

# VOTER GUIDE

## ADVOCATES FOR BRYAN CITIZENS

A nonpartisan voter guide to candidates appearing on  
the March 3, 2020 Democratic and Republican  
Primary Election Ballots

# CANDIDATES FOR UNITED STATES CONGRESS DISTRICT 17

- Each candidate was invited to prepare and submit responses to the same three questions. The candidates are listed in alphabetical order. Statements provided by the candidates have not been altered or checked for accuracy. A listing of candidates not providing a response, and expected on the ballot, are listed at the end,



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## **1. What do you consider to be the top three priorities immediately upon taking office.**

I WANT THE STARTING PAY FOR TEACHERS TO BE \$80,000 A YEAR. Our education system is falling behind other countries. We will never have the best education system if we do not attract and retain the best, highest-quality teachers.

INCOME INEQUALITY. First, I want to increase the tax bracket by 2% for everybody that makes over one million dollars a year. Second, I want to use the money raised by that 2% to help do infrastructure projects and high value research. Infrastructure spending creates high paying jobs, which are desperately needed in both urban and rural areas. High value research creates industries and technology and jobs of the future. Third, as I mentioned previously, I want to pay teachers a starting salary of \$80,000 per year. It's hard to get a good paying job if you don't have the education or the skills to do the job. Lastly, I want to lower the tax rate for Social Security from 6.2% to 3% and remove the taxable income cap, thereby, creating a massive tax cut for the poor, working class, and middle class.

I WANT TO BAN MONEY IN POLITICS. Money in politics equals corruption in politics.

## **2. Why are you qualified for this position?**

I'm running for Congress because I'm mad as hell at how dysfunctional our politics and government are. I'm running because I have great solutions for the problems the country faces. I am running because I want to ban money in politics, because MONEY IN POLITICS EQUALS CORRUPTION IN POLITICS. I AM A MODERATE; I am a centrist. I want Republicans, conservatives, independents, Democrats, and liberals to vote for me. In the real world, people from different political backgrounds agree on almost 70% of the issues. I believe in compromise; I believe in good governance rather than partisan bickering; and I believe in COUNTRY OVER PARTY.

I started my career as a financial advisor and now have my own financial advice and investment management company. I meet with clients all day every day. Many of them are Republicans or conservatives, and they're good people. Many of them are Democrats or liberals, and they're good people. That's why I'm a moderate. And, that's why I've specifically designed my solutions to be centrist.

And, that's why I believe I'm qualified for this position. And, I'd appreciate your vote.

### **3. What policy or program currently in effect, would you change, and why?**

There are several policies I would like to change and/or reform. Please visit my website [ahmadforoffice.com](http://ahmadforoffice.com) for details. Some of the proposals are:

LEGALIZE, REGULATE, AND TAX CANNABIS.

I know that some folks, because they live in a rural part of the country or because they're self-employed, may not have access to Health Insurance. I want them to be able to enroll in Medicare (a MEDICARE IF-YOU-WANT-IT PLAN). However, I do not believe in a government mandate or handouts. This plan is just a choice for you to compare with other providers, like Aetna, Humana, Blue Cross, etc. And, you can't get this Medicare If-You-Want-It plan for free; there's gonna be a premium. So, if you can't get good health care anywhere else, you can enroll in this Medicare If-You-Want-It plan but you will have to pay the premium for this Medicare plan.

Lowering drug prices by letting Medicare negotiate drug prices (Medicare is currently not allowed to negotiate).

BAN GERRYMANDERING. Gerrymandering is a practice used by politicians and political parties to give them an election advantage by manipulating district boundaries. IT'S CHEATING, BASICALLY.

Comprehensive immigration reform.

GREATEST SOCIAL SECURITY FIX IN THE HISTORY OF THE PROGRAM.

# **William Foster III**

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#### **1. What do you consider to be the top three priorities immediately upon taking office.**

Healthcare, Climate Change, Education/jobs

#### **2. Why are you qualified for this position?**

I have real life experience in the above areas. I would like to address them while including other issues.

#### **3. What policy or program currently in effect, would you change, and why?** Wages and social security income. People

are legally being placed on a road to poverty if these programs are not improved.

**1. What do you consider the top three priorities to address immediately upon taking office.**

VA healthcare and benefits reform – We need to have contracts with doctors out of medical school for a seven-year contract that will allow for their student loans to be forgiven. Bringing more doctors into the V.A. will make it possible to open more clinics in rural areas, which is critical as rural healthcare resources decline nationwide.

