



VOTERS ★ GUIDE

by the League of Women Voters of Texas & League of Women Voters Austin Area

VOTING IN THE 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION

YOU MAY BRING A PRINTED VOTERS GUIDE INTO THE VOTING BOOTH.
Use of electronic devices is prohibited.

VOTER CHECKLIST

Here is everything you need to know before you go to vote. Complete all of the steps below, and you'll be ready and prepared to go to the polls.

☐ **Confirm voter registration:** Registered voters will have received a voter registration certificate (see **page 27** for an example). While this document is not needed to vote, it contains helpful information about your districts, precinct, and more. If you do bring it to the polls, a poll worker can use it to confirm your eligibility if there's any problem. Receiving the certificate is confirmation that you are eligible to vote. If you aren't sure you are registered, you can check online at **VoteTravis.com** or **www.wilcotx.gov/elections**. Students, see **page 2** for more information. As of this printing, the deadline for new registrations for this election will have passed, but please register now for future elections.

☐ **Update your voter registration name or address:** To vote, you must update your registration every time you move or change your name. If you have not updated your voter registration information, you may be required to vote provisionally. That means your vote will not be tallied until the issue surrounding voter information has been resolved. **Be sure to update your voter registration BEFORE YOU COME TO THE POLLS:**

➤ You may correct your voter registration information on the back of the voter registration certificate and mail it to your local voter registrar.

Travis County:

Bruce Elfant
P.O. Box 149327, Austin, TX 78714-9327

Williamson County:

Williamson County Elections
P.O. Box 209, Georgetown, TX 78627

➤ You can change your address or name on the Texas Secretary of State's website:
<https://bit.ly/32E8QK8>

Complete information on updating your registration can be found at **VoteTexas.gov**.

☐ **Vote Early or on Election Day**

WHERE: Residents of Travis and Williamson Counties can vote at **ANY** polling place in their county. Locations and wait times are available at the following county voter information websites.

Travis County:

VoteTravis.com

Williamson County:

www.wilcotx.gov/elections

EARLY VOTING: February 20–March 1, 2024

➤ **Travis County polling times:**

Tuesday (2/20)–Saturday (2/24):

7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Sunday (2/25): 12:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

Monday (2/26)–Wednesday (2/28):

7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Thursday (2/29)–Friday (3/1):

7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.* Extended hours at some locations (7:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.)

➤ **Williamson County polling times:**

Tuesday (2/20)–Friday (2/23):

8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Saturday (2/24): 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Sunday (2/25): 12:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

Monday (2/26)–Friday (3/1): 7:00 a.m.–

7:00 p.m.

ELECTION DAY: March 5, 2024

Travis County: 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Williamson County: 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

☐ **Bring Photo ID—You must use one of seven forms of ID to vote:**

- Texas driver license
- Texas Election Identification Certificate (EIC)
- Texas identification card issued by DPS
- Texas handgun license issued by DPS
- US military identification card with visible photograph
- US citizenship certificate with visible photograph
- US passport (book or card)

If you do not have one of the above photo IDs, as a registered voter you can still vote. You will be required to sign a Reasonable Impediment Declaration form and present a copy or original of one of the following documents:

- Texas voter registration certificate
- Certified birth certificate
- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Government check
- Paycheck
- Any other government document such as an out-of-state driver license or an expired Texas driver license

☐ **Check ID expiration date:** You can still vote with an expired photo ID. IDs may be expired **up to four years**. For voters age 70 or older, there is **NO** limit on ID expiration.

☐ **Know your voting rights**

➤ If you are still in line when the polls close, stay in line. You will be able to vote past poll closure as long as you stay in line.

- You may ask for another ballot if you need to make changes to your ballot after printing it.
- If voting machines are down, you may ask for a paper ballot.
- If you run into issues on Election Day, call an Election Protection Hotline.

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English: 1-866-OUR-VOTE / 1-866-687-8683

Spanish: 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA / 1-888-839-8682

Arabic: 1-844-YALLA-US / 1-844-925-5287

Asian languages: 888-API-VOTE / 1-888-274-8683

ASL (Video): 301-818-VOTE / 1-301-818-8683

Disability Rights TX: 888-796-VOTE /
1-888-796-8683

❑ **Vote safely:** The League of Women Voters encourages you to “Be a Safe Texas Voter!”

- **Vote at home by mail:** You must be 65 years or older, have a disability, be out of the county during early voting and Election Day, or be an eligible voter in jail. See **below** for more information on how to apply.
- **Vote early:** The early voting period is February 20–March 1. Take advantage of this to avoid busy polling places on Election Day. During early voting and especially on Election Day, vote during non-peak hours, such as mid-morning or mid-afternoon.
- **Vote with a mask:** That includes polling places anytime you go to vote. We encourage everyone to wear a mask at polling locations so everyone can vote safely.
- **Vote six feet apart:** Distance yourself from other voters and poll workers by at least six feet. It may seem that the lines are a bit longer, but that only means everyone is working to stay safe.

HOW TO VOTE BY MAIL

A registered voter may vote by mail (VBM) if they:

- are 65 years of age or older (eligible for mail-in ballots for an entire calendar year).
- are sick or disabled (eligible for mail-in ballots for an entire calendar year).
- will be absent from the county during the entire early voting period and Election Day, AND provide an out-of-county address where the ballot can be mailed, AND include dates they can receive mail at the out-of-county address (eligible only for one election at a time). Voters who are absent from the county because they are active duty military or because they reside overseas should complete a Federal Post Card Application. Information and forms are available from county and state offices.
- are confined in jail, but otherwise eligible to vote (eligible only for one election at a time).
- are expecting to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day.

The procedure:

1. Request the application, which is available for download from the county elections or secretary of state websites, or by calling or emailing the appropriate office. The appli-

cation is known as an ABBM (application for a ballot by mail). <https://bit.ly/2YL0Gi3>

2. **IMPORTANT**—The application **MUST** be completed and **received** by the early voting clerk in the Travis or Williamson County Elections Division office **by February 23, 2024**. **NOTE:** If you submit an ABBM by fax or email, it must also be submitted by mail and received in the appropriate office within four business days of your electronic submission.

3. Once received and completed, the mail-in ballot **MUST** be **mailed and postmarked by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day and received by 5:00 p.m. on the 1st mail day after Election Day**, or if civilians abroad the 5th day after Election Day, or if Military voters the 6th day after Election Day. A VBM tracker and “Cure” process is available at VoteTexas.gov.

- Track your VBM application and VBM ballot throughout the election process.
- Provide contact information on your VBM application so the county may contact you if you need to fix an error with your application or ballot.

Please visit our websites for more detailed information:
LWVAustin.org/vbm/ and LWVTexas.org/votebymail.

STUDENT VOTERS

Students may use either their parents’ address or their college address for voter registration, whichever they consider to be their permanent address. Students cannot be registered in both places. Those who will be away from their permanent address on Election Day and during early voting may request a ballot by mail from their county clerk’s office. Student voters should also know that college or university student photo IDs are not accepted at the polls. Be aware of the general ID requirements.

LEARN WHAT LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS DO

Are you curious about what local elected officials do? Do you want to learn more about the positions you vote on? Check out our self-paced modules on our website. These learning modules can be completed at your convenience and in multiple sittings. They are interactive and will have activities you must complete before you move on to the next section. You can take the module on your computer, tablet, or phone. Visit our website at LWVAustin.org/LWV-AA-Civics-Sessions.

VOTING SYSTEM

Both Travis and Williamson Counties are now using an ExpressVote Ballot Marking Device (BMD), which uses touch-screen technology but produces a paper ballot for tabulation. It is modern, secure, and allows you to verify your selections before casting your vote.

For more information, please visit:

elections.traviscountytexas.gov/voter-information/travis-county-voting-system/

or

www.wilcotx.gov/192/Voting-System

Steps to Vote

1. **VOTE:** At check-in you will receive a blank ballot. Insert this ballot into any ExpressVote BMD. Follow instructions on the screen to make your selections. Poll workers will be available if you need assistance.
2. **REVIEW:** When prompted, print your ballot. Carefully review all the selections printed on the card to be sure it accurately reflects your choices.
3. **SCAN:** You **MUST** then scan your ballot into the DS200 scanner to cast your vote. Do **NOT** leave the polling location with your ballot.



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This *Voters Guide* is funded and published by the League of Women Voters of Texas (LWVTX) and the League of Women Voters Austin Area (LWV-AA). We invite every candidate in competition for office to provide information. We list the names of unopposed candidates but do not send them questionnaires. Political affiliations in partisan races are abbreviated as follows: (D) Democratic Party, (R) Republican Party, (L) Libertarian Party, (G) Green Party, (I) Independent.

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VOTE411.ORG

More information about the candidates can be reviewed by visiting [VOTE411.org](https://www.VOTE411.org), a one-stop online resource for upcoming elections made possible by the League of Women Voters Education Fund. Simply enter your address to find your polling place, build your ballot with our online *Voters Guide*, and compare candidates side by side. Answers from candidates who didn't respond by the print deadline may be available online.

HOW THE LEAGUE GATHERS CANDIDATE INFORMATION

To compile the *Voters Guide* information, the League of Women Voters Austin Area sends questions to all candidates in major **contested** races. League members verify accurate contact information provided by various election entities and the Texas Secretary of State. The League formulates all questions through a rigorous questions committee. Candidate replies are printed without editing or verification of content. Due to space restrictions, candidates are given strict character limits. The form into which they enter answers prohibits them from violating the limit. If a response has been cut off due to this constraint, the response has [...] inserted at the end. Candidates are also asked to avoid negative references to their opponents. We reserve the right to redact portions of responses that do not meet our guidelines. Those appearing without a photo failed to submit one. Candidates must submit answers by the deadline provided in order to be included in the printed version. Answers on [VOTE411.org](https://www.VOTE411.org) may be updated after the print deadline.

CANDIDATE RESPONSES

The League of Women Voters Austin Area reviews all candidate responses carefully for adherence to our guidelines. The League reserves the right to redact portions of a candidate's

response, but avoids doing so as much as possible. Candidate replies are printed without editing or verification of content. The League takes First Amendment rights seriously and believes that the public has a right to know what the candidates think and what they stand for, even if it may be considered offensive. Each candidate is personally and solely responsible for the content of their response.

HOW DOES THE LEAGUE HANDLE BALLOT MEASURES?

For each ballot measure (such as bonds, charter amendments, or other propositions), the League researches and analyzes the topic and provides information to help explain the background and effects of the proposed change. We do not always include pros and cons, and instead focus on explaining potential effects of the measure's passing. If we do offer pros and cons, we make sure they are balanced and include both points of view. The following information is typically included:

- Background: How did this get on the ballot and what group brought it forward?
- Ballot language explainer: What does the ballot language really say?
- Potential effects: What possible effects will this ballot measure have on our area?

For a more in-depth explanation of ballot measures, or updated information that may be added after printing, please check [VOTE411.org](https://www.VOTE411.org).

YOU MAY BRING A PRINTED VOTERS GUIDE INTO THE VOTING BOOTH

Mobile electronic devices are prohibited in the voting booth, but the law allows you to take a printed *Voters Guide* with you. You can also use the interactive version online at [VOTE411.org](https://www.VOTE411.org) to print your choices to take with you.

ABOUT THE LEAGUE

The League of Women Voters Austin Area is a grassroots, all-volunteer organization promoting informed and active participation of citizens in government. Since 1919, both LWVTX and LWV-AA have helped voters cast informed votes when going to the polls. No League organization supports or opposes any political party or candidate. As a non-partisan organization, the League believes that all of us are stakeholders in making democracy work. We host informative programs concerning important public policy issues, organize and offer voter registration efforts, engage in get-out-the-vote projects, work with local area schools and universities to promote civic participation, and conduct fair and open candidate forums.

LWV MISSION STATEMENT

Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

LWV VISION STATEMENT

We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.

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NATIONAL U.S. PRESIDENT

See VOTE411.org to compare candidates for President.

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Ryan L. Binkley

Ron DeSantis*

Donald J. Trump

Nikki Haley

David Stuckenberg

Chris Christie*

Vivek Ramaswamy*

Asa Hutchinson*

Uncommitted

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

Star Locke

Frankie Lozada

Armando “Mando” Perez-Serrato

Dean Phillips

Marianne Williamson

Gabriel A. Cornejo

Cenk Uygur

*Withdrew from the race prior to the time of publication.

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Qualifications: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

Democracy: What, if anything, needs to be done to protect our democracy and restore faith in our institutions?

Immigration: What policy changes are needed so the U.S immigration system is both effective and humane?

International Relations: What is the role of the U.S. in protecting democracy across the world and how do we balance that position against our economic interests?

Climate Change: What measures, if any, need to be taken at the federal level to address the impacts of climate change?

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Ted Cruz (R)

No response received

Holland ‘Redd’ Gibson (R)

No response received



R.E. (Rufus) Lopez (R)

Qualifications: I am an Attorney with 59 years in the practice before all Federal and State courts. I am a 4/5th generation Texan, born and raised in south Texas and an avid rancher, farmer and hunter.

Democracy: The government needs to quit meddling in the individual lives of our citizens. The 10th Amendment is very clear: “The rights not given to the Federal Government are reserved to the states” Our Democracy is as strong as its citizens; I have not lost faith in our country, but the members of Congress must be retired; they are the root of the problem.

Immigration: We have not had an Immigration plan in 37 years. We must look back to the plans considered over

the years and expand on those and complete one that will allow Seasonal workers, and those that can be sponsored by citizens and who can contribute to the growth of this country. We must prohibit marriages of convenience and allow a gradual increase of immigrants who can prove that they can contribute

International Relations: We are the greatest country on earth and to those that much is given, much is expected. Protecting and encouraging democracy as the best form of government should be the central feature of our foreign policy. Encouraging economic trade is crucial to our growth while prohibiting foreign ownership of our lands. Ukraine is a true democracy and for once we are supporting one that mirrors ours.

Climate Change: Encourage the oil and gas industry to contribute to the endeavor. They too live in our environment and are effected by the development of the industry. A strong partnership with the industry must be developed such as we are seeing in the wind farms and off shore drilling.



Colin Allred (D)

Qualifications: I’ve spent my three terms in Congress working with folks in both parties to get things done. Texans can’t afford 6 more years of extreme politicians. We need a Senator we can count on.

Democracy: As a voting rights lawyer and a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, I have worked to protect our democracy. I’ve championed reforms to root out corruption, get big money out of politics, end gerrymandering, and ensure every eligible voter can easily exercise their constitutional right to vote. I have also championed modernizing the Voting Rights Act to protect the right to vote.

Immigration: My mother was raised in Brownsville and I

often spent summers visiting my grandmother in the Rio Grande Valley. Our current immigration system is broken and I support comprehensive reform that includes securing our borders, protecting Dreamers, and providing a pathway to earned citizenship for those who are working hard and obeying the law. I will work with both parties to get this done.

International Relations: I have served on the Foreign Affairs Committee, and I believe a strong national defense is critical to protecting America and our interests around the world. We must defend democracy and democratic values. It’s why I support Ukraine and its effort to defend its democracy against Russian aggression. I also believe we must deter Chinese aggression and stand by our partner Taiwan.

Climate Change: We need action to address the climate crisis, and an all-of-the-above energy strategy that keeps costs low, keeps jobs in Texas and creates a more reliable electric grid. Texas is an energy leader and I will continue to support responsible oil and gas production and build on the historic investments we made in reducing pollution and growing wind, solar, hydrogen and other forms of clean energy.

