



# FLORENCE SHAPIRO

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U.S. SENATE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

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## STATE SENATOR FLORENCE SHAPIRO ANNOUNCES U.S. SENATE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

*Businessman/Pro Football Hall of Fame Quarterback Roger Staubach headlines "Team Shapiro;"  
Shapiro touts experience as Teacher, City Councilwoman, Mayor, State Senator  
& Past President of the Texas Municipal League*

PLANO – Surrounded by family and supporters which included statewide local and state officials at stops in the DFW Metroplex and Austin, State Senator Florence Shapiro formally announced her U.S. Senate Exploratory Committee. Included on her list of supporters are 14 current and past State Senate colleagues. Later this week, Shapiro will file the necessary paperwork with the Federal Election Commission and will begin traveling the state to meet and listen to voters.

Shapiro is seeking the U.S. Senate seat currently held by U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison who has already announced that she will either leave the U.S. Senate at the end of her current term (which runs through 2012) or sooner.

Shapiro also unveiled "Team Shapiro," her Exploratory Committee Co-Chair and Supporter list. Former Dallas Cowboys Hall of Fame Quarterback Roger Staubach serves as a Co-Chair of "Team Shapiro" and introduced Shapiro at the DFW Metroplex news conference. A long time friend and supporter, Staubach praised Shapiro as a champion of good government, and also talked about their long history as teammates on winning political campaigns.

"I am honored to be on "Team Shapiro" as a statewide co-chair for the Florence Shapiro U.S. Senate Exploratory Committee," said Staubach. "I have known Florence Shapiro for a long time. When Florence asked me to be on her team for Mayor of Plano, I did, and she was a leader and a winner for her city and our North Texas region. When Florence asked me to be on her team for State Senate, I did and she has distinguished herself as Chairman of the Texas State Senate Education Committee, which is not surprising, since Florence is also a former public school teacher. Clearly, Florence Shapiro's passion and commitment to public service is unsurpassed. Should the opportunity arise, I am confident Florence's proven leadership on the local and state legislative government levels have prepared her well to be a great United States Senator for Texas."

A champion for education, Florence Shapiro began her life of service as an English and speech teacher at Richardson High School. Decades later, following six terms on the Plano City Council, and after serving as Mayor of Plano and President of the Texas Municipal League, Shapiro was elected to the Texas Senate in 1993, where she currently serves as Chair of the Senate Committee on Education. Shapiro has also chaired the State Senate's powerful State Affairs Committee.

"As I embark on this Exploratory effort for US Senate, I will focus heavily on what I believe are the right things for all Texas families," said Shapiro. "I will also strive to use my past and present experience with educational policy to do the right thing for our most important resource, our children."

As a first generation American, the daughter of Holocaust survivors, Shapiro was the first in her family to attend college. She graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor's degree in secondary education. Shapiro lives in Plano with her husband Howard, a native of San Saba, Texas. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

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- Roger Staubach

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### Team Shapiro

*U.S. Senate Exploratory Committee Co-Chairs and Supporters\**

#### CURRENT/FORMER STATE SENATORS

Hon. Jane Nelson (Lewisville)  
Hon. Chris Harris (Arlington)  
Hon. Kyle Janek (Houston/Austin)  
Hon. John Carona (Dallas)  
Hon. Kim Brimer (Ft. Worth)  
Hon. Bob Deuell, (Greenville)  
Hon. Troy Fraser (Horseshoe Bay)  
Hon. Robert Nichols (Jacksonville)  
Hon. Glenn Hegar (Katy)  
Hon. Robert Duncan (Lubbock)  
Hon. Kel Seliger (Amarillo)  
Hon. Bill Ratliff (Mt. Pleasant)  
Hon. Kevin Eltife (Tyler)  
Hon. Craig Estes (Wichita Falls)

#### OTHER SUPPORTERS FROM ACROSS TEXAS

Hon. Joe Chow, Addison  
Dr. Tamela Gough, Allen  
Hon. Steve Terrell, Allen  
Hon. Robert Cluck, Arlington  
Hon. Tom Vandergriff, Arlington  
Victor Vandergriff, Arlington  
Sean & Diana Greenberg, Austin  
Dr. Alan Sager, Austin  
Gail Suttle, Austin  
Sandy & Camille Kress, Austin  
Ryan & Leslie Sheiner, Austin  
Hon. Lois Kolkhorst,  
State Rep, Brenham  
Beto Gonzales, Asst Supt, Brownsville  
Hon. Doug Stover, Coppell  
Les Alberthal, Dallas  
David & Heather Behr, Dallas  
Kitty & John Boyle, President Dallas  
Community College District  
Norman & Toni Brinker, Dallas  
Mike Brodie, Dallas  
Ron & Nance Chapman, Dallas  
Scott & Barbi Cohen, Dallas  
Dick Collins, Dallas  
Dr. Ken & Millie Cooper, Dallas  
Macey & Steve Davis, Dallas  
Hon. Maurine Dickey,  
Co. Comm, Dallas  
Scott & Regan Drake, Dallas  
Tom Engibous, Dallas  
Finn Ewing, Dallas

