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# VOTERS GUIDE

Nov. 4, 2014, General Election  
U.S. Representative District 32

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 U.S. Representative District 32. It is available online at [www.lwvcollin.org](http://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](http://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.

You may bring this *Voters Guide* into the voting booth! In 1995, the Texas law prohibiting use of printed materials, such as this *Voters Guide*, in the polling place was ruled unconstitutional (*Texas Election Code, Section 61.011*)

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

## U.S. Representative District 32

*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

**Local:** Identify the three issues that most affect the people in your district and explain how you would use your office to address these issues?

**Immigration:** There is general agreement that America's immigration system is broken, but no

agreement on how to fix it. What reforms, if any, would you support?

**Environment:** What measures would you support to protect our future environment?

**Gridlock:** What measures will you take to stop the gridlock that has crippled Congress?

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### Pete Sessions (Republican Party)

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**Local:** As well as the Texas economy is doing today, voters are still concerned about jobs, the state of the economy and the cost of health care. To encourage growth throughout the economy and nation, I favor lower taxes, reduced federal spending and fewer regulations on business. To relieve the cost of health care for families, I support repealing ObamaCare, whose regulatory burden will lower health care quality and cause job layoffs, if left in place.

**Immigration:** Any immigration reform must first secure our borders, strengthen interior enforcement, prosecute and deport criminal aliens in the US, and reverse President' Obama's executive orders. I strongly oppose illegal immigration and blanket amnesty or any other reward to those who have intentionally broken our nation's immigration laws. Effective immigration must be straightforward, concise, thorough, and in the best interests of American citizens.

**Environment:** On global warming, scientists deserve to see all of the data used by the EPA to determine policy. Right now, the agency quashes peer review. That's wrong. Private property actually facilitates clean air and water. The public sector is often the most egregious violator of pollution laws. The real answer for cleaner power and transportation will come from technology. We can have economic growth and a clean environment. I support policies for both.

**Gridlock:** This is not a one-way street. Republicans have attempted to work with the other side of the aisle. We've passed 400 bills, almost 15% of which were authored by Democrats, only to see those proposals die in the Senate. Harry Reid is leading the most unproductive Senate in our nation's history. Senate Democrats, like the President, hold the position that if they can't everything they want then nothing will get done. That is the cause of gridlock.

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### Frank Perez (Democratic Party)

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**Local:** We need politicians who will seek COMMON GROUND for the benefit of our great nation as a WHOLE, not the benefit of a FEW. We need politicians who are willing to put AMERICANS first, not the special interests. I pledge to work tirelessly to seek common ground for the passage of legislation that will benefit ALL Americans...black, white...Hispanic,Asian...working class and poor...and gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender AMERICANS !!!

**Immigration:** I would strongly support legislation that allows immigrants who have been here since they were children, are in school or have graduated from school, are in the military or have served in the military, and have no criminal record to apply for legal status. In addition, I believe it is important to identify and document all immigrants in our country. I believe it is important for everyone to pay their fair share of taxes. Tougher border control.

**Environment:** Congress must take a leadership role in formulating a carbon control plan. Congress must realize this is a serious issue that must be addressed and work with the President in passing some version of carbon control legislation. It is time to have serious deliberation on the science and research on carbon emissions and start taking action.

**Gridlock:** Term limits are one way to stop gridlock. Limiting cronyism by enacting

legislation to address the Citizens United decision is another. Unlimited campaign contributions by corporations are bad for our democracy, as are political action groups that mask the identities and campaign contributions of campaign donors. I also believe that filibustering should be curtailed and simple majority votes should decide legislation.

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### **Ed Rankin (Libertarian Party)**

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**Local:** Economy-Perhaps the biggest issue facing us is the lack of economic growth. Replace the income tax with a national sales tax or what some call the "Fair Tax" and eliminate the IRS. US Government Intrusion-Dramatically downsize the federal government. Close the EPA, the DOE & others. Return powers to states. Repeal Obamacare, the Patriot Act & the NDAA. Immigration Reform-Create a guest worker program & streamline & enforce immigration processes

**Immigration:** I support a guest worker program so people can come to the US to work legally & then return to their home country. I also support streamlining our immigration processes so people who want to become citizens can do so legally within a reasonable time frame. While I support the free movement of people, I don't think you can have both "open borders" & a welfare state. We must begin the process of dismantling welfare systems we cannot afford.

**Environment:** I support a clean & healthy environment and sensible use of our natural resources. Private landowners & conservation groups have a vested interest in maintaining natural resources. I support a clean & healthy environment & sensible use of our natural resources but government agencies have a terrible record when it comes to the environment. Environmental advocates & social pressure are the most effective means of changing public behavior.

**Gridlock:** Stop gridlock in Congress by electing Libertarians. We believe all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives & have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose. Both the GOP & the Democrats believe the state knows what's best & has the right to force individuals to give up the fruits of labor.

**Your vote is your voice. Be heard.**