Prison reform – We need to stop the revolving door recidivism. We need to shut down for profit prisons. We need to cut the maximum prison sentences and invest in rehabilitation. When someone serves their prison sentence, we should not accept placing them in the same situation in which they were previously. They should have their voting rights restored so that they can be fully enfranchised citizens.

Medicare for All – We need a system that allows for everyone to see a doctor. By covering everyone, we would drastically cut costs, thus improving the proliferation of healthcare. We need to implement pieces of Medicare for All in stages in order to have safety nets for the American people, thus making it harder to dismantle should political opponents attempt that in the future. We need a low cost standard across all avenues.

**2. Why are you qualified for this position?**

My experience as a Marine Corps veteran taught me the value of hard work, perseverance, and teamwork - laying the groundwork for my career in public service. I have worked for the Department of Veterans' Affairs, focusing on both Health benefits and Disability and Compensation. While in the Marine Corps, I was awarded a Top Secret Yankee White security clearance and a Presidential Service Badge for my time at the White House Military Office, highlighting the fact that I insist on only the highest quality of work no matter where or how I serve. I have worked for the Federal Government for thirteen years and know the way it operates, allowing me to better cut through red tape and bureaucracy to get things done.

**3. What policy or program currently in effect, would you change, and why?**

I would eliminate the VA Accountability Act. The VA Accountability Act was established to protect veterans by from the doctors and directors who are there to scam the system, not to do their jobs, and allow for unsafe conditions in their facilities, but this has been directed to the workers and not who it was intended for. Currently, less than 1% of those doctors and directors have been terminated, even with complaints filed against them. We must eliminate the VA Accountability Act and pass a "Doctors and Directors Act" to specifically target them.

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**1. What do you consider the top three priorities to address immediately upon taking office.**

Health Care  
Immigration  
Infrastructure

**2. Why are you qualified for this position?**

I have been an engineer for 35 years. I've been an individual contributor as well managed large and diverse project teams solving problems all over the world. I have deep experience in collaborative, evidence-based problem solving - a skill desperately needed in Washington. I'm also open to ideas regardless of their origin or ideology as long as they are based in fact, effectively address the problem at hand, and don't compromise our core Democratic values of equal rights, a level playing field and a fair shot for everyone.

**3. What policy or program currently in effect, would you change, and why?**

I would expand Medicare by offering a public option. Access to quality health care at a reasonable price is by far the number one issue I hear about from Central Texans. Texas has the highest overall uninsured rate in the nation, and the highest uninsured rate for kids. Both are more than double the national average. We have a rural health care crisis right here in our district. The hospitals in Milam County closed in 2018. Robertson County has only one general practitioner, Falls County only two. It's unacceptable and unnecessary. That's why I support creating a public option to make Medicare available to all who want it. A public option will:

Achieve universal coverage – especially important in rural areas where the uninsured rate is high.

Address uncompensated care for hospitals, a significant contributor to rural hospital closures.

NOT eliminate private insurance. If you are happy with your employer sponsored insurance, you won't be forced to give it up

Preserve the protections for those with preexisting conditions achieved under the ACA

Provide relief from the threat of medical bill-induced bankruptcy – the leading cause of personal bankruptcy in the US.

Empower Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices.



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**1. What do you consider the top three priorities to address immediately upon taking office.**

The top priorities I would like to address upon taking office are looking for obsolete programs that should be eliminated, and get them eliminated. I have to live by a budget, and I think the Federal Government should have to operate the same way. Term limits needs to be addressed. It will take 38 states to approve this. The President has two terms and I would like the Congress and Senate to have two, four year terms too. Two years for Congress is too short, but until the changes can be made, I intend to put my own term limit into practice.

**2. Why are you qualified for this position?**

I believe I am more than qualified for Congress. I am a successful business owner and have been almost 40 years. Our country is made up of 80% small businesses and 80% fail the first five years. I have hired hundreds of employees in my lifetime and served thousands of customers. Business decisions have to be made continuously and sometimes quick. I have the capability to work with others with common sense decisions. I understand keeping a balanced budget and paying bills on time. The job I have done my entire life has prepared me for the job I am campaigning for.

**3. What policy or program currently in effect, would you change, and why?**

Social Security needs to be worked on. When Social Security was started after the great depression, it was supposed to be temporary to help everyone who had lost their life savings. Whenever the Federal Government takes over something, somehow they mess it up. Social Security has been a savings program that everyone who works pays into and employers match it for their employees. I would like to see what needs to be done to have Social Security secured so it will not run out.

