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We recommend Lander Bethel in Democratic primary for U.S. House District 4

Democrats in Texas' Fourth Congressional District have two thoughtful and passionate candidates to choose from. Catherine Krantz, 46, and Lander Bethel, 60, are first-time candidates for public office; both show promise.

We recommend Bethel, based on the breadth of his community involvement and knowledge of the issues facing Congress, ranging from trade policy to spending priorities and healthcare.

Bethel has labored the last seven years as a leader, and ultimately chairman, of the Grayson County Democratic Party and has for many years been a full-time pastor and community volunteer. The Sherman resident knows, for instance, that NAFTA has driven prosperity in Texas,

Krantz returned from a long tenure in Mexico four years ago to help run her family's business in Emory. She speaks passionately about how many rural Americans feel left out and ignored by Washington.

The two candidates are modeling a rare cordiality. Running what they have gamely called, "the cordial campaign," the two have campaigned together, hitting dozens of events as a pair aiming to build each other's campaigns up even as they compete.

The winner will face major-party opposition in November.