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EARLY VOTING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024: 7am-7pm
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024: 7am-7pm
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024: 7am-7pm
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024: 7am-7pm
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024: 7am-7pm
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024: 12pm-7pm
MONDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2024: 7am-7pm
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024: 7am-7pm
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024: 7am-7pm
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024: 7am-7pm
FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024: 7am-7pm

ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024: 7am - 7pm

5 SIMPLE STEPS TO VIEW YOUR BALLOT ONLINE

1. Go to HoustonVotersGuide.org.
2. Click on Sample Ballot.
3. Enter your name, your address or your Voter Registration Certificate Number.
4. Make sure your personal information is correct, then click on "Sample Ballot" to view your ballot just as it will look when you go to vote.
5. You may print your sample ballot, take notes, and bring it with you when you go to vote.



THINGS VOTERS SHOULD KNOW

🗳️ PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED TO VOTE IN PERSON IN ALL TEXAS ELECTIONS

Those voting in person either early or on Election Day will be required to present photo identification or an acceptable alternative identification allowed by law. Go to [page 3](#) for details.

🗳️ ANY HARRIS COUNTY POLLING LOCATION CAN BE YOUR POLLING PLACE

All Harris County polling places are now Voting Centers! Choose the location that is most convenient to you — you no longer have to return to your home precinct to vote! Go to www.harrisvotes.com/waittimes or call 713-755-6965 to find the location nearest to you. Bonus! By using the link, you will also be able to see which locations have the shortest wait times.

🗳️ PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN TEXAS

In Texas, Democratic and Republican parties conduct Primary Elections to select nominees for the General Election in November. If you want to vote in the Primary Election you must choose one party. Your vote will help determine your party's candidates. However, in the November 5, 2024 General Election, you may vote for any candidate of any party in any race.

🗳️ BALLOT BY MAIL

Voters may cast mail ballots if they are at least 65 years old, if they will be out of Harris County during the Early Voting period and on Election Day, if they are sick or disabled, if they are expecting to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day, or if they are incarcerated but eligible to vote. You can now track the progress of your ballot by going to www.harrisvotes.com. Click on Vote by Mail then on Mail Ballot Tracking.

🗳️ VOTING IS YOUR RIGHT

Should you encounter any problems at the poll, you may always ask to cast a Provisional Ballot and have the opportunity to correct any problem; see [page 3](#) for details about "curing" a Provisional Ballot. You may also contact the Harris County Clerk's Office of the Elections Administrator at 713-755-6965, the Texas Secretary of State Elections Division at 1-800-252-8683, the United States Department of Justice at 1-800-253-3931, or Election Protection at 1-866-OUR VOTE (687-8683), if you believe that your right to vote is being unlawfully denied or impeded.



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VOTING IN PERSON? YOU MUST BRING ONE OF THESE PHOTO IDs

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or, for voters aged 18-69, have expired no more than 4 years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place. A person 70 years of age or older may use a form of identification listed below that has expired if the identification is otherwise valid.



Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)



Texas personal identification card issued by DPS



Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS



U. S. military identification card containing the person's photograph



Texas license to carry a handgun issued by DPS



United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph



United States passport

Voters who currently do not have an approved form of photo ID may apply for an Election Identification Certificate (EIC) at no charge with the Department of Public Safety.

For more information:
CALL (512) 424-2600

OR VISIT
www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/electionID.htm

DO NOT POSSESS AND CANNOT REASONABLY OBTAIN ONE OF THESE IDS?

Bring one of the following supporting documents to the polling place. The election official will help you complete a form and you'll be able to vote.

- Valid Voter Registration Certificate
- Certified Birth Certificate (must be an original)
- Copy of or original Bank Statement
- Copy of or original Government check or paycheck
- Copy of or original current Utility Bill
- Copy of or original government document with your name and an address (original required if it contains a photograph)

If you have questions or concerns about acceptable form of ID, check before heading to the polling place by calling 713.755.6965 or visiting www.harrisvotes.com

"CURING" A PROVISIONAL BALLOT

Voters who are unable to provide an acceptable form of photo ID or an acceptable supporting document may vote provisionally. Voters will need to sign a provisional affidavit and will have until Monday, March 11, 2024 to cure their ballot by bringing an acceptable form of identification to the Harris County Clerk's Office.



