

Letters to the Editor - GOP candidate no-shows, voting, immigration, gas production

Readers called out candidates who avoided public forums; despaired over experienced politicians; assailed and hailed immigration; exhorted moderates to run; and regretted gas cutbacks.



Candidates Geraldine "Tincy" Miller, left, and Lois Parrott participated in a candidates' forum, sponsored by the Richardson League of Women Voters, when the two ran for the State Board of Education District 12 in 2012. (File/Staff Photo)

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League of Women Voters dissed

The League of Women Voters of Richardson planned forums for candidates running in the November election for Texas House Districts 102 (Democrat incumbent Ana-Maria Ramos and Republican Susan Fischer) and 112 (Republican incumbent Angie Chen Button and Democrat Elva Curl).

The candidates in both races were contacted by email and phone to participate in their respective forums. Both Democrats agreed to participate. Both Republicans declined.

The league's long-standing policy states that at least two candidates for an office must be present to proceed with a forum. Without participation from the Republicans, the Democrats would be the only candidates participating. The league has no option but to cancel both forums.

Fischer and Button also did not provide answers to questions in the League's VOTE411 Voters Guide (www.vote411.org).

As an organization that seeks to educate the community it serves, the League of Women Voters expects candidates for public office to participate in nonpartisan public forums and voters guides. By declining to participate, candidates deny the community an opportunity to learn more about their potential leaders and their positions on the issues.

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