**1. What do you consider the top three priorities to address immediately upon taking office.**

Talking to voters in this district, Border Security and Immigration is frequently brought up as a prime concern. Immigration is an issue that has had the attention of every president since Reagan, yet we have consistently failed to take meaningful steps to address it. I agree with President Trump that the first step is to secure our borders to stop the flow of illegal crossings. Second, we must address those who are here already. A more robust merit-based guest-worker program is vital to ensuring American farming and manufacturing have the labor forces they need to operate. At the same time, we need to implement e-Verify nationwide to ensure employers are not hiring undocumented workers, and to prevent visa overstays. Providing a path to legal status but not citizenship will allow us to maintain a thriving economy while accounting for all entrants. Lastly, we must address the dreamer population. I recognize that the sins of the parents are not the sins of the child. We must find a way to bring those who are here illegally, to no fault of their own, and are otherwise productive, law abiding members of society, into the system.

**2. Why are you qualified for this position?**

I have 21 years of proven service to our great nation as a United States Marine. During my career I completed five deployments in support of combat operations in both Iraq and Afghanistan. When I retired from the military, I came to Texas A&M where I completed my undergraduate degree, graduating summa cum laude, and I earned a Master of International Affairs from the Bush School of Government and Public Service. In the military, we learn to work with individuals from diverse backgrounds and varying beliefs in order to accomplish a mission. We also learn to hold our ground and defend our position. My military service, coupled with my educational background gives me a unique perspective on the way the world operates, and how the United States truly is the greatest nation on Earth. I am the only Republican in this race who has personally experienced a barrage of incoming enemy rockets and truly grasps the implications of our foreign policy decisions. With the vast divisions in the nation and hyper-partisanship in Washington, we need someone who has a track-record of being able to build successful teams, work in highly stressful conditions, and has shown a true commitment to serve.

**3. What policy or program currently in effect, would you change, and why?**

The Constitution delineates very few responsibilities for the Federal Government. The vast majority of what the Federal Government is doing does not fall under the responsibilities it was given and should be relegated back to the States. The role of the Federal Government is to provide an environment in which we, as individuals, can achieve our best. Without interference. It is the government's job to ensure that our national security is maintained. That means securing our border, maintaining a strong military to combat those who would do us harm, promoting free-market policies that stimulate our economy, continuing to strive for energy independence, and ensuring we have the food we need to survive. As our representative, I would work to reduce the size of government, eliminate wasteful spending, and streamline our tax system by flattening the taxes. As a proponent of small government, I view Healthcare and Education as two programs that the Federal Government has no Constitutional mandate to be involved in. The free-market has always been the driver to lower costs and improve quality through competition. Federal involvement in both of these areas has resulted in critical shortfalls in quality, and has greatly contributed to rising costs.



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**1. What do you consider the top three priorities to address immediately upon taking office.**

The three issues I hear most about as I am speaking with folks in the 17<sup>th</sup> District are: stopping the drug cartels and human traffickers who are damaging our communities and causing untold harm to our neighbors and families; lowering the cost of healthcare by expanding options so people can have the freedom to choose from plans that cost less, cover more, and fit the needs of their family; and stopping the rise of socialism by removing extremists from power and putting forward reforms that empower people, expand opportunities, and limit the reach of the federal government.

**2. Why are you qualified for this position?**

For more than 38 years, I have been building a business here in Central Texas. Nothing was handed to my husband and I. We have had to weather boom times, bust times, and all kinds of federal regulations forced on us from the federal government. We have had to innovate and expand our care for patients while figuring out how to make sure our budgets balanced and we always met our payrolls. Growing a medical practice from three people, to more than twenty-five, employing hundreds of people over these years and treating more than 50,000 of our Central Texas friends and neighbors has me prepared to be their voice in Congress to stand up for them and be a fierce advocate on their behalf.

**3. What policy or program currently in effect, would you change, and why?**

If the people of the 17<sup>th</sup> District choose to elect me as their voice in Congress I will be singularly focused on delivering solutions to strengthen our district and our country. I am very concerned about the future of healthcare in this country. The Democrats started our country down a path towards socialized medicine through Obamacare, which led to massive consolidation in the system. I believe we need to do several things:

Expanding coverage and lowering insurance costs by enabling more group coverage options – associated healthcare plans, health savings accounts, and allowing people to buy insurance across state lines are good first steps. Ensuring we have more medical providers – the state of Texas has a tremendous shortage of nurses. We should be encouraging our high schools to identify and work with students to help prepare them for roles in medical services. Getting rid of regulations that are stifling healthcare innovation, quality of patient care, and doctors from more personally treating patients.

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### 1. What do you consider the top three priorities to address immediately upon taking office.