Campaign Website: colinallred.com

Meri Gomez (D)

No response received



Mark Gonzalez (D)

Qualifications: Tattoos. Motorcycle riding. Reformer DA. Vaquero. Father of five and attorney. I know what it’s like to meet a payroll, get the kids to a dance recital on time, and castrate a steer at the ranch.

Democracy: As District Attorney, I got to see how people worked to undermine faith in our justice system. It was one of the reasons I ran for DA in the first place. An elected

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Mark Gonzalez (D) (continued)

official has a duty to uphold their oath, but they also have the opportunity to lead by example. Senators should work for constituents rather than finding ways to trend on social media.

Immigration: Stop using people as props and fix the problem. Rhetoric around mass deportations hurts any reasonable and bipartisan effort to achieve legislation. This must include a pathway to citizenship for those here and protections for DREAMers and their families. More can be done to protect farm workers and hold individuals accountable for taking advantage of immigrant workers.

International Relations: We have a moral obligation to protect freedom and promote peace around the world. That does not mean forgetting about problems at home, however. We should champion democracy globally, but do it through diplomacy, international cooperation, and fair economic policies. We can promote a world that respects democratic values while safeguarding our economic interests and national security.

Climate Change: We should be concerned about the global warming of our planet and its impact on water, farming and employment. When we talk about climate, we need to talk about how to protect, expand jobs. Democrats cannot ignore the impact on jobs in Texas when talking about climate change. That's an opportunity to grow solar and wind power manufacturing jobs and ultimately obtain a net-zero emissions economy.

Campaign Website: www.markagonzalez.com



Roland Gutierrez (D)

Qualifications: San Antonio City Council member (2005-2008); Texas State Representative (2008-2021); Texas State Senator (since 2021) Find out more at: <https://rolandfortexas.com/about/>

Democracy: For too long, people feel like they have been shut out of government without a voice. Therefore, we must ensure that every voter will cast a meaningful vote and that special interests have far less influence to affect policymaking. I would seek several changes, including campaign finance reform that provides greater transparency to voters, and a ban on gerrymandering for congressional districts.

Immigration: We must: 1) provide a pathway to normalcy for undocumented workers; 2) provide DREAMers immediate citizenship; 3) create a new work program for arriving immigrants that meets the needs of our economy; 4) fix and streamline dysfunctional visa program; and 5) end human trafficking and stop drug cartels.

Find out more at: <https://rolandfortexas.com/immigration/>

International Relations: The U.S. must be a leader in the World promoting and protecting democracies. We must be for free and fair elections at home and abroad. For too long, our economic interests have lead the U.S. to under-

mine elected leaders throughout the developing world. Specifically, we should use our global economic power to demand trade partners that also value and promote self-representation.

Climate Change: I worry every day about the environmental legacy that my generation has left for our children. We must incentivize a robust renewable industry that will reduce carbon and provide jobs to Texans. In addition, our country should seek multi-national agreements to lower the amount of greenhouse gas consumption.

Find out more: <https://rolandfortexas.com/issues-energy-and-the-environment/>

Campaign Website: rolandfortexas.com



A. "Robert" Hassan (D)

Qualifications: The Senate must be able to communicate effectively with a variety of people, including colleagues, staff, constituents, and the media. I am most capable of working well under pressure.

Democracy: American democracy is at a dangerous inflection point. The moment requires a step-change in strategy and support. Without such momentum, the country faces a democratic setback. Many Americans view this moment with concern with worthy measure. America's system is creaky, but the world's oldest democracy has strong institutions and will pull through.

Immigration: Since the end of the Cold War, most democratic failure globally has been caused by elected governments using legal methods, such technical rule changes, to derail democracy. Their destructions of their own democracies have been supported by pluralities or majorities of their citizenries, whose polarization leads them to back policies that harm democracy to ensure their side prevails.

International Relations: Many of the laws that form institutional guardrails were written poorly in the aftermath of the Civil War, with loopholes that are easily challenged given a lack of precedent. Moreover, the country's age means that much of what are presumed to be laws and institutions are, in fact, simply norms. These norms are eroding quickly.

Climate Change: In America, many states have been flooded with laws to alter voting. The worst of these maneuvers have occurred in a dozen states that have passed laws transferring power to more partisan electoral bodies and/or criminalizing their election administrations. These antidemocratic legal moves cannot be overcome by turnout. In turn, effecting all climate change policy measures.

Campaign Website: hassanfortexas.org/



Steven J. Keough (D)

Qualifications: Steve is a retired Navy Captain. He has a Master's Degree in Congressional Studies and a law degree. He was appointed by Presidents Clinton and GW Bush to the National Nuclear Threat Assessment team.

Democracy: It is important that US Senators hold themselves to higher standard of accountability. Accuracy and transparency are paramount. A key role of Senators is their oversight function. Judicial oversight over Supreme Court nominees and Justices needs to be restored. Oversight over how our friends overseas use our foreign aid also needs to be restored.

Immigration: The border wall is a failed US policy. In a modern world, there are more effective uses of the tax dollars to achieve a better result. It is unacceptable to use razor wire on the border. It is also unacceptable to misuse the National Guard the way Operation Lone Star is using them. It is important to create an easy to understand legal pathway to citizenship.

International Relations: Steve has decades of experience of working in the area of International diplomacy and democracy building. Three hot spots to watch: Taiwan vs. China (Steve speaks Chinese) He has experience in working in Asia. US vs. Putin- Steve worked in former Soviet states to build democracy. Middle East- Steve commanded a unit in Bahrain, spent time in Iran and Israel, and understands the area.

Climate Change: Federal regulation over how the oil and gas industry cleans up after itself will be important going forward. Alternative energy subsidies should continue and should be encouraged. Cities need to be given more help to grow with climate science in mind. For example, flood mitigation, accessibility to water sources, and better handling of waste management.

Campaign Website: www.keoughforsenate.com



Heli Rodriguez Prilliman (D)

Qualifications: As a Tejana from rural Texas, I'm proud to have helped build multiple successful tech startups over the past decade. I'm also a mom exhausted with our country's lack of childcare and health care.

Democracy: We need to comprehensively reform our campaign finance laws to get billionaire and corporate money out of politics. Today, unless you come from wealth and powerful connections, it's almost impossible to run for office. Ideas: Publicly funded elections, launch civics and media literacy initiatives, regulate online attention economy, vote-by-mail, term limits, and holding accountable the bad actors.

Immigration: Give immigrants a fair and humane path to citizenship. If you're here and want to work, we should make

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Heli Rodriguez Prilliman (D) (continued)

it easy: get them social security numbers so they can work and start paying taxes. If they keep a clean record, let them become citizens. We need to fix the visa processing bottlenecks, address the gaps that allow child migrant workers, and force a culture reset by forming a new agency.

International Relations: When it comes to protecting democracy around the world, our role should involve less aggressive posturing (end the unaccountable funding of weapons and war) and more focused on promoting global education and diplomacy. Honestly, our economic interests would work themselves out if we adequately funded child-care, healthcare, education, and mental health care for the American people instead of wars.

Climate Change: With aquifers and wells dwindling from climate change and multinational corporate overuse, the federal government must review all water rights laws so vulnerable communities don't run out of water. Prioritize weatherization of electrical grids and housing insulation. Train and transition workers to the clean energy industry as we continue to invest in solar, wind, nuclear, and other renewables.

Campaign Website: www.helifortexas.com



Carl Oscar Sherman (D)

Qualifications: I have a background as a city manager, businessman, mayor, member of the Texas House of Representatives, and pastor. These help me understand the challenges faced by rural, suburban, and urban Texans.

Democracy: Our main focus should be on bipartisanship and addressing the needs of everyday Americans, regard-

less of their political affiliation. We must also provide protection for voters. Poor turnout in elections is due in large part to gerrymandering, discriminatory voter ID laws, lack of access to polls, and prejudice towards formerly incarcerated Texans.

Immigration: We must conduct investigations on unfair conditions in detention facilities, oppose private immigration centers, and provide additional judicial resources, translators, and social workers at our borders. It is also important to provide more pathways to citizenship and education to immigrants about their rights so they can also be their own advocates in an unfair system.

International Relations: Take a strong role in cultivating democracy helps ensure a peaceful world in which both human dignity and trade are facilitated and protected. But it can't be a policy of words without action. While it is important to collaborate and partner with other countries, democracy must start at home, which allows us to be a role model for others

Climate Change: The federal government can establish protected areas and support small agricultural producers. They can also implement carbon taxes to the largest producers of greenhouse gas and use the money to invest in small farmers, sustainable tech, and support organizations to combat climate change. Since global problems require global solutions, we must also collaborate with the international community.

Campaign Website: www.carlsherman.com



Thierry Tchenko (D)

Qualifications: I'm a lifelong public servant who has worked in local & federal government as well as the nonprofit sector. I have devoted my life to serving working families & everyday people.

Democracy: To restore faith in our institutions, we must hold elected officials accountable for their actions. Talking points while you're campaigning is not enough. Our politicians must work on behalf of their constituents- by introducing and passing legislation. In order to protect our democracy, we must continue to fight voter suppression at every turn.

Immigration: Immigration changes needed among others: Place undocumented immigrants in U.S. without criminal record on a path to citizenship including Dreamers, pass a state-based guest-worker program, hire more immigration judges to address backlog of cases, establish processing centers in Central & South America to reduce activity at border, upgrade cameras and sensors at border to assist Border Patrol.

International Relations: The United States should be playing an active role in protecting democracy across the world primarily through diplomacy. Every decision that U.S. makes from a foreign policy standpoint should be guided by the objective of protecting our nation's interests and security. Aid and support should be evaluated on a continuous basis to ensure our domestic needs are also being addressed.

Climate Change: Climate change is an issue that greatly affects Texas. I will support legislation to reduce carbon emissions and invest in Texas's renewable energy in order to ensure that our communities sustain themselves.

Campaign Website: www.tchenkofortexas.com

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Qualifications: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

Democracy: What, if anything, needs to be done to protect our democracy and restore faith in our institutions?

Immigration: What policy changes are needed so the U.S. immigration system is both effective and humane?

International Relations: What is the role of the U.S. in protecting democracy across the world and how do we balance that position against our economic interests?

Climate Change: What measures, if any, need to be taken at the federal level to address the impacts of climate change?

Elections: What federal laws should be passed to ensure free and fair access to the ballot while maintaining safe and secure elections?

Gun Safety: What steps, if any, should be taken by Congress to curb gun violence in our communities?

Disinformation: What is the role of the federal government in addressing disinformation?

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DISTRICT 10



Jared B. Lovelace (R)

Qualifications: I honor the Constitution. I served as an infantry Captain in the U.S. Army. I pursued the American dream as an MBA and entrepreneur. I'm a hard-working middle-class husband, father, and man of faith.

Democracy: Reduce the size and scope of the federal government. Small government leads greater individual freedom, market prosperity, and national unity. The U.S. Constitution clearly outlines the role and scope of the branches of federal government. Anything that is not included or mentioned should be left to the states. Finally, we must dramatically reduce the national debt. Debt is bondage.

Immigration: We must control who crosses border at all costs, but realigning economic incentives is the only way to solve the root cause of illegal immigration. We need reform immigration law to make gaining working resident status in the U.S. more achievable for those who are trying to follow the law. People who believe in the American dream and want to follow the law shouldn't have to wait years to enter.

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Jared B. Lovelace (R) (continued)

International Relations: The U.S. should inspire democracy in the world but not protect it. Foreign populations must fight for and build democracy entirely on their own or it will not work. The democratic alignment of a country should not be a major factor in our trade. The U.S. should use diplomatic and economic power to incentivize countries to protect the most basic of human rights but not a full westernization.

Climate Change: I believe the federal government's Department of the Interior should protect bodies of water and other natural resources that cross state or international boundaries. Any and all other environmental regulation should occur at the state level and lower.

Elections: Any ballot with federal candidates should require in-person voting with official government picture ID. Military and diplomats are the only exceptions. Private U.S. citizens choosing to live in foreign countries must return to the U.S. to vote. Any citizen who cannot clearly communicate their wishes may not vote. Election officials may visit the homes of disabled people to collect their votes.

Gun Safety: Become more Christlike, united, and stop demonizing other people. This Christlike leadership will trickle down through society. State and municipal governments are better equipped to pass regulation and enforce measures to stem gun violence in their jurisdictions. Every community is different. Any federal legislation would be entirely inappropriate.

Disinformation: The federal government should provide tax-exempt status to any media company that voluntarily meets clearly outlined criteria demonstrating non-partisan and completely objective reporting. An example criterion could be completely neutral broadcasters, balanced representation of partisan commentators, etc. This will dilute the influence of billionaire agendas in media and empower citizens to think.

Campaign Website: www.jared2024.com

Michael T. McCaul (R)

No response received



Theresa Boisseau (D)

Qualifications: As a single mother I have fought everyday for my child and as a teacher for each student in my classroom. Now I will take the fight to DC to build a brighter future for all Texas children and beyond.

Democracy: Securing the right to vote is a priority and drove me to increase involvement and testify before the TX Legislative committee on voting in 2021. Our vote is our

voice and a stable democracy requires active participation free from undue influence, bribery or minority rule. I support easier access to voting, stopping dark money and I oppose gerrymandering that impedes fairly drawn voting districts.

Immigration: We should learn from the past and plan for the future for effective and humane solutions. In Congress, I would work to mandate the use of eVerify nationwide to secure much needed workers across industries, finalize pathways to citizenship for Dreamers, establish clear processes for asylum seekers while learning to fully understand and tackle the root causes of migration.

International Relations: Authoritarians across the globe are uniting to discredit the proven reality that a robust democracy is the best way to run a country. History shows us that if we wait to invest in the challenges that are a current threat, the cost both economic and strategic to our allies and ourselves will increase. There is no challenge between protecting our economic interests and protecting our democracy.

Climate Change: Mother Nature doesn't care if there's an R or D after your name, this should not be a political issue. The US has immense knowledge and capability to use tech and money to create solutions to extreme weather. I would extend tax credits for solar use, implement credits for wind, hydrogen production for industry and energy storage and we need federal distribution solutions for access to clean water.

Elections: The John Lewis Voting Rights Act should be passed immediately along with rebuilding the gutted Voting Rights Act. I would push for districts to be drawn by citizens, not politicians with vested interests in the outcome. Voting is at the core of America, I believe this should be celebrated by making Federal Election day a national holiday, early voting & vote by mail should be federally protected.

Gun Safety: While I had recently left teaching when Columbine happened, I distinctly remember having to tell my 10 year old daughter about Sandy Hook in 2012. In Congress, I would push known pieces of legislation that could pass and have an impact on this crisis; a national database for background checks, red-flag laws, a waiting period for purchase and initial & continuing education for owning/storing a gun.

Disinformation: We are on the precipice of extreme advances in AI & quantum computing that will revolutionize all areas of life and we need to tailor today's laws to regulate technology that we can't even imagine. I would promote programs around digital literacy, from teaching healthy digital habits to protection from online scams & promote laws to restore local journalism to act as a bulwark to disinformation.

Campaign Website: www.theresa4texas.com



Keith McPhail (D)

Qualifications: D10 resident with grit to stand firm against Trump's distortions. Proud TexasExes Chapter Leader and A&M grad ready to unite TX-10's diverse voices. Deep Texas roots and optimism for

our shared future

Democracy: America faces a threat in 2024 if Trump regains power through lies and a complicit House majority. All who value democracy - Democrat, Independent, Republican - must unite to stop this. We must turn out to vote in record numbers and flip seats like TX-10 to secure a Democratic House bulwark against tyranny. Now is the time for action, spread the word. Our democracy's future starts with you.