Your VOTE is Your VOICE

Voting is important because you are important! Register to vote so you have the opportunity to cast a ballot. When you vote, you help elect officials who set policy that will impact nearly every part of our lives, from education to taxes to medical care to law enforcement. When you vote **YOU** help to decide who represents us and how we will be governed.

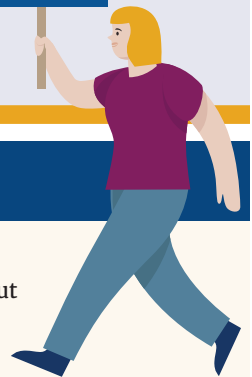
» TEXAS PRIMARY ELECTIONS

- The Republican and Democratic Parties each conduct primary elections to select the candidates that will represent their party in the November General Election.
- The Libertarian and Green Parties will each choose their candidates at their party conventions.
- Texas has open primaries. Texas does not ask voters to select a party preference at the time of registration. **ALL REGISTERED TEXAS VOTERS CAN PARTICIPATE** in the primary election of their choice. Simply declare your party preference at the polls or when you attend a party convention.
- Once a voter has voted in a party's primary election, that voter cannot participate in another party's election, runoff primary election or convention during the 2024 election year.

- And don't forget, voting in a party primary or participating in a party convention does not mean that you must vote for that party's candidates in the November General Election. In November, any voter may vote for any candidate on the ballot.
- Be a Texas Voter!

Note: This Voters Guide covers races that will be decided in a contested primary election, which at this time is the method used by the Democratic and Republican political parties. To learn more about how to participate in the selection of nominees for parties that use the convention process, Please contact that party.

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» VOTING FOR JUDGES IN TEXAS

Although in some states judges are appointed, most judges in Texas are elected. Voting decisions in judicial races are among the most important that a Texas voter makes.

WHY ARE JUDICIAL ELECTIONS IMPORTANT?

Judges make decisions about fundamental issues that affect all of us — family life, education, healthcare, housing, employment, finances, discrimination, civil rights, public safety, and government actions. Those decisions can have long-lasting impact on individuals, groups, and the public as a whole. It is critical that our judges make fair decisions based upon open-minded and unbiased consideration of the facts and the law in each case. Judges must know the law and not be influenced by any external political and economic factors.

WHAT SHOULD VOTERS LOOK FOR WHEN ELECTING JUDGES?

According to the American Bar Association, principles to consider in selection of judges include:

- Judges should uphold the rule of law.
- Judges should be independent and impartial.
- Judges should possess the appropriate temperament and character.
- Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials.
- Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public.
- The judicial system should be diverse and reflective of the society it serves.
- Judges should be constrained to perform their duties in a manner that justifies public faith and confidence in the court.

Unlike candidates for most political offices, judicial candidates cannot make promises about decisions they would make when certain issues or types of cases come up in their court. Questions posed to judges, therefore, focus on improvements they would make to their court, the need for impartiality and how they would increase access to justice.

HOW IS THE TEXAS COURT SYSTEM ORGANIZED?

The Texas court system is made up of a statewide network of trial courts and appellate courts. In trial courts, judges and/or juries evaluate the facts and the law and make a decision in a civil or criminal legal dispute. When decisions in most trial courts are appealed, they are sent to an appellate court where judges consider what happened at the trial court, evaluate legal arguments, and then decide if a mistake was made. See www.courts.state.tx.us/pubs/court-overview.pdf for a chart of the Texas court structure.

