

## 2026 Republican Primary Runoffs

# From the Editor

**MATT RINALDI**

Dear Fellow Republicans,

My name is Matt Rinaldi, and I'm a Republican voter in Dallas County. In the last twelve years, I served three years as Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas and two terms in the Texas House, where I was ranked as the most conservative Republican representative.

Working with my colleagues, I fought to end the illegal alien invasion of our state, protect our children from woke ideology, reduce the crime and homelessness affecting our cities, abolish abortion, defend our Second Amendment rights, and lower the property tax burden on Texas homeowners.

While conservatives have made progress on these issues, there is still a lot of work left to do. This runoff election will decide whether Republicans will elect bold leaders who will unapologetically fight to save the America we love, or weak leaders who will sit idle while Democrats destroy it.

On your runoff ballot this May, you will decide whether to return John Cornyn to the U.S. Senate, despite four terms of failing Texans, or to elect Ken Paxton, the most successful Attorney General in the nation, to fight for us in Washington. You will decide if you want a Railroad Commissioner who donates to Democrats and funds DEI, or one who recognizes the threat Islamification poses to Texas and the free world. You will decide if we have a Texas Court of Criminal Appeals that believes we should respect the Constitution and prosecute voter fraud, or one that doesn't.

In this inaugural edition of Texas Patriot Press, you'll find information about the candidates on your ballot, guidance on key races, and a sample ballot with my

recommendations to take with you into the voting booth.

Let me be direct: I am a conservative Republican. I oppose amnesty, taxpayer-funded lobbying, and abortion. I believe in secure borders, election integrity, and limited government.

If you share these values, we will likely agree on the right choices in this election. If you find yourself more aligned with Karl Rove, Adam Kinzinger, or Joe Straus, we probably won't.

The future of Texas—and our republic—is on the ballot. As Benjamin Franklin famously said, we have "a republic, if you can keep it."

Let's keep it.

Sincerely,

*Matt Rinaldi*



**EARLY VOTING:**  
Monday, May 18th - Friday, May 22nd

**ELECTION DAY:**  
Tuesday, May 26th

# The Trump Agenda Needs Ken Paxton in the U.S. Senate

Over the last few months, Sen. John Cornyn and the U.S. Senate have failed to pass the SAVE America Act—the most important piece of legislation before Congress—despite President Donald Trump’s full backing and broad public support. At the same time, they’ve failed to properly fund the Department of Homeland Security and ICE. If Republicans are serious about enacting President Trump’s agenda, the Senate needs change—and a great place to start is **electing Ken Paxton**.

Paxton is a proven conservative fighter. He endured a politicized Democrat-orchestrated impeachment and emerged stronger, spending years on the front lines defending Texas, securing the border, and pushing back against the Left. He has shown he is ready to do what it takes to support the President’s agenda in the Senate.

He faces four-term incumbent John Cornyn in a heated runoff. While Cornyn benefits from name recognition and financial backing from DC, Texas voters are hungry for a Senator who will fight relentlessly—and win. The contrast is clear. When the SAVE America Act stalled, Washington knew a talking filibuster was necessary to force action. Cornyn resisted—until Paxton forced the issue. Texans recognize leadership when they see it.

Immigration remains the defining issue of our time. In 2024, voters gave Republicans a mandate to secure the border and restore order. Nothing would be a greater betrayal than amnesty for illegal immigrants—and yet Cornyn has a long record supporting it.

As far back as 2003, Cornyn backed legislation granting amnesty to millions of illegals. He criticized

efforts to build a border wall for years, even calling President Trump’s proposal “naive” in 2016. In 2018, he supported another bill granting amnesty to 1.8 million illegal immigrants. As recently as last month, he suggested amnesty for DACA recipients remains a priority.

This record is disqualifying. After years of chaos at the border, Texans want enforcement, not compromise. They want a Senator who understands the moment and is willing to act decisively.

The stakes could not be higher. If Republicans fail to deliver on border security and issues like the SAVE America Act, we risk losing the trust of the voters who gave them a governing mandate. Immigration touches every aspect of our national life, and we cannot afford to get it wrong.

