

## MEET LIZ

Hi. I'm Elizabeth Hernandez and I'm asking for your vote to transform Washington D.C., and restore it from a place of **all talk and no action** to one of integrity, courage and accountability. We have stopped holding our elected officials accountable. And with no accountability, all we are given are empty promises, excuses and finger pointing. I'm tired of it. I'm running for Congress to do something about it.

I live and work in The Woodlands, where I am raising my 3 children, ages 5, 11 and 14. My background is in Accounting, in which I have worked for approximately 20 years now. Currently, there are only 11 members of Congress with Accounting Backgrounds. Because so many of our issues are fiscal in nature, I want to be the 12<sup>th</sup> member, and help to resolve the nation's problems.

During my campaign, you will not hear hollow political rhetoric from me. Instead, I will offer you specific ideas on a variety of issues, and what I plan to do in Congress to address them. In addition, through social media and town hall events, I want to have regular dialogue with voters, so that we can personally discuss my plan, and obtain feedback.

So, please join me on this journey. The next milestone is **MARCH 3**, the Democratic Primary election. I think you will find that my ideas elevate my candidacy above that of my opponent in both the Democratic Primary, and the general election. I look forward to earning your vote.

~Elizabeth Hernandez

# VOTE FOR LIZ!

**March 3, 2020**

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Congress must promptly address a number of issues facing the Country. Below is a summary of my thoughts on addressing a few of those issues. Please visit my website at [www.LizForTX8.com](http://www.LizForTX8.com) to review the details of my platform, and follow my Twitter and Facebook pages for regular updates on my campaign, current events, and opportunities to meet me and discuss the issues. I look forward to earning your vote.

## 23 Trillion Reasons to Elect Liz Now

The National Debt is over **\$23,000,000,000,000**. You read that correctly. The United States is \$23 trillion in debt. And the Debt is rising by nearly \$1 trillion per year. You might recall that leading up to the last election, when the debt stood at \$19 trillion, it became a central talking point for Donald Trump as he promised to “run the country like a business” and “eliminate the debt in 8 years.”

Sure, Trump’s promise may have been a form of political bluster, and not many believed that he would actually eliminate the debt so soon. But after the election, I became suspicious that the Republicans were making zero effort to tackle the debt. Instead, they began running it like their own personal Ponzi scheme. Their first order of business was for Kevin Brady to re-write the tax code, slash taxes, and give the bulk of the cuts to their ultra wealthy donors. This further increased the debt by another **\$4 trillion**, to the point where it stands today.

Sadly, my suspicions were confirmed on January 17 when President Trump candidly commented to several of his campaign donors, “**Who the Hell cares about the debt?**” Well, I can gladly answer that one. I care, and America cares. Once elected, I promise to use my Accounting experience to truly tackle our fiscal issues and bring down our debt.

# Liz on the Issues

## Our Crumbling Infrastructure

It is time to invest in our country. Although the TX-8 has been one of the fastest growing areas in the country, our infrastructure has not been maintained to keep pace with our growth. **There are currently 23 bridges in TX-8, crossed over 30,000 times daily, that are classified as structurally deficient.** This jeopardizes our safety, makes it difficult to conduct business in our area and impacts the ability to attract new business to the District.

Therefore, I will seek federal funds to improve infrastructure both in TX-8, and throughout the country. This will not only give us much needed upgrades to our roads and bridges, but it will also create good paying jobs, lowering unemployment.

## Gun Violence: Detection and Treatment

Congress must do its job and pass solutions to reduce gun violence. At the outset, I will say that I am a staunch supporter of Second Amendment rights. Thus, I don’t believe the answer to reducing gun violence is to ban any particular class of firearms. But that does not mean that we stand idly by and wait for the next violent incident. Frankly, I find it repulsive and infuriating to see Congress fail to pass any solutions to address this epidemic.

The first step for Congress is to pass into law universal background checks for firearm sales, and eliminate the private sale exemption. After the Democrats took control of the House of Representatives, their first order of business was to address background checks.

Toward that end, in February 2019, **nearly one year ago**, the House of Representatives passed the Bipartisan Background Checks Act. Sadly, although the Act had Bipartisan support, current TX-8 Representative, Kevin Brady, voted against universal background checks. Even worse, Mitch McConnell, leader of the Republican-controlled U.S. Senate refuses to even bring the Bill for a vote.

Gun violence can also be significantly reduced by detection and treatment of emotional disorders. In other words, we must tackle this problem at its core. I will seek federal assistance for increased teachers and counselors in public schools. By lowering the student to teacher ratio, we can achieve closer student-teacher contact (and parent- teacher-contact), which will help schools identify students who may be struggling with emotional health issues, and get them needed counseling. Increasing the number of school counselors will also ensure that each student is regularly seen by a trained professional, and will also help to assess any emotional health issues in students that may otherwise go undetected and untreated.

Gun violence is not just a school issue; we need to help our adults, as well. We must allow working adults easier access to mental health counseling. To do that, I will introduce legislation to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act to expand coverage and leave requirements for employees requiring time off for mental health visits.

Finally, I will seek to amend the Mental Health Parity Act that closes loopholes many insurers use to deny coverage for mental health treatment. Similarly, I will introduce legislation that establishes minimum levels of coverage for mental health treatment. Most insurance plans are woefully inadequate regarding mental health coverage, and causing many people to go untreated.