The state's two highest courts, the Texas Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeals, have both administrative and appellate responsibilities. The Supreme Court is the final court of appeals within Texas for both civil and juvenile cases. The Court of Criminal Appeals hears criminal cases that are appealed from one of the 14 Courts of Appeals and death penalty cases that by law go straight to the Court of Criminal Appeals. Members of the Texas Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeals are elected for six-year terms, with three elected every two years. Vacancies on either of these two courts are filled by gubernatorial appointment until the next general election.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION

U.S. PRESIDENT • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

FOUR-YEAR TERM. THE PRESIDENT IS: THE HEAD OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER; AND, THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF ALL MILITARY FORCES. THE POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT ARE PRESCRIBED IN THE CONSTITUTION AND FEDERAL LAW. THE PRESIDENT APPOINTS THE MEMBERS OF THE CABINET, AMBASSADORS TO OTHER NATIONS AND THE UNITED NATIONS, SUPREME COURT JUSTICES, AND FEDERAL JUDGES, SUBJECT TO SENATE APPROVAL. THE PRESIDENT, ALONG WITH THE CABINET AND ITS AGENCIES, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT AND ENFORCING THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES. THE PRESIDENT MAY ALSO RECOMMEND LEGISLATION TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS. CURRENT ANNUAL SALARY: \$400,000 PER YEAR.

THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES QUALIFIED FOR THE TEXAS BALLOT ACCORDING TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND WILL APPEAR ON THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY BALLOT.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR. (D)

DEAN PHILLIPS (D)

CENK UYGUR (D)

ARMANDO "MANDO" PEREZ-SERRATO (D)

MARIANNE WILLIAMSON (D)

FRANKIE LOZADA (D)

GABRIEL A. CORNEJO (D)

STAR LOCKE (D)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES, GO TO VOTE411.org.

U.S. PRESIDENT • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

U.S. SENATOR • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SIX-YEAR TERM. ONE OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE U.S. SENATE FROM TEXAS. WITH THE U.S. HOUSE, THE SENATE MAKES LAWS; RAISES REVENUES, APPROPRIATES FEDERAL FUNDS AND MANAGES THE FEDERAL DEBT; REGULATES COMMERCE AMONG STATES AND WITH OTHER NATIONS; DECLARES WAR AND MAINTAINS AND REGULATES THE MILITARY; ESTABLISHES THE FEDERAL COURT SYSTEM AND DEFINES FEDERAL CRIMES; AND DIRECTS THE CENSUS EVERY TEN YEARS. THE SENATE HAS THE EXCLUSIVE POWER TO ADVISE AND CONSENT ON PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS TO EXECUTIVE AND JUDICIAL OFFICES, TO RATIFY U.S. TREATIES, AND TO TRY IMPEACHMENTS. CURRENT ANNUAL SALARY: \$174,000

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

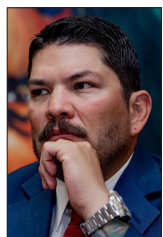
QUALIFICATIONS: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

DEMOCRACY: What, if anything, needs to be done to protect our 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?



Mark Gonzalez

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 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.

Website: www.markagonzalez.com

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.

U.S. SENATOR • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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U.S. SENATOR (continued)



Carl Oscar Sherman

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, regardless 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.

Website: www.carlsherman.com

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.

Meri Gomez

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED



Roland Gutierrez

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/>

Website: rolandfortexas.com

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 undermine 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/>



Colin Allred

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.

Website: colinallred.com

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.



A. "Robert" Hassan

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.

Website: hassanfortexas.org

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.



Thierry Tchenko

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.

Website: www.tchenkofortexas.com

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.



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, CALL:



866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)
ENGLISH

888-Ve-Y-Vota (839-8682)
SPANISH

888-API-VOTE (888-274-8683)
ENGLISH, MANDARIN, CANTONESE,
KOREAN, VIETNAMESE, BENGALI,
URDU, HINDI, AND TAGALOG

844-YALLA-US (844-925-5287)
ARABIC

301-818-VOTE (301-818-8683)
AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (VIDEO CALL)

888-796-VOTE
DISABILITY RIGHTS TEXAS

U.S. SENATOR (continued)



Heli Rodriguez Prilliman

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 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.

