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LOCAL CANDIDATE TAXPAYER PROTECTION PLEDGE

As an elected official (Galveston County Tax Assessor/Collector), I understand the burden that taxpayers have carried and will continue to carry into the future. I support taxpayers having ability to determine how much government they want and are willing to pay for.

I am aware that as an elected official I have a moral obligation to be transparent in my role to the public.

I further recognize that it is the duty of elected officials to set the tax rate that will be paid by all taxpayers. I also recognize that "taxation through valuation" is contrary to our representative form of government and will not support an increase in property taxes revenues raised through this method without calling it a tax increase.

Therefore, I pledge to the taxpayers of this community that I will proactively seek ways to **reduce** the tax rate equivalent to the **increase** in property tax valuations. Realizing that unfunded mandates are out of the control of our elected body, I will make the increased burden (dollar amounts) of those mandates known to the public. I will further call for a voter referendum to approve spending revenue collections above the increase in the population and inflation.



Signed as a friend of the taxpayer

PROHIBITION ON PUBLIC DOLLARS FOR ADVOCACY Pledge

Millions of taxpayer dollars are being used in legislative advocacy, and taxpayer dollars are used specifically to pay lobbyists. Taxpayers elect officials to represent their interests, not lobbyists.

Some lobby and advocacy work focuses on increasing spending and represent taxpayer dollars being used to lobby for more taxpayer dollars; I support the following prohibition:

I support eliminating any taxpayer subsidized support for organizations and groups that engages in lobbying. Lobbying and advocacy should be not subsidized by taxpayer dollars;

I support efforts to prohibit public funds from being used to lobby or influence legislation and/or to conduct advocacy.



(Office holder/candidate of the State of Texas)

Pledge to support a prohibition on public funds being used for lobby or advocacy activities.

Signed as a friend of the taxpayer.

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