

Who supports the Texas Residential Construction Commission?

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As much as I have followed the Texas Residential Construction Commission (TRCC, pronounced trick) I can't believe I missed this jewel of information.

The staff of the Sunset Commission after a 6-month in-depth investigation recommended abolishing the TRCC.

A list of those in support of this recommendation and those who were against abolishing was published in the report issued by the staff.



Here is the list of those who are against abolishing the Commission:

- Representative Allan Ritter, Member – Texas House of Representatives (He wrote the bill that created the TRCC. This is his baby.)
- Jerry Boettcher – StyleMaster Homes, Houston (homebuilder)
- Steven A. Carriker, Executive Director – Texas Association of Community Development Corporations, Austin (homebuilder)
- Victor B. Drozd, Member – Bryan/College Station Homebuilder's Association (homebuilder)
- Damon Lyles, Division President – Centex Homes (homebuilder)
- Michael Moore, President – Greater San Antonio Homebuilders (homebuilder)
- Wayne Moravits, President – Monticello Homes, San Antonio (homebuilder)
- M. Scott Norman, Jr., Interim Executive Director and General Counsel – Texas Association of Builders, Austin (homebuilder)
- Karen R. Page, Member – Homebuilder's Association of Grayson, Fannin, and Cooke Counties, Whitesboro (homebuilder)
- Robert Pierry, Jr., P.E., President – Pierry Consulting, Inc., Lantana (homebuilder)
- Barry S. Thombs, VP and Co-owner – The RockAway Company, Inc., Haltom City (homebuilder)
- Cheryl Turner, General Counsel – Darling Homes (homebuilder)
- George Wood – Meander Estates Property Owner's Association, Granbury (homebuilder)
- Eric Knapp (building inspector)
- An interesting list. All 14 have some connection to the industry. Representative Ritter filed the original bill that created the Commission. This is his baby. He is also a member of the Texas Association of Builders and owns a lumber company that sells to the home building industry.
- Sheryl Turner is an attorney. Just a few years ago she was the "go to" attorney in Texas for consumers with construction defects. She was well respected by the consumer groups. She now works for Darling Homes. Kind of disappointing, but money must talk.

And now for the list in support of abolishing the TRCC:

- Representative Dora Olivo, Member – Texas House of Representatives
- George Alejos, Affordable Housing Director – League of United Latin American Citizens
- Tom Archer, President – Homeowners of Texas, Inc., Austin
- Janet Ahmad, National President – HomeOwners for Better Building, San Antonio
- Carolyn Becka, Vice President – Take Back your Rights PAC, Frisco
- Pamela J. Bolton, J.D., Director of Policy and Research – Texas Watch, Austin
- Allissa Chambers, President – Austinites Lobbying for Municipal Accountability, Austin
- John Cobarruvias – Homeowners Against Deficient Dwellings, Houston
- Douglas A. Garrett – Building Performance and Comfort, Inc., Leander
- A.J. Hohman, Jr. – Hohman, Georges, and Gehring, L.L.P., San Antonio
- Landon Lambert, Attorney and Counselor At Law – Donley County
- Diana Maldonado, Democratic candidate for House District 52 – Round Rock
- Lou McCreary – Law Offices of Lou McCreary, Austin

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- T. June Melton, P.E. – Amstar Engineering, Inc., Austin
- William D. Pearson – W.D. Pearson and Associates, Fredericksburg
- Rosa Rosales, National President – League of United Latin American Citizens, San Antonio
- Kericia E. Smith, Founder, CEO, and National Executive Director – Association of Veteran Women, Inc.
- Deepak Ahuja, Plano
- Madhu Ahuja, Plano
- Mishal Al-Johar, Austin
- Robert Allison, New Braunfels
- Robert and LaNell Anderson, Kingwood
- Tim Anderson, Houston
- Laurie Andrews, Dripping Springs
- Lada Angelova, Garland
- Karen Archer, Wimberley
- Bo Avakian, Bedford
- Danielle Arvanitis, Dallas
- Jessica Baldonado, Austin
- Mary Ann Baltzer, Celina
- Katherine Barnhill, Hutto
- Bruce Beckman, Haslet
- Jeryl Bennett, Spring
- C. Paul Bernard, Jr., Harlingen
- Janet Bertrand, Carrollton
- Tiziano Bianchi, Dallas

THERE IS MORE!

