

Medina refuses support of GOP ticket, suggests third-party activity

LUBBOCK – Candidate for the Republican nomination for Texas governor Debra Medina, in a Thursday appearance on radio show Pratt on Texas, refused to commit to support the Republican nominee for Texas governor if she is not the Party’s nominee. Medina hinted at there being other candidates on the November ballot she might support.

Pratt on Texas host Robert Pratt asked Ms. Medina, the former Wharton County chairwoman, “If you run through this election and are not the nominee of the Republican Party, will you wholeheartedly endorse and support the Party’s nominee or is there some threat of some type of outside movement there?”

“I think it’s premature to be talking about that,” replied Medina.

“So in other words, even though we do know that the nominee will be one of three people, Rick Perry, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, or yourself, you’re not willing to go on the record saying that if you’re not the nominee you would support the Party’s ticket?,” Pratt asked.

“Absolutely not,” Medina said.

“Surely you understand that there may be other candidates besides a Republican and a Democrat on the ballot come next November,” she added later.

“Ms. Medina wants Republican voters to trust her with their vote but, she isn’t willing to trust the judgment of those same voters if they should nominate someone other than her,” Pratt told his audience after the interview.

Pratt on Texas is a production of Perstruo Texas and distributed by GAP Broadcasting and Lubbock’s AM790 KFYO.

Interview portion transcript follows:

Pratt: “If you run through this election and are not the nominee of the Republican Party, will you wholeheartedly endorse and support the Party’s nominee or is there some threat of some type of uh, outside movement there?”

Medina: “I’ve said that I think it’s premature to be talking about that. We don’t know who that nominee will be and my, my sights right now are fixed on being that nominee. I’ll vote for, as I always do, the most conservative individual in the race when it comes to November.”

Pratt: “So in other words, even though we do know that the nominee will be one of three people, Rick Perry, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, or yourself, you’re not willing to go on the record saying that if you’re not the nominee you would support the Party’s ticket.”

Medina: “Absolutely not. I think that’s what’s gotten us into the trouble that we’re in. You guys give these incumbents a pass all the time by saying you know people just need to hold their nose and vote Republican in November and I think we’ve seen time and time again, unless Republicans are going to stand up and walk their talk, they’re going to get turned out of office. I wish we’d start turning them out of office in the primary instead of waiting until the general election, but I think the people are speaking pretty loudly - the Party leadership and, and, and some others tend to not want to listen to the voice of the people. I’m here fighting for the people so the last thing I’m going to do is say is hold your nose in November. I’m going to fight real hard to be that nominee and I will vote, as I have been for some years, for the most conservative candidate.”

Pratt: “So, so the most conservative candidate of the 7 Democrats, you believe one of those is more conservative than one of the Republican candidates.”

Medina: “Well surely you understand that there may be other candidates besides a Republican and a Democrat on the ballot come next November.”