Immigration: Trump's closed border policy will worsen economic & humanitarian crises. Food costs will skyrocket, industries like TX Gulf shrimp will collapse without migrant workers. A Democratic House majority is required to check Trump's lies, end political games with Homeland Security funding and enact strategy, enforcement & compassion at the border.

International Relations: Detering Russian aggression and Hamas terror protects American lives and our economy. America is investing in modern weapons made by Americans, some in Texas. This employs workers while allowing us to safely assist allies with aging equipment. Both parties should support targeted defense investments that strengthen security, support global supply chains and domestic manufacturing.

Climate Change: Targeted infrastructure investments in clean technology will support TX-10 with cleaner air, healthier communities and good manufacturing jobs. I will advocate immediate investments in distributed solar and wind, rain catchment, energy efficient heating and cooling and low smog transportation. We will bolster our grid and reduce household costs, benefiting consumers and the environment.

Elections: Every eligible voter should be auto-registered and guaranteed one secure vote. I would Cosponsor the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, support automatic voter registration and support the For The People Act. Available technology is capable of timely coordination between federal and state systems to expand access while preventing fraud.

Gun Safety: I deeply sympathize with passions around gun violence. However, I cannot disregard that TX-10 voters overwhelmingly oppose new federal controls. While unwavering in conscience, I must balance representing the district. Contrary action risks lives by empowering extremists.

Disinformation: Enforcement. The FCC must refocus on standards and enforcement, with no license renewals for perpetual offenders. Weaponized foreign disinformation is not free speech. I will call for hearings on federally licensed commercial media operators who enable hostile actors to exploit their platforms.

Campaign Website: www.linkedin.com/in/keith-mcphail-10thTEXAS

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Joseph T. Langone (R)

No response received



Pete Sessions (R)

Qualifications: No response received

Democracy: Following the law without regard to politics.

Immigration: The law needs to be followed. The Biden administration does not

follow the law and openly breaks the law every day by allowing 10 million illegal people from over 120 country to by pass common sense laws to protect America.

International Relations: The United States has a role in supporting other nations who protect rule of law and balance. This is established by standing with our friends.

Climate Change: We need to know that America should not destroy jobs as proposed by the Paris Agreement that Democrats support.

Elections: There should be a federal law prohibiting use of the internet to transmit voting information out of any state or overseas other then to official location a within the state within 3 weeks before or a month after a federal election.

Gun Safety: Gun laws are subject to the Constitution and Federal courts. State and municipal laws need to apply. Congress should play a role in supporting the constitution

Disinformation: No response received

Campaign Website: [Petesessions.com](https://petesessions.com)

Mark Lorenzen (D)

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DISTRICT 21

Chip Roy (R)

Unopposed

Kristin Hook (D)

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DISTRICT 31

Qualifications: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

Democracy: What, if anything, needs to be done to protect our democracy and restore faith in our institutions?

Immigration: What policy changes are needed so the U.S immigration system is both effective and humane?

Climate Change: What measures, if any, need to be taken at the federal level to address the impacts of climate change?

Gun Safety: What steps, if any, should be taken by Congress to curb gun violence in our communities?

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William Abel (R)

Qualifications: I am a retired combat veteran where I learned the value of looking at the effects of any decisions I make several steps past the initial result, to ensure the best results long term.

Democracy: People have lost faith in our government and its institutions because of a lack of accountability and their constant failure to do anything other then create new problems. The only way to fix this is to actually hold the people and institutions accountable and to actually work towards solutions to solve the various problems facing this country today.

Immigration: We need to enforce the laws we have on the books, discontinue catch and release and ensure those going through the legal process for immigration are taken care of first. Regarding asylum seekers, we need to limit the number we can take in a year so we do not overburden our system while working with other countries that can assist those seeking asylum once our limit is reached.

Climate Change: I do not believe any measures should be taken at the federal level on climate change.

Gun Safety: We need to address the mental health crisis that is running rampant in this country. All too often we will throw medications at people which can cause severe side effects with no follow up treatments. Medications could be used to help stabilize people short term; it is not the final answer. We need to provide the agencies that deal with the mental health of the people the resources they need.

Campaign Website: www.abel4congress.com

John Carnan Anderson (R)

No response received

John Carter (R)

No response received

Abhiram Garapati (R)

No response received

Mack Latimer (R)

No response received



Mike Williams (R)

Qualifications: 40 years of experience as a Fire Service professional, 20 years of experience as an educator, and student of the Constitution. The perversion of the rule of law must be stopped.

Democracy: Consequences must be felt by those who have destroyed the public's faith in our governing system. Our Constitution and sense of fair play has been corrupted by career politicians and bureaucrats' who serve their own interests and those of debauched plutocrats. Laws are on the books that will provide this accountability, they must be enforced.

Immigration: Close the border, stop the invasion. Use current law to begin to clean up the mess that has been made while drafting merit-based immigration law moving forward.

Climate Change: Man made climate change is a contrived hoax to hand power over to globalist elites. There is NOT a period of Earth's history that change has not occurred. Nature's and mankind's ability to adapt is what determines how well changing conditions of the environment are managed, not central planning and control. Infact, historically, central planning and control have proved disastrous.

Gun Safety: Significant consequences for those who commit violence. Criminals by definition will not obey any "gun laws" imposed. Disarming law abiding citizens will only make circumstances for criminals easier. Enabling criminal enterprise will result in an increase in criminal activity, examine the results of "Prohibition" as an example.

Rick Von Pfeil (D)

No response received

Brian Walbridge (D)

No response received

Stuart Whitlow (D)

Qualifications: Masters of Public Affairs from UT LBJ School; Practiced law 35 years with last 5 at nonprofit serving low-income people; helped start Capital Idea, top job training non-profit in Travis and Wilco.

Democracy: We need leaders who are fully committed to the founding principles of our nation, and that is central to my campaign. Instead of working for a select few, we must ensure that our policies benefit everyone. Americans are tired of empty promises - as your Congressman, I will focus on delivering real solutions to the problems our community faces every day.

Immigration: Instead of focusing on disproven conspiracy theories and extreme political rhetoric, our leaders need to

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Stuart Whitlow (D) (continued)

come together and craft immigration solutions that are effective and humane. Our current policies hurt migrants and the US alike. We must understand what drives people to our borders, address the root causes of migration, and create policies that balance security with compassion.

Climate Change: Whether it is a drastic increase in 100-degree days or deadly winter storms, climate change is impacting Texans' lives more every day. We must focus on data-driven policies that are healthier and better for everyone - things like renewable energy, carbon capture and smarter land use. Embracing green technologies and sustainable practices will ensure a vibrant and resilient Texas future.

Gun Safety: Firearms are the leading cause of death for children in the US. Places we once thought are safe - schools, churches, movie theaters - are now places of unspeakable tragedy. As a responsible gun owner, I believe Congress should implement common sense reforms that a majority of Americans support; such as universal background checks, red flag laws, and improving mental health services.

DISTRICT 35

Experience

Background: What background do you have that would enable you to be an effective House member?

Immigration: What elements would you find necessary in immigration legislation for you to support it?

Top Issues: What are the top three issues you would like to address if elected? Why?

Gun Violence: What legislation, if any, would you pursue to address gun violence?

Health Care: What role, if any, should the government have in regulating health care costs? Explain.

Economic Issues: What kind of legislation dealing with economic issues would you support?

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David Cuddy (R)

Experience: State legislator, bank president, dot.com CFO, chair of United Way, Junior Achievement, Neighborhood Housing, Middle School Head wrestling coach

Background: I served in the State Legislature. I ran for US Senate. I ran an 800 employee private company. I've been very active in non profits and community service. I'm very worried about the world I'm leaving to my grandkids.

Immigration: Stop encouraging illegal immigration. re-

move the magnets and attractions. One billion people on earth want to come to America. It will bankrupt us, and change our culture to continue this illegal immigration. Stop using taxpayer money to encourage illegal immigration.

Top Issues: Reduce federal spending and power and control. Immigration. Crime/corruption.

Gun Violence: Work to help stabilize and encourage two parent families. Strengthen local communities. Support police and the laws on the books. Study the histories of murderers and use this information to quit promoting dysfunctional Americans. What happened in the lives of these felons that turned them to gun violence? Personal responsibility.

Health Care: No more censorship or propaganda. Let people make their own decisions regarding their health. Encourage "wellness." Quit using public money to give priority to illegal aliens over citizens. Replace current FDA and CDC leadership to regain credibility. Americans should not be paying more for American company medicines than foreigners.

Economic Issues: We cannot continue to create false economies with deficit spending. Over time, we need to reduce federal spending, and support State and local decision making. We need a budget and we need to prioritize. No more massive budgets...single subject issues.

Campaign Website: DaveCuddyforCongress.com



Brandon Craig Dunn (R)

Experience: No response received

Background: It is my lack of political experience that would make me an effective House member. I am a regular citizen who is aware of and in touch with the issues facing American citizens. I am concerned with fighting for America and her citizens. That is the bottom line. I will not be canceled, bought out, or intimidated. We are at an inflection point in our country right now. We need representatives in Washington that are concerned with the well being of the citizens of this country.

Immigration: Any legislation that seeks to reduce immigration to at least pre-covid levels must be implemented. Current and increasing levels of illegal immigration are overburdening not only the CBP, but state and local governments across the United States

Top Issues: My main concern is the security of our borders and the fentanyl epidemic. I lost my son to fentanyl and the lack of focus on this issue by Washington DC is unacceptable. The economy/inflation is also an issue that is being largely ignored in DC. Americans are struggling daily to cover the cost of living. It must be addressed. Third, we must reign in government spending. Our country is struggling but we send billions of dollars in aid to countries around the world.

Gun Violence: I will not support any legislation that infringes on the 2nd Amendment.

Health Care: Regulations and controls in regards to insurance costs and prescription medication must be implemented. Healthcare costs today are burden on an already over burdened populace. Many families simply cannot afford the cost of coverage and are financially penalized if they do not obtain coverage. The mandated insurance conditions of the ACA must be repealed.

Economic Issues: Immediate economic relief could be achieved by reducing the tax burden on the American citizen. Many Americans today are struggling to make ends meet and turning to credit cards to cover their shortfalls. Even more Americans are taking second or third jobs which is adversely affecting home/family life. Also, legislation aimed at reducing Federal spending and reducing inflation are immediate issues that must be addressed.

Campaign Website: brandondunnforcongress.com



Rod Lingsch (R)

Experience: 22 Years USAF Officer/Pilot, Texas Police Officer, Business owner, Worked for Homeland Security with CBP in TX and AZ . Defense contractor with Top Secret clearance working for U.S. mil-

itary and State Department in Iraq and Afghanistan. Life long learner and researcher who has developed solutions to America's problems.

Background: Our Founding Fathers' desire was for citizens to bring their experience into politics after a successful career. 22-year USAF officer who worked with & trained thousands of people from more than 50 counties, thrived mentoring junior officers. Worked as a Texas police officer & owned a successful business. Worked with CBP in TX & AZ. As a Def Contractor held a TS clearance & worked with the military, DOS & DHS. As a lifelong learner & researcher, I developed solutions for America's problems.

Immigration: I worked w/CBP in TX & AZ. The U.S. has immigration laws that politicians refuse to enforce starting with the Mariel Boatlift under Carter. Asylum laws came to be as people fled to neighboring countries due to war violence. The next country exemption must end. Those seeking asylum must apply through a U.S. embassy in their home country. Migrants must be recruited from their home country to work in the US as civilized nations do. We have 30+ million illegal migrants who cost us \$450 billion/year.

Top Issues: Economy-end overregulation & return to a free market economy; replace welfare with my program & save \$2 trillion/year; replace taxation w/my tax structure & pay off \$34 trillion debt in 8 years. Education-my education reform will fix & restore quality education for every student. Equal funding for every child, healthcare included, no matter where they go to school. Healthcare-my healthcare reform utilizes distinct programs in the free market where people only pay for what they need www.USCF.Life

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Rod Lingsch (R) (continued)

Gun Violence: The states and federal government passed more than 3,000-gun laws over the last 60 years, what has changed? Americans used their firearm more than 1.6 million times each year for self-defense. Brave Americans have stopped 51% of potential mass murders before they could kill more & that drops to less than 30% in gun-free zones. We will never solve gun violence by ignoring underlying causes; poverty, poor education, political corruption, broken judicial system. Real solutions at www.USCF.Life.

Health Care: Limited. Cosmetic surgery operates w/o government regulation & is a \$300 billion-a-year industry with a 15% annual growth rate. A free market enables productivity that increases quality and decreases prices. If we really want to fix America's healthcare crisis end gov't overregulation & allow free market competition. My healthcare reform is proactive & preemptive. It includes 7 separate and distinct healthcare programs where people only pay for what they need. Affordable healthcare for everyone

Economic Issues: America is broken because the people we entrusted to run our gov't have bankrupted it. Politicians put our country \$34 trillion in debt with over \$183 trillion in unfunded liabilities. Now our gov't has no money to fix anything. 90% of federal revenue goes to welfare, entitlements, & the interest on the debt. My welfare reform saves \$2 trillion/year and immediately lifts the poor out of poverty. My tax reform is a fair flat tax that eliminates all current taxes & pays off the fed debt in 8 years

Campaign Website: USCF.Life



Michael Rodriguez (R)

Experience: No response received

Background: I am fortunate my working background consists of 23 years total military service. I served in the United States Marine Corps, the United States Army,

and the Texas Army National Guard as an enlisted infantryman in various positions that allowed me to experience sea service deployments, overseas deployments, combat operations, and domestic responses. I earned a Bachelor's Degree in International Studies with a concentration in Business and Graduate Certificate in Operations and Supply Chain Mgt.

Immigration: I support the legal process for immigration. The immigration systems in place may not be favorable for some, however that system is in place for all seeking immigration status and must be enforced. The system is not broken, it is grossly mismanaged and creating future issues that now need to be addressed. I would also support an educational deportation system that would educate illegal immigrants the legal means to immigrate to the United States before being deported to their country of origin.

Top Issues: Security: The safety and wellbeing for all

United States Citizens is top priority domestically and abroad. This includes effective management on all borders, seaports, airspace, and cyber infrastructure. Also, the readiness for our Military Forces to have the most efficient and effective training, resources, and support from our Government. Sustainable water and food resources: Water is the most precious resource for our existence. Our farmlands feed us all and we must protect those lands.

Gun Violence: I support Legislation that focuses on criminal action, and does not infringe the Second Amendment, or put added pressure on those citizens that follow the proper responsibility of gun handling and ownership. Gun Violence in America is unacceptable. Loss of life or injury to gun violence should be held a higher standard because it does not represent the privilege right provided by the Second Amendment.

Health Care: Many Americans are one life changing event away from being in financial hardship due to healthcare cost. Even with medical insurance, the cost to cover healthcare can be overwhelming and, in some cases, their medical issue becomes financially unrecoverable. We have reached a point where we should be able to assist Americans with those unexpected life events, so they can recover financially and contribute to society and not just pay off the medical bills. We need to have the right conversation.

Economic Issues: I support efforts to improve and sustain legislation for domestic and global logistics. This would include efficiency to the border clearing process while ensuring security measures are not compromised. Ensure that our logistical infrastructure is maintained and considerations for growth to sustain uninterrupted movement of goods. It is important to our citizens to have confidence that our logistic competence is strong and can manage normal too unusual disruptions to our supply chain.

Campaign Website: rodriguezforcongress.org



Steven Wright (R)

Experience: No response received

Background: I have served a very diverse community during 30-years of Public service as a Deputy Sheriff. I have also served as an Elected Union Board Member for

nearly 15-years developing my skills in contract negotiations, Workers Compensation expertise, Federal/State Employment laws and familiarity with Budgeting. I have developed a knowledge of County/State and Federal Government by representing my union members throughout my Career. I understand and applied the Laws equally in my Public Service.

