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VOTERS GUIDE

March 4, 2014, Primary Election
U.S. Representative District 3

Early voting: February 18-28

Election Day: March 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 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.

Candidate responses for all races are also available at www.VOTE411.org, including an "On Your Ballot" feature that 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 the order in which they will appear on the ballot.

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 specific changes, if any, would you propose to the current immigration policy? Please explain.

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

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

Elections: The recent 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?

Gridlock: What measures should the House of Representatives take to stop the gridlock that has crippled Congress?

Environment: Scientists have now established an upper limit on carbon dioxide emissions and the President has announced a comprehensive carbon control plan. What do you see as the House of Representatives' role with regard to these standards as well as other environmental regulations?

Surveillance: How should the need to gather information for national security be balanced against citizens' right to privacy?

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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Helped Governor Perry run in 2009. I was
attributed with getting the second most votes
in the state of Texas on his behalf. Precinct
Chair won 67% of the vote I have helped in a
few local small businesses. Proud mom of four
children

Immigration: The path to citizenship is well documented and has been utilized by millions of immigrants over the last 100 years. If someone enters the US illegally, we can't just grant blanket amnesty without it being a slap in the face to the millions who did it the right way. There are things we can do. Children of illegal immigrants should have an ability to be put on a path to citizenship if they meet certain criteria. For example, if they serve honorably in the military then upon discharge they could start the typical path to citizenship.

Social Security/Medicare/Medicaid: Social Security is underfunded, will soon be insolvent. For those of us under 55, the promise can't be kept; we should consider a gradual rise in the retirement age along with retooling that allows the individual to have meaningful impact on their own retirement with funds earmarked for them. For those over 55, nothing should change. We made a promise to you that we must keep. Medicare/Medicaid should consider incentives for healthy behavior, requiring price transparency and providing tools to recipients to help them maximize the safety net funds by enabling smart healthcare buying decisions

Foreign intervention: We must regain and maintain a strong worldwide military posture. Forces should only be committed with voter support; when the intervention is vital to our national interest or those of our allies and can be accomplished quickly and decisively. If we commit, we commit with the resources needed to win. If limited force will act as a deterrent or win; quick intervention should be used. If troops are deployed, we must have clearly defined objectives for the action. We must reevaluate if situation changes. Diplomacy should be used but, not at the risk of our national sovereignty.

Elections: The best protection of Voting Rights is for American Citizens to vote in American elections. All American Citizens, of every Color, Creed, and Religion shall have the

right to freely vote for the Laws and Candidates of their choice immediately after proving their identity with a State-Issued ID Card. The right of any and all American Citizens to obtain this ID Card shall not be infringed except when the absence of clearly named, mandated and published proof of identity documents are withheld from the State.

Gridlock: The best way to reduce the crippling gridlock of Congress is for our elected officials to faithfully represent the interests of their constituency. As our Founders wisely planned for, our Constitution's inherent system of Checks and Balances are the only protection this Republic has. Working around the system thru executive order or self serving legislative manipulation is not representative of a democracy and can't be tolerated. Instead, show up, fight for your constituency with passion and represent with integrity.

Environment: The House's role is to make sure the agency that enforces the law does so on a reasonable basis and not on the whims of unelected bureaucrats. The best way to do this is to write clear laws that are not open to malicious interpretation. Regulation should be implemented sparingly and to protect people and planet from real threats; those real threats should be clear, well documented and based on accepted scientific practices. The cost to industry as a result of any regulation should be based on reasonable goals and not punitively applied.

Surveillance: We should have clear laws and an engaged judiciary to oversee those laws. We can't micromanage every aspect of National Security, but, we need reasonable Congressional oversight to make sure the other branches of government are doing their jobs with transparency. The 4th amendment is clear; our citizen's privacy will be protected from unreasonable search and seizure. The potential for terror is not reason enough to

justify trampling our rights. The very existence of collected information on a very large scale only serves as a potential target for fraud, identity theft and misuse.

