



RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
ELIZABETH AMES JONES
COMMISSIONER

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A sixth-generation Texan from San Antonio, Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones has been serving on the legendary Texas Railroad Commission since 2005, when she answered a call from Governor Perry to fill a vacancy at the Commission on the eve of being sworn in to her third consecutive term in the Texas House of Representatives.

As you probably know, the Railroad Commission is Texas' energy agency and it oversees many facets of Texas energy, from regulation of the oil and gas drilling and production, pipeline safety, investor owned natural gas utilities and the permitting and reclamation of coal and uranium mines.

Prior to joining the historic Railroad Commission, Commissioner Jones worked tirelessly in the Texas House of Representatives to fight for legislation that has helped keep Texas strong today. As a member of the highly regarded Appropriations Committee, she also worked to craft a budget that cut actual state spending for the first



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time since World War II in order to overcome a \$10 billion revenue shortfall without raising taxes.

As part of the Texas House Republican Caucus leadership, she was on the frontlines of crafting instrumental torte reform that has allowed doctors to practice medicine rather than law and has helped to attract businesses to relocate from across the country.

The recipient of many awards recognizing her work ethic in the Legislature, she maintains the same standards as a Railroad Commissioner. She has a deep knowledge of the energy industries the Railroad Commission regulates and she is committed to advocacy for sound public policy, so that America, like Texas, can reap the benefits of a vibrant and responsible domestic oil and natural gas industry.

A recognized expert in energy issues, Commissioner Jones has been published in the *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal* and numerous newspapers in Texas.

Jones serves both on the Coastal Coordination Council and the Coastal Land Advisory Board. These boards oversee the distribution of grants through the federally mandated Coastal Management Plan and the Coastal Impact Assistance Program, a grants program authorized by Congress in the Energy Act of 2005.

Commissioner Jones is an outdoor enthusiast, and avid hunter and fisherman and was recently profiled in Texas *Trophy Hunter* magazine! Not only is she a staunch defender of our U. S. Constitution's second amendment right to keep and bear arms... she knows how to use them. She claims to be able to outshoot, outride, and out hunt anybody else in Texas Government today.

She and her husband, Will, are the proud parents of two grown children, and have been married for over 26 years.

Please help me welcome ***Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones.***