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GI Forum founder, Bonilla, Berlanga back Butts

GI Forum founder Dr. Hector P. Garcia has endorsed Supreme Court candidate Shirley Butts.

Butts announced the endorsement along with a pledge of support from Willie Bonilla, former national president of the League for United Latin American Citizens, in a written statement.

In a Corpus Christi news conference, House Speaker Pro-Tem Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, also endorsed Butts, an associate justice on San Antonio's 4th Court of Appeals.

Butts is locked in a heated Democratic runoff battle with state Sen. Oscar Mauzy of Dallas for nomination to the Supreme Court Place 1

seat. Incumbent Sears McGee sought re-election but failed to make the June 7 runoff.

In a recent interview, Mauzy said he expected to spend \$380,000 in the runoff.

Garcia said he knew that Butts could be trusted and added, "If a judge on the Supreme Court cannot

be trusted, and with the problems we now have, who can you trust?"

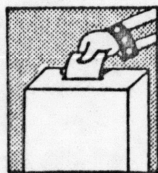
Mauzy is backed by trial lawyers across the state. A group of San Antonio lawyers recently formed a political action committee, the Equal Justice for All Committee, to help Mauzy and two other Supreme Court candidates, Jay Gibson of Odessa and Austin Appeals Court Judge Jim Brady.

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Hispanic attorneys favoring Gibson



A spokesman for a group of Democratic Mexican-American attorneys newly formed in San Antonio has said Associate Justice Raul Gonzalez of the Texas Supreme Court has not demonstrated the concern for minorities shown by his Anglo runoff opponent.

San Antonio labor lawyer Frank Herrera, a spokesman for the Equal Justice for All Committee, said "the pain is indeed intense" for the Mexican-American members of his group to oppose Gonzalez and endorse his challenger, former state Rep. Jay Gibson of Odessa.

"But at a time like this, one is forced to deal with one's irreducible essence, forced to grapple with that which is important and rise above one's ethnicity," Herrera said during a news conference in Austin Thursday.

Herrera said he has reviewed Gonzalez's judicial opinions, claiming "they seem to protect the rich, the powerful, the insurance industry, the business and corporate community."

Herrera said the coalition was impressed by Gibson's work on the House Appropriations Committee in preserving state funding for colleges whose students

were mostly black or Mexican-American.

The group, organized in San Antonio earlier this month by 70 attorneys, also has endorsed state Sen. Oscar Mauzy of Dallas over 4th Court of Appeals Judge Shirley Butts of San Antonio and Austin appeals Judge Jim Brady over incumbent Associate Justice Robert Campbell in their respective Supreme Court Democratic runoff races.

Meanwhile in the Brady-Campbell race, Robert Anstey of Austin, vice president of Davis Air Conditioning, Thursday charged that Brady had failed to pay a repair bill of more than \$4,000 and tried to get him to falsify records.

Anstey appeared at an Austin news conference with Campbell.

Campbell's campaign also produced a stack of civil lawsuits dating back to 1960, which he said had been filed against Brady for non-payment of bills, alienation of affection and non-payment of taxes.

Brady could not be reached for comment.

Person, Mauzy, Gibson & local TIA cronies of Maloney are behind this