Healthy People | Healthy Planet | Healthy Wages

Equality and Justice for ALL

Healthy People refers, in part, to extending health care coverage to as many Texans as we can cover under Medicaid. Medicaid expansion is currently 90/10 federal/state match. Texas would get that match from our existing position of 15% of the federal poverty rate to the amount allowed under current federal law, ~135% of the federal poverty rate. That's covering a whole lot of Texans.

Healthy Planet refers to the Climate Crisis. As a Katrina survivor, Climate Change is personal to me. We need to green the grid, electrify transportation and clean up existing industry. We can make a significant dent in emissions by capping the Methane produced as a byproduct of fracking. There are currently no laws that require best practices to be followed by the oil and gas industry.

Methane is 20% worse than Co2 on the climate and is leaking from Texas' 100-200,000 fracking wells.

Healthy Wages refers, in part, to the minimum wage, which has not changed in a decade. The tipped wage has not changed in over 3 decades.

## **2. Why are you qualified for this position?**

I am a governmental accountant who has spent her career holding governments accountable. I started working with elected officials 35 years ago. My first job after my undergrad was investigating allegations that elected officials had embezzled taxpayer money or taken kickbacks – taking money for favors. I had badge and an undercover license plate. I only did this for a year before moving over to auditing counties, cities, school districts and state agencies, but in that short period of time, helped lay some of the groundwork for Operation Pretense, an undercover FBI sting operation that put a whole lot of elected officials in jail – and recovered a whole lot of taxpayer money.

I know budgets and am fluent in governmental accounting standards. I “speak this stuff.”

I have spent my lifetime -my *entire career*- holding governmental officials accountable. I am passionate about good government. I am passionate about transparency. I am passionate about state and local government cooperation.

## **3. What policy or program currently in effect, would you change, and why?**

Since there is not a program currently in place to curb methane emissions, I would first expand Medicaid to the fullest extent of the law. This would extend health coverage to adults making over \$2,000 a year, which is the current ceiling in Texas.

I would cover pregnant adults for a year after giving birth. This would curb material mortality.

I would extend Medicaid coverage to cover adult dental care. Dental health is integral to good health and can be covered under Medicaid if the state elects.

I would simplify Medicaid recertification processes so that adults are not kicked off their Medicaid health coverage due to paperwork procedures inconsistent with best business practices.



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**1. What do you consider the top three priorities to address immediately upon taking office.**

Education System – In Texas we are failing not only teachers, who may have to work multiple jobs just to get by, but also students from grade school through higher education. We must diversify curriculum in schools, expand vocational training options in high school, raise teacher pay, get rid of high-stakes standardized testing, and bring a much needed technical school to Bryan-College Station.

Infrastructure – Texas is 47<sup>th</sup> in the country in transportation infrastructure and 50<sup>th</sup> in road quality. We see more car accident deaths than any other state. This hits close because Texas A&M is centered in College Station, so we see a lot of students and families constantly driving in and out. Our city is growing at record speeds and our roads and highways are not advancing with it. I will work so that the Legislature invests more into improving our roads and highways efficiently. I will shed a light on and boost public transportation and I will also take the idea of the high-speed train and push for it.

Healthcare – Texas is the most uninsured state in the entire United States. Parents can't take their kids to see a physician, nonetheless have access to mental healthcare or afford prescription drugs. Here in the Brazos County, we are TWICE the national average for uninsured residents. I will start by a push to expand Medicaid and move towards universal healthcare. Beyond that, increasing access to mental healthcare and putting price caps on prescription drug prices.

**2. Why are you qualified for this position?**

I am a life-long resident of Bryan-College Station. I grew up on these roads, attended school in these districts, and have established strong connections working or volunteering for local businesses and organizations in town. I am graduating from Texas A&M University, majoring in economics, minoring in psychology, and have achieved a diversity certificate. I believe I can take a very logistical approach to addressing the issues within the state legislature using my background in economics, while being able to connect with my partners and community members and create strong, valuable relationships with my background in psychology and diversity. It is time we make politics about people again, not just pushing agendas. I have a lot of passion, and a heart that genuinely cares for each and every resident in this district.

**3. What policy or program currently in effect, would you change, and why?**

The current legislature has repeatedly restricted funding for birth control, cancer screenings, mammograms, and other preventative health screenings that may be essential to our women. This is an outright attack on women's health and inherently targets low-income women around the state to become more at-risk. As State Representative, I would put our women first and push for the expansion of healthcare access for women.

