

# Candidate Forum

## Church on the Rock Texarkana

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5:30pm advance meeting with candidates.

### Agenda:

#### Opening (14 min, 6:30-6:44)

6:25pm: Pre-service Patriotic song(s), Zach (5 min)

6:30pm: God Bless America (3 min)

6:33pm Welcome, Pastor John (2 min) (1)-Invite local elected officials to stage to thank and honor. (2) Purpose of the forum is to educate ourselves on the positions of candidates in a non-partisan way. (3) We invited both Ar and Tx for local and state races. (4) handouts/ link to candidate position on constituent questions and the Republican ballot propositions. A similar Democrat document was not available.

6:35pm: Opening Prayer, Mayor Bob Bruggeman, Texarkana (1 min)

6:36pm: Pledge of Allegiance, Christen Bentley (1 min)

Chair of the Tx Legislative Committee: Stop Sexualizing Texas Kids, which was instrumental in passing five bills that protect children from sexual grooming, including The READER Act, which prohibits sexually explicit materials in Texas public schools.

\*\*\*Pastor John acknowledges any currently serving officials

#### Local candidates will be seated on stage and given the mic for 1 min

6:37pm: Introduction of local candidates, Pastor John

“Introduce yourself and tell us why we should vote for you”

\*\*\*meet the local candidates in the lobby afterwards

#### Each person listed is granted one minute time

##### TEXAS

Precinct Chair 19

Kathy Carter, Incumbent

Adam Huggins

Constable, Dekalb

Dillon Gardner

##### ARKANSAS

Justice of the Peace:

District 3

Richard Hall

Edward Lewis

District 7

James Syler

District 8

Michael Rayburn

District 9

Byron Myers

**This next bit starts 6:47**

**Forum (52 min, 6:52-7:47pm)**

6:52pm: Intro of moderator, Ben Quine of Christians Engaged. Pastor John (1 min)

6:55pm: Statement of Rules, Ben Quine (1 min)

\*\*\*Intro videos for US Senate race. 1.5 minutes each. Full version on YouTube

Colin Allred - Democrat

Roland Gutierrez- Democrat

Ted Cruz, Republican, incumbent

**Proxy Introduction(s)**

6:58pm: Pam Little (Incumbent)

Introduction, proxy Rachel Sawyer Hale

**State Board of Education Candidates (22 min, 7:02-7:24)**

**Opening Statements (2 min each)**

7:02pm Chad Green (2 min)

7:04pm Jamie Kohlman (2 min)

**Question #1 & Response (2 x 75 seconds for answer + 45 seconds for response = 4 min)**

*"What is your position on school choice and parental involvement?" How will you ensure parents have meaningful participation in their child's education?*

7:06pm Chad Green & Jamie Kohlman

**Question #2 & Responses (2 x 75 seconds for answer + 45 seconds for response = 4 min)**

*"What is your stance on teaching moral and behavioral values in our schools such as marriage, gender and sexuality? What role, if any, does the Bible play in that instruction?"*

7:10pm Chad Green & Jamie Kohlman

**Question #3 & Responses (2 x 75 seconds for answer + 45 seconds for response = 4 min)**

*"Some teachers complain they are spending too much time "teaching the test" and are overwhelmed by the unruly behavior of some students." How would you address these concerns and do you propose any changes?*

7:14pm Chad Green & Jamie Kohlman

**Question #4 & Responses (2 x 75 seconds for answer + 45 seconds for response = 4 min)**

- 1) *"Are there any other issues that make you different from the other candidate(s)? What do you stand for that the others don't?"*

7:18pm Chad Green & Jamie Kohlman

**Closing Statements (45 sec each)**

7:22pm Chad Green

7:23pm Jamie Kohlman

7:24pm proxy Pam Little, Rachael Sawyer Hale

**7:24pm State Representative HD1 (39 min, 7:24-7:53)**

**Opening Statements (2 min each)**

7:24pm Rep. Gary Vandeaver (Incumbent)

7:26pm Dale Huls

7:28pm Chris Spencer

**Question #1 & Response (3 x 75 seconds for answer + 45 seconds for response = 6 min)**

*“What is your position on the United States border, and what action, if any, do you think we should take, e.g. illegal border crossings, drugs, human trafficking and potential terrorist entry?”*

7:30pm Rep. Gary Vandeaver, Dale Huls, Chris Spencer

**Question #2 & Response (3 x 75 seconds for answer + 45 seconds for response = 6 min)**

*“What is your position on taxes, and what changes need to be made to taxation in Texas, specifically property taxes?”*

7:36pm Rep. Gary Vandeaver, Dale Huls, Chris Spencer

**Question #3 & Response (3 x 75 seconds for answer + 45 seconds for response = 6 min)**

*“What do you see as the greatest economic threats to your constituents, and what steps do you plan to take to address them?”*

7:42pm Rep. Gary Vandeaver, Dale Huls, Chris Spencer

**Question #4 & Response (3 x 75 seconds for answer + 45 seconds for response = 6 min)**

*“Are there any other issues that make you different from the other candidate(s)? What do you stand for that the others don’t?”*

7:48pm Rep. Gary Vandeaver, Dale Huls, Chris Spencer

**Closing Statements (45 sec each)**

7:54pm Rep. Gary Vandeaver

7:55pm Dale Huls

7:56pm Chris Spencer

**Closing (3 min, 7:57-8:00)**

7:57pm: Closing Prayer, invitation to lobby, invitation to weekend seminar with Christians Engaged, Pastor Travis Jackson (2 min)

8:00pm: End event. Must be done and out by 8pm.