



# Legislative Issue Guide

## Texas 2022 ♦ House District 37

Below is a summary of your local candidates' positions on key issues that may be decided by the next legislature. We hope this guide helps you make an informed choice this election season.

### 1. Jobs

#### *Do the candidates have a record of supporting job growth?*

**Luis Villarreal Jr. (D)**

Y

Luis Villarreal Jr. is a successful small businessman who knows what it takes to bring good jobs to our community. Luis will fight to support the family-owned businesses, major employers, and hard-working men and women who keep our Valley economy strong.

Source: Rio Grande Guardian, 12/20/21

**Janie Lopez (R)**

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Janie Lopez and her special interest allies support an agenda that is bad news for our jobs. Lopez is making it harder to recruit high-tech jobs to Texas by standing with radical politicians who support outlawing abortion in cases of rape and incest.

Source: Transparency USA; Dallas Morning News, 6/22/22; Washington Post, 9/13/21; Texas Right to Life, accessed 8/3/22

### 2. Education

#### *Do the candidates support our public schools?*

**Luis Villarreal Jr. (D)**

Y

Luis Villarreal Jr. says that his number one priority in Austin will be our school kids, especially those with learning disabilities and special needs.

Source: VoteVillarreal.com, accessed 8/1/22

**Janie Lopez (R)**

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Lopez supports cutting funding for public education, and her campaign is supported by special interests trying to cut funding from small schools to pay for private school vouchers.

Source: The Brownsville Herald, 10/30/21; Valley Morning Star, 2/16/22; Transparency USA

### 3. Infrastructure

#### *Do the candidates support efforts to invest in our infrastructure?*

**Luis Villarreal Jr. (D)**

Y

Luis Villarreal Jr. plans to bring new transportation and infrastructure projects to Cameron and Willacy counties.

Source: VoteVillarreal.com, accessed 8/1/22

**Janie Lopez (R)**

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Janie Lopez is still supporting some of the same government insiders who failed to fix the state power grid. Today, Texans' energy bills are 70% higher on average, as they brace for rolling summer blackouts or another winter freeze.

Source: Transparency USA; Houston Chronicle, 5/14/22; Texas Tribune, 5/30/21

This guide is not an endorsement of either candidate. Different positions will appeal to different voters, but an informed electorate is important to all of us. Visit [MyVoterInformation.org](http://MyVoterInformation.org) for voting information and please be sure to vote!