



Statement by Margaret Moore

I am proud to announce that I have filed to run for Travis County District Attorney in the Democratic Primary. I am running because I believe that I am the best person to serve the people in this very important office.

I am more than ready for this job. I have served this community as Assistant District Attorney, the elected County Attorney, and as Precinct 3 County Commissioner. Most recently, I served in Attorney General's office. During my service there, I won a \$180-million judgment against a pharmaceutical company, part of my division's recovery of over a billion dollars in funds fraudulently diverted from the Medicaid program during my years there.

I am in this race because of my deeply held concerns for the office. The District Attorney's office has suffered through controversy over the past few years. It doesn't need any more.

The community also needs a seasoned administrator who is sensitive to the tax strain that our citizens feel. The District Attorney's office is a major operation. Its annual budget is \$22 million and the money is spent through seven different bank accounts.

I am the only candidate who has prosecuted felony cases in court *and* managed an office with a multi-million-dollar budget. I am also the soul candidate in this race who has run and won a countywide primary and general election before.

I also have a clear vision of what needs to get done. If I'm elected, my first order of business will be:

- Fostering trust and confidence both inside and outside the office through communication, community outreach, and collaboration
- Exploring the expansion of diversion programs to address over-incarceration that costs our community dearly
- Convincing the Legislature to restore funding for the Public Integrity Unit
- Continuing to prosecute polluters all over the state on behalf of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

The next Travis County District Attorney must be someone who has been tested. He or she must also be someone who is trusted by our judges, law enforcement officers and county and state elected officials.

I've been tested. I am trusted. That's why I'm the right choice for District Attorney.

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Biography

Throughout her career as a Juvenile Public Defender, Travis County Assistant District Attorney, Travis County Attorney, Precinct 3 County Commissioner, and Assistant Texas Attorney General, Margaret Moore has remained focused on one objective: Justice.

Margaret sought justice for troubled juveniles, the victims of crime, taxpayers who deserve a well-run government, and for all Texans victimized by unethical corporations. Margaret is a widely experienced attorney, licensed both in the State of Texas and in federal courts, including the United States Supreme Court.

Now, Moore is running for District Attorney and justice will again be her main objective.

A Waco native, Moore earned her undergraduate in 1970 and law degree in 1972 at UT-Austin. After a few months practicing law back home, she returned to Austin in 1974 and served as a counsel for two committees in the Texas House of Representatives through.

In 1976, Margaret became the Travis County Juvenile Defender and represented indigent youths in dire need of legal help. A year later, she became an Assistant District Attorney under Ronnie Earle. Over the next three years, she prosecuted a wide range of major felony cases in our courts.

In 1980, Moore took her first plunge into electoral politics and was elected Travis County Attorney. In that position, she earned a reputation as a strong, independent thinker who strengthened DWI enforcement, dramatically improved the tax collection system for Travis County and played a key role in expanding the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve.

In 1994, Margaret returned to public service as the District Director for the newly elected Congressman Lloyd Doggett. Later, she was twice appointed (1998 and 2001) to serve out the terms for departing Precinct 3 County Commissioners.

In 2005, Moore became an Assistant Attorney General and handled complex lawsuits against corporations that had exploited Texas Medicaid, diverting hundreds of millions of taxpayers dollars intended to fund health care for our most vulnerable citizens. She was the lead counsel in a highly significant jury trial that resulted in \$180-million judgment against a pharmaceutical company. In that division, was promoted first to Litigation Team Leader and then Deputy Chief. She retired in 2014.