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Kirk England Wins Early Praise and Support from Democrats

Just hours after Kirk England [announced](#) he would run for reelection to his State House seat as a Democrat, it is clear that he enjoys the overwhelming support of State House colleagues, Democratic leaders and Texas activists. This strong, immediate support confirms Kirk England's broad appeal and deep roots in North Texas.

Read the Lone Star Project's [Comprehensive Report on District 106 here](#). Some of the words of support and encouragement are below.

Texas Democratic Party Leaders

"Representative Kirk England's decision shows courage and commitment to his district. Time and again, Representative England has stood up against the extreme partisan Republican leadership in Austin that has continually failed our state. He's a fighter for the people who elected him to serve and I am very pleased to welcome him to the Texas Democratic Party."

Texas Democratic Party Chair Boyd Richie

"I watched as Kirk would vote time and time again how he thought best for his district, and then have to resist the strong arm tactics of the Republican leadership. Unlike so many others, Kirk stood his ground against that pressure. Kirk demonstrated that his principles and commitment to his constituents is more important than partisan politics."

Texas House Democratic Leader Jim Dunnam (D-Waco)

Dallas Democratic Legislators

"Kirk will bring a different perspective... He's trying to represent the views of his district."

Sen. Royce West (D-Dallas)

"Kirk England and I have worked together on important issues to Grand Prairie and North Texas. We're friends and neighbors and I'm proud to support him."

Representative Roberto Alonzo (D-Dallas)

"Make no mistake about it – Kirk England has stood up time and time again to Austin strong arm tactics to do what's right for his district and he'll have my full commitment and strong support."

Rep. Rafael Anchia (D-Dallas)

"I applaud Kirk England's commitment and principled decision to put his district ahead of partisan politics and stand up to the Republican leadership's extreme tactics and agenda in Austin. I look forward to working with Kirk for a better Texas."

Rep. Yvonne Davis (D-Dallas)

"I have great respect for Kirk England, and we are very happy to welcome him into the fold."

Rep. Helen Giddings (D-Dallas)

"I've served in the House quite awhile; there's no one with more courage or who has earned more respect than Kirk England."

Rep. Terri Hodge (D-Dallas)

"I have always had enormous respect for Kirk England for fighting against the extreme partisan agenda in Austin and doing what's right by his district – I look forward to serving with him as a Democrat."

Rep. Barbara Mallory Caraway (D-Dallas)

"Kirk England is a thoughtful, well balanced and common sense legislator. I know that his constituents will be better served and proud of his decision."

Rep. Allen Vaught (D-Dallas)

Tarrant County Democratic Representatives

"I am thrilled that Kirk England will be able to represent the folks in Grand Prairie and Irving without having Craddick in his face every day."

Rep. Lon Burnam (D-Fort Worth)

"Kirk England is a man of honor and principle, I couldn't ask for a better friend and colleague and his district couldn't find a better leader."

Rep. Paula Pierson (D-Arlington)

"I think that Craddick has a hard time letting people represent their district. Kirk understands the changes taking place in that district, and I think Craddick never appreciated that."

Rep. Marc Veasey (D-Fort Worth)

Democrats and Activists

"England deserves congratulations for his courage... England put his principles above politics, and his principles are in line with Democrats."

Glenn Smith, Burnt Orange Report

"I say 'Welcome to the Democratic Party, Kirk England'. May there be many more like you in the coming days."

Charles Kuffner, Off the Kuff

"When Kirk England is reelected as a Democrat, he will have the freedom to do what is best for his district without having to explain Tom Craddick's partisan agenda that is simply bad for Texas."

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