

# Marilyn Burgess

for Harris County District Clerk

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## Democratic candidate Marilyn Burgess: Harris County District Clerk Chris Daniel is a Trump clone given to alternative facts

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**HOUSTON** (Oct. 12) – Democratic candidate for Harris County District Clerk Marilyn Burgess said new leadership is needed at the District Clerk's Office because current District Clerk Chris Daniel is a clone of President Trump who commands no respect from his staff and is given to "alternative facts."

Burgess said Daniel often does not attend meetings of the District Clerk's executive board, makes promises that the office cannot keep because he is given to alternative facts and fails to pay his lowest paid clerks a living wage.

"We don't need Harris County's version of Trump. We don't need to be nurturing this lightweight panderer who dreams that someday he will be governor of Texas," Burgess said. "In 2018, we can send Harris County's mini Trump packing. He can get out there in the real world, with the rest of us and find out what it's like to actually work for a paycheck."

Speaking at her campaign kickoff event Wednesday night, Burgess said she is a seasoned, mature executive who will stabilize the District Clerk's Office and provide the leadership needed as the courts transform into fully electronic courts.

She described how she grew up the daughter of committed Democrats in a small Louisiana town. After graduating from Louisiana State University, she became a CPA and was following that as a career path. But it was when she became executive director of the Texas Parent Teachers Association that she said she found her true calling: fighting and advocating for causes that better the lives of teachers, working and middle-class families, single mothers and children who need a helping hand.

"Maybe I always knew I had that in me – I was raised by parents who gave back to their community," Burgess says. "But I knew when I was there fighting in Austin on behalf of children, parents, and teachers that I was meant to be an advocate for these groups – an advocate for those that sometimes have no voice and no influence."

As executive director of the Texas PTA, she worked with lawmakers and members of a coalition group to help get passed the Children's Health Insurance Program and Graduated Driver's Licensing, which placed restrictions on newly licensed teen drivers such as not allowing them initially to drive with other teens in a vehicle.

She moved to Houston in 2002 to become the president of the North Houston-Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce. For the past decade, she has served as chief financial officer at The Fastener Connection, a family-owned fastener company in north Harris County.

"I have the executive experience needed to turn the District Clerk's Office around," Burgess said. "With me, Harris County will get seasoned, measured, smart leadership. Voters will have a choice and can opt for something better than an immature, absentee clerk who is more interested in furthering a political career than doing the job he was elected to do."

Burgess said Daniel is a political "lightweight" who makes promises to judges, bail bondsmen and other players in the county's justice system that cannot be kept.

"Then he blames his staff when his reckless promises can't be delivered," Burgess said. "He makes stuff up from big to small. He is fast and loose with facts and says whatever pops into his head that he thinks will make him look good – whether there is any basis in fact or not."

She went on to compare Daniel to Trump. "Let me ask you a question: Does a leader who lies all the time, is constantly seeking personal attention and glory, who doesn't want to do the real work of governing and whose staff thinks he is a moron sound like another leader we hear from daily?" she asked. "There are so many similarities between Donald Trump and his world of alternative facts and Chris Daniel and the nonsense he regularly puts out that it is scary."

Voters, she said, will not get a chance to try to vote Trump out of office until 2020. But Harris County voters will have a chance to send a Trump clone packing in 2018, she said.

Burgess' bio can be found at: <http://marilynburgess.com/meet-marilyn/>