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## **KELLY STONE, DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR TEXAS RAILROAD COMMISSIONER, SIGNS SUNRISE MOVEMENT'S GREEN NEW DEAL PLEDGE**

***Stone stands up as the most prominent progressive candidate in the field. She is the only candidate to pledge to not accept contributions over \$200 from oil, gas, and coal industry executives, lobbyists, or PACs***

KYLE, TX - during a community protest against the Permian Highway Pipeline, Kelly Stone, Democratic Candidate for Texas Railroad Commissioner, signed the Sunrise Movement's Green New Deal Pledge.

The pledge states: "The American people need a Green New Deal—a 10-year WWII-scale mobilization, as put forth by Senator Edward Markey and Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, to stop climate change, achieve environmental sustainability, create millions of good jobs, and realize economic prosperity for all.

"I pledge that I will use my office to champion a Green New Deal in any and all ways, including but not limited to developing and supporting Green New Deal legislation and/or resolutions; building support amongst my colleagues for a Green New Deal; and publicly advocating for the necessity of a Green New Deal.

"In order to fully uphold this duty, I pledge to not take contributions over \$200 from oil, gas, and coal industry executives, lobbyists, or PACs and instead prioritize the health of our families, climate, and democracy over fossil fuel industry profits."

Last week, candidates filed their first campaign finance reports. The reports clearly demonstrated that Stone is the only candidate running a *people-powered effort*. Her report disclosed it had received more than 285 individual contributions, which is

more than double all of her opponents combined. The reports also revealed other campaign's willingness to take large contributions from the same oil and gas companies they'd be expected to regulate.

"As an educator, environmental activist, and mother of two, I am running for Texas Railroad Commissioner to protect and defend our environment against the greed and destruction of Big Oil," stated Stone. She is focusing her campaign on promoting health and safety for all, and she believes it's important to bring an outside voice onto the commission that has historically consisted of oil and gas industry insiders, able to regulate their own interests. "We have to fight this corruption head on because we are currently in a climate crisis and must create radical change now!" she declared.

In a December press release, the Texas Democratic Party declared the 2020 Texas Railroad Commissioner race to be "the most important environmental race in the country".

For more information about Kelly Stone, her campaign, and the Texas Railroad Commission (which has nothing to do with trains), please visit [votekstone.com](http://votekstone.com).

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