# CANDIDATES FOR BRAZOS COUNTY ATTORNEY

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## **1. What do you consider the top three priorities to address immediately upon taking office.**

Public safety will always be the number one priority. I will review all current policies and procedures in regards to setting punishment guidelines. Every effort will be made to make sure that defendants do not repeat their criminal behavior.

I will make sure that each and every victim is taken care of. This will include support and counseling for family violence victims. I will also make sure that every effort is made to notify victim's prior to the disposition of a criminal case, ensuring that victims are compensated for their losses through court ordered restitution.

I will meet with all law enforcement agencies monthly in order to review current cases. These monthly meetings will enhance communication between the County Attorney's Office and law enforcement and will help me establish procedures that keep our community and our officers safe.

## **2. Why are you qualified for this position?**

I have practiced criminal law in Brazos County for over 21 years. I'm Board Certified in Criminal Law, designating me as an expert in Criminal Law. I am also admitted to practice in the Federal Court and have argued cases before Federal Court and the Court of Appeals. I'm a former Assistant District Attorney. I have prosecuted and defended hundreds of cases ranging from DWI to Capital Murder. Working on both sides of the courtroom has given me a unique understanding of how criminal cases should be handled.

The position of County Attorney requires an ability to manage staff and attorneys. I have a degree in Business Administration from Texas A&M University. I've worked for Wal-Mart's home office, setting-up, managing and directing the opening of many Supercenters. I am managing partner of Gray & Jones, Attorneys at Law. As managing partner, I am in charge of all administrative aspects of the law firm. I believe my combined management experience and legal knowledge would be of great value to the County Attorney's office. I currently teach Criminal Procedure at Blinn College. I've taught several legal courses at Blinn for over 20 years and served on various boards in the Paralegal Program Division.

## **3. What policy or program currently in effect, would you change, and why?**

We must establish consistent guidelines for bonds and bond conditions. They must be consistent as to each type of crime. For example, alcohol related offenses must include safeguards that monitor the defendant and ensure that they are not continuing to drink and drive. However, these same safeguards are being used for non-alcohol related crimes, which end up as unnecessary and costly expenses to the community. Bond conditions must make sense with the ultimate goal of ensuring the defendant's attendance at all hearings while protecting the community from any safety risks.

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**1. What do you consider the top three priorities to address immediately upon taking office.**

- A. Immediately initiate Pretrial diversion program.
- B. Use this program to reduce case load and trial backlog
- C. Review all mental health incarcerations and prosecutions

**2. Why are you qualified for this position?**

My experience as a criminal defense attorney as well as My stint as an assistant attorney general for the state of Texas qualifies me for this position. I know how to handle a large caseload due to these experiences and I know about the role of a defense attorney and prosecutor.

**3. What policy or program currently in effect, would you change, and why?**

The current county attorneys unwillingness to use pretrial diversion's in the prosecution of cases is a big problem it works in other counties it saves taxpayers money and why they will not implement it shows the current inflexibility of the county attorney's office.

### 1. What do you consider the top three priorities to address immediately upon taking office.

--Creation of a Family Violence Rapid Response Team. This team of victim assistance staff and investigators will work to contact victims within 72 hours of an arrest. In this critical window, we can begin developing positive relationships with victims and ensure they are offered any services available through our office and community service providers.

--Increase trainings offered to local law enforcement. Personally, I provide regular training in several areas – best evidence collection in driving while intoxicated investigations, field sobriety testing, family violence and victim advocacy, courtroom testimony, and more. I plan to formalize a full training program offered by our office in a variety of subject areas developed by careers of courtroom experience and create important conversations between prosecutors and law enforcement on how to best serve our community.

--Transparency and Outreach. Our office can improve its public communication. I plan to establish a program to publish statistics regarding the number of cases filed each year with a breakdown of the major offense categories and other useful information. Also, I will improve communication regarding the services we provide, particularly regarding family violence and mental health through both public communication and social media.

### 2. Why are you qualified for this position?

As Trial Chief, there is no aspect of the County Attorney's Office I have not handled. Trying cases is a vital skill of which I am proud, but trial experience is only a small portion of what qualifies me to serve as County Attorney. I supervise a team of prosecutors, support staff, and investigators, providing me with the managerial experience necessary with the very people with whom I will serve if elected.

I worked to modernize our approach to mental health, including developing policies and procedures for individuals unable to stand trial due to mental illness as well as litigating civil mental health cases. I am involved in policy-making decisions, including hiring staff and developing programs in response to changes in law. I serve on the Brazos County Specialty Court team, giving me experience in less traditional forms of criminal justice where we take steps some might consider "out of the box" to achieve the best results for both the individual and public. There is no job to better prepare and qualify one to be Brazos County Attorney than managing the day-to-day operations in the Brazos County Attorney's Office, which I have done proudly for years.