Texas needs a Senator who will stand firmly with President Trump and fight alongside him when it matters. Ken Paxton has proven he will do exactly that.

In this runoff, Texans have a clear choice. **I’ll be voting for Ken Paxton—and I hope you will too.**

Sincerely,

*Congressman  
Brandon Gill*



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# Bo French will Fight for Texas Energy and Texas Values

Texas is the energy capital of the free world. Our oil and gas industry drives the national economy, shapes global markets, and powers American strength. It helped secure victory in World War II, win the Cold War, and today keeps us in a strong position to confront threats around the world.

That's why the Railroad Commission matters.

This isn't just a regulatory body—it's a frontline defense of Texas jobs, American energy independence, and our national security. Now, more than ever, we need a fighter in that role.

Unfortunately, in recent years at the Texas Railroad Commission, we've seen Biden-style regulations, DEI policies, and decisions that make it harder for small operators to compete while benefiting large, multinational interests. Texans deserve better.

**That's why I'm proud to endorse Bo French for Railroad Commissioner.**

Bo knows what's at stake. With decades of experience in the energy industry, he knows Texas producers have been under attack—from Washington bureaucrats trying

to shackle them with excessive regulations through ESG activists who have weakened the oil and gas industry. Bo's mission is clear: protect Texas energy, cut unnecessary red tape, and fight back against any effort to weaken our industry.

But Bo isn't just strong on energy—he's a proven America First conservative. He has stood up to the Chinese Communist Party, opposed amnesty and DEI, and spoken out about the **growing threat of Islamification** and the dangers of unchecked migration. While others remain quiet, Bo has shown the courage to lead.

Too many politicians campaign as conservatives, only to fall in line once elected. Bo French is different. He's not backed by the Austin establishment, and he's not interested in preserving the status quo. He's running to shake it up—and that's exactly what Texas needs.

At a time when our state, our economy, and our way of life are under pressure, we cannot have more weak-kneed politicians or empty promises. We need someone who will fight—every single day—for Texas.

Bo French is that fighter.

I encourage you to join me in supporting Bo French for Railroad Commissioner.

Respectfully,

*Keith Self*

Member of Congress  
Co-Founder, Sharia Free America  
Caucus



**“We cannot afford weak leadership or empty promises.”**

- *Congressman Keith Self*

Did you know Jim Wright  
**DONATED THOUSANDS**  
to Democrats?

Read the Texas  
Scorecard story here:



# Texas Must Draw a Line — One Law, One Standard

Texas is at its best when we are clear about who we are—and just as clear about what we will not become.

We are a state founded on liberty, governed by the Constitution, and rooted in a Christian legal tradition that guarantees equal justice under the law. That system has made Texas strong. It has made us free and it is worth defending.

That is why I have founded the Sharia Free Texas Caucus in the Texas House of Representatives.

This is not a symbolic effort. It is a necessary response to a growing and uncomfortable reality: the increasing pressure—cultural, legal, and political—to accommodate Islam and systems of law that are **fundamentally incompatible** with the constitutional rights Texans cherish.

Let's be honest about the stakes.

The American legal system is built on the idea that every individual stands equal before the law—regardless of sex, religion, or background. That is not universally true in every legal tradition across the world. Some systems reject core freedoms we consider non-negotiable: freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and equal protection.

**Texas cannot—and will not—allow those systems to take root here.**

The Sharia Free Texas Caucus will take concrete steps to defend that principle. We will advance

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- *State Rep. Brent Money*



legislation to prohibit practices that undermine constitutional rights, equip law enforcement to confront extremist networks, and ensure that our public policies always put the safety and sovereignty of Texans first.

We will also say what too many are unwilling to say plainly: ignoring this issue does not make it go away. Pretending that all legal systems are equally compatible with American liberty is not tolerance but negligence.

Texas has always been a place that confronts challenges head-on. From our founding to today, we have refused to compromise on the principles that define us.

If we fail to draw firm lines now, we risk eroding the very foundation that allows people of all backgrounds to live freely together. The rule of law only works when it is consistent, uniform, and supreme.

