Christi Craddick was elected statewide by the people of Texas in November 2012 to serve a six-year term as **Texas Railroad Commissioner**.

A native of Midland, Christi is an attorney specializing in oil and gas, water, tax issues, electric deregulation and environmental policy.

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