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**SMALL BUSINESS ENDORSES CANDIDATES FOR STATE RACES**

*NFIB/Texas Supports Small Business Friendly Texas Lawmakers for 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session*

**(AUSTIN, TEXAS) September 20, 2016** — National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)/Texas, the state's leading small business association, announced today the list of candidates in 51 legislative races who are being endorsed by small business owning members in Texas.

"Small business owners recognize the need for strong lawmakers who understand the value of independent business on the economy and the impact that public policy changes have on day-to-day commerce," said NFIB Executive Director Will Newton. "Texas has an enviable industrial standing in the nation and we can attribute that to those elected legislators who supported the rights of independent business owners to operate and grow."

NFIB/Texas determines endorsements through a legislative voting record. In cases where candidates do not have an established voting record, a questionnaire is provided to determine priorities and gauge each candidate's level of support for the small business community. Five endorsements were made in the Texas Senate and 46 in the Texas House of Representatives.

These endorsements — full list on next page — today comes from the NFIB/Texas SAFE (Save America's Free Enterprise) Trust, the organization's political action committee, which is comprised exclusively of NFIB members. Small business owners vote in high percentages and they are influential in their communities.

NFIB/Texas has 21,000 dues-paying members representing a cross-section of the state's economy from agriculture, construction, and manufacturing to wholesale, retail, and services. Additionally, NFIB/Texas membership is 96 percent comprised of businesses who have 40 employees or less and is the largest association advocating for small business in the Capitol.

**For more information visit [nfib.com/Texas](http://nfib.com/Texas)**

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*The National Federation of Independent Business is the nation's leading [small business association](http://nfib.com), with offices in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. Founded in 1943 as a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, NFIB gives small and independent business owners a voice in shaping the public policy issues that affect their business. NFIB's powerful network of grassroots activists sends their views directly to state and federal lawmakers through our unique member-only ballot, thus playing a critical role in supporting America's free enterprise system. NFIB's mission is to promote and protect the right of our members to own, operate and grow their businesses. More information about NFIB is available online at [www.NFIB.com/newsroom](http://www.NFIB.com/newsroom).*

<b>House</b>	<b>District</b>
Jay Dean	7
John Wray	10
Travis Clardy	11
Leighton Schubert	13
Ernest Bailes	18
Wayne Faircloth	23
Rick Miller	26
Ed Thompson	29
Justin Holland	33
Bobby Guerra	41
Richard Raymond	42
J.M. Lozano	43
John Kuempel	44
Paul Workman	47
Larry Gonzales	52
Andrew Murr	53
Charles "Doc" Anderson	56
Ron Simmons	65
Matt Shaheen	66
Jeff Leach	67
Scott Sanford	70
Stan Lambert	71
** Phil Stephenson	85
Jodie Laubenberg	89
Bill Zedler	96
Craig Goldman	97
Giovanni Capriglione	98
Charlie Geren	99
Linda Koop	102
Rodney Anderson	105
Pat Fallon	106
Kenneth Sheets	107
Morgan Meyer	108
Angie Chen Button	112
Cindy Burkett	113
Jason Villalba	114
Matt Rinaldi	115
Rick Galindo, III	117
Dan Huberty	127
Kevin Roberts	128
Mike Schofield	132
Sarah Davis	134
Gary Elkins	135
Tony Dale	136
Gene Wu	137
Gilbert Pena	144

<b>Senate</b>	<b>District</b>
Brandon Creighton	4
Jane Nelson	12
Lois Kolkhorst	18
Brian Birdwell	22
Dawn Buckingham	24

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**SMALL BUSINESS ENDORSES THREE STATE SUPREME COURT CANDIDATES**

*NFIB/Texas Supports Small Business Friendly Texas Supreme Court Justices*

**(AUSTIN, TEXAS) September 20, 2016** — National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)/Texas, the state's leading small business association, announced today the three candidates in Texas Supreme Court races who are being endorsed by small business owning members.

"Small business owners recognize the need for strong jurists who understand the value of independent business on the economy and the impact that public policy changes have on day-to-day commerce," said NFIB Executive Director Will Newton. "Texas has an enviable industrial standing in the nation and we can attribute that to those elected officials who have supported the rights of independent business owners to operate and grow."

These candidates for the Texas Supreme Court warranted endorsements because of having a proven track record in the small business community. Three endorsements were made for the Texas Supreme Court: Debra Lehrmann, Paul Green, and Eva Guzman.

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