform. That means continuing President

Obama's DACA and DAPA executive actions, ending harmful enforcement policies, ensuring that families can stay together, allowing all immigrants to purchase healthcare under the ACA and restoring due process.

Foreign Intervention: Putting U.S. troops on the ground is a grave decision and should always be the action of last resort. Before we risk losing even a single life by intervening

militarily, the following must occur: 1) there is a direct threat to the U.S. or to U.S. interests; 2) all avenues of diplomacy have been exhausted; 3) we are not acting alone; and, 4) the country is behind this with bi-partisan support. Therefore, I will only accept the commitment of large numbers of American ground troops when the President puts a declaration of war on my desk.

Infrastructure: We drive on publicly financed roads, which historically have improved our quality of life and are good for business. But, one of every nine bridges in the U.S. is structurally deficient, nearly a quarter are functionally obsolete. We are used to getting clean water from our faucets. Yet, much of our drinking water infrastructure is starting to deteriorate and fall apart. Do we think clean water will magically always be there? It's time to invest. Investing in infrastructure now can prevent future catastrophes, create jobs, and ensure clean water and safe roads for our families.

Social Security/Medicare/Medicaid: Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid are three important and popular federal programs that provide a safety net for our older and most vulnerable Americans. Policy recommendations include: 1. Social Security – Raise the cap on Social Security taxes to ensure that the fund is solvent for future generations; 2. Medicare - Substantially increase the number of doctors

who will accept Medicare patients; 3. Medicaid – Require Governors to expand Medicaid under the ACA. Finally, I support healthcare as a right and coverage for all.

Elections: It's clear that voter suppression is still alive in the U.S. You can see it in policies like voter ID laws that tend to be demonstratively harmful to minorities. Many states are shortening voting hours, closing poll locations, reducing early voting periods and adding other restrictions - all to make it harder for the elderly, minorities and young people to vote. The changes I support are those that will make voting easier – automatic voter registration, make Election Day a work holiday (or switching to Saturday), extend early voting periods, require no voter ID and increase poll locations.

Other Issues: The first issue is women's equality. My position includes: pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, protect individual choice, and provide for paid family leave. The second is ratification of the TPP. Given what we know of the TPP, there are too many red flags. I would vote "No". The third is climate change. It's time we started to seriously address climate change with policies to reduce fossil fuel consumption and incentives to develop alternate energy sources. The fourth is to pass some common sense gun safety policies. Finally, corporations and the wealthy must pay their fair share of taxes.

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Immigration: Building walls should be done to protect us from potential natural disasters, not as a political weapon to wield in the face of failed social and financial policies. Stop mailing billions of dollars a year all over the world to any criminal, terrorist, or undocumented person that submits an IRS refund check request. Invite undocumented workers to file for an open court judicial review of their immigration and visa status - and without fear of immediate, "administrative" deportation or other police state action. Finally, being granted or denied citizenship should take no more than one year.

Foreign Intervention: If one or more U.S. citizens are in clear and present danger of being harmed, detained or killed. Otherwise, we are just fueling the flames of hell to feed our blood and taxes to the dogs of war.

Infrastructure: Stop Nestle from taking anyone else's water. Texas needs to build green roads like North Carolina. North Carolina has the lowest cost per mile and their roads work. By going green, we would save Texas taxpayers a fortune, prevent the release of 100s of millions of tons of CO2 and be able to do every TxDOT project. We need to continue focusing on public transportation improvements. We did pass Prop 1, but we still

have misappropriated transportation taxes. In regard to state contracts, we must eliminate the overpricing inherent in the asphalt focused cost-plus road construction bidding process

Social Security/Medicare/Medicaid: For decades, we've had U.S. Representatives and U.S. Senators tell us we need to work longer with less benefits for the common good. Are we a lazy people who need to be whipped and taxed into our graves for the privilege of thanking our masters for a few pennies on the dollar in our retirement? If the average American wage earner invested the same amount in stink-rate T bills over 40 years they give to the feds as FICA, that American worker would retire with a million dollars in savings. The way our retirement Trust Fund is currently handled is treasonous. Where the **** is my million dollars?

Elections: If the States aren't doing anything wrong regarding voting rights and election procedures, then they shouldn't mind having transparency and oversight. It's the same principle the government applies to us every

day. And besides, the State of Texas, even after thirteen years, still refuses to comply with the voter education and polling place access requirements of HAVA 2002. Sadly, corruption has ruled in the place of honest compliance and enforcement. Our new governor, along with the rest of the Texas GOP, champion the vision that we don't need any safeguards to the democratic process at all.

