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VOTERS GUIDE

Nov. 4, 2014, General Election
Texas Senator District 30

Early voting: Oct. 20-31

Election Day: Nov. 4 – 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 Senator District 30. 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 general election, 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, which allows voters to enter an address and review 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 and party, with candidates listed in order by political party.

Questions and candidate responses for this race were provided by the League of Women Voters of Wichita Falls.

Texas Senator District 30

4-year term. Must be 26 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 Senate.

QUESTIONS

Qualifications: What are your qualifications for this office (including your occupation, education, training, and experience)?

Problems: What are the most pressing problems you will face in this office, and how do you think each one should be handled?

Craig Estes (Republican Party)

Qualifications: I am a Republican who believes in the strong conservative values and work ethic of District 30's rural and suburban communities. Before I vote on every issue, I ask myself, how will it affect our families? Jennifer and I have raised three children and are now blessed with five grandchildren. My

education includes a degree from Oral Roberts University and business owner certification from the Harvard Business School. My community service includes Young Life, Rotary Club, Boys & Girls Club and Faith Mission. I serve as Chairman of two committees in the Texas Senate, the Committee on State Affairs

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and the Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security.

Problems: Given our current economic climate, it is imperative that we continue to adopt policies that keep Texas on the path of prosperity. I have consistently supported and will continue to support policies that promote economic growth, including keeping taxes low on both citizens and businesses, decreasing burdensome regulations, supporting our state's growing infrastructure needs, and maintaining a well-educated workforce. I support

stimulating the state economy by repealing the state's small business franchise tax, and maintaining a fair and predictable regulatory environment. On water, I support insuring we have adequate waters supplies for the future and that we protect existing property owner water rights. On schools, I support local control and banning unfunded state mandates. I also believe our state needs a new school funding formula and that we need continue to strongly support our state universities and local community colleges.

Cory Lane (Libertarian Party) – No response received

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Your vote is your voice. Be heard.