### 3. What policy or program currently in effect, would you change, and why?

In addition to the priorities listed above, there are internal changes to improve office efficiency. These changes may seem somewhat trivial to the outsider, but as someone who has worked in the office for years, I know these changes can have a drastic effect. The changes may not be visible to the public, but their results will be. A few examples include:

- o Transitioning all court teams to direct alphabetical case assignment rather than waiting until cases are assigned for jury trial, creating faster preparation and more efficient communication with defense counsel
- o Working with local agencies to streamline the process by which discovery (the exchange of evidence between parties in a case) is transmitted to allow for faster disposition of cases
- o Creating a "community supervision liaison" prosecutor position to improve the efficiency of probation revocation and modification cases, resulting in faster disposition and more consistent outcomes
- o Preparing for the eventual addition of a third County Court at Law and the necessary expansion of the County Attorney's Office in order to make the smallest possible financial impact on the citizens of Brazos County and serve as the best stewards of their money in both of efficiency and outcome

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### 1. What do you consider the top three priorities to address immediately upon taking office.

Improve communication within the organization. Currently, the law enforcement and corrections divisions of the Sheriff's Office often function independently with limited interaction. We will increase cooperation and communication within the organization to improve effectiveness and to increase efficiency and cooperation.

Development and implementation of a unified mission, vision, and values in support of a strategic plan for the Sheriff's Office that focus on service to the community.

Creation of a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Brazos County is blessed with professional local law enforcement agencies that work well together in emergencies and in response to problems as they occur. I believe it is important to establish a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council consisting of law enforcement agencies, judges, prosecutors, and other community stakeholders in the criminal justice system to identify and plan our response to challenges that will come with the continued growth of our community.

### 2. Why are you qualified for this position?

I have served the Sheriff's Office and citizens of Brazos County in progressively responsible roles for more than 34 years. I started as a detention officer, was promoted to shift supervisor, patrol deputy, facility lieutenant, and was appointed Jail Administrator by Sheriff Kirk in 1997. As Jail Administrator I have real experience managing budgets exceeding \$15 million and supervising more than 180 personnel. Over the past 22 years, I have demonstrated proven leadership as President of the Texas Jail Association, President of the American Jail Association, and President of the Bryan Noon Lions Club. I have worked closely with elected officials and department heads to identify innovative solutions to problems and implement creative strategies to make our community safer.

I am a graduate of the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas, Leadership Command College and the 199<sup>th</sup> Session of the F.B.I. National Academy. I have a master's degree in Criminal Justice Leadership and Management from Sam Houston State University.

The Sheriff's Office has an annual budget of more than \$23 million and more than 250 employees. The next Sheriff will need the education, experience and leadership skills to manage millions of dollars and supervise hundreds of employees. I am that individual.

### 3. What policy or program currently in effect, would you change, and why?

I would not change a specific policy or program. However, I would emphasize a philosophy in every area of the organization to be used when evaluating our operations. It is not about "What we do", it is about "Why do we do it".

When evaluating policies and programs, we must insure we are focusing on the desired outcome, not on counting or measuring activity. We must use this philosophy to evaluate any program, policy, or task to provide the service citizens expect and the safety they deserve.

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## 1. What do you consider the top three priorities to address immediately upon taking office.

My top priority is to learn the Brazos County Sheriff's Office. I will be coming from the outside and need to learn from the men and women working at the Sheriff's Office. There is nothing that is drastically wrong with the way the current administration's operating. I want to learn from them and change any deficiencies that are needed. Chief Buske with the Bryan Police Department took this approach and made changes later rather than on day one. Moral was and currently still high within the department. Having a new Sheriff come to the Sheriff's Office is stressful because of the unknowns and we want to make changes slowly as needed.

One item that I want to address is the shift rotations for patrol deputies. Currently the shifts rotate every three months from nights to days. I feel that the swaps are unhealthy for our deputies. Permanent shifts will be looked into and implemented fairly quickly after taking office if employees prefer permanent shifts over the rotations. I have done the rotations in my personal career and they are not easy for the family or good for a person's wellbeing.

Having an open-door policy with employees of the Brazos County Sheriff's

## 2. Why are you qualified for this position?

I have served in law enforcement for over 21 years, and in that time, I've had the honor of working in several departments. I started my career as a Patrol Officer. I've been a K9 Officer, a School Resource Officer, a Detective, and a Public Information Officer. With each role I served, I gained invaluable knowledge and experience that has made me both a better law enforcement officer AND a more effective leader.

