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TSTA endorses Houston, Collier for attorney general, comptroller

The Texas State Teachers Association today announced its endorsements of Democrats Sam Houston for Texas attorney general and Mike Collier for state comptroller.

“These offices – the state’s chief lawyer and its revenue estimator – are extremely important to educators and public schools,” said TSTA President Noel Candelaria.

“As attorney general, Sam Houston won’t waste tax dollars defending an inadequate and unconstitutional school finance system,” Candelaria said, noting that his opponent, Ken Paxton, voted for \$5.4 billion in school budget cuts in 2011 and has admitted that he violated state securities laws, which are designed to protect educators and other hard-working Texans against fraudulent investments.

“As comptroller, Mike Collier would use his experience as a first-rate accountant and financial expert to provide the kind of accurate revenue estimates we needed in 2011, when the current comptroller’s underestimate of available state revenue triggered the devastating school budget cuts that Mike’s opponent, Glenn Hegar, supported,” Candelaria said. Hegar has also proposed repealing local property taxes, a major source of school revenue, and a proposal that would require a massive increase in the state sales tax.

TSTA, through its political action committee, earlier endorsed State Senators Wendy Davis and Leticia Van de Putte, two of the Legislature’s strongest advocates for educators and public schools, for governor and lieutenant governor.