Immigration: I support a clear and concise definition for Asylum seekers along with a deterrence for entering the country outside of designated ports of entry. I believe there to be a clear expedited (3-6 Months no attorney necessary) path for people who have married citizens of our coun-

try and who are paying taxes, current on their temporary visas, created families and are examples of proper immigration paths to citizenship. I believe the Border needs a wall to deter improper immigration plus funding.

Top Issues: Immigration reform especially that of DACA affected individuals. I also see there needs to be a path to encourage using the immigration process correctly by making a path to an expedited citizenship process for marriage with families of US citizens. The Border is creating a very complex situation from unsafe and dangerous situations for migrants. The Border needs a wall as a statement and deterrent for crossing the Border illegally. Education is important for our citizens and states future.

Gun Violence: I encourage safe and responsible gun ownership, purchasing and storage of weapons. I believe we have loopholes in purchasing weapons to close. We have seen mental ill persons commit horrific crimes with firearms and this must be closed. I would propose a bill to have mental health doctors report to local police patients diagnosed with two serious conditions (Schizophrenia, Suicidal, Homicidal AND being treated with Psyche Medication). This allows Police to intervene and prevents purchasing.

Health Care: The Government has a huge responsibility to its citizens to assist in the costs of Healthcare and medication costs for life saving drugs. I believe Healthcare costs are a huge impact on a families budget and the government should intervene where necessary to help negotiate reasonable costs especially in Medicare contracts. We need to look further into the Affordable Care Act to determine if its costs are still allowing people to obtain reasonable care costs for their families and adjust if not

Economic Issues: Inflation reduction that would allow immediate relief to families and small business owners. We need to control the Federal Reserve as they control the interest we pay for our National debt which also affects affordable home ownership through interest rates and buying power. I believe we need to remain energy independent and we need to open our production of fossil fuels back up and stop importing oil. I also believe rolling back the fuel blend for Diesel Fuel as this impacts many markets.

Campaign Website: stevenwrightforcongress2024.com

Greg Casar (D)

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Democracy: What, if anything, needs to be done to protect our democracy and restore faith in our institutions?

Immigration: What policy changes are needed so the U.S immigration system is both effective and humane?

International Relations: What is the role of the U.S. in protecting democracy across the world and how do we balance that position against our economic interests?

Climate Change: What measures, if any, need to be taken at the federal level to address the impacts of climate change?

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Disinformation: What is the role of the federal government in addressing disinformation?

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Jenny Garcia Sharon (R)

Unopposed



Lloyd Doggett (D)

Qualifications: A life-long Austinite, I've served in Texas State Senate, Texas Supreme Court, U.S. House, Chair Ways & Means Health Subcommittee, Budget Committee, 14 times "Best of Austin" Austin Chronicle award.

Democracy: Prevail in Nov. election. I saw personally attempt to overthrow our democracy on Jan. 6. All insurrectionists inciting and participating must be held accountable. While 2020 election saved democracy, preservation not guaranteed. Empowering one who admires foreign thugs and declares he'll be dictator "on day one" means autocracy. Require Congressional approval before entering foreign conflict.

Immigration: Stirring anti-immigrant hysteria & relying on cruelty to discourage immigrants doesn't work. Without comprehensive immigration reform matching legal immigrants, who want to work with many jobs we need to fill, border challenges will continue. Border communities need help. Upgrade border infrastructure & technology. Dreamers & longtime residents, who obey law and pay taxes deserve citizenship path.

International Relations: US has indispensable role. Encourage those promoting democracy and human rights; stop

rewarding those pseudo-allies who don't. Support Ukraine against Russian aggression with arms and sanctions, like the law I successfully sponsored. Without abandoning Taiwan, reduce our reliance on its semiconductors through CHIPS Act. Lead on two-state solution with security for both Palestinians and Israelis.

Climate Change: Less fossil fuels & fossilized thinking. While only a start, 2022 Climate law on which I worked encourages innovative Centex entrepreneurs to offer answers. More renewables, EVs, greater efficiency, upgrading transmission & grid resiliency, reducing harmful pollutants, including microplastics. Accurate greenhouse gas emission measuring, reporting. Stronger public transit-expedite Project Connect.

Elections: John Lewis Voting Rights Act, which I am sponsoring to restore Voting Rights, improve voter registration and access, limit voter file purges, and provide alternate financing. Reduce secret corporate money polluting our democracy. Replace outrageous gerrymandering with non-partisan redistricting. Easier registration, early voting, vote-by-mail, countywide voting to overcome Texas voter suppression.

Gun Safety: Ban assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines. Universal background checks, which would have likely denied access to shooter of 6 Austin/SA people recently. Close Charleston & temporary restraining order loopholes. Repeal manufacturer immunity. Safety training and secure storage. Red Flag laws. Continue my work with Moms Demand Action, Texas Gun Sense, Everytown, March for Our Lives.

Disinformation: Election deniers undermine our democracy; climate & Covid deniers, our health. Disinformation remains key weapon of Putin and others threatening democracy and dividing America. Some social media profits from amplifying disinformation to encourage division. First Amendment limits speech regulation, but government can expose lies and interference, present complete information, & build public trust.

Campaign Website: votedoggett.com



Christopher "Chris" McNerney (D)

Qualifications: I'm from Austin, went to UT, and have a Masters in International Affairs. For the past 20 years I've worked the hardest national security issues for the DOD. I know how to get work done in Washington.

Democracy: Congress needs to actually address corruption and the influence of dark money. Congress, the judiciary, etc. need to be held to the highest standard. Enough of the hollow words and empty promises. We demand transparency and accountability. We must hold people to account, to impeach, and to prosecute. There can't be two systems,

one for the elite where laws are for sale, and one for everyone else.

Immigration: Walls and barbed wire won't make the border more secure. We must finally do the hard work to reform the immigration system. It must be more streamlined, efficient, and fair. We must acknowledge the need for immigration and the continued contributions of immigrants. We need pathways to legal citizenship. Our foreign policy must also address the systemic issues abroad that bring asylum seekers here.

International Relations: Leadership on the international stage requires that we are actively engaged with a robust diplomatic corps and we live up to our obligations. The world watches what we do, both our actions and inactions. Protecting democracy and our economic interests aren't "either/or" - they are "and". Democratic norms and freedoms encourage peace, prosperity, economic development, and open markets.

Climate Change: Sadly, we're behind the curve and we've allowed other countries to take the lead on research, development, and manufacturing of clean energy solutions. We should be investing in those solutions here at home. In addition, Congress must also understand and begin encouraging solutions to deal with catastrophic property loss, water availability, and food production issues due to wild weather swings.

Elections: We already have the capacity to hold safe, secure elections with physical access controls, verifiable paper records, and audit logs. If necessary, Congress should pass laws mandating these standards for districts to meet. But Congress must address disenfranchisement. There should be automatic voter registration and enough voting locations and hours to ensure every vote can be cast and counted.

Gun Safety: We can't continue to kick the can down the road as Congress continues to do. First, we have to close the loopholes in the background check system. Next, Congress must get serious and implement Red Flag laws or standards that states and communities can adopt. We should be working to keep guns out of the hands of the mentally ill, those contemplating suicide, domestic abusers, and violent criminals.

Disinformation: We can't have a functioning democracy where nothing we see or hear is true. We must address the perverse incentives where controversy equals clicks. Companies are ultimately responsible for the algorithms they create and they are responsible when they only selectively enforce their terms of service. There must be transparency and we must shine a spotlight when it's a foreign influence campaign.

Campaign Website: www.mcnerney2024.com

Eduardo "Lalito" Romero (D)

No response received

STATE RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

Qualifications: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

Natural Gas Facility Weatherization: What further changes, if any, are needed to ensure that Texas has sufficient power in times of extreme weather conditions?

Emissions: What impact does flaring from oil and gas wells have on climate change, and what is the role of the Railroad Commission in reducing the amount of flared gas from oil and gas wells in Texas?

Seismic Activity: How can the Railroad Commission reduce the risk of seismic activity or earthquakes caused by water disposal from oil and gas drilling?

Ethics: Since candidates for Railroad Commission often raise money and receive income from the oil and gas industry, how can citizens be assured that those donations and income will not influence how commissioners regulate the industry?

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Christie Clark (R)

Qualifications: I am proud that I grew up in a small town and have small town values. As an attorney, I have represented large companies, small businesses and most importantly ordinary folks.

Natural Gas Facility Weatherization: All industries need to work together and find common sense solutions. Texas has the best and brightest minds, let's work together.

Emissions: The Railroad Commission has all of the regulations necessary to ensure safe flaring. The regulations just need to be enforced.

Seismic Activity: A task force of industry professionals should be established to study and recommend changes necessary to ensure continued production while maintaining the environment and the safety of citizens.

Ethics: I am not a politician and have never received donations from industry. The current commissioners need to be audited and held accountable for their corruption.

Christi Craddick (R)

No response received

Corey Howell (R)

No response received



James 'Jim' Matlock (R)

Qualifications: After serving with an anti-terrorist unit in the United States Marine Corps, I began an 18 year career in the oil and gas industry, where I noticed the vulnerability of our energy sector.

Natural Gas Facility Weatherization: Contrary to popular belief, I don't agree with the final ruling. There were power plants that were not operating during the snow storms of 2021. Some of the biomass plants were not prepared to be operational. This information comes from those that worked for these facilities. Can we make improvements? Absolutely.

Emissions: Let's look beyond climate change. Flaring natural gas is not good stewardship of our resources. Flaring has been done since the 1930's. There have been countless technological advancements in the past 100 years that would use that wasted product to help keep electric and fuel affordable for the general public. It's time we put technology to work for the people and reduce the amount of waste.

Seismic Activity: We need to reduce the amount of water being pushed into formations not capable of producing hydrocarbons. These formations should not have that kind of pressure added. With that being said, there's technology that could repurpose 80%-90% of the 14 million barrels of waste water produced daily in Texas for future completion jobs or even irrigation of land and crops.

Ethics: This is a major concern within politics all together. Politicians should be able to tell the public where they stand. I am pro oil and gas. I think we can produce it cleaner and do a better job of reducing/eliminating the waste. By eliminating the waste, we will be creating more affordable energy for all Texans. I am not invested in the industry. I spent 18 years trying to clean up the industry.

Campaign Website: matlock4rrc.com

Petra Reyes (R)

No response received



Bill Burch (D)

Qualifications: I've been in the business 23 years, 65 countries as an oilwell fire-fighter and engineer. I'm a globally recognized subject matter expert, US patent holder, and I am trustworthy and reliable.

Natural Gas Facility Weatherization: Semi annual reviews of the identified critical infrastructure and confirmation by independent auditors of accuracy and verification of findings. Yearly review of new equipment/facilities as networks expand to confirm there's adequate protection. Investment in public dashboard technology to provide reliable data for supply to wholesale markets for public confidence in TRRC doing its job correctly.

Emissions: Methane has a massive impact on climate change when flare stacks fail to maintain ignition. Flaring is a waste of resources not only from a monetary benefit for the State of Texas but for the royalty owners and society's benefit for use. Flaring should be only as needed in emergency exemption. RRC is fully responsible for reducing all flaring from the oilfields.

Seismic Activity: RRC has failed to monitor and manage toxic radioactive isotopy laden produced water disposal everywhere in Texas. We must determine which SWD wells must be highly limited due to extreme risk and implement strict limits on volumes per section to let pressures decline. We must properly plug old wells nearby SWDs to prevent zombie wells. We must invest in fresh water recycling technologies.

Ethics: By being fully transparent with campaign finance documents and recusing oneself if rulings or actions present a perceived conflict of interest. Commissioners should also fully disclose in detail any royalties or working interest in companies or wells or projects that are under the jurisdiction of the RRC. The key is transparency and disclosure.

Campaign Website: burch4trrc.com



Katherine Culbert (D)

Qualifications: I am a Process Safety Engineer who helps Oil & Gas companies operate safely to protect communities and workers and follow regulations. I care about my fellow Texans and want everyone to thrive here.

Natural Gas Facility Weatherization: Lawmakers need to adopt better energy efficiency rules to help Texans use less energy to save money and reduce demand. Preventing pipeline companies from owning the gas transported in their lines to stop monopolies and having a transparent gas market so the public can see the profits of pipeline operators during extreme weather would also help to address the gas supply issues.

Emissions: Flaring releases methane (natural gas) and other hazardous air pollutants and contributes to ground-level ozone. RRC needs to update Rule 32 to define when a flaring permit should be granted, remove flaring applications from the consent agenda, and hold companies accountable for the environmental damage they are doing to all of us. They have only denied 44 out of >8000 permits since May '21.

Seismic Activity: The limits the RRC are putting on the injection wells are not working. We need to further limit the number of injection wells and the locations by not injecting disposal water near natural fault lines. Additionally, we need to hold the companies accountable for treating the waste water so it is not toxic and can be reused elsewhere.

Ethics: There is a difference between receiving income from working in an industry and making windfall profits from corporate investments with the companies you are regulating, having your actions directly increase your profits. Many agencies prohibit investments in companies that are affected by agency actions and Texas needs to implement the same rules.

Industry experience is an asset for regulators.

Campaign Website: www.katherine4texas.com

STATE TEXAS SUPREME COURT

JUSTICE

Qualifications: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

Ethics: Since judicial candidates solicit donations and raise money to be elected, how can voters be assured that campaign donations will not impact how judges interpret the law and/or review lower court decisions?

Separation of Powers: What is your view of the role of courts relative to the other branches of government?

Equity: What can be done to improve access to justice for all, including persons or groups who may be underserved?

Other Issues: What issues do you believe will be the most pressing for the Texas Supreme Court?

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PLACE 2

Jimmy Blacklock (R)

Unopposed
Campaign Website: www.jimmyblacklock.com/



DaSean Jones (D)
Qualifications: I have a reputation for being fair and impartial. In addition, I have over 5 years as a district judge. Over 22 years of military service. Worked as lead counsel in civil and criminal trials.
Ethics: As an Army veteran the ideals principle to fundamental fairness are what I based my service upon. For this reason, I cannot be swayed by interest groups or money—nor have I ever been. Voters can check my donor history. To date, as a sitting judge I have never been recused.
Separation of Powers: The court is charged with the interpretation and application of the law. The judiciary must ensure the laws march in step with the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Texas as well as all applicable statutes. The court is the proverbial umpire poised to settle legal disputes—fairly and impartially.
Equity: As an African-American male navigating the legal landscape in Texas, the journey has not always been met with a welcoming embrace from the Bar. As such, I continue to mentor and build with those who are deemed underserved. Providing meaningful interactions as well as opportunities is key in regard to progress within our legal community.
Other Issues: Currently, the Texas Supreme Court is exclusively composed of individuals from a single political party, yet their decisions impact a broad spectrum of Texans beyond their preferred affiliations. Achieving equilibrium in the Texas Supreme Court is key. Justices address critical matters such as abortion, workers', and voting

rights. Every Texan's perspective is invaluable in these determinations.

