

District 10- Councilor-Alt Candidates

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The increasing number of teachers leaving our profession, and the decreasing number of education majors impacts all Texans. The need for instructors in classrooms has changed the roles of many librarians on their campus. Should this trend continue, school librarians could be required to teach in classroom settings rather than serve as curriculum support for all faculty members. By helping educate future teachers, today's school librarians can advocate for working relationships that support new teachers and potentially keep them in the profession longer. Partnerships between school librarians and universities could model effective professional collaboration while setting up new teachers with a support system for success!

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I hope to contribute to the Library Association's efforts to promote, support, and improve library service by addressing the daily work needs of Texas District 10 librarians. Librarians are struggling with dwindling budgets, efforts to demote librarians and devalue professional standards, and attacks on our patrons' rights such as access to information, preservation of privacy, and sustaining intellectual freedom. Providing advocacy, professional development opportunities, and networking events, encourages and supports librarians which can result in the formation of partnerships and collaborations which benefit their institutions, and in turn translates into increased assistance to library patrons in pursuing and achieving their own aspirations.