

# Primary Concerns

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I have heard from a number of people who have concerns about the 22<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Congressional district candidates from the Democratic Party. There are three of us running for the Democratic nomination. I do not like negative campaigning and I will not say anything bad about my opponents in the Democratic Party primary, I am simply relaying the concerns I have heard and what I have found in my own research.

One of the candidates ran for this same office previously as a Libertarian. While he has the right to run under whatever party banner he wants, I seriously doubt he has changed his views from Libertarian to Democrat. In fact, a simple search on the Internet shows that he is a supporter of, and supported by Republican Ron Paul from the 14<sup>th</sup> US Congressional district.

The other Democratic Party candidate is an activist for the Lyndon LaRouche Youth Movement. This does not mean that she is not a Democrat, but another simple search on the Internet shows that the LaRouche Movement does not share many of the same beliefs that mainstream Democrats do. In fact, this group published the posters that portray President Obama as Adolf Hitler. The group and the candidate have also been distributing literature stating that President Obama and our Democratic Party leaders are facists and practicing genocide. While I respect their right of free speech, I do not believe that someone running under the Democratic Party banner should be saying such things about our party leaders.

I share in the concern that many people who do not do much research about candidates running for office will simply pick someone at random or just pick the first one listed on the Democratic Primary ballot and possibly vote for someone that really does not share their views. I will be listed in the first position (out of three) on the Harris County Democratic primary ballot, but will be listed in the third position in Brazoria, Fort Bend, and Galveston County ballots.

I am trying to communicate with as many potential Democratic Primary voters as possible, but it difficult to reach everyone in time. I have been encouraging everyone to visit the web sites of all 3 candidates and make up their minds based on their own research, but not everyone has the time or the inclination to do so. I believe that if people do some research, they will find that I am the most qualified Democrat running in this race. If you share our concerns, please help us by passing on the word to your Democratic Party friends and neighbors in district 22.

### **Steps to Practice Safe Citizenship**

1. Register to vote and make sure your family and friends are registered
2. Research the candidates and issues using reputable sources
3. Vote in every election and encourage your friends and family to do the same
4. Vote for Democrats
5. Vote for Doug Blatt for 22<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Congressional district from Texas
6. Hold every elected official (including me) accountable