Campaign Website: www.daseanfortexas.com



Randy Sarosdy (D)
Qualifications: I have 30 years of civil trial and appellate experience and 15 years of experience teaching judges throughout Texas. I am a hard worker, good listener and strive to understand both sides of any issue.
Ethics: I have subscribed to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices, and any campaign donations that I receive will be reported on a campaign finance report. If elected, I will never base a decision on a campaign donation but will apply the law fairly and impartially, without political influence or partisan consideration, and do my best to ensure that all parties are treated equally under the law.
Separation of Powers: The courts are sometimes referred to as the "third" branch of government, but they are in fact an independent and co-equal branch with the executive and legislative branches. It is imperative to the functioning of a healthy democracy that courts continue to serve this vital role as an independent and effective arbiter and guardian of fundamental rights.
Equity: First, it is important to provide better resources to self-represented litigants as the Justice Court Training Center has done for persons appearing in Justice Court. Second, we need to make sure persons are able to readily locate counsel through the Texas Bar or Legal Aid Services. Third, we need to continue to support the good work of the Texas Bar Foundation and the Indigent Defense Commission.
Other Issues: I believe the most pressing issues for the Texas Supreme Court currently relate to ensuring that the fundamental rights of Texans as guaranteed by the Texas and U.S. Constitutions are fully protected and safeguarded. I also believe the Texas Supreme Court must be vigilant in ensuring the preservation of our democratic institutions, many of which have recently come under attack.
Campaign Website: www.randyforjudge.org

PLACE 4

John Devine (R)
No response received

Brian Walker (R)
No response received

Christine Vinh Weems (D)
Unopposed
Campaign Website: www.weemsforjudge.com/

PLACE 6

Jane Bland (R)
Unopposed
Campaign Website: www.justicejanebland.com/



Bonnie Lee Goldstein (D)
Qualifications: A 33 year varied civil and municipal law practice; 20 years judicial experience: 11 years as a municipal judge, 6 years as a civil district trial judge and 3 years as intermediate appellate justice.
Ethics: Transparency through the Campaign Finance Reports detailed disclosure requirements, updated periodically according to the reporting schedule, along with stringent limitations imposed upon campaign contributions for judicial races, help safeguard against the appearance of impropriety and protect the integrity and independence of the judiciary.
Separation of Powers: The courts serve as an essential, independent and equal third branch of government to preserve and protect our constitution. The judiciary applies the law to the facts of a particular case and appellate review provides clarity, meaning, and consistency to the interpretation of the laws as enacted by the legislative branch, in accordance with constitutional parameters.
Equity: Prioritize continued vigilance to identify the underserved, and the resources necessary to improve access to justice. Update and adapt pandemic-tested solutions for improved access through increased use of technology, virtual platforms and hybrid proceedings, as well as the development of user-friendly informational or instructional materials to help navigate the judicial system.
Other Issues: As a judicial candidate for the Texas Supreme Court, I cannot comment on issues that may come before me. The Canons prohibit a judge from being "swayed by partisan interests, public clamor, or fear of criticism" therefore transparency in judgment, clarity and consistency of opinions, are critical to preserve and protect the constitution, the rule of law and the independence of the judiciary.
Campaign Website: judgegoldstein.com



Joe Pool (D)
Qualifications: I am now serving as the 428th Judicial District Judge of Texas. Before that I was protecting and defending property rights and other civil rights of clients under our constitutions, Texas and U.S..
Ethics: Our Texas Founders answered this concern by stating in our Texas Constitution, The right of trial by jury shall remain inviolate. Art 1. Sec 15. Unfortunately powerful political organizations have groomed judges and justices to

STATE TEXAS SUPREME COURT

PLACE 6

Joe Pool (D) (continued)

violate Art. 1. Sec. 15. with summary judgements found by judges, not jurors and the Texas Supreme Court has re-decided facts when facts are conclusive at the 14 COA's.

Separation of Powers: The Texas and U.S. Constitution establish three separate but equal branches of government. The legislative branch is charged with making laws. The executive branch is charged with enforcing laws. The judicial branch

is charged with interpreting the law. It is illogical and undermines our rule of law when a 50 year precedent is overturned. Any changes to the precedent should be made by Congress.

Equity: The major obstacle to improving access to justice for all is costs. Many property rights of low income individuals are simply given up because they cannot afford an attorney. Texas counties provide criminal defence costs, if you are indigent, but not in civil matters. This causes problems and inefficiencies when it involves families & others. More civil law cases should be provided free legal.

Other Issues: The Texas Abortion Law will be the most pressing issue for the Texas Supreme Court until Congress revives Roe v Wade or enacts laws standardizing access to abortions. The civilian enforcement of the Texas Abortion Law is reminiscent of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 that allowed deputisation of private citizens to aid in the capture of runaway slaves. It gives new meaning to Neighborhood Watch.

Campaign Website: poolforjustice.com

STATE TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

JUDGE

Qualifications: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

Ethics: Since judicial candidates solicit donations and raise money to be elected, how can voters be assured that campaign donations will not impact how judges interpret the law and/or review lower court decisions?

Separation of Powers: What is your view of the role of courts relative to the other branches of government?

Equity: What can be done to improve access to justice for all, including persons or groups who may be underserved?

Philosophy: What is your judicial philosophy?

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PRESIDING JUDGE



Sharon Keller (R)

Qualifications: My experience. I am the longest-serving Presiding Judge in the Court's history. On top of a full caseload, I have been the administrative head of the Court since 2001.

Ethics: Voters can look at a judge's record. I have a proven record of following the Constitutions.

Separation of Powers: Separation of powers is critical to a properly functioning government. In my opinion for the Court in the criminal prosecution of Governor Rick Perry, I wrote that separation of powers required that the prosecution be dismissed.

Equity: I have been Chair of the Texas Indigent Defense Commission since it's inception in 2002. We have transformed the indigent defense system in Texas, and each year more people receive counsel than ever before. We are also meeting the challenge of providing counsel for people arrested under Operation Lone Star. Cooperation with local jurisdictions has led to innovation and better outcomes.

Philosophy: I follow the Constitutions as written.

Campaign Website: sharonkeller.com



David J. Schenck (R)

Qualifications: I clerked for the Chief Judge of the 5th Cir., served for 8 years on the state's largest appellate court (civil and criminal matters), chaired the State Conduct Comm., graduated 1st in class at Baylor

Ethics: Sadly, they aren't as yet. I have argued this issue to the U.S. Sup. Ct. and have repeatedly proposed reforms that have been approved by the Supreme Court and exist elsewhere. Judges (1) should not sit in cases where they've received large contribution from either side (by direct or indirect means), (2) should not be contacting parties for \$, and disclosure should be direct and immediate.

Separation of Powers: Courts are passive players with the vital role of assuring fidelity to the operative constitutional assurances that constrain all three branches. Courts must arrogating power onto themselves—without a clear textual mandate—or allowing other branches to encroach on each other. They are not empowered to impose their policy preferences on legislative choices assigned to the legislature.

Equity: I received the State bar's highest award for pro bono service in securing access to the pro bono or low cost representation through representation of the state before the U.S. Supreme Court. In criminal cases indigent parties are assured counsel. Defendants in death penalty cases should not be receiving lawyers who have been sanctioned or suspended, as has happened in recent years.

Philosophy: I am a constitutionalist. I believe the judiciary has one job: assure public confidence in the rule of law and the constitution by providing a forum that is independent of influence from other branches, transparently fair among the parties and competent. I believe the Texas Constitution assures this and my time as a judge and in the Conduct Commission tells me that we have come up short on this

Holly Taylor (D)

Unopposed

PLACE 7

Barbara Parker Hervey (R)

No response received



Gina Parker (R)

Qualifications: Worked as Assistant County Attorney, Assistant District Attorney, and currently practicing defense attorney. Served as a commissioner & Chair of TX Dept of Licensing & Regulation

hearing admin appeals

Ethics: A personal commitment to the Constitution and the rule of law. Also, the legislature might review the amount lawyers are allowed to donate to a court they practice before.

Separation of Powers: There are 3 separate branches of government with distinct roles. The judicial branch is charged with upholding the US Constitution, the State Constitution, and the laws not in violation of these documents. Judges should not legislate from the bench but uphold the rule of law.

Equity: The rule of law is undermined when defendants cannot afford counsel. The Fair Defense Act was established to administer appropriations and policies to help counties with indigent defense programs. Also, transparency and accountability at the local level will ensure fairness and eliminate conflicts of interest and cronyism. Pro bono work is a way to provide counsel to the underserved.

Philosophy: Above all other duties, judges should uphold the rule of law. Additionally, they should be independent and impartial, should demonstrate appropriate temperament by respecting all parties to a case, and should have good character/integrity.

Campaign Website: www.ginaparkercampaign.com

Nancy Mulder (D)

Unopposed

Campaign Website: judgemulder.com

STATE TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

PLACE 8



Lee Finley (R)
Qualifications: I have 20+ years of criminal defense experience in multiple state and federal jurisdictions. I have represented hundreds of indigent defendants in Texas Courts.

Ethics: Citizen trust in the Judiciary, and the legal system as a whole, is essential to an ordered society under the rule of law. Maximum transparency in campaign finance and Court procedures promotes confidence in the system.
Separation of Powers: The separation of powers doctrine is important to prevent the concentration and abuse of power. However, judges must not be permitted to use the separation of powers doctrine as a shield for judicial activism.
Equity: Increasing the predictability and consistency of the judicial system, for all citizens, regardless of cultural, ethnic or socio-economic background, increases the trust of the citizens in the Courts, and increases the utilization of the system by those who have been historically underserved.

Philosophy: Maximum Justice with Minimal Interference. Individual rights: local government: State government: Federal government: in that order. The more we can link the consequences of decisions, to those making the decisions, the better quality of decisions we will get.
Campaign Website: gleefinley.com/



Michelle Slaughter (R)
Qualifications: Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Jan. 1, 2019 - Present. Judge, 405th District Court, Jan. 1, 2013 - Dec. 31, 2018. See www.JudgeMichelleSlaughter.com for more.

Ethics: I can only speak for myself - I have never allowed campaign donations to affect my judicial decisions. I always strictly interpret the Constitution and laws as written and as originally intended regardless of whether I agree with the outcome and regardless of any outside influences.
Separation of Powers: The judicial branch is the weakest branch. Judges cannot make law, they may only interpret it. Further, judges must strictly construe the Constitution and laws and interpret them as originally intended. Yet, the ju-

dicial branch serves as a critical check and balance on the other branches to ensure that their actions are in compliance with the will of the people as set forth in our Constitution.
Equity: Texas Access to Legal Services published a report on Dec. 5, 2023 (<https://www.texasatl.org/sites/default/files/2023.12.05%20Final%20Report.pdf>). In this report, there is a recommendation to “allow qualified paraprofessionals to provide limited legal services directly to low-income Texans.” This is an excellent recommendation and a step in the right direction, though more needs to be done.
Philosophy: I am a constitutional conservative and originalist. The Constitution and laws must be strictly construed and interpreted in the way they were originally intended. “The Constitution is the repository of the people’s will. Its provisions are fixed as of the date of its adoption. These provisions are the same at all times thereafter. They are superior to all laws enacted thereunder.”
Campaign Website: www.JudgeMichelleSlaughter.com

Chika Anyiam (D)
Unopposed
Campaign Website: <https://judgechikaanyiam.com>

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Qualifications: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?
Charter Schools: What educational standards should be required for approval of new independent charter schools in Texas?
History Education: As the developer of Texas public school curriculum, how would you ensure students are taught a comprehensive and accurate history of our state and country?
Teacher Certification: Should teachers who are not certified be allowed to teach in Texas classrooms? Why or why not?
Other Issues: What other issues do you believe will be the most pressing for the State Board of Education

DISTRICT 10

Mary Bone (R)
No response received



DC Caldwell I (R)
Qualifications: I care about kids, have four years of military leadership development training, 11 content area teaching certifications (more than any other candidate or member of the current SBoE) and a law degree.

Charter Schools: Standards are now in place which new schools should be expected to meet. However, I am more concerned about the standards for ALL schools in Texas, not just the less-than-ten percent seeking to provide an alternative. Many parents have good reason to perceive many schools as merely wanting their support, when the schools exist to support the students and their families, not the other way around.
History Education: I believe bans on books are bad public policy, and that this question addresses that controversial issue. I regard the proper response to speech that you disagree with, even lies, to be more speech. I want to empower students to find information. My focus is not to fill kids’ heads with information that might be regarded as trivia, but to teach students skills which they will then actually apply.
Teacher Certification: Yes, in short. Why? Because we have teacher shortages. In my experience, the shortage is not primarily due to teacher pay, but instead is due to barriers to entry into the profession. Substitute teachers and assistants are often not certified teachers but are nevertheless assigned to fill those roles on a temporary basis because of real-time needs that are a human resources and staffing problem.
Other Issues: Incumbents have become career politicians and failed at the duty of leaders to mentor protégés to replace themselves, inspiring my vote of no confidence. The Texas education academic goals as found in Education Code Chapter 4, and the TEKS based thereon, are outdated, misguided, and badly written. We need to redirect from

college-ready to career-ready to prepare students for life after school.
Campaign Website: dcaldwelltexas.square.site/

Tom Maynard (R)
Qualifications: Christian, educator, former executive. I have served on the SBOE since 2013. I am a recognized leader who fights for change, winning conservative victories on the board and in the Legislature.
Charter Schools: Charter schools are public schools and are held to the same educational standards as traditional ISD’s. However, there are certain items that require scrutiny in the application process. Among these are compliance with all state laws, special education, adherence to open enrollment procedures, fidelity to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, governance, transportation and food service.
History Education: The overarching mission of education is captured in our state constitution: “The general diffusion of knowledge being essential for the preservation of the liberties and rights of the people...” In a 180-day school year, students must be taught the foundations of our state and American history. I will continue to ensure that woke agendas are not part of our history education.
Teacher Certification: As a certified teacher, I believe that having qualified teachers is important. Most in Texas class

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

DISTRICT 10

Tom Maynard (R) (continued)

rooms are either certified or working toward a certification. The simple pipeline through college-based teacher preparation programs is not today's reality. Half of all teachers are alternatively certified. Eliminating local discretion could exacerbate teacher shortages.

Other Issues: Completion and implementation of: Review and revision of social studies curriculum standards, set to begin in 2025.

Completion of the implementation of the Permanent School Fund's transition to a governmental corporation. Within that, strategic planning, asset allocation and internal controls.

HB1605 is the most significant law related to instructional material and still requires implementation.

Campaign Website: <http://maynardfortexas.com>



DC Caldwell I (D)

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SBoE), and a law degree.

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Other Issues: The Texas education academic goals as found in Education Code Chapter 4, and the TEKS based thereon, are outdated, misguided, and badly written. We need to redirect from college-ready to career-ready to prepare students for life after school. I do not trust the incumbents to make improvements, becoming career politicians and failing at the duty of leaders to mentor protégés to replace themselves.

Campaign Website: dcaldwelltexas.square.site/



Raquel Saenz Ortiz (D)

Qualifications: I taught middle and high school Social Studies for ten years, as well as held school leadership positions. I have a PhD in Education and currently prepare future teachers at a university.

Charter Schools: Charter schools should be able to demon-

strate a rigorous curriculum, as well as community accountability standards. Charter schools should also be required to meet special education needs of all students, as well as the needs of emergent bilingual students.

History Education: I would recommend the Social Studies standards TEKS be revised. In the previous revision, the SBOE voted to reject the recommendations of content advisors and not update the TEKS. State standards should be revised on a regular basis, with the input from teachers and content experts to ensure that content is accurate, rigorous, and promotes critical thinking.

Teacher Certification: Currently, teachers can teach with an emergency certification in some cases while pursuing their certification. If teachers possess a degree in their content area, emergency certification should continue to be allowed. This is particularly important in a time when many people are leaving the profession and schools are struggling to ensure that positions are filled.

Other Issues: Instructional materials are adopted by the SBOE. It is important that these materials provide (scientifically and historically) accurate content, as well as content that promotes critical thinking. It is also important to allow teacher agency in choosing resources and materials for their classroom, which connect to students' real world experiences.

