



## 2020 General Election Candidate Questionnaire

**Candidate Name:** Frank Pomeroy

**Office Sought:** Texas Senate, District 21

**Political Affiliation:** Republican

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### **Why are you running for this position?**

As a nation, the people of America are rapidly losing their freedoms. This plight is now working its way into the state of Texas, which I believe to be the last bastion of freedom in the U.S. As I have watched the this diluting of the people's rights, and watching how constituents have become just pawns in people's reelection processes, I realized that someone had to step up and empower the voice of the people again and take back the government from career politicians.

### **What do you believe are the three most critical issues facing the State of Texas and why?**

1. This capturing of the American people's freedom by enacting draconian mandates has got to stop. The emergency management clause must be rewritten to put checks and balances so that one man cannot tyrannically destroy the strongest economy in the Union. There must be a provision for oversight or special session to be called to not allow this theft of freedom to happen again in Texas. 2. I think economically we need to be aggressive at reopening Texas and helping small businesses get back on their feet before we lose even more of the foundation that Texas was built on. We also need to counter the attack upon our oil and gas industries. This makes up most of the economy and jobs in Texas and yet it is under constant attack by bad science and renewable energy tax abatements. 3. I believe that as a state we need to think about social issues as well, such as the homeless problems in our urban areas of the state.

### **What do you believe are the three most critical issues facing your district and why?**

1. We need to work to get potable drinking water to the colonias and other neighborhoods affected in my southernmost counties. 2. We need to work on property tax reform to protect the elderly from having to worry about losing their homes. 3. We need to look into the best plans and solutions to help educate our children into being able to critically think and be educated to more than just regurgitating answers to an all-encompassing test.

### **If elected, what other items would you like to accomplish while in office?**

I would like to see Texas quit funding and putting so much attention on abortion and the facilities that carry the procedures out and focus more on adoptions. Setting up a system for both pre- and post-natal

care and therapy for a mother to be able to carry her child and then gift that child to a couple that could not otherwise have had children.

**What do you believe is the role of the state in overseeing cities and counties, especially in regard to land use (zoning, permitting, etc)?**

I believe that land decisions are best done on a local level. Let those who live and work in an area decide how it is best utilized. If there is a problem that arises that local elections or courts cannot remedy, then allow it to go through the state courts to come to a arbitrated agreement.

**Cities and Counties are authorized by the state to create a number of citizen-led boards and commissions. One of these boards is the Board of Adjustment, whose two primary objectives are to review and hear appeals to certain land-use decisions and make determinations for a variance to the code. In the past several years, it has become much more difficult for property owners to be granted variances due to the lack of clarity surrounding the term "hardship." Would you support legislation to provide better clarity in the Board of Adjustment variance process to make it more predictable?**

Yes

**Additional Comments (Optional)**

**Some of our most valued treasures in Texas are the many historic sites and structures across our state. In Texas, cities are authorized by the state to designate structures as historic, including without landowner consent (requires a supermajority). However, when a historic district (multiple properties) is being formed, there is no remedy for an individual property owner to oppose being pulled into the historic district. In most instances if an individual property owner opposes being designated historic as part of a district it only requires a majority vote to create the district. Would you support legislation that defines a clear process for property owners to oppose being included in a historic district?**

Absolutely. I understand the concern for preserving history however I do not believe that my ideas of preservation should impede the rights one has over their own property.

**What is your position on Project Connect?**

I do not live in Austin therefore I believe that my opinion is rather mute; however, I personally like the idea of better transit. However, it is the local people who will be paying for this seven billion dollar project and therefore should be the ones who have the say as to whether this project proceeds or not.

**What other measures would you support to improve current and future mobility throughout our region?**

Again, I do support rail and mass transit after spending much time in Europe and seeing how well it works; however, I do believe it is up to those who will have to fund this endeavor to decide on what will be built or not built.

**Do you support the expansion and improvement of major roadways and highways in our region such as IH-35, US 183, and 360?**

Yes

**Why or why not? (Explanation of Position)**