

## Panelists

**Jason Vaughn** is the Policy director of Texas Young Republicans and has been involved in conservative politics since he was 16 and made his parents register to vote. He is passionate about pro-life issues and criminal justice reform. He also spent a summer working in a men's ministry halfway house helping men recover from drug addiction.

**Aubree Adams** is a former Pueblo, Colorado resident who moved to Houston this past summer due to the harms legal marijuana caused her family and community. She represents a nonpartisan group called Mom's Strong, which brings a voice for the families whose children have experienced the adverse effects of today's high potency marijuana, including addiction, psychosis, mental illness and suicide. She recently testified at the FDA hearing on cannabis products, and welcomes the opportunity to share her testimony on the very real impacts of this dangerous drug.

**Shawn Jones** the current chair of the Collin County Libertarian Party, a Senate district 8 represent on the State Legislative Executive Committee and volunteer for the Fully Informed Jury Association. I am a father of one and owner of a small construction company. I was born and raised in Plano where I still reside. My goal through political and social activism is to create a more free society for future generations. Respect for the individual and their property coupled with their ability to protect it is where freedom begins and ends.

**Olivia Pleasant** proud to be a born and raised Texan from McKinney. I am studying Political Science at American Public and Military University with plans to obtain a J.D. specializing in Constitutional Law; eventually my goal is to run for office. I believe in God, family, and the Constitution above all else. I am a precinct chair in training and on the board for a couple of political groups in Collin County. I do weekly policy analysis, review case briefs, and ensure I am up to date with ongoing issues throughout the state and our nation. I have spent over ten years extensively researching marijuana in America which dates back to America's first colonies. I advocate that Texas, and America as a whole, needs to see massive reform regarding marijuana policy. Patients should be afforded access for medical conditions marijuana has proven to benefit, as well as the need for decriminalization for minor, personal use offenses that cause lifelong detrimental impacts for individuals and their families. In over half the country, marijuana for medical purposes is not a crime and families aren't torn apart by a system that propagates the war against marijuana, a medication often safer than what's prescribed by doctors. The War on Drugs started under false pretenses and it is time to address the wrongs of past administrations.

**Paul Chabot** President of Conservative Move and Coalition for a Drug Free Texas served as White House Senior Policy Advisor for six-years. He also served with the U.S. Attorney's Office, the U.S. State Department and later with high level military assignments inside the Pentagon. Paul is a former California State Parole Board Commissioner and retired Deputy Sheriff Reserve with 21-years of service in San Bernardino County, California. He is a Commander Naval Intelligence Officer with 18-years of service and deployed in Iraq in 2008 with a Special Operations Task Force as an Intelligence Officer working with Navy Seals and other specialized units. He is the author of *Eternal Battle against Evil* and regular guest on Fox News. Paul has his B.A. from Cal-State San Bernardino, Masters in Public Administration from USC and doctorate in Executive Leadership from George Washington University. He has worked with over 200 cities across America to ban pot stores and successfully fought to defeat marijuana legalization on the 2010 California ballot. Paul was the Republican Nominee for US Congress in California's 31st District and was the number one target for defeat by the pro marijuana lobby, donating more money to Paul's liberal opponent than anyone else in Congress. Paul is married to Brenda and together they have four children and live in McKinney, Texas