Cory & Suzanne Feinberg, Dallas  
Marc & Stacie Goldman, Dallas  
Stan Graff, Dallas  
Ron Haddock, Dallas  
Ebby Halliday, Dallas  
Thomas Hicks, Dallas  
Charles Pulman, Dallas  
Stanley Rabin, Dallas  
Phil Ritter, Dallas  
Dr. David Roberts, Dallas  
Dr. Howard & Melanie Rubin, Dallas  
Dr. Neal & Cherie Small, Dallas  
Justin & Nicole Small, Dallas  
Meredith Small, Dallas  
Roger Staubach, Dallas  
Larry Steinberg, Dallas  
Ron Steinhart, Dallas  
Jeff & Teel Tishgart, Dallas  
Danny & Zara Wettrich, Dallas  
Hon. Myra Crownover,  
State Rep, Lake Dallas  
Hon. Burt Solomons,  
State Rep, Carrollton  
Robert Beckoff, El Paso  
Josh & Melanie Healy, Frisco  
Hon. Maher Maso, Frisco  
Hon. Mike Simpson, Frisco  
Fredell & Louis Rosen, Galveston  
Hon. Dr. Forrest T. Kroschel,  
City Council, Hallettsville  
Melanie Castellow, Hallettsville  
Doris Barnes, Hallettsville  
Joshua & Robin Berry, Houston  
Bob Collie, Houston  
Eddy Daniels, Houston  
Hon. Rob Eissler,  
State Rep, The Woodlands  
Lisa Helfman, Houston  
Johnny Johnson, Houston  
Larry Kellner, Houston  
Bruce LaBoon Houston  
Steve Ledbetter, Houston  
Linna & John Scott Mooring, Houston  
Daniel & Melanie Ringold, Houston  
Roger & Linden Sofer, Houston  
Shirley & Bruce Stein, Houston  
Andrew Toubin, Houston  
Fred Zeidman, Houston  
Dr. Clive Fields, Houston

Thomas McCulloch, Houston  
Hon. Linda Harper-Brown,  
State Rep, Irving  
Hon. Betty Brown, State Rep, Athens  
Abbi Michelson, Lockhart  
Jeffry & Shelly Michelson, Lockhart  
Joan Baker, Lubbock  
Diane Thompson, Lubbock  
Ruth Schiermeyer, Lubbock  
Hon. Windy Sitton, Lubbock  
Annie Holland Miller, McAllen  
David Craig, McKinney  
Bill Darling, McKinney  
Bob Tomes, McKinney  
Hon. Bill Whitfield, McKinney  
Hon. David Dorman, Melissa  
Will & Mikell Abney, Midland  
Hon. Joe Cordina, Parker  
Jim Boswell, Plano  
Dr. Christopher & Brittany Crow, Plano  
Hon. Phil Dyer,  
Former City Council, Plano  
Hon. Pat Evans, Plano  
Dr. Cary Israel, Plano  
Fehmi Karahan, Plano  
Vic Lattimore, Plano  
Hon. Jerry Madden, State Rep, Plano  
Hon. Brian McCall, State Rep, Plano  
Fred Moses, Plano  
Hon. James & Betty Muns, Plano  
Charlie O'Reilly, Plano  
Bobby & Phyllis Ray, Plano  
James McCarley, Plano  
David McCall III, Plano  
Hon. Gary Schlegel, City  
Council, Richardson  
Dennis Baker, Rockwall  
Jim Adams, San Antonio  
Hope Andratti, San Antonio  
Hon. Joe Straus, State Rep, San Antonio  
Dr. Jay & Jeanne Rubin, San Antonio  
Hon. Edmund Kuempel,  
State Rep, Seguin  
Clyde Siebman, Sherman  
Hon. Diane Delisi, State Rep, Temple  
Hon. Leo & Dr. Ann Berman,  
State Rep, Tyler

*\*Partial Listing as of July 15, 2008  
(Apologies for inadvertent omissions)*



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## About Florence Shapiro

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### PERSONAL

As a first generation American, the daughter of Holocaust survivors, Shapiro was the first in her family to attend college. She graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor's degree in secondary education. Shapiro is a former small business owner and lives in Plano with her husband Howard, who is an attorney and native of San Saba, Texas. They have three children and seven grandchildren living in the DFW Metroplex and Houston areas.

### LEADERSHIP

Chair, Senate Committee on Education • Member, Senate Committee on Finance • Member, Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security • Former Chair of Senate State Affairs Committee • President Pro Tempore, 2005 • Governor for a Day, 2005 • "Figher for Free Enterprise" Award by the Texas Association of Business, 2003, 2005, 2007 • Law and Order Award, Texas District and County Attorneys Association, 2007 • Legislative Honor Role, Texas Association of Realtors, 2005, 2007 • Namesake of the Florence Shapiro High School in McKinney, Texas • "Legislator of the Year" by the Texas Association of College Teachers, 2003 • "Guardian of Free Enterprise" by the National Federation of Independent Business, 1999 • "Property Rights Protector" by the Texas Builders Association, 1999 • "Legislative Star Award" from the Texas Classroom Teachers Association, 1999 • Past President, Texas Municipal League • "Distinguished Service Award" from the American Public Works Association

### RESULTS THROUGH LEADERSHIP

Ashley's Laws, a series of bills that protects children against, and punishes, sex offenders who prey on children • Legislation to phase out the TAKS test and replace it with end-of-course exams so teachers don't teach to the test • Created the first Texas Mobility Fund so Texas could bond for road building • Created the Emerging Technology Fund, which offers funding for new innovative technologies ro help promote business growth in Texas • Opposes Foreign Company Ownership and Management of Texas roads • Carried Texas' first homeland security legislation to coordinate communication and develop strategies to ensure effective response in the event of a terrorist attack • Helped pass the largest school property tax cut in Texas history while providing more money for classrooms and teachers