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CHAT WITH TEXAS GOVERNOR ABBOTT

On Thursday, October 22, *What Is On My Ballot* founder Akash Vukoti had the opportunity to interview Texas Governor Greg Abbott!

Akash asked one key question: “**What are your top three priorities if you are re-elected?**” Abbott identified **protecting the oil industry**, **ensuring school choice**, and **securing the southern border** as his top priorities as he seeks a record fourth term as Governor.



Abbott emphasized Texas’s **oil industry** as a major economic driver, supporting jobs, investment, and energy production. On **school choice**, he highlighted giving parents more options through programs such as education savings accounts, which can help eligible families pay for private-school tuition and other approved educational expenses. His third priority, **border security**, reflects his administration’s controversial efforts through Operation Lone Star, increased law enforcement, and border barriers to address unauthorized crossings and drug trafficking.

What Is On My Ballot thanks Governor Abbott for taking the time to answer Akash’s question. We have also attempted to contact Democratic gubernatorial candidate Gina Hinojosa to hear her priorities, but have not yet received a response.

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INTERVIEW WITH US REP. AUGUST PFLUGER

On Monday, October 26, *What Is On My Ballot* founder Akash Vukoti interviewed US Representative August Pfluger, a Republican who represents Texas's 11th congressional district, including San Angelo, and is running for re-election to his fourth term in office. We truly appreciate Congressman Pfluger and his staff for this opportunity to interview him! Here's our questions, and his responses:

What are your three biggest accomplishments since taking office?

First, I helped create a rural healthcare transformation fund to support rural hospitals with infrastructure and staffing, including hospitals in my district. Since Obamacare was passed 15 years ago, we've lost 146 rural hospitals nationwide, and this transformation fund has brought money to places like Ballinger, Junction, Brady, and Llano, where several millions of dollars have gone into hospital infrastructure. Second, I worked to prevent EPA rules that could have designated the Permian Basin a non-attainment zone, meaning its air pollution exceeded federal standards and triggered stricter pollution controls that could threaten oil and gas production. Third, I have brought senior military and government leaders to Goodfellow Air Force Base so they could see its work firsthand. Since I took office in 2021, more than 50 members of Congress have come to the district to visit Goodfellow.



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Why should voters re-elect you?

I've learned during my first three terms, kept my promises, and helped write legislation for this district. I've fought for agriculture, including provisions on predator control and drought; defended Permian Basin energy production against what I see as harmful

overregulation; and stood up for the district when its needs differed from official White House policies. I've also pushed for border security and law and order, and worked with President Trump and Speaker Mike Johnson to secure a \$7.5 billion reimbursement for Texas for costs the state incurred during the Biden administration.

If reelected, what policies and measurable outcomes would you pursue?

I currently plan to stop fraud in programs such as healthcare and SNAP. We've drafted legislation, identified areas of concern, and I'll use every legislative tool available to protect benefits for the people who need them the most. Additionally, I want more transparency and competition, and less money going to insurance companies at the expense of patients across the 11th district. I'll work to reform pharmacy benefit managers so local pharmacies can compete.

Once again, we thank Representative Pfluger for his valuable time and hope that his responses provide a closer look at his priorities and vision for the future of Texas!

Note: We contacted Rep. Pfluger's opponent, Claire Reynolds, but did not receive a reply.

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CHAT WITH TEXAS STATE SENATOR PERRY

On Wednesday, October 21, Vukoti met with Texas State Senator for District 28, Charles Perry, at his Town Hall Meeting! Senator Perry represents a wide-ranging district, starting from the Lubbock area all the way down through Abilene and San Angelo and into Menard and Mason. Senator Perry, a Republican who has served for the past 12 years, is running for re-election to the Texas State Senate to serve a new four-year term in office.

Senator Perry's work in the Legislature touches on many issues central to life in West Texas, where water availability, agriculture, infrastructure, and the needs of rural communities remain significant concerns. He currently chairs the Texas Senate Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs.



Senator Perry will be facing Democratic opponent Riley Rodriguez in the election on November 3rd. We truly thank Senator Perry for his time with What Is On My Ballot!

HOW TO VOTE?

Early voting is from October 19th to 30th, 2026!

ELECTION DAY is November 3rd - find your polling station [HERE](#)

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INTERVIEW WITH JUDGE SUSAN WERNER

On Saturday, October 24, *What Is On My Ballot* founder Akash Vukoti had the opportunity to interview Tom Green County Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1, Susan Werner. We truly appreciate her time, and her responses are listed below!

What is your role as Justice of the Peace?

I'm Susan Werner, the Justice of the Peace for Precinct One in Tom Green County. I've served in this role for nearly 10 years. My office handles traffic tickets, evictions, small claims, civil matters, administrative hearings, inquests, and jail magistrations.



What qualifications and experience do you bring to the position?

Before becoming a Justice of the Peace, I worked in the JP office as a clerk for eight years. I became a master court clerk and head clerk, and I have nearly 19 years of experience with the office overall. I was appointed to fill an unexpired term and later won re-election in 2018 and 2022.

What would you say to those who are deciding on who to vote for in this election?

My qualifications and track record speak for themselves. I've been committed to following the law and serving the community since I started. I love this work, and I'll continue to handle the role professionally, even though some situations can be emotionally difficult.