Other Issues: The deficit is too high. We must be fiscally responsible to protect our future. Obamacare. Like many things, the idea was good, the execution was awful. It is not affordable and will cause major job loss, waves

of bankruptcy and diversion of spending from goods and services. A different way to accomplish the goals is needed. Transparency in healthcare costs, and payments should be considered. Bigger government is not the answer. Incentives for businesses to hire, manufacture, and bring capital into the US are needed as are programs that support starting a business or expanding a business

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Immigration: FIRST WE NEED TO SECURE OUR BORDER. Our govt. encourages illegals to come here by giving them benefits and money. This must stop. Give all illegals six months to turn themselves in, pay a \$20,000 fine payable over four years, give them a green card and they go to the bottom of the list for citizenship. If they do not turn themselves in they will be deported and forfeit any chance to get citizenship.

Social Security/Medicare/Medicaid: Soc. Sec. fund to be used only for Soc. Sec. funding. Same for Medicare and Medicaid. Raise amounts paid to Doctors so they do not lose money and stop taking Medicare patients. Raise eligibility age for Soc. Sec. by one year. If necessary implement a VAT (value added tax) on non-essential purchases over \$100,000 and if necessary a one half percent sales tax to keep funding levels as needed. We could also accept charitable giving to go to the fund and give tax write offs for the taxes and charitable giving.

Foreign intervention: No foreign intervention unless it directly endangers our safety and security or one of our close allies. We cannot democratize the whole world and we should not spend our money and the lives of our troops trying to do so.

Elections: Every American citizen who has not committed a crime denying them the right to vote has the right to vote. The racial discrimination issue of certain areas was struck down because it was not necessary any longer. The main issue now is non citizens voting and votes cast under someone else's name. WE need photo ID cards and increased diligence

concerning voter qualifications and vote counting.

Gridlock: One important thing we desperately need is to eliminate attachments or "riders" to bills brought up for vote. Every bill should be evaluated by its own merit and nothing else. Good bills are rejected and bad bills passed sometimes simply because of the attachments. Eliminating "attachments" would also decrease pork barrel spending. We must require every bill passed will apply to every congressman and govt. official to the same degree it applies to every citizen, with no exemptions.

Environment: The House of Rep. should be the governmental body which determines and dictates what all environmental standards and regulations will be. Fifty states working on the environment through their representatives is more effective and in touch with each state's needs more than a few people in Washington making broad regulations and standards which apply to all states indiscriminately.

Surveillance: The fourth amendment is there for a reason because our forefathers knew any tyrannical government can use the excuse of "national security" or "national welfare" as a way to control the populace. I think the greater danger is the loss of our privacy which can result in loss of freedoms. Intelligence gathering should be secondary to citizens' right to privacy unless there is strong evidence a person is suspect.

Other Issues: Obamacare. I am for repealing it and establishing a strategic medical fund funded by charitable giving and a VAT tax on non-essential purchases costing over \$100,000. It would be administered and

healthcare provided by private entities with no govt. involvement other than oversight of funds. Decreasing the debt. No unnecessary spending, new changes to welfare requiring effort by able bodied recipients, overhaul

foreign aid, stop unnecessary use of our military overseas, no govt. handouts to entities which should be funded by private sources, develop our own energy resources.

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Immigration: Consideration in immigration is the welfare of the receiving nation. Our government being based on principles unfamiliar to the rest of the world and resting on the sentiments of the people themselves, the influx of a large number of immigrants unaccustomed to the government of a free society could be detrimental to our society. Immigration must be approached carefully and cautiously. I support the complete reform of the U.S. Immigration Policy. The authority of nationalization being vested in the U.S. District Courts of the United States. Enforcement should be vested in the States.

Social Security/Medicare/Medicaid: The federal Government needs to change, providing such services is not a power delegated to the federal government. If the States choose to provide such benefits and services I see nothing constitutionally to prohibit them. Any reform or change made to the current system should not effect those currently receiving benefits, they should continue for that persons life, yet no new services should be given by the federal government. The constitution does not grant the Federal Government the power to provide those services, but does not prohibit the states.

Foreign intervention: The U.S. Military force should be used only to protect our nation, in most cases embargo is a more peace remedy in international affairs. all matters of national security which directly pose a threat to the common well fare of this nation require the protection of the military and are not the affairs of foreign nations. intervening or interfering with the conflicts or affairs of other

nations weakens the defense of the homeland, which is paramount to the perpetual union of the states.

Elections: I would support a constitutional Amendment that would prohibit voting discrimination and thereby repeat the Voting Rights Act.

Gridlock: The Repeal of all Unconstitutional Rules and Regulations to start. And the lock out of Corporate Lobbies. Compromise of both sides of the house by representing the People rather than party.

