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### **Texas Association of Realtors endorses Brian Birdwell**

September 13, 2010 – AUSTIN – The Texas Association of Realtors today announced its decision to endorse Brian Birdwell in his re-election to the Texas Senate to represent District 22. Making the statement last week, Chairman Bill Jones commended Birdwell's commitment to the interests of Texas homeowners.

"When lawmakers return to work in 2011, they will be faced with many difficult decisions," said Jones. "That's why we need lawmakers like Birdwell who understand the critical role homeowners play in keeping our state's economy strong, which is why we've pledged our full support."

Currently, Texas ranks 44<sup>th</sup> out of 50 states in homeownership. Electing lawmakers who understand homeowners' concerns and act accordingly to bolster homeownership in Texas is the association's top priority this election season.

"I am honored to have the endorsement of the Texas Association of Realtors," Birdwell said. "As small business owners, Texas Realtors make the dream of homeownership more affordable for all Texans and I will strive to help support this important goal."

As one of the largest professional membership associations in the state, the Texas Association of Realtors expects to be a considerable grassroots force for Brian Birdwell.

#### **About the Texas Association of REALTORS®**

With more than 85,000 members, the Texas Association of Realtors is one of the largest professional membership associations in the state and represents all aspects of real estate in Texas. Texas Realtors have championed a number of legislative issues enhancing the lives of Texans, including playing a role in the passage of meaningful property tax appraisal reform, ensuring consumer protection in home equity lending laws and advocating for billions in property tax reductions. To learn more about Texas Realtors' legislative advocacy on behalf of its members and homeowners, visit [TexasRealEstate.com](http://TexasRealEstate.com).

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