



## ***Justin Ray's Trump Approach to Business***

### ***Justin Ray brings years of failed business dealings and tax hikes to campaign for State House***

Justin Ray has taken the Donald Trump irresponsible, and unaccountable approach to running a business. Now he's running for office on the Trump-Republican a platform. Like Trump, Ray is a notoriously failed businessman who has been sued for ripping off customers, failing to make good on debts and even had the right to do business revoked for failing to comply with state law.

Now, Justin Ray is running for State Representative pushing the Trump-Republican agenda to privatize public schools, take away healthcare and promote Trump's destructive political goals. Ray's loyalty to the Trump-Republican brand has paid off --Ray's campaign has raised tens of thousands of dollars from corporate special interests and loyal Trump allies looking for another MAGA pawn in the Texas Legislature.

- **Trump approach to business:** Justin Ray's company, Spearhead Energy, has been sued for fraud and [failing to make good on payments](#). In one instance, Ray's company [failed to disclose modifications made to a product before the sale was finalized](#) -- the product was faulty and the company left with a faulty product sued Ray for fraudulent nondisclosure and failure to meet proper standards. Ray's business failings led his company [to file for bankruptcy for nearly \\$700,000](#) and the company owed back taxes owed to the IRS. It's no surprise that earlier this year, the Texas Secretary of State [forfeited the right of Spearhead Energy to do business](#) for failing to comply with state law.<sup>1</sup>
- **Opponent of Public Schools:** Ray has taken thousands of dollars from [groups that promote private school vouchers](#) which would transfer millions of dollars from neighborhood public schools to unaccountable private schools<sup>2</sup>.
- **Higher Taxes for Working Texans:** While Justin Ray was on the Jersey Village City Council and served as Mayor, [tax collections for the city increased dramatically](#).<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [Texas Secretary of State, Accessed 8/6/2020](#)

<sup>2</sup> Texas Ethics Commission; [Texas Observer, 5/19/2014](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Jersey City Taxation Summary](#)