

Andy Griffith Bio:

Andrew Griffith is a nationally respected political strategist, government affairs consultant, and leadership development professional whose career combines campaign expertise, public policy knowledge, and educational leadership.

What best distinguishes Griffith is his accomplished background in education. For over thirteen years, he served as a government and economics educator and a competitive high school debate coach. His classroom was a training ground for future leaders, emphasizing civic engagement, critical thinking, and persuasive communication.

Griffith grew up politically in college Republican circles. He was pulled up by his bootstraps by former Governor Rick Perry (not one of LIV's favorite politicians, to say the least) learning the ropes of how politics really works. As a young man, Griffith played a leading role in helping to elect a Republican to U.S. Congress who currently represents a seat in the Austin area. He also worked for Mitt Romney's presidential bid in 2012 and crossed over into Democratic and then independent politics with the 2024 RFK, Jr. presidential bid.

In 2023, Griffith began a political transformation out of "one-party rule" politics demanded of Texas Republicans. Griffith's political experience brought him to the understanding of the limits to problem-solving in a political environment that squelches electoral competition. He supports LIV's efforts to bring together cross-partisan collaboration with members of all parties, including our minor parties in Texas (Libertarians and Greens), while doing the hard work of experimenting with how to best organize – *not corral* – independent, non-aligned voters who agree on a limited menu of issues.

LIV is thrilled to have Andy on board to help us figure out what's been missing in the independent political movement since Ross Perot's 1992 independent presidential campaign. We're asking him to lead us in our mission to understand and solve the conundrum of organizing independents who defy "organization."

We highly recommend you watch Andy's speech at [LIV's Data Center Town Hall for All](#) held in Bastrop on July 22, 2022. See how Andy explains the connections between Occupy Wallstreet and the Tea Party. It's at the beginning of the event, shortly followed by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller.

Disclosure: Andy and his wife, Lisa, recently founded Open Ballot LLC at OpenBallotHQ.com to provide professional services for candidates of any party and independent (non-aligned) candidates.