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## **Young Conservatives of Texas PAC Endorse Candidates in General Election**

AUSTIN, TX —Young Conservatives of Texas PAC, an independent, non-partisan, conservative grassroots organization announced its full slate of state and federal endorsements for the 2012 general election.

“This year’s extremely competitive primary and runoff has given Texas voters a great slate of candidates to choose from when casting their ballots this November,” said YCT State Chairman Jeff Morris. “These candidates are now in the final stretch of their races and we need to send these great conservatives to both Washington D.C. and Austin.”

Because of the uncertainty and delays caused by redistricting, YCT has been involved in several of these races for a year or even longer. The delayed primary actually acted in the favor of several of these candidates, giving them much needed time to increase their name recognition and support amongst Texas voters.

“It is exciting to see the voters of Texas choose so many conservative candidates around the state,” said Tony McDonald, Senior Vice Chairman. “It really shows that grassroots organizations, like ours, are truly making a difference and educating the electorate as a whole on the conservative candidates to rally behind.”

YCT, which was founded in 1980, issues the most respected ratings of the state legislature and is the only conservative group to have done so without interruption over the last 19 legislative sessions. YCT has chapters at universities across Texas. To learn more about YCT, their legislative ratings, or their endorsements visit [www.yct.org](http://www.yct.org).

YCT only endorses in contested races. The full list of general election candidates that have earned YCT’s endorsement are:

**UNITED STATES SENATE**

Senator: Ted Cruz

**CONGRESS**

TX-14: Randy Weber

TX-18: Sean Seibert TX-23: Quico Canseco

TX-34: Jessica Puente Bradshaw

TX-36: Steve Stockman

**TEXAS STATE SENATE**

SD-8: Ken Paxton

SD-9: Kelly Hancock

SD-10: Mark Shelton

SD-11: Larry Taylor

SD-20: Raul Torres

SD-25: Donna Campbell

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

District 1: Charlie Garza

District 3: David Williams

District 4: Dorothy Olmos

District 5: Ken Mercer

District 6: Donna Bahorich

District 7: David Bradley

District 8: Barbara Cargill

District 9: No-endorsement\*

District 11: Pat Hardy

District 12: Geraldine Miller

District 15: Marty Rowley

**TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

HD-8: No-endorsement\*

HD-14: John Raney

HD-15: Rob Thomas

HD-17: Tim Kleinschmidt

HD-23: Wayne Faircloth

HD- 24: Greg Bonnen

HD-26: Rick Miller

HD-29: Ed Thompson

HD-34: Connie Scott

HD-43: J.M. Lozano

HD-45: Jason Isaac

HD-64: No-endorsement\*

HD-65: Ron Simmons

HD-74: Thomas Kincaid

HD-85: Phil Stephenson

HD-93: Matt Krause

HD-97: Craig Goldman

HD-99: No-endorsement\*

HD-102: Stefani Carter

HD-107: Kenneth Sheets

HD-125: Alma Jackson

HD-134: No-endorsement\*

HD-135: Gary Elkins

HD-136: Tony Dale

HD- 144: David Pineda

HD-149: Dianne Williams

\*No Endorsement means YCT PAC was not able to ascertain enough information regarding the political philosophies of the candidates in the race or that of candidates reviewed or interviewed, none of the candidates were in agreement with the political philosophy of Young Conservatives of Texas. YCT PAC only endorses in contested elections.

*YCT PAC is the political arm of Young Conservatives of Texas, a non-partisan organization which 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 [www.YCT.org/endorsements](http://www.YCT.org/endorsements).*

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