



**VOTER GUIDE
STATE SENATE - DISTRICT 30
FALL, 2018**



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Residence: Bridgeport, Texas

Current Job/Profession: Firefighter

Education: -

Highlight of Current Civic Involvement/Accomplishments:

- Member of NALEO
- Current City Councilman
- Member of IAFF
- Member of Arlington Professional Firefighters Association
- Member of TSAFF
- Helped create CrimeWatch organization within local community
- Brought recycling to community in collaboration with students and educators
- Hosted community wide workshops for legal paths to citizenships
- Brought Mexican consulate to community to help residents update documentation as necessary

Why are you running for office?

Senate District 30 is comprised of primarily rural, working class communities. I was raised in this area and still live here. I see and feel the needs of the people who live here. For too long, the citizens of SD30 have felt elected representatives who have taken office in Austin have not brought adequate resources back to the people. Rural communities feel they are being forgotten in Austin. Senate District 30 deserves a proven community leader who is from the area and knows what is needed here, a leader who will represent the people and bring state resources to them.

The 2017 legislative session was dominated by the “bathroom bill” debate. Do you believe the state should require people to use the bathroom designated for the biological sex listed on their birth certificate?

I think this bill was poorly written and used as a distraction. Cities and counties should be able to make their own decisions regarding issues like this, as long as it does not violate civil liberties that are guaranteed to us as individuals. I am not in favor of any bill that has a negative impact on our state socially or economically or that would prevent industry from coming to our state, or result in lost industry, which would ultimately lead to less jobs for Texans. The state should not worry about bathrooms when we have so many other issues, like education and infrastructure, that need to be addressed.

Statement in The Dentonite, February 2, 2018

Lopez said he is for protecting civil liberties for all Texans, including those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgender, and he is willing to listen to them.

He wants to hear what the LGBT community’s needs are to provide resources and vote accordingly to help them.



GALA CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate did not respond.



PAT FALLON

REPUBLICAN

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Residence: Denton, Texas

Current Job/Profession: President and CEO of Virtus Apparel, Currently serving in Texas House of Representatives

Meet Pat Fallon (www.fallonfortexas.com):

Pat Fallon, as 3-term member of the Texas House of Representatives, has built a strong conservative record and a reputation for being a fierce and passionate advocate for Texas taxpayers. He's taken the lead on issues that matter to law-abiding patriots. Pat's been an unwavering champion to secure the border, enforce the ban on sanctuary cities, protect our historical monuments, support Pro-Life initiatives, safeguard the 2nd and 10th Amendments and provide property tax relief to all Texans.

The son of public-school teachers, as a young man Pat earned a scholarship to the University of Notre Dame, where was both a cadet in Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps and a member of the 1988 National Championship Varsity Football team, under Hall of Fame Coach Lou Holtz.

Pat served as a United States Air Force Officer and was stationed at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls. After being honorably discharged he embarked on a 20+ year successful entrepreneurial journey and is now the President and CEO of Virtus Apparel. Pat served on the Frisco City Council for 3 years and was Mayor Pro Tem of the city from 2011-12. In May of 2012 he was elected to the Texas House of Representatives, garnering 71% of the vote.

Pat has been married to his wife Susan for 13 years and they have two boys, Thomas 11, and Mac 8. The Fallons attend Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Denton, Texas.

Positions on LGBT Issues:

Signed on to a letter to Plano City Council regarding the proposed (and ultimately passed) Equal Rights Ordinance. The letter included the following statements:

"The ordinance would force some citizens to conduct their business in such a manner that is contrary to their faith, violating their freedom of religion and rights to conscience."

"The ordinance does not protect women and children against men using women's bathrooms. Although the ordinance attempts to make an exemption for bathrooms, it will cause confusion having different rules for different people under different circumstances."

"The ordinance attempts to give special protection for "gender identity" purposes, a term that is subjective and not found anywhere in state law. Attempts to add such a term to state law have been routinely rejected by state lawmakers and people across the state."



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Co-sponsored the following bills, among other, in 2016:

HB623 - would have amended the Texas Family Code to prohibit the use of taxpayer funds for the “the licensing or support of same-sex marriage.” It would also bar government employees from recognizing, granting or enforcing same-sex marriage licenses. Any government employee who violates the provision would be barred from collecting “a salary, pension, or other employee benefit.”

HB3567 - would have allowed religious organizations and individuals to not recognize valid same-sex marriages and protects them from any penalties they might otherwise suffer for this discrimination.

HB3602 - would have allowed religious organizations and individuals to not recognize valid same-sex marriages and protects them from any penalties they might otherwise suffer for this discrimination.

HB1745 - would shift authority over marriage licenses from county clerks to the secretary of state, prompting a representative from the County and District Clerks’ Association of Texas to testify against it.

HB4105 - would have barred state and local employees from issuing, enforcing or recognizing same-sex marriage licenses—and prohibit public monies from being used to do so—regardless of any court order.

Statement by Equality Texas regarding State Representative Pat Fallon:

Worst 10 Texas House Members on LGBT Issues

Last December four Collin Co lawmakers were so incensed that Plano City Council was considering a (flawed) non-discrimination ordinance they co-signed a letter to the council full of misinformation and fear mongering. Fallon brought that fear with him to the legislative session. Co-authoring 6 anti-LGBT bills and joint authoring HB 2802, Gilbert Peña’s anti-trans bathroom bill. Fallon’s mate in the #10 spot, Cecil Bell, may get all the attention, but Fallon’s attacks on the LGBT community this session were just as foul.

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