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Are Flip Flops Fashionable in October?

- Maldonado contradicts herself again at candidate forum -

At a forum on Thursday night hosted by Southwestern University, Liberal Freshman Democrat Diana Maldonado flip flopped on another key issue facing Texas – raising the gas tax. This marks the second time in two days Maldonado has changed her answers to questions being asked by taxpayers.

“It makes you wonder if she even understands what she’s voting on,” said her Republican challenger Larry Gonzales. “One day she says one thing, and the next day she’s changing her mind. I’m not certain how she’ll vote anymore. That’s worrisome.”

During the 2009 legislative session, while debating HB300 (Texas Department of Transportation Sunset bill) Maldonado voted in support of a local option gas tax as a way to raise revenue. But in Thursday’s forum, when asked about the tax increase, Maldonado said, “As far as raising the gas tax? No, I don’t support it.”

“It’s a very straight forward policy question,” said Gonzales. “But she keeps changing her mind.”

Earlier this week, Gonzales issued a press release about another flip flop, this time on legislation requiring photo ID to vote. Maldonado announced Tuesday night in a forum hosted by the Greater Round Rock West Neighborhood Association that she supports requiring a photo ID to vote, despite stating just 5 days earlier at a forum she was opposed to voter ID and last session participated in a five-day delay of the House Calendar that killed the photo ID bill.

On Tuesday Maldonado said, “I am for voter identification where it does have a picture, let’s do that.” Emphasizing her point, she later said, “Sure let’s put a picture on it.”

“It says to me she knows her votes and partisan actions last session were out of touch with the voters of HD52,” said Gonzales. “And rather than standing up for what she believes and defending her vote, she panders to the crowd.”

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