Website: www.helifortexas.com

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 childcare, 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.



Steven J. Keough

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.

Website: www.keoughforsenate.com

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.



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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

TWO-YEAR TERM. ONE OF 38 MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM TEXAS. WITH THE U.S. SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAKES LAWS; RAISES REVENUES, APPROPRIATES FEDERAL FUNDS AND MANAGES THE FEDERAL DEBT; REGULATES COMMERCE AMONG STATES AND WITH OTHER NATIONS; DECLARES WAR AND MAINTAINS AND REGULATES THE MILITARY; ESTABLISHES THE FEDERAL COURT SYSTEM AND DEFINES FEDERAL CRIMES; AND DIRECTS THE CENSUS EVERY TEN YEARS. THE HOUSE HAS THE EXCLUSIVE POWER TO IMPEACH FEDERAL OFFICERS, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT. CURRENT ANNUAL SALARY: \$174,000

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

ISSUES: What are the two (2) most pressing issues that you will face in the office that you seek? Describe your “specific” plans/ideas for addressing these issues.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 7



Lizzie Fletcher

QUALIFICATIONS: A member of the U.S. House of Representatives since 2019. Vice Chair, Congressional Equality Caucus; Whip, Pro-Choice Caucus; Regional Leadership Council.

Website: www.lizziefletcher.com

ISSUES: Pressing issues facing our district include increasing access to quality, affordable health care and restoring our reproductive rights. To that end, I wrote, and the House passed, the Ensuring Women's Right to Reproductive Freedom Act to affirm the constitutional right to travel between the states for health care. We must also pass the Women's Health Protection Act to restore the ability for women to make their own decisions about their families and health as they have for the last 50 years. And we must increase access to health care more broadly. Texas is one of 10 states that have not expanded Medicaid, which would expand coverage to an estimated 1.4 million Texans.



Pervez Agwan

QUALIFICATIONS: In my career I have embodied the transition we need to make to renewable energy. I started out as an oil and gas engineer and transitioned to becoming a renewable energy developer who has built some of the largest wind and solar projects in the United States. I got my Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Texas A&M before going on to earn a Master's in energy economics and climate policy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Website: agwanforus.com

ISSUES: 1) The lack of access to healthcare 2) The climate crisis We need a single-payer “Medicare for All” healthcare system that guarantees healthcare as a right rather than a privilege by abolishing the private insurance industry that preys on so many innocent Americans. We need to build a green new economy that works for all of Houston by transitioning to 100% renewable energy. The Stone Age didn't end for a lack of stones, and the oil age won't end for a lack of oil.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 18

Robert Slater

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED



Sheila Jackson Lee

QUALIFICATIONS: Having served over 28 years in the U. S. Congress and because I have a passion for service coupled with the ability to get results, it has provided with a wealth of opportunities to bring much needed services and dollars to the 18th District. I serve as Chief Deputy Whip, Senior Member on the Homeland Security and Judiciary Committees; past Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation; founder and co-chair of the Congressional Children's Caucus; past chair of the Texas Cong. Dem. Caucus.

Website: www.sheilajacksonleetx18.com

ISSUES: The critical issues that I continue to fight for are quality healthcare, protection of the environment and affordable housing. I have expanded access to healthcare through the expansion of federally qualified community health centers. I have also fought to protect families suffering from cancer clusters and environmental pollution. Further, the additional effort and need is for expanded affordable housing for families and young residents as well as increasing access to housing for the homeless.



Amanda Edwards

QUALIFICATIONS: As an attorney and former At-Large Houston City Council Member, I bring the experience, skills and a bold vision forward that will enable me to address Houston's lingering regional challenges. I also possess the ability to execute a proactive vision where everyone in our region can thrive. This moment requires a problem solver, an innovator and someone who can create policies that fix broken systems, but that also enables the community to reach its full potential – both today and tomorrow.

