



## ***Lucio Valdez Adopts Trump Approach*** ***Valdez promotes partisanship while Texans are dying***

Thousands of Texans have died as Donald Trump has mismanaged the response to COVID-19 and the worst may still be still ahead. As reasonable Texans – including fair-minded Republicans – come to grips with the peril and danger of continuing to support Trump’s approach, House District 52 Republican nominee Lucio Valdez is doubling down – echoing irresponsible rhetoric, mocking the use of masks and downplaying the deadly crisis. He has chosen partisanship and loyalty to Trump over the well-being of Texans and all Americans.

Valdez’s blind loyalty to the Trump-wing of the Republican Party goes beyond dividing Texans on COVID-19. Valdez is running a campaign pulled from the Trump/GOP playbook:

- **Dismantling Affordable Healthcare:** Lucio Valdez has embraced the Texas GOP platform and its calls to dismantle access to healthcare. The platform calls for the [repeal of the Affordable Care Act \(ACA\)](#) that provides Texans with pre-existing conditions access to quality, affordable healthcare and prescription drugs. The platform also calls for Trump Republicans like Valdez to continue to [block the expansion of healthcare for over 1 million Texans](#).<sup>1</sup>
- **Support of Trump:** Lucio Valdez has shown [blind loyalty to the Trump-wing of the Republican Party](#) and continues to [stand by the President’s side](#) and push the President’s failed COVID-19 approach. Valdez has refused to stand up to Trump’s most corrupt actions and offensive attacks on women, veterans and the disabled.<sup>2</sup>
- **Silent on Police Reform:** While bipartisan lawmakers call for common-sense police reform, Valdez [has instead taken a Trump-like approach](#) to block progress. Valdez, a former police officer, has [shown support online for Williamson County](#)

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<sup>1</sup> [2018 Texas GOP Platform, Accessed 7/24/2020](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Lucio Valdez Facebook](#)

[Sheriff, Robert Chody](#), who has [faced calls to resign for ignoring the continued killing of black citizens](#).<sup>3</sup>

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