

## Young Conservatives of Texas

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## Young Conservatives of Texas Endorse Travis Clardy in House District 11

Austin, TX – Young Conservatives of Texas (YCT) formally announced their endorsement of lifelong Republican Travis Clardy in the new House District 11 that now includes Nacogdoches, Cherokee, and Rusk Counties. Clardy is challenging State Representative Chuck Hopson.

"Travis Clardy is a strong conservative who lives his values and beliefs" said Tony McDonald, YCT Senior Vice Chairman. "We are proud to endorse Clardy and look forward to having his leadership in the Texas House next session. The people of District 11 deserve to have a Representative who shares their conservative views."

Clardy is running to unseat Chuck Hopson, who recently switched to the Republican Party after five terms as a Democrat. For the 82nd Legislative Session, Hopson had one of the lowest ratings of all House Republicans on YCT's ratings of the Texas Legislature and has been classified by the group as a Certified Republican in Name Only (RINO) for his career score of 43.

"The people of District 11 have sent Hopson to Austin for years expecting him to be conservative and he has let them down time and time again," commented Jeff Morris, YCT State Chairman. "Travis Clardy is the clear choice for voters who want to send a real conservative to represent them in the Legislature."

Clardy responded to the endorsement saying, "I am honored and humbled to be endorsed by Young Conservatives of Texas. Their ardent dedication to our shared conservative values is inspiring and I look forward to working with them to build a future which honors and respects our heritage of success through hard work, lower taxes, smaller government, and an optimistic and independent spirit."

Young Conservatives of Texas has promoted conservatism at universities across the Lone Star State for over three decades. The State's most active political youth organization, YCT is composed of hundreds of members and alumni who participate in the full spectrum of politics. YCT issues the most respected ratings of the Texas legislature and is the only conservative group to have done so without interruption over the past 19 legislative sessions. For a full list of YCT's endorsements, please visit <a href="https://www.YCT.org/endorsements">www.YCT.org/endorsements</a>.

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