



*Make Texas **RED**, for Real!*

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

For the last few weeks your mailbox has been bombarded almost daily with mailers trying to make me look like some evil James Bond villain parachuting into the district to win office. It's strange because, though I lived in Houston for some time during my business career, **I now live next to the ranch where my family has lived for almost 200 years.** It is near Centerville, right here in the district where I was born and raised. My opponent, Angelia Orr, grew up in Texarkana, went to college in North Carolina and later moved to Hill County, also in the district. Here in the heart of Texas, we welcome newcomers, but it is downright weird to hear the Texarkana transplant shrieking that I'm a carpetbagger for **moving back to the place my family has called home for generations.**

The attacks have been so loud and over the top, I decided to look at who is putting so much money into these mailers. **Who is so frantic to get Orr re-elected?** Well, turns out that, like Angelia herself, they are mostly liberal groups with conservative-sounding names. Most of the mailers have been paid for by the Texas Defense PAC. Go to Transparencyusa.org, look up that PAC, and you will find it is completely funded by the Sands Casino – a company that doesn't even have any casinos in America anymore and is **deeply entwined with China now.** Second is the American Federation for Children. They have sent a chunk of mailers now. They are run by a San Francisco billionaire named William Oberndorf, who seems to genuinely support school choice, but also pushes climate change activism hard. **He's no friend to the Texas oil and gas industries.** You can look it up on their website. Then there is the Texas Freedom Alliance. At least this group is actually from Texas and actually involved with Republicans. But if you look at its website, it doesn't say very much. **Conservative insiders call it RINO PAC,** because it seems the only thing it actually does is try to give conservative cover to liberal Republicans who are being challenged by conservatives.

Orr loves to tout the quid pro quo endorsements of Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, and Greg Abbott. Turns out that Gov. Abbott brokered an agreement to secure those endorsements for any Republican who voted for his school choice bill, whatever else they did. Orr jumped at that, even though it meant **repudiating her pledge to always support the teachers' unions.** At least Gov. Abbott is a man of his word. But if Orr promises to stand with you, you'd better hope she doesn't get a better offer down the line.

A group of Republican County Chairmen contacted me to see if I would run after they found I had moved back here a few years ago. They wanted a State Rep who would actually vote conservative rather than just talk about it. After looking at Orr's terrible record, I signed right up – because **rural voters need representation that is about their needs,** not about jobs and contracts and political advantage in Austin. I have included the difference between what Orr says and how she votes on the other side of this card. I won't flood your box with mailings. Heaven knows, you're getting enough of that. I ask for your vote so you get someone who walks the walk, not just talks the talk. I spent the recent cold snap helping my brothers break up the ice on our family ranch so the cattle could get water. **Angelia Orr is all hat and no cattle.**

I do have one confession to make. Last election cycle, I voted for Angelia Orr. **I won't make that mistake again. I hope you won't, either.**

*Kat Wall*

**WHAT ORR SAYS**

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She claims to be 100 percent conservative and a conservative leader

In her first act of the last session, **Orr abandoned the Republican Caucus to join with Democrats** to elect their preferred Speaker of the House. This was no surprise because, in the previous session, she had been a leading Republican in the effort to impeach conservative Attorney General Ken Paxton.



She is for tight border security and protecting Texas land from foreign encroachment

She voted for the Shaheen Amendment on SB 17, which restricted foreigners' ability to buy land in Texas – but the Shaheen amendment would allow any foreigner here legally to buy Texas land. In the final conference committee bill, the Senate fixed it so only foreigners who are legally permanent residents may buy land. Orr voted for the final bill – but had tried to put a huge loophole in it earlier. **Legalizing the invasion does NOT secure the border.**



Claims she voted to ban Democrats from Committee Chairmanships

This is classic bait and switch. No Republican was going to appoint Democrats to head committees. **Orr Voted for HR 4, which allowed the Speaker to appoint Democrats as vice chairs on ALL committees** in the house. When conservative House members tried to object, Orr joined with liberals to cut off debate, shut conservatives down and force the adoption of HR 4 and mandatory Democrat Vice-Chairs on all committees.



Orr claims to be a fiscal conservative who champions property tax relief

As a member of the appropriations committee, **Orr voted for SB 1, which expanded state spending by over 40% just last session.** She also voted for SB 22 which gave the movie industry a \$2.5 BILLION subsidy over the next 10 years – to be administered by the executive with NO legislative oversight.



Claims to oppose woke transgender policies

In the previous session, **Orr was one of 11 Republicans who voted to continue state funding for 13 hospitals engaged in social transitioning for transgenders** (See Texas Scorecard, Aug. 11, 2023, by Luke Macias). She also voted for Floor Amendment 1 to SB12, which would have preserved DEI language in public education policy. When she finally did carry a bill to provide some conservative bona fides, she couldn't even be original. Her ally, Speaker Dustin Burrows (who she joined with Democrats to help elect over the Republican Caucus choice) assigned her to carry the bill, authored and worked by State Rep Valoree Swanson for four years, to **keep men out of women's private spaces.** Glad to have her finally do something conservative, but the stolen valor of taking over someone else's bill for political cover is not considered to be a conservative value.