

COMMUNITIES OVER BILLIONAIRES:

 *Who we elect matters!*

Check your voter registration status and
make your voting plan today at **VOTE.ORG**.
Your vote can make life better in your community!



Our Catholic faith directs us to put the needs of working families over the interests of billionaires and corporations. This includes electing leaders who will make our health care, housing, and groceries more affordable.

Compare your Candidates for Senate for Texas



James Talarico
Democrat
jamestalarico.com

- ✓ As Texas state representative, used his own experience with Type 1 diabetes to help pass a law that caps insulin co-pays at \$25/month in Texas.
- ✓ Supports a public health insurance option.
- ✓ Plans to restore Affordable Care Act tax credits, protect veterans' health care and Medicare, and expand Medicaid to improve maternal health.

- ✓ As a state representative, sponsored legislation to raise the state minimum wage.
- ✓ Advocates for raising the federal minimum wage and building union power to improve pay and workplace safety.

- ✓ As a state representative, authored legislation to limit algorithm-driven rent increases, to increase oversight of corporations buying and renting out single-family homes, and to identify under-utilized state land for affordable housing.

Will your candidate work for...

Quality, affordable health care for all?

Catholic teaching affirms that health care is a universal right, not a privilege reserved for the wealthy. (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, #166)

Good-paying jobs with benefits and protections?

The Catholic Church affirms the dignity of work and workers, and calls for wages that let us "live a truly human life." (*Mater et Magistra*, #71)

Affordable food and housing for all?

Catholic teaching affirms that food and housing are universal rights, not privileges reserved for the wealthy. (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, #166)

Ken Paxton
Republican
kenpaxton.com



- ✗ **Praised** the 2025 Republican budget law that cut \$1 trillion from Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to pay for tax cuts for the ultra-wealthy. As a result of the law, average monthly healthcare premiums have skyrocketed, around 322,088 Texans have lost Medicaid, and 146,345 fewer Texans have ACA coverage.
- ✗ As Texas Attorney General (AG), unsuccessfully tried to end the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

- ✗ As Texas AG, intervened to block Austin and San Antonio's paid sick leave ordinances, sued against a minimum wage increase for federal contractors, and intervened to block an agreement between the city of Austin and the firefighters union regarding union-related leave.

- ✗ **Praised** the 2025 Republican budget law which has taken away food assistance from 635,148 Texans – including children, seniors, veterans, parents of teenagers, and former foster youth.



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✓ Supports **repealing tax breaks for the top 1%**, closing billionaire tax loopholes, redirecting the savings towards a **cost-of-living tax cut**, and enacting a **permanent Child Tax Credit, universal childcare, and paid family leave**.

An economy that helps families over billionaires?

Catholic teaching calls for an economy that places people over profit and ensures that we all have what we need to thrive. (*Populorum Progressio*, #33)

✗ **Sued to block a Harris County pilot program** that guaranteed income to low-income participants.

✗ **Was impeached** by the Texas House for alleged **abuse of office** benefitting a **billionaire donor**.

✓ Supports a **pathway to citizenship** for certain immigrants, holding ICE agents accountable for abuses, and **common-sense border policies** that create lasting security.

Safe and welcoming neighborhoods?

Catholic doctrine recognizes every person's intrinsic dignity, the right to live free of violence, and the right to migrate to seek a safe and good life for ourselves and our families. (*USCCB, Strangers No Longer*, #103)

✗ As Texas AG, led the effort to try to **end DACA protection for immigrant youth** and **sought to shut down a Catholic immigrant service provider**.

✗ Supports funding for **millions of deportations**.

✓ As a state representative, sponsored a bill to **reduce pollution** and help lower home energy bills.

Affordable energy, safe drinking water, clean air?

Care for the earth is a requirement of the Catholic faith. (*Laudato Si'*, #8)

✓ Plans to **strengthen federal clean air and water legislation**, lower energy costs for Texans, and create **good-paying jobs in clean energy sectors**.

✗ As Texas AG, **sued to block federal methane limits** that reduce pollution and ensure clean air.

✗ In 2017, **urged U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement**, an international treaty to reduce pollution and protect our environment.

✓ Supports **removing unnecessary barriers to voting and registering to vote**, and getting **big money out of politics**.

Our right to vote?

The Catholic faith calls each of us to participate in public life, especially through voting, to serve the common good. (*Christifidelis Laici*, #42; *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #2240)

✓ **Condemned** the Supreme Court decision that weakened key parts of the **Voting Rights Act**.

✗ Supports the **SAVE America Act** that would **block millions of eligible U.S. citizens from voting**.

✗ As Texas AG, sued to **try to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election**.

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