Campaign Website: www.drsofortexas.com/



STATE 3RD COURT OF APPEALS

JUSTICE

Qualifications: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

Ethics: Since judicial candidates solicit donations and raise money to be elected, how can voters be assured that campaign donations will not impact how judges interpret the law and/or review lower court decisions?

Separation of Powers: What is your view of the role of courts relative to the other branches of government?

Equity: What can be done to improve access to justice for all, including persons or groups who may be underserved?

Court System: What effect will the new business court and statewide court of appeals have on the administration of justice in Texas?

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PLACE 2

John Messinger (R)

Unopposed



Maggie Ellis (D)

Qualifications: I have handled thousands of cases and hearings in court as a judge, a civil, criminal, and appellate prosecutor, and as an attorney representing individuals in five of the counties this court serves.

Ethics: Experience working on cases from all sides is a good indicator of a candidate's likeliness to be fair and impartial. I have handled thousands of cases from all sides, including: presiding over cases as a judge; defending individuals at risk of losing their liberty, their children, and their homes; and

advocating for justice as a prosecutor in cases such as murder, robbery, and sexual assault.

Separation of Powers: The courts role of interpreting laws created by the legislature and signed into law by the governor is critical. If elected, I will be the first openly queer woman on a Texas appellate court. Two examples of the court's role that are meaningful to me are Lawrence v. Texas, where the court struck down the state's sodomy laws, and Obergefell v. Hodges, which gave gay people the right to marry.

Equity: I will bring my lived understanding of growing up transient and homeless to this bench. With about 15% of Texans living below the poverty level, access to justice is crucial. I have been awarded for my work helping our most vulnerable have access to and be successful in the court system through drafting legislation, establishing pro bono clinics, and advocating for the use of remote hearings.

STATE 3RD COURT OF APPEALS

PLACE 2

Maggie Ellis (D) (continued)

Court System: These courts will remove voter input within local jurisdictions and will remove the ability to have cases heard by local and regional justices. The judges of the business courts will be appointed by the governor rather than elected, and the justices of the 15th Court of appeals will ultimately be elected statewide rather than district-wide like the current appellate courts.

Campaign Website: www.maggieforjustice.com/



Melissa Lorber (D)

Qualifications: For 22 years, I have represented clients in hundreds of appeals, presented many oral arguments in the Texas Supreme Court and Courts of Appeals, and earned Board Certification in

Civil Appellate Law.

Ethics: To ensure there is not even an appearance of bias in my legal decision making, I have accepted smaller donations from a wide variety of attorneys and law firms throughout different facets of the legal community, as well as from Central Texans who have diverse experiences and viewpoints. I have also participated in extensive appellate legal and ethics training during the past two decades.

Separation of Powers: Texas courts have the responsibility to (1) ensure that the Governor, Legislature, and government agencies comply with state and federal constitutions, statutes, and case precedent and (2) safeguard the constitu-

tional rights and liberties of all Texans. Appellate courts are the last line of defense to stopping government overreach and protecting important human rights.

Equity: Texas appellate courts, including the Third Court of Appeals, have pro bono programs that match volunteer attorneys with clients who cannot afford a lawyer during their appeal. These programs should be strengthened and encouraged to provide access to justice, as well as to provide training and mentorship to younger attorneys and help diversify the appellate profession.

Court System: Important legal questions impacting Central Texans should be decided by appellate justices elected by Central Texans. The new business court and statewide court of appeals will remove important business and administrative cases from the Third Court of Appeals, to instead be decided by judges appointed by the Governor and then justices elected statewide.

Campaign Website: www.melissaforjustice.com



Edward Smith (D)

Qualifications: As the incumbent I have over 5 years experience doing this job. In 2018, I successfully flipped the seat from Republican to Democrat. I approach each case with impartiality,

integrity, and fairness.

Ethics: Ensuring the impartiality of judges in the face of campaign donations is a critical concern for maintaining the integrity of the judicial system. When voters prioritize candidates with a commitment to upholding the rule of law over those with significant financial backing, they contribute to the creation of a judiciary that is both competent and free from undue influence.

Separation of Powers: The role of courts relative to the other branches of government is to act as a check and balance, ensuring that legislative and executive actions adhere to constitutional principles and protecting individual rights. The judiciary's independence is paramount. This separation of powers is fundamental to the stability and fairness of democratic governance.

Equity: Improving access to justice requires a holistic approach encompassing legal aid, education, technology, cultural competency, and legal reforms. By addressing these aspects comprehensively, we can strive towards a more inclusive and equitable justice system that serves the needs of every individual, regardless of their background or socioeconomic status.

Court System: It is yet to be seen what the effect new business courts and a statewide court of appeals will have on the administration of justice in Texas. Anytime there are changes to the judiciary it takes time for the dust to settle and this will be no different. One thing that is for sure is that in the short term there will be uncertainty for litigants.

Campaign Website: smithforjustice.com

PLACE 3

Chari Kelly (D)

Unopposed

PLACE 5



Thomas J. Baker (D)

Qualifications: I've been a Board-certified Family Law attorney since 2010. I have 5 years' appellate experience. The past 2 years, I'm ranked 5th of 80 Texas intermediate appellate justices in opinion production.

Ethics: I do not appreciate the present system wherein justices are often beholden to donors, some of whom practice before them. Truly, the character of the individual justices is the only assurance voters can have. I will always live up to the trust voters place in me. I humbly submit to the voters that my record in office is the best evidence as to my integrity, impartiality, and unbiased jurisprudence.

Separation of Powers: The role of courts is to follow and interpret the law based on bills passed by the legislature and signed into law by the executive. As an appellate court, we review trial records and apply the law. Although I am a Democrat, I cannot render a judicial opinion based on my political views; rather, our opinions will continue to be founded on sound application of precedent and identification of error.

Equity: To improve access to justice, we need to maximize funding to legal aid offices throughout the state, promote Texas law school clinics, and pro-bono representation among the Bar. We must ensure the adequate provision of professional help that the indigent need and deserve, especially in areas of civil and family law to which Gideon rights to representation do not currently extend.

Court System: Some Republican legislators are trying to dismantle checks and balances to concentrate power in one party. The 15th Court strips administrative law review from the Third Court; Republicans don't want their policies to be reviewed by our court, but another all-Republican one. Business courts take business law cases away from local courts and assign them to non-local judges appointed by the governor

Campaign Website: www.justicetombaker.com



Karin Crump (D)

Qualifications: As a district judge for nine years, I have presided over a diverse trial docket with a commitment to access to justice and efficiency. I am the President of the Texas Association of District Judges.

Ethics: Voters can rely on my reputation as a fair and impartial judge. I'm consistently rated as hard-working and impartial by ABA's Judicial Performance Polls. During my nine

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(888-796-8683)

STATE 3RD COURT OF APPEALS

PLACE 5

Karin Crump (D) (continued)

years on the bench, campaign donations have had no impact on my decisions. I'm running to ensure access to justice for vulnerable communities and donations will not impact my ability to review lower court decisions impartially.

Separation of Powers: The courts are our last line of defense for our basic human rights. It is essential that the judicial branch function independently from the executive and legislative branches of government. Judges must be able to review legislation and administer justice without interfer-

ence from the other branches, just as the drafters of the constitution intended.

Equity: Courts must ensure that all people, including those with financial and language barriers, have access to justice. I was recognized by the State Bar for applying that principal and making our courts more accessible. I also believe we can improve equity by diversifying the legal profession, which is why I mentor and foster a pipeline for first generation students to enter the legal profession.

Court System: It will likely have a negative impact on the administration of justice and the independence of the judiciary. Texans will no longer be able to vote for the judges

who determine whether legislation is constitutional. Instead, the Governor will handpick business court judges without voter input or legislative confirmation, leading to the administrative branch having undue influence over our courts.

Campaign Website: www.judgekarincrump.com

PLACE 6

Gisela D. Triana (D)

Unopposed

STATE TEXAS SENATE

DISTRICT 14

Sarah Eckhardt (D)

Unopposed

DISTRICT 25

Donna Campbell (R)

Unopposed

Merrie Fox (D)

Unopposed



STATE TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVES

DISTRICT 19

Background: What in your background qualifies you to serve the as a state representative in Texas?

Top Issues: What are the most pressing issues facing the next session of the Texas Legislature?

Priorities: What are your three top priorities for the next session of the Legislature?

Education: What are your priorities for education in the next session of the Legislature?

Voter Concerns: What are the greatest concerns of the voters in your district?

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Kyle Biedermann (R)

Background: I was a state representative from 2017-2023 in HD 73. I am not a career politician so I decided not to run in the last election cycle and instead go home to my family and business. I have 7 daughters and 15 grandchildren. I have owned and operated Bie-

dermann's Ace Hardware in Fredericksburg for 39 yrs as well as opened Harper Feed & Hardware last year.

Top Issues: Border security and election integrity.

Priorities: Water availability and growth in the Hill Country were my top priorities while I was a Representative and will continue to be one of my top priorities when elected. Border security and election integrity are also top priorities.

Education: My priorities for the next legislative session focus on advocating for increased parental choice in education, particularly for low-income families. Additionally, I aim to allocate more resources to enhance classrooms and support teachers in public schools. Addressing the issue of excessive bureaucracy in the school system, which diminishes local control and teacher salaries, remains a key concern. Despite facing setbacks in passing a bill for teacher input through an anonymous survey, and efforts to make the Robin Hood system fairer to contributing ISDs, I will persist in pushing for positive changes in the public education system.

Voter Concerns: Water, density, growth and property taxes.

Campaign Website: KyleforTexas.com



Manny Campos (R)

Background: Manny Campos' multifaceted background as a small business owner, a business director at a large corporation, and a board member of a non-profit small business incubator uniquely equips him for State Representative in District 19. His entrepreneurial experience offers a firsthand understanding of local business challenges, advocating for policies promoting economic growth. Serving on a non-profit's board demonstrates his commitment to community development. Manny Campos' diverse roles reflect a comprehensive grasp of business needs, enabling him to navigate legislative intricacies effectively, advocate for small businesses, and foster initiatives fostering economic resilience in District 19.

Top Issues: The next Texas Legislature faces a gamut of pressing issues. Vouchers and school finance demand attention to ensure equitable access to quality education. Immigration and border security remain pivotal due to their impact on demographics and state resources. Higher education requires support for affordability and accessibility. School safety concerns mandate proactive measures. Property taxes

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DISTRICT 19

Manny Campos (R) (continued)

need reform to ease burdens. The electric grid's resilience and water supply infrastructure are critical for a sustainable future. Addressing these multifaceted challenges will shape Texas' socio-economic landscape, demanding comprehensive, strategic legislative action for the state's well-being.

Priorities: The 2024 Texas political issues we see as the most important are, vouchers and school finance, immigration and border security, and water infrastructure stand as pivotal issues. Vouchers and school finance drive at the heart of educational equity, shaping future generations. Immigration and border security remain hot topics, impacting Texas' demographics, economy, and national identity. Water infrastructure, vital for sustenance, is a constant challenge particularly in small communities. Addressing these concerns not only reflects Texans' immediate needs but also determines the state's trajectory, defining its educational, social, and economic landscape for years to come.

Education: In the upcoming Texas Legislative session, educational priorities focus on expanding school choice options, fostering accountability through rigorous standards, and empowering local districts. Enhancing teaching quality, particularly through merit-based incentives are crucial. Prioritizing STEM education aligns with preparing students for evolving careers. Fiscal responsibility in budgeting and funding allocations while addressing special education needs and promoting alternative education programs round out key focuses. Creating a dynamic, accountable, and locally controlled educational environment that maximizes opportunities for all students across Texas is important.

Voter Concerns: In Texas House District 19, water infrastructure holds immense significance due to its arid climate, necessitating reliable water sources for agriculture, industry, and community sustenance. Addressing water infrastructure ensures a stable supply vital for growth and resilience against droughts. Simultaneously, school vouchers impact educational access, particularly crucial in diverse communities. They determine the quality of education accessible to students, shaping their futures and the district's socio-economic vitality. Prioritizing both issues in District 19 is imperative for securing essential resources and fostering educational opportunities, driving sustainable development and prosperity.

Campaign Website: manny2024.com



Ellen Troxclair (R)

Background: I am a mom, a business owner, and a proven conservative with a record of passing the largest property tax cut in US history, fighting to secure our border by adding \$6.5B for the border wall

and barriers, banning COVID vaccine mandates, protecting children from sexual predators and big tech, fully funding our policy, and saving women's sports. I have built a reputation as a hard-working, principled, and effective leader for our district who keeps my promises.

Top Issues: Securing our southern border remains the most pressing issue for our state. In addition to investing in border security and enforcing the Remain in Mexico policy that I helped pass last session, we must continue to do everything in our state's power to protect our citizens from the trafficking of humans and drugs across our border. Additionally, I am working to eliminate school property taxes and Robin Hood by fully funding schools through our state revenue.

Priorities: In addition to further cutting property taxes, we must secure the border and cut off the incentives that encourage illegal immigration in order to keep our communities and schools safe. We must preserve the Hill Country's natural resources and beauty by managing growth and protecting our water resources. We must give parents the ability to choose the best education for their children and put an end to lobbyists being paid with taxpayer dollars.

Education: Every child deserves access to an excellent education. We must ensure our education funding ends up in the classroom to benefit teachers and students, and not lost in red tape. I will continue fighting to ensure inappropriate content and CRT/DEI content stay OUT of our schools and universities, and that teachers are supported. We must ensure our children are taught HOW to think instead of WHAT to think, and that reading, writing, math, science, and history are prioritized in the classroom.

Voter Concerns: For the last three years, the current Administration has done everything they can to open our borders, cripple our access to reliable energy, and destroy traditional family values. They have spent over \$6 TRILLION dollars catapulting our national debt to \$34 TRILLION and increasing the cost of gas, groceries, and commodities through inflation. Families just want safe communities, quality schools, an affordable cost of living, and to have their personal liberties protected. I have fought, and always will fight, for these things.

Campaign Website: TroxclairforTexas.com



Dwain Handley (D)

Background: I come to this race with a background in grassroots field organizing. I've chaired Democratic precincts in six of the last eleven years, and was trained by Battleground Texas as a Neighborhood Team Leader, organizing a full grassroots field for the Wendy Davis campaign. I have BBA and MS degrees in Finance from Texas A&M.

My professional career was in banking and later, wireless telecommunications, and finally, as a self-employed fit-

ness trainer. Though raised Republican, I came to disagree with the party's direction. I've been a Democrat now for a quarter-century.

Top Issues: My number one issue is DEMOCRACY. While there are so many pressing imperatives today – climate change, voter suppression, underfunded public education, children slaughtered by guns of war, a legislature practicing medicine without a license – NOT ONE of these demanding issues may be rectified without democracy. And democracy is in peril. Our politics are broken, and we must heal them. Only then can it once again function as we need it. Fortunately, I believe this is entirely possible. It begins by electing Democratic majorities that will stand firm for the principles of republican democracy.

Priorities: If Democrats come to control both houses of the Legislature, the best way to enact reforms while bypassing the governor's veto will be by amending the Texas Constitution. I want to submit a constitutional amendment that prohibits partisan gerrymandering of districted elections – Legislature, Congress, SBOE – any jurisdictions where elections are conducted on party lines. I want to draft another amendment restoring full voting rights as they stood prior to the U.S. "Shelby County" decision. And I envision a third amendment affirming the authority of counties and home-rule cities to exercise primary control over local affairs.