ISSUES: The 18th Congressional District deserves quality health care and an economy where we all can thrive. I will work to: expand healthcare access, preserve benefits like Medicare and Social Security that seniors rely on, expand HIPAA so medical decisions about women's reproductive health truly stay private, and codify the protections of Roe v. Wade. I also will work to: expand economic opportunity for job-seekers in an evolving economy, including through training related to carbon capture and other energy transition technologies, expand access to capital and resources for small businesses, strengthen the right to unionize and collectively bargain, and secure a true living wage for our workers.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 22**Marquette Greene-Scott**

QUALIFICATIONS: I am an attorney licensed in Texas and Louisiana and a former educator. I am currently Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Iowa Colony. Being on city council affords me the opportunity to make policy decisions based on the issues and how they will affect the residents of the city without the blur of party lines. I make my decisions looking at the long-term effects of our policies. As a result, I have consistently shown the vision, experience, and determination to get things done.

Website: marquettgreenescott.com

ISSUES: The two most pressing issues that I will face in Congress are reproductive rights and healthcare costs. Access to reproductive care is a human right. Reproductive healthcare services include contraception, prenatal care, and safe abortions. We as women must be in control of our own bodies. Many U.S. adults have trouble affording health care costs. The cost of health care can lead some to put off needed care. Additionally, the cost of prescription drugs prevents some people from filling prescriptions. I would build upon the benefits of the Affordable Care Act by providing more funding for premiums, expand Medicaid to reach more working-class adults, and lowering prescription drug costs.

Wayne Raasch

UNABLE TO CONTACT

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 38**Melissa McDonough**

QUALIFICATIONS: A proper Representative should live in the district they represent, and I am the only candidate who lives in District 38. For the past 30 years, I have built business experience in real estate and as a director of title insurance over 24 states. My government experience includes lobbying on behalf of affordable housing, healthcare for all, and consumer protection, as well as defending democracy as a Presiding Judge since the 2020 election.

Website: melissaforcongress.com

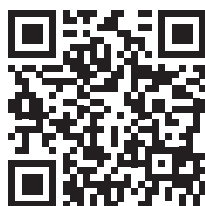
ISSUES: Homelessness and affordable housing affects all Houstonians and people across America. With 3 decades of real estate experience, I understand these needs. Right now, I am working to make sure homeless veterans are receiving the federal funds they need to help buy a home. There is money available for Houstonians, and many people don't know it. We need to work on messaging so that funds are going to the people they were intended for, and don't get rescinded because no one took advantage of them. Another issue is healthcare. We need to continue to lower prescription drug costs, expand Medicaid in Texas, offer healthcare for students, and restore reproductive freedom.

**Gion Christopher Thomas**

QUALIFICATIONS: I've been deeply immersed in Houston politics, contributing my efforts in various capacities. I've served as a dedicated volunteer at the Houston Urban League, and a committed staffer for the Beto O'Rourke campaign. My roles have spanned from grassroots activism to more strategic positions like campaign management. To enhance my skills, I pursued formal training and obtained a B.S. from Texas Southern University and a Certificate from the Harvard Kennedy School, specializing in Policy.

Website: www.gionfortexas.com

ISSUES: 1. The closing of schools and programs in Spring Branch ISD. 2. Flooding of Addicks' Reservoir from past weather storms. 1. I plan to address the closing of schools and programs by writing and passing legislation to financially support educational institutions facing challenges such as budget shortfalls and teacher retention. And being an advocate on the front lines to bring attention to the issue! 2. This has affected thousands of constituents' property and livelihoods within the district. With climate change getting worse, and our infrastructure getting a grade of "D" by the Civil Core of Engineers, we need federal infrastructure bills and legislation to put a halt on carbon emissions.



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QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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?



Katherine Culbert

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.

Website: www.katherine4texas.com

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.



Bill Burch

QUALIFICATIONS: I've been in the business 23 years, 65 countries as an oilwell firefighter 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.

Website: burch4trrc.com

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.

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QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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?

JUSTICE, TEXAS SUPREME COURT, PLACE 2



Randy Sarosdy

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.

Website: www.randyforjudge.org

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.



