

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: CPS ATTORNEY RESIGNS TO RUN FOR STATE SENATE**

Senior Regional Attorney Glenn Williams, currently the longest tenured attorney for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services announced his resignation on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> so that he may run for State Senate District 5. Williams stated that the success of Senate Bill 11 which contains provisions paving the way for privatization of child protective services was a major factor in his decision.

"I think this is exactly the wrong approach to take. I have set forth in my campaign document a different approach which will get the general public more involved in the protection of vulnerable citizens. The Legislative proposals really don't do that.

Unless we get the general public invested in protecting vulnerable citizens we are 'simply designating scapegoats – be they government or private employees'."

Williams' proposal contained in his document "Twelve Modest Proposals for the State of Texas, the Greatest State in the Greatest Nation of the Greatest Planet in the Greatest Solar System of the Greatest Galaxy in the Greatest Universe Known to Man" includes change from current practice to a vulnerable citizen commission led by an elected vulnerable citizen commissioner. He also proposes additional changes to child protective services. His official unauthorized guide contains proposals relating to investigation and prosecution of police misconduct complaints, changes in Tax and Spending policies, and miscellaneous proposals.

Williams claims his campaign is "inspired by Shirley Chisolm's 1972 campaign for president. She knew that as a black congresswoman for Harlem that the odds were against her and yet she ran anyway. She didn't win but got her message out. Moreover she paved the way for future candidates. Perhaps her most significant accomplishment was something that won her intense criticism at the time. She visited George Wallace, the segregationist governor while he was in the hospital after being shot. Ms. Chisolm recognized the basic humanity of Wallace even though he had done terrible things as governor of Alabama. I think she sparked a major change in his life. After that visit he called southern Congressmen in support of her minimum wage bill. Wallace later ran for governor – this time with Black Support. He didn't become a liberal but did become much more open-minded as governor the second time."

Williams claims to be a “militant moderate” – “neither the conservatives nor the liberals will claim me”. He says that a ‘militant moderate’ believes that the ends do not justify the means, that neither right, left or center have all the answers, and that all proposals need to be closely examined but never rubber stamped.

Williams says that” every penny should be pinched but never should we expect a prevention program be curtailed simply because the program is unable to get participants to say that they would have killed their child were it not for the program.”

Senate District 5 consists of Williamson, Walker, Milam, Robertson, Leon, Brazos, Freestone, Limestone, Grimes and Madison County. Williams has represented CPS in legal proceedings in all counties except for Walker at some point in his 28 plus years with Child Protective Services.

Williams has a campaign kick-off scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>,2017 at the Baca Senior Center Dining Room in Round Rock beginning at 6:30 p.m. The event is free of charge and the public is invited. “We will have food, music and door prizes”, Williams says.

Williams began his career with child protective services on October 1, 1988. Prior to that time he was Legal Advisor the Austin Police Department, Deputy City Attorney for the City of Wichita Falls, and legal advisor for the Killeen Police Department.

Williams graduated from the University of Texas Law School in 1976. He is married with two children. His nickname is “Grumpy”. Williams has lived in Williamson county since July of 1996. This is his first and last electoral campaign.

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