



An Initiative of the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce

D. Brent Golemon

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Name (last, first, middle)

Preferred name

House District 17

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Which office are you seeking?

of years in the community

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Preferred means of communication: Email Phone Mail Text

Why, in your opinion, are you qualified for this office?

I am the only candidate with over 15 years of experience working with the Texas legislative process and the only one to have a law degree. I have over 25 years of small business experience having owned and operated many businesses in diverse industries ranging from dotcoms to a retail hobby shop. The father of four children, I understand many of the educational issues in our state. Finally, I have spent the past 6 months knocking on the doors of over 5,000 voters in Bastrop County to get a pulse about what matters to them.

Please highlight your experiences and accomplishments that you feel have equipped you to serve in an elected capacity:

I have worked as a Legislative Aid in the Texas Senate and as the Chief of Staff for a member of the Texas House of Representatives. I co-founded and was the designer of the nation's first web based legislative tracking service which was sold to legislators, lobbyists, trade associations and state agencies. This provided me with a unique opportunity to not only meet the players but to provide them the information they needed to ply their trade. I understand the complexities of our state tax system and the need for reform having spent six years working with the state's leading business tax group the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association.

Explain your involvement with community organizations over the last 24 months:

I stepped down from the Bastrop County Water District to run for office. The family has contributed time and treasure to the following organizations in the past 24 months: Bastrop Pregnancy Resource Center (contributor and remodel new building), Bastrop Education Foundation (contributor and EAFK awards), Bastrop Long Term Recovery Team (assisted first responders with floods and fire), Bastrop Youth Football Organization (sponsor and coach), Bastrop Rotary Club (Early Act First Knight), Tribe Consolidated (sponsor, teacher and coach), Hope House (sponsor) and community churches (various local projects serving the community)

Please rank what you feel are the top 3 campaign issues, explaining your position and why

1. Education - We have to fight for our local school districts by eliminating burdensome and unfunded mandates which tie the hands of our local public schools. We need to empower teachers by driving dollars back to the classrooms and fully fund teacher retirement. We need to have someone who stands with Governor Abbott and Lt. Governor Patrick and support conservative solutions like the school choice which will promote local and parental control of a child's education.
2. Immigration and Sanctuary Cities - A nation without borders is no nation at all. Texans can't continue to fit the bill for illegal immigration and must end taxpayer subsidies to illegals. Legislation has been filed for years to abolish sanctuary cities and we need leadership to move this forward and not stand with those who oppose bringing it up for a vote. Thanks to Lt Governor Patrick we have increased funding for border security but we must work with law enforcement to continue prioritizing funding and insure maximum effect in border security operations.
3. Water Rights - We need effective leadership to fight against the urban interests who are trying to take our water. Leadership which does not take funding from those who have spent years trying to market our water. Leadership who knows how to pass issues which effect water rights and who stand against, and not with, those who seek to prosper from our water. We need to begin holding leaders accountable for not only what they have done to protect our water but for what they have not done.

Additional comments:

I would encourage a format which allows candidates to debate the issues and not just give our positions on them.

What are your suggestions to increase voter turnout in Bastrop/Bastrop County??

I would suggest putting eight people on the ballot for County Sheriff with at least one from Elgin, Smithville, Cedar Creek and Bastrop.

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Electronic Signature

Date

Candidate Questionnaire Deadline is December 21st, 2015!

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