Education: The greatest imperative with public education is to fund it fully. Right now, Austin literally usurps tax revenues collected by school districts and directs them toward thoroughly unrelated uses. High property taxes are increasingly burdensome, and yet our schools are underfunded. How does this paradox exist? Because the Republican majority imposes a dishonest tax, making school districts "do the dirty work" of raising them while Austin gets to scheme over how the loot gets spent. There are other pressing matters, to be sure. Banning books, privatizing it all for billionaire enrichment. But that discussion exceeds 100 words.

Voter Concerns: Voters in HD19 are concerned about many of the same things as other Texans. They're concerned about water scarcity – a consequence of climate change. I've talked about education and preserving democracy. They're worried sick, dropping off their daughters and sons, that it may be their last goodbye. They suspect our best years may be behind us and our future is a diminished one. But this need not come to pass. Just one institution stands between us and the bright future we all know we can build, and that's the Republican Party. Return Democrats to power, and we'll restore that future.

Campaign Website: www.handley4texas.com

Zach Vance (D)

No response received

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DISTRICT 20

Qualifications: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

Immigration: What is the best use of state funds and resources to address immigration in our border communities?

Public Education: What are your top priorities for public education?

Abortion: What, if any, changes would you support to Texas abortion laws?

Climate Change: What measures, if any, need to be taken at the state level to address the impacts of climate change?

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Elva Janine Chapa (R)

Qualifications: I've been active in the GOP, as Precinct Chair, for 3 years, meeting, block-walking and registering voters about the issues they care about. I have 32 years experience in the Insurance industry.

Immigration: Devote all resources to secure our border; create a Border Protection Unit to provide all tools needed to enforce & deter illegal border entries. Use & enforce laws enacted. We must stop enticements encouraging illegal border crossings & we must stop the human, drug & sex trafficking & provide major criminal & civil penalties to those who engage in this activity.

Public Education: Parents should have the 1st & last choice about their children's education. If parents are not satisfied with the performance of their child or teacher or school, they have a choice to make. We must provide all of our children with the best option to succeed; this includes a foundation in Civics, Reading, Writing, Math & Vocational Training.

Abortion: I do not support any changes to our abortion laws and I would stand firmly with pro life efforts and legislation. We must protect all life from the womb to the grave.

Climate Change: Measures should be taken to reverse the government overreach of new climate change regulation, while still maintaining a commitment to clean air and water. We must fight back against the 30/30 Agenda.

Campaign Website: www.teamjanine.com



Terry M. Wilson (R)

Qualifications: 6th Generation Texan; Retired US Army Colonel, 32yrs of service; Managed multi-billion dollar Army R&D projects; 8th most conservative Rep. in House for 4th time; Passed key election integrity bill

Immigration: Buoys are the most effective, efficient, and fiscally responsible method of preventing illegal border cross-

ings, and should be used wherever possible; A permanent state border protection unit would turn providing border security from an expense into an investment; The District Attorneys and court systems in our border communities should receive additional state funds to handle the case load

Public Education: - Prioritize parental involvement: parents must be able to know what their children are being taught and should not be ignored; - Increase vocational education options: should track with workforce demand to provide better pathways to high paying jobs right out of high school; - Increased pay for teachers; - Provide Education Freedom to ensure a family's zip code doesn't dictate their child's future.

Abortion: With the Dobbs Trigger act, Texas has the strongest pro-life laws in the nation, but making it illegal doesn't stop it from happening. Texas can still do more to help prevent abortion by providing support for new parents, ensuring they receive the necessary flexibility from our institutions of higher education, reducing barriers for adoption, and cracking down on those who don't pay child support.

Climate Change: Texas must push back against the Federal Government's manipulation in the energy market. By providing taxpayer funded subsidies in the name of fighting climate change, the Obama and Biden Administrations have incentivized power generation that fails when we need it most and will never be economically viable without subsidy. Any real innovation must come from market demand, not government fiat.

Campaign Website: terrywilsonfortexas.com

Stephen M. Wyman (D)

Unopposed

DISTRICT 46

Nikki Kosich (R)

Unopposed

Sheryl Cole (D)

Unopposed

DISTRICT 47

Scott Firsing (R)

Unopposed

Vikki Goodwin (D)

Unopposed

DISTRICT 48

Donna Howard (D)

Unopposed

DISTRICT 49

Gina Hinojosa (D)

Unopposed

DISTRICT 50

Qualifications: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

Immigration: What is the best use of state funds and resources to address immigration in our border communities?

Public Education: What are your top priorities for public education?

Abortion: What, if any, changes would you support to Texas abortion laws?

Climate Change: What measures, if any, need to be taken at the state level to address the impacts of climate change?

Elections: What measures can be taken to protect free and fair access to voting in Texas?

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Nathan Boynton (D)

Qualifications: Having lived in Austin for over 13 years, I have witnessed the evolution of our city and intimately understand the issues facing our residents. This local perspective allows me to connect with consti

Immigration: Allocate funds to support community-based organizations addressing the needs of immigrants and local residents.

Invest in education initiatives to inform the public about immigration issues, dispel myths, and promote inclusivity. Allocate resources to enhance facilities and services for asylum seekers and migrants, ensuring humane conditions.

Public Education: Advocate for increased and equitable funding for public schools to ensure that every student has access to quality education regardless of their location or socioeconomic background. Allocate resources for mental health support services within schools to address the emotional well-being of students. Advocate for policies that limit class sizes to ensure personalized attention.

Abortion: I belief in a woman's right to make decisions about her own body and reproductive health. I would fight for for legislative changes to existing abortion laws in Texas. I would advocate for policies that ensure comprehensive and accessible healthcare services for women, specifically focusing on family planning, contraception, and safe abortion services.

Climate Change: I would call for the enhancement and strict enforcement of environmental regulations to limit greenhouse gas emissions from industries. I would advocate for a transition to clean and renewable energy sources,

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DISTRICT 50

Nathan Boynton (D) (continued)

such as wind, solar, and hydropower. I would advocate for state-funded education programs that raise public awareness about climate change and its impacts.

Elections: We need the expansion of early voting periods to provide greater flexibility for voters.

We need policies that ensure accessibility to early voting locations, including convenient hours and diverse polling sites. Ensure language accessibility for voters with limited English proficiency. Advocate for equitable distribution of resources to ensure that all communities, have access to polling sites.

Campaign Website: www.nathanboyntonfortexas.com/



James Talarico (D)

Qualifications: I'm a former public school teacher first elected in 2018 and one of Texas Monthly's 10 Best Legislators. I've passed historic legislation including caps on insulin copays and pre-K class size.

Immigration: Real Texans celebrate diversity, welcome newcomers, and help others in need. We've wasted \$10 billion on Trump's ineffective border wall and border stunts our troopers call inhumane. Border crossings have actually gone up in the places where we've pulled these stunts. I support helping local governments, reforming our asylum system, modernizing ports of entry, and addressing the visa backlog.

Public Education: As a former teacher, I will continue fighting for a more just and equitable public education system for our students and our educators. I will keep standing up to private school voucher scams and pursuing a \$15,000 teacher pay raise, universal full-day early childhood education, restorative justice practices, improved fine arts and civics education, and social-emotional learning programs.

Abortion: Reproductive justice and health care access are top priorities of mine because they're foundational issues. I was born to a single mom who relied on Planned Parenthood for her health care. A woman's decision to have an abortion should be left up to her in consultation with her doctor—not up to politicians or judges. That's why I filed a bill to put restoring abortion rights on the ballot.

Climate Change: Texas is the largest emitter of greenhouse gases in the nation, which means we can lead the world to a safer, cleaner, greener future. I filed the Texas Climate Action Act to comprehensively combat climate change by establishing greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets, energy efficiency standards, and a resiliency plan. I have also filed a bill to require teaching climate change in schools.

Elections: Our right to vote is sacred. I support online voter registration, expanding early voting periods and voting hours, increasing polling locations, expanding curbside vot-

ing, eliminating partisan and racial gerrymandering and repealing voter suppression laws. Voting is foundational to our democracy and I will support any effort to protect and expand the franchise for Texans.

Campaign Website: www.jamestalarico.com

DISTRICT 51

Maria Luisa "Lulu" Flores (D)

Unopposed

DISTRICT 52

Qualifications: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

Immigration: What is the best use of state funds and resources to address immigration in our border communities?

Public Education: What are your top priorities for public education?

Abortion: What, if any, changes would you support to Texas abortion laws?

Climate Change: What measures, if any, need to be taken at the state level to address the impacts of climate change?

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Caroline Harris Davila (R)

Unopposed



Jennie Birkholz (D)

Qualifications: A national healthcare expert, I have served over 20 years in community health, shaping policy, and creating innovative solutions in communities across the nation.

Immigration: The federal government, not the states, holds the responsibility for overseeing our nation's border. Urging federal lawmakers for crucial immigration reforms is essential. I'll work with all levels of leaders for a comprehensive, compassionate border solution. I'll push for safe pathways to citizenship and fight against inhumane enforcement practices.

Public Education: My top priorities for public education are increased funding, workforce investments, and meaningful accountability reforms. I am against publicly funded school vouchers and will advocate for well-funded, high-quality education that is accessible to every student. Our public schools are integral to our communities and significantly shape Texas's future.

Abortion: I oppose Texas' restrictive abortion ban that limits access to health care. I support policies that increase healthcare access, cut uninsured rates, address provider shortages, and improve maternal care for better health outcomes.

Climate Change: Texas faces two critical challenges: securing safe water and dependable energy infrastructure. Strengthening infrastructure is vital amid environmental changes. We need resilient systems for extreme conditions, upgrading to cleaner energy. I support policies fostering clean energy, efficiency, and job creation for Texans.

Campaign Website: www.birkholzfortexas.com



Angel Carroll (D)

Qualifications: I'm a District 52 native & a nationally recognized expert on education in the corrections system. My professional accomplishments & love for our community give me the abil-

ity to serve on day one.

Immigration: Texas lawmakers should prioritize Texans first. The state can direct resources to border cities whose operations are strained because of the humanitarian crisis. We must end the practice of diverting funds from state programs and using our tax dollars to subsidize the federal government's inaction, and instead focus on solutions that support building a healthy economy and healthy communities.

Public Education: As a product of District 52 public schools and a former educator, I'm proud to support increasing teacher pay, appropriate discipline and intervention protocols, student safety, and equitable school district funding. Finally, Texas students deserve and have a right to educational standards and curriculum to help them prepare to enter a competitive workforce and post-secondary education system.

Abortion: Abortion is healthcare, and healthcare is a human right. I am committed to repealing the abortion ban here in Texas, and protecting Texans' right to contraception. Women shouldn't have to flee the state for their safety and the medical community shouldn't have to risk their license, livelihood, and freedom to provide this medical procedure.

Climate Change: Since 2020, we've faced record-high summer heat and the worst winter storm in decades, and we've paid the price for the government's failure to prepare with outages and sky-high utility bills. I will work with local officials and our neighbors here in District 52 to pass laws that protect our families, homes, and financial wellbeing in a natural disaster, and work to defend our natural resources.

Campaign Website: www.angelfortexas.com

DISTRICT 136

Amin Salahuddin (R)

Unopposed

John Bucy III (D)

Unopposed

LOCAL TRAVIS COUNTY

CIVIL DISTRICT COURT JUDGES

Qualifications: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

Equal Access: How would you ensure that all individuals, regardless of race or socioeconomic status, receive equal access to justice?

Fairness: What personal qualities do you possess that uniquely enable you to administer justice fairly?

Efficiency: How would you ensure that your court runs efficiently? What are the largest obstacles to efficiency?

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53RD CIVIL DISTRICT

Maria Cantú Hexsel (D)

Unopposed

98TH CIVIL DISTRICT COURT

Sandra Avila Ramirez (D)

Unopposed

126TH CIVIL DISTRICT COURT

Aurora Martinez Jones (D)

Unopposed

353RD CIVIL DISTRICT COURT



Susana Castillo (D)

Qualifications: I've practiced law for 19 years in the areas of family, immigration, child welfare, criminal & juvenile law. I have a rich background – I immigrated from Mexico when I was 13

and overcame poverty.

Equal Access: I've represented diverse clients, including immigrants & those with low incomes. My experience would allow me to understand their specific struggles & be compassionate. Also, my many years of representing families in the child welfare system has shown me that the system sometimes disproportionately targets families of color. Being aware of these biases will help me ensure equal access to justice.

Fairness: Unfairness in our courts often happens when a Judge is not familiar with different cultures, backgrounds, or potential biases. I've never lived in a bubble. From being an immigrant, to facing poverty growing up, to being the first in my family to attend college and going to an out of state law school, I am equipped with the knowledge & perspective to administer justice fairly.

Efficiency: The largest obstacles to efficiency are the lack of motivation or knowledge. I care about our community and how court cases affect people. I'll strive to have passionate & motivated staff to efficiently work cases. As an attorney, working in a fast-changing area as immigration, I've learned how to quickly adapt to new laws. This adaptability makes me ready to handle any case that comes before me.

Campaign Website: www.susanaforjudge.com



Madeleine Connor (D)

Qualifications: As the incumbent for this family and civil court, I have handled hundreds of cases in three years. My reversal rate is extremely low; i.e., citizens get justice the first time, virtually every time!

Equal Access: As I always have, since becoming a lawyer, who represented indigent defendants in parental termination cases, and took many pro bono cases for citizens who only speak Spanish, I started my career to help people in need. My family also is mixed, and therefore, I do not believe that subconscious bias is a factor, either. And to date, I have received zero complaints about discrimination.

Fairness: I routinely recognize that a mere mistake by a lawyer, who is a human, who all make mistakes, should be given the ability to cure the error(s), because in the end, it's the citizen-client who suffers from universal human error if the judge applies the law strictly. The judge has the power to work through the error so that the excused error does not affect the rights of the other citizen involved.

Efficiency: To avoid unnecessary backlog, I endeavor to read all of the motions before the hearing begins—which is not possible 100% of the time, but I believe my rate is in the high 90%. This way, the citizen's money spent on the representation is not wasted. It may seem unusual, but as I was a state-wide lawyer before becoming a judge, not all judges read the filings. So, this helps me keep up, too!

Campaign Website: connorforjustice.com



Sherine Thomas (D)

Qualifications: 28 years of comprehensive trial experience. As Executive County Attorney, I handled the most significant legal cases for our community at every level of state and federal trial

and appellate court.

Equal Access: I know from experience that equal access to justice requires a critical review of each case and of the systems in place. It requires asking hard questions about the impediments to accessing justice. I am committed to asking those questions and to implementing change through collaboration with stakeholders. I will use my experience reviewing systems to identify obstacles and to create solutions.

Fairness: My love of the law, my respect for the legal system,

the litigants & the lawyers, and my decades of experience as a public servant have taught me how to balance efficiency and quality work product without ever losing sight of justice. As an immigrant, the Court is a symbol of the promise and the potential of our Country, and I am committed to deliver on the promise for justice for everyone.

Efficiency: The largest obstacle to efficiently managing a voluminous docket is that it must be implemented across departments. In addition to utilizing existing technology to its fullest, I will assess the cause for backlog and then establish practical and methodical procedures to address it. I will collaborate with stakeholders to create a streamlined process and will be open to innovative processes.

Campaign Website: www.sherineforjudge.com

200TH CIVIL DISTRICT COURT

Jessica Mangrum (D)

Unopposed

345TH CIVIL DISTRICT COURT

Jan Soifer (D)

Unopposed

CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGES

167TH CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT

Dayna Blazey (D)

Unopposed

390TH CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT

Julie H. Kocurek (D)

Unopposed

427TH CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT

Tamara B. Needles (D)

Unopposed

450TH CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT

Brad Urrutia (D)

Unopposed

460TH CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT

Selena Alvarenga (D)

Unopposed

LOCAL TRAVIS COUNTY

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

PRECINCT 1

Jeffrey Travillion (D)

Unopposed

PRECINCT 3

Ann Howard (D)

Unopposed

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Qualifications: What training, experience, and characteristics qualify you for this position?

