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Pete Flores Launches Run for Texas State Senate *State's Former Top Game Warden Looks to Continue Public Service*

Pete Flores is running for Texas Senate District 19, which is composed of all or parts of 17 counties running from Bexar west to Brewster and encompassing a long stretch of border with Mexico.

A former leader of Texas Parks and Wildlife's statewide law enforcement division with strong ties to South and West Texas, Flores sees the Texas State Senate as another way he can serve the region.

"I would bring strong managerial, budgetary, governance and leadership experience to the Texas Senate having authored \$60-million budgets, managed more than two dozen field offices, and supervised more than 125 civilian employees and nearly 550 commissioned officers," Flores said.

As Colonel Game Warden for Texas Parks and Wildlife, Flores built a strong reputation for implementing community-based law enforcement protocols and successfully coordinating law enforcement operations with local, state and federal law enforcement officials.

Pete Flores grew up in South Texas, graduating from high school in Laredo and attending Laredo Junior College before graduating from Texas A&M. The first Hispanic Director of Law Enforcement for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Flores is a graduate of the Governor's Executive Development Program and the National Conservation Leadership Institute's Fellowship Program, and served as vice president of the National Association of Conservation Law Enforcement Chiefs (USA).

Flores honorably retired from state service in 2012 and now works as a consultant and instructor for the National Association of Conservation Law Enforcement Chiefs Leadership Academy. He and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Pleasanton and have two adult daughters. As a state senator, Flores would represent the more than 800,000 persons living in Atascosa, Bexar, Brewster, Crockett, Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Kinney, Maverick, Medina, Pecos, Real, Reeves, Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala counties. Flores maintains a Master Peace Officer Certificate and would like to serve on the Senate's Criminal Justice and Natural Resources committees.

Pete Flores believes his years as a Texas game warden will fit well with his new role as a candidate. "We have a saying that a good game warden never met a stranger. I look forward to visiting with those I've known for the last quarter century and meeting with new folks throughout the district, discussing issues and ways we all can work together to make this part of Texas an even better place to live, work and raise our families. I will draw on my experience in law enforcement and government and will value their experiences and ideas."



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