- Ken Biasco, Richardson
- Phil Blackely, Plano
- J. Bowman-Kreitmeyer, Carrollton
- Kenneth Boyles, Crandell
- Sandee Bradshaw, Hutto
- Jason Breakey, San Antonio
- Paul Brock, McQueeney
- Frank Brooks, Amarillo
- Lynn Brusky, Lago Vista
- William T. Burdett, Whitehouse
- Paulette Burk, Pasadena
- Joe Burkleo, Dallas
- Chris Calvin, Ph.D., Richmond
- Linda Camin, Dallas
- Dennis Canada, Emory
- L. Carswell, Katy
- Raymond Carter, Jr., Victoria
- Tom Caughran, Plano
- Benny Cespedes, Austin
- Dale Chaney, Keller
- Kenneth Christy, Edinburg
- Barry Clar, Bryan
- Helen Clark, Houston
- Martha Clark, Denton

AND MORE!

- Robert Cockrell, Abilene
- Elizabeth Coleman, Jacksboro
- Karen Collins, McKinney
- Jesse Colunga, Austin
- Danny Cordova, Spring
- Dorina Corrente, Sugar Land
- Vaughn Cox, Donna
- Carolyn Croom, Austin
- Pamela Crouse, Rowlett
- Mike Crump, Hutto
- Natalie Crump, Hutto
- K. Danowski, Dallas
- Jeff Darby, Nederland
- Neesha Davé, Austin
- J. Lance Davis, Fort Worth
- Juanita Dawson, Duncanville
- Hans DeRocher, Austin
- George Douglass, Austin
- Tim Duda, San Antonio
- Stephen J. Dunston, Irving
- Sabrina Eckles, Lubbock
- Patricia K. Egert, Ben Franklin
- April Emmert, Plano
- Susan and Greg English, Humble
- Ricardo Eva, Fort Worth
- Charles Fain, Hutto

HALF WAY THERE!

- Rodney Featherston, Amarillo
- Betty Ferrero, Round Rock
- Marta Fiorello, Austin
- Bill Fletcher, Houston
- Jordan Fogal, Houston
- Sherry Freeland, Midlothian
- Ronald Friedman, M.D., Plano
- James R. Gaines, Dripping Spring
- Jesse Galvan, San Antonio
- Oscar Garcia, Fort Worth
- L. Garrett, Dallas
- Susan Gelber, Austin
- James Glass, Houston
- Ray Glass, Bellaire
- Delwin Goss, Austin
- Frank Gracely, CEO – AG Consulting
- John Graeve, Bedford
- John and Marlene Graham, San Antonio
- Randy Griffin, Henrietta
- Harve Hagerty, San Antonio
- Artemus Hancock, Katy
- Amy Hass, Hutto

I KNOW. YOU ARE GETTING THE PICTURE.

- Walter Hass, Hutto
- Carol Hemphill, Austin
- Mary Henderson, Austin
- Nancy Hentschel, Sugar Land
- Harvey Hild, Marion
- Paula Hobson, Richland Hills
- Paul Hopwood, Midlothian
- Kerrie Horn, Irving
- Mary Hornbuckle, San Antonio
- James Horsley, Tyler
- Janet Horsley, Tyler
- Robert Howard, League City
- John Hunt, Spring
- William G. Hutz, AIA, Houston
- Lawrence Jackson, Crosby
- SJ Jacobson, Hutto
- Sylvia Jacobson, Hutto
- Elizabeth Joblin, Austin
- James David Johnson, Austin
- Jacquelyn Johnson, Grand Prairie
- Mary Johnson, San Antonio
- Lori Jondron, Manchaca
- Greg Jones, Taylor County
- Thomas Jones, Cameron
- Iris Kardynalski, Waller
- Harold Kennamer, Winnie
- Diane Kennedy, Dallas

REALLY. THE END IS NEAR.