I am calling on Texans across this state: contact your representatives. Ask them where they stand. Urge them to join us to defend our state and our way of life.

*State Representative  
Brent Money*

## Jim Wright says Islam doesn't matter to Texas voters? Really?



# Tom Smith Will Defend the Constitution and Oppose Judicial Activism



**“Tom Smith will be a strong, steady voice for keeping dangerous criminals behind bars and ensuring that our justice system works for the people it is meant to protect.”**

- Matt Rinaldi

Over the years—as a candidate, legislator, activist, and Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas—I’ve seen firsthand what separates strong conservatives from those who simply campaign that way. It comes down to principle, consistency, and the willingness to stand firm under pressure, especially when it matters most.

That’s why I’m proud to support **Tom Smith** for the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Tom understands that the role of a judge is not to legislate from the bench or chase political trends, but to faithfully interpret the law as written and uphold the Constitution. At a time when judicial activism is undermining the rule of law across the country, Texas needs judges who will resist that pressure and remain grounded in the Constitution and the laws of our state.

Just as importantly, Tom recognizes that public safety must be a top priority. Across America, we’ve seen the consequences of soft-on-

crime policies—repeat offenders released back onto the streets, violent criminals given leniency, and communities left less safe as a result. That approach puts criminals ahead of victims and law-abiding citizens, and **it has no place in Texas.**

We need judges who will enforce the law as it is written, not reinterpret it to fit an agenda. We need judges who understand that justice requires accountability, and that serious crimes deserve serious consequences. Tom Smith will be a strong, steady voice for keeping dangerous criminals behind bars and ensuring that our justice system works for the people it is meant to protect.

Tom also understands that limited government and individual liberty go hand in hand with a justice system that is firm, fair, and consistent. He will not waver in his commitment to uphold the law, support law enforcement, and protect Texans from the consequences of weak or activist judging.

**Tom Smith is exactly the kind of conservative Texas needs on the Court of Criminal Appeals—**principled, reliable, and committed to both the rule of law and the safety of our communities.

I’m proud to support him, and I encourage you to join me.

For Texas,

*Matt Rinaldi*

## MAY 2026 VOTING DAYS

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 = Early Voting  = Election Day



# Why Chip Roy is the Right Choice for Texas

By Ted Cruz

It's a rare thing these days to see someone step into the arena of public service with a genuine commitment to the Constitution and those who elected him. Far too often, politics becomes about chasing headlines, power, and personal acclaim. But that's never been Chip Roy.

Chip has consistently stood on principle, even when it's difficult, especially when it's difficult. He understands that public office is not about self-interest or ambition. It's about faithfully serving the people and defending the foundational liberties that make this country exceptional.

I've known Chip for over 12 years. He served as my very first chief of staff when I was first elected to the U.S. Senate. From day one, he brought a level of dedication, discipline, and clarity of purpose that set him apart.

During that time, we stood shoulder to shoulder, fighting battles together, driving policy, and working tirelessly for the people of the Lone Star State. Through it all, Chip never backed down from doing what was right.

Through those challenges, Chip proved time and again that he will fight relentlessly for conservative values. He made clear that the people of Texas come before any personal interest. And he has shown without hesitation that he is a steadfast defender of the Constitution, exactly what Texas needs in an Attorney General.

I've seen how Chip navigates high stakes and immense pressure with courage, integrity, and conviction. He doesn't waver when things get difficult. Instead, he leans in, stays focused, and works toward real solutions. When he left my office to run for the House of

Representatives, I saw those same tried-and-true Texas values carried forward in his work as a congressman.

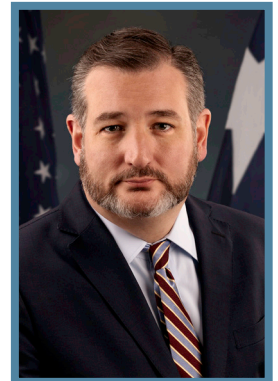
I'd like to think that Texans don't ask for much. We want safe communities, good jobs, protected freedoms, and a strong future for our families. But we also don't shy away from a fight. We face problems head-on, with grit, determination, and a willingness to stand up for what we believe in. That's why I endorsed Chip, because I know that whatever fights come his way, he will meet them with everything he has.