I'm currently supervising the Neighborhood Enforcement Team, a unit dedicated to crime prevention and community outreach to help bridge the gap between the public and the badge. It's not about us versus them. We are all in this together and we need to build that trust.

I earned a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice from Lamar University in Beaumont in 1997 and earned my Master Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati in 2007. In 2018, I graduated from the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT). LEMIT teaches law enforcement administrators current trends and leadership skills for today's law enforcement agencies.

And in my spare time, I remain committed to the community. I organize and lead "Tip a Cop" here locally

## What policy or program currently in effect, would you change, and why?

I want to make community involvement a priority once I am elected to office. Currently the Brazos County Sheriff's Office has one deputy responsible for crime prevention in the community. As a rural Brazos county resident, I understand the need to have more personnel assigned to this division. We need to have deputies that can be liaisons to the public. The deputies can be more involved in community activities and help with quality of life issues in the County. We have neighborhoods that are being developed that have different needs and issues than the rural farm land. The Sheriff's Office has to adequately communicate and assist all residents. Building partnerships with the community is the only way we can work together to reduce crime in Brazos County. The open communication is a necessity to find criminal activity, report suspicious activity and address quality of life issues.



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**1. What do you consider the top three priorities to address immediately upon taking office?**

It is my goal to increase transparency within the Sheriff's Office, reaching out to the community and increase involvement in outreach programs. To bring local Law Enforcement into the new age and reduce recidivism through inmate rehabilitation and education programs, and to remove stifling staff policies written in the 50's that further alienate Law Enforcement Officers from the people they serve.

**2. Why are you qualified for this position?**

In my 25 years of life, I have consistently demonstrated good moral character and exemplary leadership. From Attaining the rank of Eagle Scout in my youth – scouting's highest honor, the American Legion award for Leadership and Academic excellence during my studies, and building a successful small business that caters to our community. Many would see my youth as a detractor – but I see it as an intimate connection to the Law Enforcement needs of tomorrow.

**3. What policy or program currently in effect, would you change, and why?**

I believe that the primary purpose of Law Enforcement is to Protect & Serve – to keep the peace. To that end, I see far too many nonviolent offenders arrested and needlessly incarcerated in the Brazos County Detention Center. Locking them in a cell clearly does more harm than good – digging them further into poverty and creating an "us vs them" mindset *against* government. I'd like to work to find better resources to assist these nonviolent offenders without placing them in Jail.

# BRAZOS COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

## 1. What do you consider the top three priorities to address immediately upon taking office.

Continue to review processes that allow the office and existing staff to address the growth we see here in Brazos County in the most efficient and cost effective manner.

Work to expand the training opportunities of the staff. By carefully monitoring the progress and levels of training reached, many of the staff members can obtain professional certifications within the field. This will help the office provide better, more professional service for our residents.

Continue to be active in the legislative process and with agencies on the state level to have input on proposed legislation and policies that impact the services offered through the office.

## 2. Why are you qualified for this position?

I have over 34 years of experience in the County Tax Office. From 1986 until 2001 I served in Coke County. I was elected there 4 times. In 2001 I came to Brazos where after serving as Chief Deputy for 6 years, I was appointed to the office. I have achieved the certifications of Registered Texas Assessor/Collector, Certified Tax Administrator, Professional County Collector, and am currently working to complete my certification as Professional County Assessor/Collector. I am a Past President of the Tax assessor/Collector's Association of Texas, served as Chair of the Board of Tax Professional Examiners, and served for two years on the Property Tax Advisory Board of TDLR. My experiences working in different size counties and the connections I have made in my statewide service gives me access to many other offices across the state, and lets me see how others approach the office and processes used. This enables me to bring the best ideas back to the citizens of Brazos County.

## 3. What policy or program currently in effect, would you change, and why?

There is no one policy or program that can be singled out. The office of Tax Assessor-Collector is administrative. The tax office must find a balance to enable it to provide the required services to the state and local entities it serves as well as the services we provide to the citizens. Being involved in a way that allows me to have some input and be heard, especially in the legislative process and with the boards of the state agencies during their rule making process is the best way to be effective for Brazos County.



**Kristeen Roe**  
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# BRAZOS COUNTY COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT I

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**1. What do you consider the top three priorities to address immediately upon taking office.**

- a. Fiscal Responsibility: I feel like the County needs to practice more fiscal responsibility with the Taxpayers money. I am all for Economic Development but I feel like the enticement dollars need to be earned not just given away.
- b. Transportation: Most of the roads in Pct 1 are in great shape but there are some that need improving. Plus there are few east/west routes that actually help drivers navigate across town. Better transportation routes will benefit the Citizens in time of an Emergency Response from Fire, EMS or Law Enforcement.
- c. Life Safety: By working with the Cities of College Station and Bryan Fire Departments or other outside agencies I would like to see what it would take to reduce response times in the rural areas of Brazos County.