- Scott Kimball, Jefferson, GA
- Ken King, Austin
- Marcia Kushner, Houston
- Susan Labidee, Jonestown
- Richard Lackey, Austin
- David Lawhorn, Dallas
- Robert M. Leech, Katy
- H. G. Lehman, III, P.E., San Antonio
- B. Liles, Salado
- Angela Loggins, Richardson
- Ray Long, Big Spring
- Joan Low, Pflugerville
- Ron and Marilyn Luckie, Fort Worth
- Robert C. Ludwig, Frisco
- Constance Maher, Arlington
- George Mallios, Austin
- Jeannie Marsh, Fort Worth
- Ben F. Marshall, Schertz
- Joseph Marques, Adairsville, Georgia
- Fred Marvin, Austin
- Chris Mayo, San Antonio

OK. JUST SCROLL DOWN TO THE BOTTOM.

- Elizabeth McCarthy, Denison
- Donna McDonald, Red Oak
- David McMillan, Wichita Falls
- Aaron Miller, Garland
- Rowena Montgomery, Arlington
- Gene Moody, Flint
- John Morris, P.E.
- Jeff Muchnik, Hutto
- Cecelia Nall, Dallas
- Brenda Nance, Dallas
- Nancy Norris-Wall, Austin
- Leif Oines, Blanco
- Patricia Oliva, Houston
- Amy Orbison, Hutto
- Nelida Ortiz, Corpus Christi
- Nichole Patteson, Austin
- Tom Perkins, Smiley
- Margie Raborn, Alleyton
- Robert Raborn, Alleyton
- Cheryl Sparks Rae, Hutto
- Rita Reid, Wimberley
- Larry Restine, Spring Branch
- James Rice, Houston
- Diana Rivera, McAllen
- RN, Round Rock
- Stacey Roberts, Houston
- Yolanda Roberts, Beaumont
- Lynn Robinson, Austin
- Ynette Rodriguez, Hutto
- Sylvia Rosemergy, Paris
- Diana Ross-Bell, Hutto
- Ronald Roszkowski, Buda
- Patrick Sandoval, San Antonio
- Paul Schmidt, Dallas
- Kimberly Schuenke, Houston
- Tami Seal, Austin
- Greg Seiter, Austin
- Greg Sells, Austin
- Bill Sherman, Groves
- Daniel Shoman, Keller
- David Showalter, Richmond
- Gary Sibley, Dallas
- J. Silas
- Sally Simpson, Garland
- Garry Sisco, Carrollton
- Greg Smith, Cedar Creek
- Phillis Smith, Fort Sam Houston
- Gerlad Smolinsky, Austin
- Angella Soileau, Beaumont

- Guadalupe Sosa, Cypress
- Jesse Spears, Austin
- Jody Steiner, Waco
- Adrena Stephney, Arlington
- Diana Stett, Garland
- Sam Stigall, Arlington
- Rafael Subialdea, Fort Worth
- Margot Sullivan, Dallas
- Anna Swafford, Burleson
- Henry Tarango, Lubbock
- Tony Taylor, Seguin
- Kyle Thomas, Hutto
- Judi Thompson, Nederland
- Stephanie Thompson, Georgetown
- Keith Thornton, Fort Worth
- Donald E. Van Meter, J.D., Wichita Falls
- Jane Leatherman Van Praag, Bartlett
- William Wadkins, Jr., Dallas
- Leo Wadley, Fort Worth
- Marion Wallace, Hutto
- Lynn Walters, Irving
- Peggy Walton, Conroe
- Carol Warren, Dallas
- Frank D. Waters, Richardson
- Maxie Watts, Buchanan Dam
- Barbara Welch, San Antonio
- Jana Whitmire, League City
- Howard Williams, Katy
- Jerre Williams, Houston
- L. Williams, Desoto
- S. E. Williams, Stafford
- Terry Williams, Houston
- Thomas Windberg, Spicewood
- MSgt James Winslow
- Lori Wiss, Campbell
- Ted Wlazlowski, Lewisville
- George Worthington, Houston
- Alfonso Velasco, Hutto
- Luz Yontz, Georgetown
- Al Zeiner, Plano
- Nola Zoch, Lewisville

And there you go. It's clear from Sunset Commission public testimony; the TRCC is not supported by the consumer and is in need of a mercy killing.

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn

The last independent study of the TRCC was by Strayhorn in 2006. [Consumer comments](#) from that study embarrassed the builders and TRCC so much that they passed a law giving them unique immunity from Open Records requests. They prevented future studies by blocking access to homeowner records.