Environment: I support a clean and healthy environment and sensible use of our natural resources. Private landowners and conservation groups have a vested interest in maintaining natural resources. Pollution and misuse of resources cause damage to our ecosystem. Governments, unlike private businesses, are unaccountable for such damage done to our environment and have a terrible track record when it comes to environmental protection. Protecting the environment requires a clear definition and enforcement of individual rights in resources like land, water, air, and wildlife.

Surveillance: I stand behind the Fourth Amendment and if any government agency has probable cause and needs to gather information on any citizen within the United States, then that agency MUST submit articles of Probable Cause to a Judge and the judge then shall determine if a warrant permitting the agency to obtain information is justified. No agency should ever, Cut the corners of the law, solely on probable cause to justify violating the fourth amendment and gather information or seize a person or property

without a warrant. Agencies that violate the fourth amendment shall be held accountable.
Other Issues: Health Care: Repeal the Affordable Health Care Act
Balanced Budget:

so long as the United States continues to operate in a Central Banking System, the national debt will continue to be the debt of future Generations.

Paul Blair (Green Party)

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Immigration: Our forefathers said it best, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness". The USA is an immigrant nation. Any human being should be able to prosper and grow here. We should make legal work status much easier to obtain, whether for skilled or unskilled workers. We should make citizenship available to any qualified to pursue it. Legal workers pay taxes and support our economy. Illegal ones do not.

Social Security/Medicare/Medicaid: The basic concepts of each program are valid. Each department responsible for overseeing these programs should be as lean as possible, so that most funding goes to support retired, or disabled workers and their dependents, and not the administrators. We must do our utmost to guard each of these programs from fraud and mismanagement. These funds should be held separately from all other taxes and be unavailable to fund other programs.

Foreign intervention: The 4th key value of the Green Party states, "It is essential that we develop effective alternatives to society's current patterns of violence. We must work to demilitarize, and eliminate weapons of mass destruction, without being naïve about the intentions of other governments. We recognize the need for self-defense and the defense of others who are in helpless situations. We promote non-violent methods to oppose practices and policies with which we disagree, and will guide our actions toward lasting personal, community and global peace". I can say it no better.

Elections: I believe that all US citizens in good standing should have the right to vote. Each voter is issued a voter registration card shortly after they have legally registered. If said card, or an electronic facsimile is produced at the correct polling station, then that person should be allowed to vote. If said person cannot produce their proof of registration, then that person should not be allowed to vote until they produce such proof of registration. A

picture I.D. should not be necessary, because a registration can only be used once and at the proper polling station.

Gridlock: Party politics shouldn't play a role in the way that congress does business. The US Constitution does not empower political parties in any way. Committee assignments and almost every aspect of the way that congress conducts its business are controlled by the majority party. This enables said party to exercise power which it does not constitutionally have. Each representative should represent the wishes of all of their constituents. Just as all districts are filled with people of different beliefs, opinions and agendas, so a representative's votes should mirror the diversity of all.

Environment: Climate change is the most pressing issue of the 21st century. If we do not act now to combat and mitigate global warming, humanity will not have to worry about the next century. All countries must act now! The USA and China are the largest carbon contributors. Neither has taken the lead or definitive steps to lessen humanity's negative impact on our climate. Congress must pass legislation to reduce the carbon footprint in our country and join with the other world governments to reduce and reverse man's negative impact on the environment. Every other issue is secondary.

Surveillance: Our right to privacy is guaranteed in the "Bill of Rights". Numerous court rulings have eroded this Right until it has ceased to exist in any meaningful way. Our government must return to a literal interpretation of constitutional privacy and give these protections back to the citizens of the USA. Any information gathering on US citizens must fall under a system which does not violate the Constitution. The legal Constitutional amendment process must be used to change the basic privacy laws, not the whim of any one congress or administration.

Other Issues: Issues of global warming and destruction of the Earth's environment must take center stage or all else will prove irrelevant. Domestically, I'd like to see

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congress address our crumbling infrastructure, immigration policies, and equality for all US citizens. Globally, I would like to see congress take the lead in environmental issues, human rights, and the promotion of world peace. I

would like to see us massively reduce our military presence in every other country in the world. I would work towards changing our war based economy and foreign policy into one based on peace and prosperity.

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