Other Issues: It is horrifying that the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Treasury via the IRS have led the way on funding global terrorism for decades. Want to bomb Paris but are low on cash? Send the IRS a thousand tax returns, each requesting a refund check for \$1,000 all to be mailed to the same address, and wait a couple weeks. Are you a known terrorist group, low on cash, but still want to fire another rocket at Jerusalem? Ask the U.S. State Department for a billion dollars a year for "food". As a matter of urgent national and international security, both departments need to be closed immediately.

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Immigration: Let me start by voicing my strong opposition to Obama's executive amnesty. It is insulting to hardworking taxpayers struggling to make ends meet. Congress' top priority must be about securing the border and ensuring our immigration laws are enforced. We have a responsibility to taxpayers to remove incentives for illegal immigration. As a member of Ways & Means, I had a bill signed into law that ends the ability of the IRS to provide retroactive Earned Income Tax Credit payments to illegal immigrants. I had a measure that cracks down on fraud associated with the refundable child tax credit.

Foreign Intervention: My top priority is to ensure Congress fulfills its constitutional responsibility to provide for the common defense. As an Air Force veteran who spent nearly 7 years as a POW in Vietnam, I can say there is no more important decision than sending service members into harm's way. It

must be in our national security interest, and our service members need to be given the support to be successful. We are engaged in a conflict in the Middle East against ISIS, and the President's lack of leadership and strategy has created infinite failure, death, and destruction. The American people deserve better.

Infrastructure: With Collin County's explosive growth, the need for more roads increases by the day. Our area is set to become home to the largest toll network in the country, and I've led the effort to stop tolling with my No More Tolls for Roads Act. Water also continues to be a top priority. Several years ago during a time of drought, the Feds cut off some of our much needed water supply due to invasive Zebra Mussels. I was a co-sponsor of legislation allowing the NTMWD to continue to resume pumping water. I have also been working hard to get new water reservoirs approved, which will benefit Collin County.

Social Security/Medicare/Medicaid: As Chairman of the Social Security Subcommittee, my number one priority is ensuring the promise of this program isn't just there for current retirees but also for tomorrow's retirees. While there are a number of commonsense ideas such as increasing the retirement age, one idea I oppose is increasing Social Security taxes. We can't tax our way to a solution. I'm committed to leading a much-needed conversation on fixing Social Security. We also have a responsibility to ensure Medicare is there for future generations. We need to do so with fiscally responsible and commonsense reforms.

Elections: Back in 2013 the Supreme Court ruled that Texas and several other states no longer needed Washington's sign-off for election-related changes. It's simply been unfair that the Lone Star state, unlike other states, has been singled out by Washington.

The Supreme Court decision was the right one and a victory for federalism. When it comes to protecting voting rights, we must make sure a fraudulent vote doesn't cancel out a legitimate vote. That's why I strongly support Texas' voter ID law. It's just commonsense to require individuals to show a photo ID.

Other Issues: National security is a top issue. We need leaders who are not afraid to speak the truth, and I bring the experience of a combat veteran. Radical Islamists aim to destroy our way of life, and we must not stand down or live in fear. I remain committed to keeping this country safe. Another issue is our national debt, which is a serious threat to the economic well-being of the U.S. Washington should respect hardworking taxpayers' dollars. I have voted repeatedly against reckless spending, and have proposed legislation saving billions of taxpayer dollars by going after waste, fraud and abuse.

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Experience: I am NOT a career politician. I worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers for approximately 10 years. In 2009, I left PwC and started my own investment company, which focuses on investments in the healthcare industry. I successfully retired in 2013. I am 41.

Immigration: One of my three major areas of focus is "Border Control". We have to do the following as soon as possible: 1) Secure the border 100% by land, sea and air using military and private enterprise technology. 2) Deport all illegal immigrants that have a criminal record. 3) Shut off the benefits for ALL non-US Citizens 4) Fix our legal immigration process so that it: is less expensive/time consuming, doesn't change our religious makeup, ensures immigrants are law abiding, God fearing and hardworking, does not take jobs away from current US Citizens, and properly tracks people with temporary visas.

Foreign Intervention: We must: 1) have the strongest military in the world, which requires the strongest economy 2) control the money supply by producing our own energy and stop providing weapons 3) have border security 4) not use resources unless it directly benefits the U.S. 5) continue our covert operations and when we identify a threat we get in, destroy,

and get out. 6) remember Anarchy is worse than a bad Dictator 7) deter future attacks, including Cyber, by rewarding ten fold 8) take great care of our military personal 9) stand strongly with Israel. 10) require that war be declared by Congress.

