

U.S. HOUSE CANDIDATE COMPARISON: TEXAS-34

A Nonpartisan Resource for Voters in the 2024 Election

Catholic Social Justice teaches that we have a responsibility to participate in politics out of a concern for and commitment to the common good. We are called to engage with openness and empathy, inform ourselves about the issues of the day, partake in serious conversations about our nation’s future, and **vote**.

Here is where the U.S. House District TX-34 candidates stand on the issues.

We invite you to consider this information prayerfully.

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Democrat
Incumbent
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FREEDOM TO LIVE ON A HEALTHY PLANET	Yes. <u>Supports</u> investing in carbon reduction technology and the development of <u>renewable energy</u> . <u>Voted</u> for funding <u>\$369 billion</u> in climate and clean energy initiatives. <u>Supports</u> both offshore oil lease sales, and investment in “America’s burgeoning offshore wind sector.”	Environment Should addressing climate change be a top priority?	No. Supports empowering “ <u>energy producers</u> ,” particularly in “ <u>oil and gas</u> .” <u>Voted against</u> funding <u>\$369 billion</u> in climate and clean energy initiatives. Calls existing energy regulations “ <u>overburdensome</u> .”
	Increase. <u>Supports</u> “fiscally responsible policies that encourage economic growth and job creation.” Government <u>should</u> invest in infrastructure. <u>Voted for</u> the <u>Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act</u> . <u>Voted</u> for the investments in the Inflation Reduction Act.	Economy Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	Decrease. The government is wasting “ <u>taxpayers’ money</u> .” The climate investments in the Inflation Reduction Act are a “ <u>disaster</u> in a struggling recovering economy.” <u>Wants</u> to “make America fiscally responsible again.”
FREEDOM FROM HARM	Mixed. <u>Voted for</u> a bipartisan <u>gun safety bill</u> . Supports <u>strengthening</u> background checks. <u>Voted against</u> an assault weapons <u>ban</u> .	Gun Laws Loosen or tighten gun regulations?	Loosen. “ <u>Will</u> always fight for our second amendment rights.” <u>Voted against</u> a bipartisan <u>gun safety bill</u> that had <u>enhanced</u> under-21 background checks and support for state “red flag” laws.
	Expand. <u>Voted for</u> the <u>Respect for Marriage Act</u> . <u>Sponsored</u> a bill to protect lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth and their families in public health.	LGBTQ Rights Limit or expand rights for LGBTQ+ people?	Limit. <u>Voted against</u> the Respect for Marriage Act, which <u>brings</u> same-sex and interracial marriages into federal law.
	<u>Supports</u> “substantial changes to training methods” for police and increased police accountability. <u>Supports</u> federal funding for local law enforcement. Would invest in community resources to “ <u>make America safe</u> .”	Criminal Justice How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	<u>Supports</u> “ <u>strong</u> criminal justice policies,... laying blame on the perpetrators of violent acts.” Law enforcement should <u>prioritize</u> criminals who are in the country illegally.



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<p>FREEDOM TO BE HEALTHY</p>	<p>Increase. <u>Voted for</u> government <u>negotiating</u> lower drug prices and capping Medicare insulin costs. Also <u>supports</u> an insulin price cap for non-Medicare patients. <u>Supports</u> Medicaid and improving the Affordable Care Act, and <u>wants</u> to strengthen and expand Medicare.</p>	<p>Health Care Increase or decrease government support for health care?</p>	<p>Mixed. <u>Voted against</u> the government <u>negotiating</u> lower drug prices and capping Medicare insulin costs. <u>Sponsored</u> a bill to address prescription drug prices. <u>Supports</u> all veterans receiving free health care for life.</p>
<p>FREEDOM TO LIVE IN A WELCOMING COUNTRY</p>	<p>Mixed: <u>Supports</u> a “pathway to earned citizenship” for immigrants, along with DACA and passage of a federal <u>DREAM Act</u>.</p>	<p>Immigration Defend the right to asylum and support a path to citizenship for DACA participants brought to the U.S. as children?</p>	<p>Opposes: <u>Deport</u> “illegal immigrants who commit crimes.” “We MUST <u>secure</u> our border to keep bad individuals out and to encourage LEGAL immigration.” Unclear on DACA.</p>
<p>FREEDOM TO PARTICIPATE IN A VIBRANT DEMOCRACY</p>	<p>Easier. <u>Voted</u> to <u>expand</u> voting opportunities and access. <u>Supported</u> lowering the federal voting age to 16.</p>	<p>Voting Rights Make voting harder or easier?</p>	<p>Harder. Vote-by-mail “<u>will</u>...bring more fraud to the RGV.”</p>
<p>FREEDOM TO CARE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES</p>	<p>Easier. <u>Cosponsored</u> a “right to organize” bill. <u>Signed</u> a letter calling on the government to ensure that Gulf-based wind power projects are built by union labor.</p>	<p>Labor Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?</p>	<p>Harder. <u>Opposed</u> expanding Veterans Health Administration employees’ collective bargaining rights. <u>Opposed</u> giving <u>rail workers</u> a union-<u>supported</u> seven days paid sick leave per year.</p>
	<p>Yes. <u>Voted</u> to gradually raise the minimum wage to \$15 per hour. <u>Supports</u> “passage of a living wage.”</p>	<p>Minimum Wage Raise federal minimum from \$7.25/hour?</p>	<p>No position found.</p>
	<p>Yes. <u>Introduced</u> a bill to forgive up to \$25,000 in federal student loans for borrowers. Will <u>look for</u> “new solutions...to reduce student debt.” <u>Supports</u> student debt cancellation.</p>	<p>Student Financial Aid Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?</p>	<p>No position found.</p>
	<p>Raise. <u>Voted</u> for making the “biggest corporations and ultra-wealthy pay their fair share” in the <u>Inflation Reduction Act</u>. <u>Opposes</u> the <u>Fair Tax Act</u> (a national sales tax); it would “slash taxes for the ultra-wealthy.”</p>	<p>Taxes Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?</p>	<p>Lower. Job creators shouldn’t be “hindered by <u>burdensome taxes</u>.”</p>

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