

Stop The Magnet Survey Answers – Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst

A. Use DPS or Texas State Guard to assist in protecting the border and providing resources to Sheriffs along the border:

* **I agree.** FIRST, the federal government has failed miserably in its constitutional duty to secure the sovereign borders of the U.S. SECOND, for years I have publicly advocated that the federal government triple the size of the Border Patrol in order to fully secure our borders from illegal immigration, illicit drug trafficking, transnational gang activities in the U.S., and human trafficking, particularly on our southern border. THIRD, since 2008, I have led the effort to provide state funds to support overtime for Sheriff's Departments, and to substantially increase the presence of the DPS and its resources along the border. To date, I have helped appropriated almost \$800 million in state funds to implement this program, including purchasing a DPS observation plane with infra-red cameras and videos, DPS helicopters with infra-red cameras, six DPS armored gunboats for the Rio Grande River with infra-red cameras, each carrying four .30 calibre machine guns capable of firing 1,000 rounds per minute, and other needed equipment. FOURTH, from mid-September to early-October 2013, a surge by the DPS effectively shut down all illegal immigration activities along the Rio Grande River in the Rio Grande Valley. FIFTH, I am working the DPS and the Legislature to initiate more surges.

B. Support state legislative efforts or local ballot initiatives to repeal all sanctuary/safety zones in the State of Texas:

* **I agree.** I support anti-Sanctuary Cities legislation. I PASSED an anti-Sanctuary Cities bill out of the Texas Senate in June, 2011, but the House chose not to consider that bill. Texas should pass a state anti-Sanctuary Cities bill, and in 2015 I will AGAIN pass a bill out of the Senate and send it to the House containing language similar to my June, 2011 anti-Sanctuary Cities bill, that prevented city officials from prohibiting city police officers from checking the immigration status of individuals arrested for probable cause of a crime committed during a lawful stop in the normal course of their duties.

C. Companies should be at risk of losing business licenses for failing to properly identify lawful employees using E-Verify or similar resource:

* **I agree.** FIRST, to accomplish this, I will again move a bill in 2015 that requires Texas businesses to utilize E-Verify. SECOND, the careful checking of E-Verify prior to hiring a worker should serve as an affirmative defense a prosecution under this act.

D. Need to implement the re-introduction of the teaching of the trades in our public schools:

* **I agree.** The number – and types of courses – teaching trade skills in high school should be a matter of local control by Independent School Districts. This year I helped pass into law (HB 5), a change to the Education Code authorizing two pathways to a High School Diploma, one being a Career and Technology Degree, where skills in the trades is taught during high school, and the second offering several options of Recommended Curriculums for students wanting to go to college.

E. Require use of E-Verify or similar resource as a condition for a contract with a state or local governmental entity:

* **I agree.**

F. Use 10th Amendment powers to limit the use of Executive orders by the President to fully align with the U.S. Constitution:

* **I agree.** I agree to move a proposed state law in 2015 to temporarily stay any federal Executive Order which is in direct conflict with a duly passed law of Congress, until such time as the State of Texas has litigated the issue in federal court, and has received a Final Adjudication.

David Dewhurst

(Signed October 27, 2013)