Texas has faced serious challenges in recent years, from standing on the frontlines of the crisis at our southern border to relentless attacks on the industries that power our economy, to the growing threat of radical Islamists attempting to hijack our Texas way of life.

These are the battles the Attorney General must take on, and they require leadership rooted in principle and a willingness to stand firm in defense of our state and our values. I cannot think of a better candidate than Chip to fight for the people of Texas on these issues and the many others we face.

Chip is a problem solver. He gets things done. And he never loses sight of why he was elected. I know that, as Attorney General, he will continue building a future for Texas that reflects our values, strengthens our institutions, and upholds the principles that matter most.

*Ted Cruz is a U.S. Senator for Texas.*



**“Republican” Jared Patterson  
has been pushing Islam in Texas.  
NOW MAYORS ARE FOLLOWING HIS LEAD!**

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*Luke Macias Show!*



# Meaningful Property Tax Relief

By Andrew McVeigh

Dear Taxpayer,

For too long, Texas families have been told that property tax relief is just around the corner — yet year after year, your bill keeps going up.

Even when lawmakers claim they've passed "historic relief," rising appraisals and unchecked local government spending continue to erase those gains. The result is a system where many Texans feel like they never truly own their home — just rent it from the government.

At Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, we believe that is fundamentally wrong.

Property taxes are driven by one thing: **government spending**. As long as spending continues to grow at the state and local level, property taxes will continue to rise. That's why any serious solution must go beyond temporary rate compression or one-time fixes.

We need **meaningful, structural reform**.

That means enforcing strict spending limits, increasing transparency so taxpayers can see exactly where their money is going, and holding local officials accountable when they grow budgets faster than the families who fund them.

But we must go even further.

Texas should be working toward a long-term plan to **eliminate property taxes altogether**, replacing

them with a system that respects homeownership and protects taxpayers from being priced out of their own communities.

This is not a radical idea — it's a necessary one.

Texans deserve a system where:

- You can own your property without fear of being taxed out of it
- Retirees can stay in the homes they worked their whole lives to pay off
- Families can build wealth without being punished for it
- Government lives within its means instead of demanding more from taxpayers

Real property tax relief will not come from politicians making empty promises. It will come from disciplined budgeting, principled leadership, and a commitment to putting taxpayers first.

That is the standard we should expect — and the reform we must demand.

Sincerely,

*Andrew McVeigh*

President,  
Texans for Fiscal  
Responsibility



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# SAMPLE BALLOT

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## Statewide

### U.S. Senate

- Ken Paxton  
 John Cornyn

### Attorney General

- Chip Roy  
 Mayes Middleton

### Railroad Commissioner

- Bo French  
 Jim Wright

### TX Court of Criminal Appeals

- Tom Smith  
 Allison Fox

## Congress

### TX-9

- Briscoe Cain  
 Alex Mealer

### TX-35

- John Lujan  
 Carlos De La Cruz

### TX-38

- John Bonck  
 Shelley deZevallos

## Denton County

### Commissioner PCT 4

- David Wylie  
 Valerie Roehrs

## Fannin County

### County Judge

- John Tynan  
 H. Compton

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## Guadalupe County

### Commissioner PCT 3

- Stephen Germann  
 Joel Hicks

## Harris County

### State Representative HD 126

- Stan Stanart  
 Kelly Peterson

### County Chair

- Don Hooper  
 Cindy Siegel

## Kendall County

### County Judge

- Ricky Gleason  
 Shane Stolarczyk

### Commissioner PCT 2

- Andra Wisian  
 J.C. Taylor

## Liberty County

### 75th District Court Judge

- James "JD" Chandler  
 Michelle Merendino

### County Chair

- Ryan Taylor  
 Craig McNair

## Lubbock County

### Justice of the Peace, PCT 3

- Traci Baxa  
 Mary Hernandez

## Washington County

### County Judge

- Kirk Hanath  
 Brad Tegeler