## Catherine Engelbrecht Founder and President, King Street Patriots and True the Vote

Catherine Engelbrecht was born in Richmond, Texas. She is president of a highprecision oilfield machine shop started in 1994 by her and her husband, Bryan.

Prior to 2008, Catherine had little involvement in the political arena. She was what could be called a "life activist." With roles as a wife, a mother, a founder and board member of her church, an officer of her children's school's PTO, a city volunteer, and a business owner, she had plenty to focus on. She believed, as many did, that government was best left to "politicians" who could be relied upon to do their best on behalf of the American people.

During the Presidential campaign of 2008, she watched as government and politicians made decisions that stood in stark contrast to the American ideals of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. She looked at her children, her aging parents, her business, her church, her Country, and she knew she had to do something to help protect them. So with her family's support, she stepped out in faith, away from the family business and into full time service working on behalf of all those who believe in the greatness of America and the conservative, Judeo-Christian values on which it was founded.

In 2009 she started King Street Patriots to support and defend American exceptionalism, Constitutional governance, and civic duty.

From King Street Patriots came the True the Vote initiative, a citizen led effort to restore honor and integrity to our electoral system. True the Vote educates voters, researches the veracity of voter registries, trains and mobilizes volunteers to work in polling places, and advocates for comprehensive election code reform legislation. True the Vote has developed an exportable program of training, technology, and support to equip citizens for participation in the electoral process at whatever level of involvement they choose, ranging from one time volunteer to program leader. True the Vote is currently working in over 30 states, with emphasis in select states and counties known to have historically problematic election processes.

Catherine may be a relative newcomer to politics, but she is a lifetime practitioner of common sense. She's rolled up her sleeves, put on her waders, and jumped in to defend the Country – and she believes she's right where she's supposed to be.

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