Infrastructure: The federal government should NOT collect nor spend money relating to ground transportation nor water. These are concerns that should be left up to the states. Constitutionally, the federal government's only role with ground transportation should be to ensure interstate commerce/travel is available to all citizens and that post roads for mail delivery are adequate. The federal government is not needed since every state is highly incentivized to ensure those things. Constitutionally, any disputes between the states regarding water and/or roads can be petitioned to the federal government.

Social Security/Medicare/Medicaid: We must appeal ObamaCare and privatize Social

Security more like a 401k. We cannot take money away from the older generation (i.e. 55 and older) that has rightfully earned that money and is counting on it. Constitutionally, the states should administer both Health Care and Social Security. We cannot accept any form of socialized medicine and no more open door policy in our emergency rooms. We need significant tort reform. We must break down the monopolies held by the insurance and pharmaceutical companies and overhaul the Federal Drug and Administration department.

Elections: Picture ID should be required for all voters. All elections should require an audit from one of the Big 4 accounting firms to

ensure to the public that the accuracy of the results are reasonably assured.

Other Issues: My highest priorities are "Keeping God in this Country" and "Upholding and Defending the US Constitution". My three main initiatives are, in no particular order: 1) Tax Reform that is highly focused on State's Rights 2) Social Laws determined at the state level not in Washington (i.e. Constitutional Implementation) 3) Border Control. My seven key principles are: A Free market, Small and Local Governments, States' Rights and a Limited Federal Government, A Proper System of Checks and Balances, A Balanced and Approved Budget, Religious Freedom and The Family as the Fundamental Unit of Society.

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Immigration: The United States was founded upon the "Rule of Law." However, the current Administration's failure to enforce existing immigration laws has undermined that founding. We are also, by in large, a nation of immigrants. I am pro-legal immigration; but illegal immigration is both a threat to the economy and, potentially, to national security. Therefore we must 1. Enforce the law 2. Improve the Customs and Border Protection agency by hiring more CBP officers; deploying new technologies, electronic sensors and cameras 3. Penalize businesses that hire illegal immigrants

Foreign Intervention: How we deal with the Islamic jihadist terrorist is one of the central issues of our times and I will take very aggressive action to decapitate and destroy ISIS and its affiliates wherever they are found. Doing so supports our national interests at home and abroad. Before we intervene with "boots on the ground", we must bring all elements of national power to bear: diplomatic, informational, military and economic...using our military should be a last resort and then only when we have clearly defined objectives and a supporting exit strategy that supports our national interests.

Infrastructure: Investing in our infrastructure is a good investment with long-term benefits, but it is best handled by the

states and public / private partnerships, of which we have little today. In 2013 the American Society for Civil Engineers gave our water infrastructure a "D." Another study found that over 90 percent of Americans are concerned about the infrastructure and support greater investment. With the American population expected to grow to over 400 million people by 2050, we need capacity to support and expand the economy and ensure our infrastructure remains secure against unknown threats.

Social Security/Medicare/Medicaid: We need to strengthen, preserve and improve the Social Security safety net. But, the current cost of entitlement programs like Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and other mandatory programs eat up 66% of the federal budget. I will support the following: 1. Explore gradually increasing the retirement age. 2. Establish a process that allows the creation of individual retirement accounts, with the proper safeguards and fees. 3. Explore the recommendations of the Simpson-Bowles Social Security task force 4. Put a full court press on eliminating fraud, waste and abuse

Elections: I think the Supreme Court got this right. If the federal gov't wants to interfere in States' voting procedures, it should be required to marshal the evidence of widespread discriminatory voter suppression

and try to pass new Congressional legislation. Voter ID laws help ensure the integrity of the voting system, which is just as important as the right to vote. It also serves voting integrity by promoting one-person-one-vote. I would support: 1. Require jurisdictions to report on voting processes or changes as early as possible 2. Require voter identification as a way to ensure integrity

Other Issues: Other issues that are pressing include: 1. Trans-Pacific Partnership free-trade

agreement negotiated by the Obama Administration. I support market economics and global trade, but it's too early to tell if the TPP is a good deal for America. If it meets the standards of the TPA, I will support the TPP. 2. The impact of the Affordable Care Act. I will fight to accomplish the following: Improve transparency so consumers can make informed choices. Defund elements that make no sense. 3. Second Amendment and Gun Control: Law-abiding citizens have the right to own firearms.

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