Why We May Not Endorse or Recommend a Candidate in Every Race

The Board of Directors of Grassroots America – We the People sets a very high standard for granting endorsements. Endorsement of a candidate is a serious matter. We don't make endorsements in order to participate in a popularity contest. We don't make endorsements based on appeasing interested groups. We thoroughly and intensely vet candidates by checking into their stated qualifications, credentials, training, experience, voting and work records. We hold candidate forums and debates, attend forums held by other organizations, review candidate web sites, questionnaires, Facebook and Twitter postings.

We seek to determine the character, core values, temperament, judgment, management style, and practical vision of the candidates.

We reserve the right NOT to endorse anyone in a particular race if the choices all fail to meet a high standard. We won't lower our standards to simply check a box.

In the 2018 General Election, for the Commissioner of the General Land Office and Commissioner of Agriculture races, **the "on the job" records of the Republican incumbents in these two offices did not meet our endorsement standards for rehire at the ballot box.** We did not endorse them in the Primary or the Midterm, based on job performance, state audits, etc. The Democrat and non-party choices also did not meet our standard. See more information [here](#).

In the judicial races for Texas Supreme Court, Place 6; Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals; and Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 7, none of the judicial candidates met our standards.

Again, we reserve the right NOT to endorse anyone in a particular race if the choices all fail to meet a high standard. We won't lower our standards to simply check a box. **There are plenty of mere box checkers, and that is not who Grassroots America is.**

Every voter has an opportunity to decide for themselves to vote in each race or skip some. This is the very essence of personal responsibility.