**2. Why are you qualified for this position?**

I have been providing Service most of my life. Retiring from the College Station Fire Department after 33 years of Service I feel like I have seen this area grow and have a feel for what is needed by the Citizens of Brazos County. First and foremost I will be available when they have concerns. By hosting monthly town hall meetings I will be out in the Public with them.

**3. What policy or program currently in effect, would you change, and why?**

Right now there are no County Owned Brick and Mortar facilities in Precinct One. Currently our Justice of the Peace and Constable are sharing a rental space in a retail center on Wellborn Road. The judge has had to reschedule court dates due to a lack of parking available.

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**1. What do you consider the top three priorities to address immediately upon taking office?**

First, I will focus on veterans' well being in our county. Brazos County has always had strong ties to the military, and our veteran population continues to grow. In fact, Brazos County is one of the largest counties in Texas without a veteran's treatment court. Vet treatment courts are a tool authorized by the state legislature to assist veterans suffering from combat related mental health problems who have become entangled in the criminal justice system. These courts help them return to a healthy, law-abiding civilian life without the consequences of a criminal record. As the son and brother of veterans, I have witnessed firsthand the needs of veterans returning from active duty, and we need to do more to help these American heroes.

Second, I will fight for improved technology and additional expertise to improve county services and increase efficiency in order to save taxpayers time and money. This effort will include continuing to integrate new software among all county offices. It also includes a study and possible creation of a Brazos County medical examiner's office. The addition of this office will aid law enforcement and help comfort families in their times of grief. I am already part of a

**2. Why are you qualified for this position?**

I'm a husband, father, educator, business owner, and public servant who has called the Brazos Valley home for nearly 30 years. Have lived in the precinct for over a decade. I am the only candidate that has lived both in the city as well outside the city limits in Precinct 1 so I know the concerns of the citizens. For the past five years, I've served the citizens of College Station on the CSISD Board of Trustees where we have made tough decisions among unprecedented growth. I will bring the same decisive leadership to the Commissioner's Court

**EXPERIENCE & ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Decades of building homes for Brazos County families, building his first home at age 19

Active in the revitalization efforts of Downtown Bryan, winning the Bryan Mayor's Impact Award

Received the Newman 10 Bryan Rotary fastest growing business in 2014

Served as local homebuilders association president and received multiple builder of the year awards

Created several small family businesses and created jobs

**EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION**

Over 20 years experience in teaching and administration at Blinn College

Participated in consolidating multiple campus sites while campus enrollment doubled

Supervised more than 100 employees and had departmental budget of more than \$3.5 million

**3. What policy or program currently in effect, would you change, and why?**

Continue to modernize the functions of the County, which will increase in reduced costs to the citizens.

WHEN DO  
I VOTE?  
WHERE DO  
I VOTE?

- EARLY VOTING
- February 18-21 between 8 am and 5 pm
- February 22 between 7 am and 7 pm
- February 23 between 10 am and 3 pm
- February 24-28 between 7 am and 7 pm
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- Brazos County Administration Building
- Arena Hall
- Galilee Baptist Church
- College Station Utilities Meeting and Training Facility
- Memorial Student Center on the Texas A&M campus

ELECTION DAY  
MARCH 3, 2020  
7 AM UNTIL 7 PM  
YOU MAY VOTE AT ANY VOTE CENTER IN THE COUNTY,  
REGARDLESS OF YOUR PRECINCT

1 Millican Community Center

3 Galilee Baptist Church

4 Zion Church of Kurten

5 Parkway Baptist Church

6 College Heights Assembly of God Church

7 First Baptist Church, Bryan

8 Beacon Baptist Church

9 Bryan Ballroom

10 Brazos County Admin Bldg.

11 MSC-TAMU Room L526

12 GW Williams Tabernacle

13 Pct. 4 Vol. Fire Station (Brushy  
Creek)

14 Lincoln Center

15 CS City Hall

16 CS ISD Admin. Bldg.

17 Fellowship Freewill Baptist Church

18 Castle Heights Baptist Church

19 St. Francis Episcopal Church

20 A&M Church of Christ

21 Christ United Methodist Church

22 Arena Hall

23 Brazos Center

24 Wellborn Community Ctr, Wellborn Road

25 Living Hope Baptist Church

26 Church of the Nazarene