

What is legislative accountability how is it relevant to Texas 10 in 2020?

As you may already know, the Texas 10th Congressional District lines were drawn in 2003 by a largely Republican Texas Legislature with the specific intention of diluting the voice of Democrats in the US House districts. The political intention of voter dilution is to create “lock down” districts and Austin Democrats in the Texas 10th are the most highly diluted group of voters in Texas.

Because of this redistricting effort, Michael McCaul was elected to the US House of representatives in 2004 without democratic opposition, and he’s held the seat ever since.

So now, if you’re a long time Republican, you might be thinking, “Success!”. We cut the liberals out of the process, got our policies implemented and we’re better off for it. But the real truth is that “lock down” districts cause excessive influence by one set of interests at the expense of others. In the case of Michael McCaul, the excessive influence comes from of his PAC contributors at the expense of voters like you and me.

How much influence could there really be? Well, let’s take a minute to examine the record.

Here is a summary of McCaul’s voting record: <http://politicsthatwork.com/voting-record/Michael-McCaul-400654>

If you can find a single vote that directly benefits the average citizens of our district, email me, because I’ve looked for days and can’t find one. But what’s clear is that Michael McCaul is unaccountable to the voters in our district. He doesn’t have to be accountable to us because he doesn’t work for us. He works for the PACs, and they keep paying him to carry their water. And while he alone is responsible for his voting record, the true irony in all of this is that it’s on you and me that he’s been allowed to stay in office for sixteen years. We easily have all the votes we need to fire him.

So, let’s take the Ronald Reagan test of effective government by answering his simple question. Are you better off now than you were four years ago? We all know the answer to that question.

History shows that when the body politic stops supporting working Americans, working Americans will stop supporting the body politic. It’s happening now, just look around. Unrest will continue until real change is accomplished.

In Texas 10, our best chance to make a positive change in our government is to elect Mike Seigel to the US House this fall.

- ➔ Mike Seigel is committed to inclusion in the governance process. This means due consideration of dissenting perspectives, and sometimes those are mine.
- ➔ Regular voters, like you and me fund the campaign of Mike Seigel. He will never have to be accountable to PACs that are outside the District.
- ➔ Mike Seigel works for the common good. Take a look at his public service record. He knows how to engage the stakeholders, how consider all perspectives, and how to craft legislation that will benefit all of us.

By now, it's painfully obvious that status quo politics are not serving us. Millions of clear-thinking voters have abandoned old school partisan politics to reach across the aisle in support of candidates that want to return inclusion and transparency to the American political system.

We need you to be one of them.

Now's your chance to be on the right side of history. Forget the noise and hateful rhetoric and vote for Mike Seigel for US House of Representatives. In the end, your vote is all that matters.

Thank you.