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## **COLLIER FILES FOR COMPTROLLER**

***“We need a watchdog who will be fiercely independent.” – Mike Collier***

Independent, pro-business Democrat Mike Collier, a former partner at PriceWaterhouseCoopers and a former CFO at Layline Petroleum, today officially filed for Texas Comptroller.

“I am running because Texas needs a watchdog when it comes to how our hard-earned tax dollars are spent. We need a watchdog who will be fiercely independent in his point of view, a watchdog who knows finance and accounting, and watchdog that can hold the politicians in Austin accountable,” said Collier.

As an independent, pro-business Democrat with experience in the energy sector, Collier would not be beholden to the status quo that seemingly produces an endless stream of ambitious legislators and dubious results. At PwC, Collier was a “cop on the beat,” holding his business clients accountable and would do the same with the Texas legislature.

“I have yet to see any evidence that our top leaders can get the numbers right. And if you can’t even get the numbers right, how on earth can you expect to make sound decisions?” asked Collier.

Mike Collier started his career at Exxon but found his way to PricewaterhouseCoopers where he served in the audit practice for 10 years. He served two as PwC World Chairman's executive assistant (living in New York and traveling throughout US, Europe and Asia), and he served for 10 years as a Partner in Houston where he led a team of 25 professionals providing

Mergers & Acquisitions due diligence, structuring, and valuation services to some of PwC's largest and most sophisticated energy clients. Mike often referred to himself as "a cop on the beat," digging into very complex financial matters, speaking forcefully and with authority to senior executives and corporate boards on matters of great consequence and urgency. Mike made a career in business being rigorous in his analysis, forceful and independent in his conclusions, and instilling these traits in the people he managed.

Mike attended Georgetown High School in Central Texas and is a graduate of the University of Texas, where he received his undergraduate degree and MBA, and played the trumpet in the Longhorn Band. He and his wife Suzanne now live in the Houston area, and have two sons attending UT in Austin.

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