



Carole Strayhorn will
always tell you one thing...

...whatever you

Strayhorn is doing her best to say whatever it is people want to hear, even if it contradicts what she said five years ago, or even five minutes ago...

On Abortion...

- **Carole the Democrat:** Supported abortion rights. (*Houston Chronicle*, 8/29/90)
- **Carole the Republican:** Suddenly she was pro-life and even signed the Republican National Coalition for Life pledge to protect unborn children. (*Houston Chronicle*, 8/20/95)
- **Carole Today:** Now that she claims to be an independent, she refuses to answer the question. (*Houston Chronicle*, 8/20/96)

On Supporting Appraisal Caps...

- **Carole the Conservative:** Supported a "constitutional amendment limiting annual residential property tax appraisals increases to 5 percent." (*Fort Worth Record* - *BJT*, April 2003)
- **Carole the Liberal:** Suddenly changed her mind saying, "homeowners want cuts, not caps." (*Austin American Statesman*, 5/12/03)
- **Carole Today:** Now she won't even take a position saying let voters decide "whether they want appraisal caps." (*Dallas Morning News*, 4/2/2003)

On Taking Trial Lawyer Money...

- **Carole the Republican:** Sent out a letter slamming her opponent for being "heavily financed by personal injury trial lawyers around the state." (*Stoughton Letter*, 6/24/96)
- **Carole Today:** She has "accepted more than one million dollars from trial lawyers" (*Austin American Statesman*, 8/24/96)



She Changes
Positions More
Often than
a West Texas
Weather Vane

Carole Strayhorn will say

want to hear

... And time after time Carole Strayhorn
has broken her promises to Texans

Broken Promise: Shaking Down Special Interests

- As a candidate for Railroad Commissioner Strayhorn "pledged to refrain" from "accepting money from individuals and businesses with cases pending before the commission." (*Austin American Statesman*, 10/16/94)
- But after being elected, Strayhorn broke her promise and began shaking down energy companies regulated by her agency. Strayhorn's excuse... "she meant she wouldn't accept money from companies while they have a case on the commission's docket for action. She is happy to take money from those companies before or after their issues are adjudicated."

(*Austin American Statesman*, 10/16/94)

Broken Promise: Pay to Play

- Figuring the last broken promise didn't hurt her election, Strayhorn made a promise as a candidate for comptroller, saying she would not "accept donations from anyone with a contested tax case before her." (*Heath's Chronicle*, 4/24/95)
- Strayhorn conveniently broke her promise again by taking millions of dollars from companies with contested tax cases before her office. She's even taken \$2 million from one tax consulting firm who made \$50 million from one of her special deals. (*Zueller Morning News*, 6/8/12/96)

Broken Promise: Breaking the Voters' Trust

- Carole Strayhorn quit the Austin school board to run for Austin Mayor and then quit as Austin Mayor early to take a job at the State Board of Insurance.
- Strayhorn quit the State Board of Insurance three years before her term expired, to run for Congress, and then six months into a six-year term as Railroad Commissioner Strayhorn announced her candidacy for comptroller after promising voters... "I want to bring Cal Ripken-like staying power to the commission." (*Dallas Observer*, 12/28/99)

anything to get elected



Don't just take our word for it – here's what the Houston Chronicle had to say about Carole Strayhorn's flip-flops.

Houston ★ **Chronicle**

August 20, 2006

“Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, an independent candidate for governor, has politically reinvented herself time and again during the past three decades — repeatedly leading to questions of whether her actions are sincere or expedient...

...As she runs for governor this year, some of her opponents question how she supported private school vouchers and now opposes them and how she favored abortion rights as a Democrat, opposed abortion as a Republican and now will not take a stance on abortion policy as an independent...

...Strayhorn's reputation for expediency grew out of her willingness to abandon an office to reach for a higher one... under political criticism that she was a job-hopper for higher office, Strayhorn in her 1996 race for the Texas Railroad Commission promised to serve the full six-year term. After just six months in office, Strayhorn announced as a candidate for comptroller, a position she won in 1998.”

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