Bail and Bond: How would you fairly administer bail and bond conditions?

Self-Represented: How would you work with self-represented individuals?

Management: How would you balance efficiency and procedural fairness in your court?

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PRECINCT 5 (UNEXPIRED TERM)



Ornela DeSeta (D)

Qualifications: I am the only candidate to be a public defender, defense attorney, & prosecutor. My lived experience as a Latina, immigrant, & working-class person motivates me to make the courts accessible to all.

Bail and Bond: Throughout my career, I have represented people who have been wrongly accused or discriminated against for the color of their skin. I have also been an advocate for victims of crime who have experienced trauma. Our legal system must be fair & equitable. We must take into consideration community safety & also ensure that people are not in jail simply because they are poor.

Self-Represented: JP courts can protect the most vulnerable members of our community. These courts are often called the People’s Court. As judge, I will advocate for progressive policies that ensure equal access to justice such as extending court hours to ensure working-class members of our community can participate and expand efforts to ensure self-represented people have access to legal assistance.

Management: As judge, I will exemplify Austin’s progressive values of respect & understanding. I have seen first-hand the effects of the criminal justice system and I will create a court that is accessible. Every person will have access to

quality legal and interpretation services so every person can understand the complexity of their legal case. I will foster community trust without compromising due process.

Campaign Website: www.ornelaforjudge.com



Tanisa Jeffers (D)

Qualifications: I’ve served 5 years as Associate Judge in Austin Muni Court. I’ve practiced family & criminal law for 23 years, focused on clients who are indigent or suffer mental illness and/

or substance abuse.

Bail and Bond: By looking at the whole person, not just the nature of the offense. I’ll review a person’s criminal history, stability, age and family background in making a decision regarding bail & bond. As a Municipal Court Judge, I routinely sign bonds allowing defendants to return to their jobs and homes despite Gov Abbott’s order limiting bonds (I found a legal work-around.) I make individual bond decisions

Self-Represented: We can help folks prepare for court with a strong technology plan that provides reminders on filing requirements, and a self-help website on the eviction and collections process (how to prepare for hearing, what to expect, examples of documents they will use, etc.) I also want to create an Eviction Diversion Court where we limit default judgments by continuing to offer virtual court dates.

Management: I want to expand what justice looks like here in Austin. I’d consider short delays to allow parties time to reach agreement on eviction or debt collection cases, while still following the law. New diversion tracks for theft & misdemeanor drug cases, especially for 1st-time offenders & cases that involve substance abuse, poverty or mental illness as an underlying issue would increase efficiency.

Campaign Website: www.tanisaforjudge.com



Rick “Rico” Olivo (D)

Qualifications: I have served as a judge for 21 years and I’m the incumbent in this court. I have tried serious criminal cases, complex civil matters, and various administrative hearings. I am also a

business owner.

Bail and Bond: As a magistrate for more than 20 years, I consider the gravity of the offense, public safety, prior criminal history, ties to the community, the likelihood the accused will appear for court, ability to post bond, mental health, propensity for substance abuse, likelihood of recidivism, and the accused’s prior court appearances, among other factors. The Public Safety Report, if available, is helpful

Self-Represented: Pro se parties in JP courts are commonplace. The court is responsible for ensuring they understand their rights and that all parties are on an equal playing field. While the court is prohibited from assisting any party, it can

certainly extend courtesies and patience to all parties, explain court procedure, and make the parties aware of any filing deadlines and requirements.

Management: I will always be prepared and appear in court on time; I will make educational opportunities available for my clerks so they are better prepared to assist at the counter or in court; the parties will be given the time they need to advocate their positions; I would ensure the parties remain focused on relevant matters; I will monitor continuances; and the parties will be ready for trial when set.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Qualifications: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

Challenges: What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the office? How would you address them?

Legal Reasoning: What steps, if any, would you take to reduce the rates of detention/incarceration and/or reoffending?

Relationships: How can you improve the relationship between your office and law enforcement, victims, and other stakeholders?

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53RD DISTRICT

Daniel W. Betts (R)

Unopposed



José Garza (D)

Qualifications: I’ve been serving as DA since 2021 to defend everyone’s rights to safety and justice. I started my career as a Public Defender, served in the Obama Administration, and ran the Workers Defense Project.

Challenges: Our greatest challenge is to fix and rebuild trust in our criminal justice system. We do this by standing with survivors, leading on gun violence prevention and delivering real justice. When we listen to the people, partner with the community, and defend the right of everyone—no matter their pocketbooks, race or walk of life—to be safe, we ensure that in Travis County justice belongs to all.

Legal Reasoning: Since I was elected DA, we began to address root causes of crime and ended our reliance on incarceration. We ended the mass criminalization of drug use by treating substance use disorder as a public health crisis and transformed juvenile justice to focus on restoring peace in families. We will continue to expand eligibility to diversion programs and partner with communities to invest in stability.

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY

José Garza (D) (continued)

Relationships: Over the last three years, the DA’s office has partnered with local and national law enforcement on a range of issues to improve law enforcement’s ability to solve gun crimes, invest in wages and increase resources. We’ll continue to pursue these partnerships along with our work with crime survivors to implement new strategies to meet the needs of victims and hold those who do harm accountable.

Campaign Website: www.joseforda.com



Jeremy Sylestine (D)

Qualifications: I have been an attorney for almost 20 years and have spent 15 of those as a Travis County Assistant District Attorney. During that time I handled child abuse, domestic violence, and major crimes.

Challenges: The DA’s Office has lost credibility in the community and failed to deliver for crime victims. Poor decisions and inexperience have led to increased harm. The current DA experiments with social policy without considering real-life impact on Travis County citizens. To address huge backlogs, I would re-establish an intake division. I would also strengthen relationships with victim advocacy groups.

Legal Reasoning: S These are very different issues. As to detention/incarceration, our biggest needs are for substance abuse and mental health treatment. We have to create better on-ramps to services for individuals with those needs. When it comes to reoffending, there must be balance between the risk of future harm to others and setting a person up to avoid criminal behavior, especially in non-violent situations.

Relationships: I have 15 years of proven, actual on the job experience. Those who have paid attention over that time know that I’m qualified, capable, and taken seriously. Law

enforcement knows that my expectations are high for their work. Victims and other stakeholders deserve someone who knows how to follow through on his promises and understands that it takes more than ideas to get the job done.

Campaign Website: jeremyforda.com

JUDGE, COUNTY COURT AT LAW

COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 8

Carlos H. Barrera (D)

Unopposed

COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 9

Kim Williams (D)

Unopposed

COUNTY PROBATE COURT NO. 2

Nick Chu (D)

Unopposed

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Delia Garza (D)

Unopposed

COUNTY SHERIFF

Sally Hernandez (D)

Unopposed

COUNTY CONSTABLE

PRECINCT 1

Tonya Nixon (D)

Unopposed

PRECINCT 2

Adan Ballesteros (D)

Unopposed

PRECINCT 3

Stacy Suits (D)

Unopposed

PRECINCT 4

George Morales III (D)

Unopposed

PRECINCT 5

Carlos B. Lopez (D)

Unopposed

COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

Celia Israel (D)

Unopposed

LOCAL WILLIAMSON COUNTY

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES

26TH DISTRICT

Donna King (R)

Unopposed

395TH DISTRICT

Ryan Larson (R)

Unopposed

425TH DISTRICT

Betsy Figer Lambeth (R)

Unopposed

480TH DISTRICT

Scott K. Field (R)

Unopposed

JUDGE, COUNTY COURT AT LAW

COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 5

Will Ward (R)

Unopposed

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

26TH DISTRICT

Shawn Dick (R)

Unopposed

LOCAL WILLIAMSON COUNTY

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Dee Hobbs (R)

Unopposed

Amy Lyn Lefkowitz (D)

Unopposed

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Qualifications: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

Priorities: What are your top priorities?

Housing: How would you improve housing affordability and reduce the number of people who are unhoused?

Development: What are your top environmental and land development concerns and how do you plan to address them?

PRECINCT 1

Terry Cook (D)

Unopposed

PRECINCT 3



Valerie Covey (R)

Qualifications: My 17 years as Williamson County Commissioner Pct. 3 makes me uniquely qualified. I am also a CPA and use those skills to help balance the budget, pay down debt and lower the tax rate.

Priorities: My priorities are maintaining the quality of life for citizens by increasing the safety and mobility for motorists and pedestrians with a robust road and trail system. Mental health initiatives such as the 23hr hold facility that allows police to safely place those experiencing mental health crises in a safe, local facility. Safety for residents by supporting public safety (Sheriff and EMS).

Housing: I recently supported an initiative to allocate ARPA funding to Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) to build micro-homes in Community First! Village which provides affordable, permanent housing and a supportive community for men and women experiencing chronic homelessness. I also support bringing in companies that will hire residents and pay a livable wage.

Development: By statute, counties in Texas cannot regulate land use and have no zoning authority to limit development. However, it is important for Wilco to continue to find innovative ways to address natural resources like water.

I also support designated parkland and reasonable development standards.

Campaign Website: www.valeriecovey.com



Mitch Slaymaker (R)

Qualifications: I have been elected to and served on many boards in the position of president of various boards and associations. I have extensive experience with negotiating budgets with cities and counties.

Priorities: Public safety for our children, families, and businesses as we experience explosive growth. With growth comes crime and I have experienced firsthand what happens if you fall behind. I also believe in managing responsible growth to ensure we have the resources available to serve our constituents. The constitution is my foundation and I am a strong believer in personal and property rights.

Housing: There is no silver bullet to fix the problem of homelessness in Wilco. It is an intertwined social issue that unfortunately has been exacerbated by the social and political agendas of our neighbors to the south. I do believe that it begins with education and opportunities that we can forge for those seeking a home but it comes with intent and work not a handout.

Development: Responsible management of water supplies and property rights of land owners. There should not exist loopholes for any entity to remove a property owner's right to do as they wish with their land within the limits of the law. I would love to consult with the army core of engineers to explore the possibility of more water reserves being constructed at little to no cost to our constituents.

Campaign Website: slaymaker4wilco.com

INFORMATION ON WHERE TO VOTE

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VoteTravis.com
www.wilcotx.gov/elections

These websites list the most up-to-date information on the locations of polling places and their hours of operation.

For Travis County, there is also a live map with the current wait times for each polling location.

Remember, you can vote at ANY polling location in your county.

COUNTY SHERIFF

Matthew Lindemann (R)

Unopposed

Mike Gleason (D)

Unopposed

COUNTY CONSTABLE

Qualifications: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

Trust: How would you build community trust and promote transparency in your office?

Enforcement: How would you ensure that all individuals, regardless of race or socioeconomic status, receive fair law enforcement?

Training: How would you prioritize training and education for yourself and your staff?

PRECINCT 1

Vinnie Cherrone (R)

Unopposed

Mickey Chance (D)

Unopposed

PRECINCT 2

Jeff Anderson (R)

Unopposed

PRECINCT 3



Deke G. Pierce (R)

Qualifications: During my 30 years in public safety, I've gained management, organizational, human relations knowledge, skills, and abilities. The training, practical application, and life skills have prepared me.

Trust: Listening and learning shows the interest and dedication the office has and that we seek their input and opinions. This will help us assist with their needs, interests, challenges, and expectations of the community. Attending community events and meetings to gather different perspectives. This office seeks to establish partnerships, alliances, or coalitions within the community.

Enforcement: Practice - Environmental Justice. One of

LOCAL WILLIAMSON COUNTY

PRECINCT 3

Deke G. Pierce (R) (continued)

the things that I said throughout my 30-year career is that was as law enforcement must treat people the way we would want those in our position to treat not only us but our fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, grandparents, children, and grandchildren. In doing so you will be providing the fair and equitable treatment that everyone deserves.

Training: As a former Supervisor and employee at Wilco Pct 1, I am proud to say that the training I received was top-shelf. I would continue on those lines and see that all staff receive the Trilogy Award (TA) through FBI-Leeda. TA is training in Supervisor Leadership, Executive Leadership, and Command Leadership Institute, I received mine in 2019. The more good training, the better prepared you will be.

Campaign Website: www.votedekegpierce.com

Kevin Wilkie (R)

No response received



Bert Witcher (R)

Qualifications: I've policed 26 years for Georgetown P.D. working Patrol, Investigations, Narcotics and Administration. I'm a graduate of the Law Enforcement Management Institute and have

B.A. and M.A. degrees.

Trust: Many citizens aren't familiar with constables. I think it is crucial to take learning and engagement events out to our community or neighborhood and give you information and introductions to services provided by your tax dollars. I would partner with other offices and agencies so that these

events would be broader than just a constable focus. I would also encourage citizen ride-alongs.

Enforcement: Biased-based policing is unacceptable. Precinct 3 staff will continue to receive State mandated training. Statutorily required racial profiling reporting is one means to monitor our actions. Maintaining a culture of respect and ensuring reporting of biased-based policing allegations are always accepted, thoroughly investigated and result in open dialog to build trust and transparency.

Training: The State mandates 40 hours of training every 2 years and a 20-hour Civil Process course every 4 years for Deputy Constables. Elected Constables have additional mandates. Several nearby training providers exist for courses in mandated topics and additional competencies. We should leverage access to on-line training providers and other local agencies for opportunities to broaden our skills.

Campaign Website: bertforpct3.com

PRECINCT 4

Paul L. Leal (R)

Unopposed



Kenneth Guerrero (D)

Qualifications: As a Law Enforcement Officer, I have supervised units such as Patrol, Warrants, Narcotics, Community Outreach, and Internal Affairs. - TCOLE Instructor; - Mental Health Officer;

- Advanced SWAT

Trust: Community trust begins with good leadership. Leaders must create trust and transparency within their community. A strong community policing program begins with knowing and understanding the community you

serve. I plan to involve the community in the decision-making process, seeking their input and feedback to develop fair and comprehensive solutions to the issues facing our community.

Enforcement: As a minority, I understand the need for fair treatment, regardless of race or status. Building trust and transparency with the community is key. Education not only for law enforcement personnel, but members of the community, can help bridge the gap and allow us to create an environment in which all are treated fairly and equally with integrity, honesty, professionalism, and fairness for all.

Training: Education is of the utmost importance and a top priority of mine. Well trained law enforcement officers create trust and cohesion within their community. I plan to work with our community leaders to provide the best training possible for Deputies. These trainings would include topics such as mental health, de-escalation techniques, community policing, active shooter response, and crime prevention.

Perry Travis (D)

No response received

COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

Larry Gaddes (R)

Unopposed

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The precinct number of where you live

State Senate district

County Commissioner precinct

Justice of the Peace precinct/ Constable precinct

Congressional district

State House district

U.S. REP.	ST. SEN.	ST. REP.	COMM.	J.P./CN.
37	14	51	4	4
ISD	ISD SMD	SBOE	CITY	CITY SMD
AISD	5	5	AUSFP	CA9

School district

School board member district

State Board of Education district

City Council district

Which city you may vote in

VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE
(Certificado de Registro Electoral)
TRAVIS COUNTY (Condado de Travis)

VOID (VUID) [Redacted] Gender (Sexo) [Redacted] Valid from (Válido desde) 1/1/2024

Year of Birth (Año de Nacimiento) [Redacted] Prec. No. (Núm. Pcto.) 413 thru (hasta) 12/31/2025

Name and Permanent Residence Address (Nombre y dirección residencial permanente)
[Redacted]

X

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Party Affiliation (Afiliación del Partido)



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