Dasean Jones

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.

Website: www.daseanfortexas.com

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.

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Joe Pool

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 violate Art. 1. Sec. 15. with summary judgements found by judges, not jurors and the Texas Supreme Court has reddecided 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.

Website: poolforjustice.com

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.



Bonnie Lee Goldstein

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.

Website: judgegoldstein.com

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.

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QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

ISSUES: What are the two (2) most pressing issues that you will face in the office that you seek? Describe your “specific” plans/ideas for addressing these issues.

STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 7

Michelle Gwinn

UNABLE TO CONTACT



Nasir H. Malik

QUALIFICATIONS: As a professional builder for over 30 years, I'm uniquely qualified to provide insight into the needs of our state's business and commerce, economic development, and infrastructure. As a graduate of multiple criminal justice citizens academies, I'm aware of the needs our community and law enforcement have regarding public safety. And, my extensive volunteer work within both interfaith communities, and in Klein ISD will help me bring a holistic perspective of diverse experiences and backgrounds.

Website: malikfortexas.com

ISSUES: First, any person running for Texas Senate should be talking about how difficult it is to vote in our state with voter ID laws, restrictions on who can vote by mail, and even pushback on counties who try to make voting easier and more accessible. An election is only fair if it is contested, and all voters are able to cast a ballot. I will work to build bipartisan support to ensure Texans' rights to vote are protected and expanded. Second, our state's legislature needs to build a broad base of support to counteract any attempts to defund our public school system through vouchers or other programs that attempt to take public tax-payer dollars and send them to private schools.

STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 15



Michelle Anderson Bonton

QUALIFICATIONS: I have 25+ yrs senior leadership exp. I founded an organization from nothing & built it into a major org employing 180 people, serving 1400 families w/a a \$14 million budget, so I understand finance and budgeting. I created policies that built good labor relations. I am a wife, mother, and grandmother who shares many of the lived experiences of SD15. I am an action-oriented problem solver who knows how to work across the aisle. I don't just talk about the need for change - I make it happen.

Website: votemichellebonton.com

ISSUES: 1) Voter Suppression: Draft legislation that mitigates the slew of VS laws just passed (polling locations on college campuses as an example;) and repeal the recent VS laws 2) Address Public School Issues - School Funding (draft legislation to move to an enrollment based funding model) Teacher Shortage - remove retire/rehire penalty; School Closures - legislation that requires a more sensible student assessment program that doesn't cause hundreds of thousands of children to be impacted due to performance of those in one or 2 campuses; legislation that prevents district takeovers based on the above; Safer Communities - more community-based crime prevention strategies and 2nd chance programs.



Jarvis D. Johnson

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been State Representative for HD 139 since 2016. Prior to that I served as Houston City Councilman for District B for three terms. I have a proven track record working for the constituents of District 139 at the State House. I've spent the past 7 years working at the State Capitol to create and pass legislation that brings positive change to the constituents of HD 139. I've brought back millions in public education funding for schools in my District, and billions for flood projects.

Website: www.jarvisfortexas.com

ISSUES: Access to healthcare-Texas has the highest uninsured rate in the nation. Pregnant women are dying preventable deaths, and are denied care. Seniors are choosing between buying groceries or buying their medicine. Women have lost their reproductive rights. We have to work to bring healthcare costs down, get more people covered and protect reproductive rights. Public Education- we must protect public education from voucher schemes and work to ensure all children receive an excellent education regardless of their zip code. The State hasn't paid its fair share in education funding in a generation. We must create sustainable, long-term funding from the State, instead of one-time cash infusions.



Alberto "Beto" Cardenas

QUALIFICATIONS: I have dedicated my whole life to serving others and believe that the measure of our strength is based on inclusion. I listen and work hard to find positive solutions. Together with others, we have built equitable parks and led efforts to address food insecurity, affordable housing, educational and healthcare access for the least among us. I know how the process works and I have drafted state and federal laws that benefit everyone. I can bring people together and deliver positive results.

Website: www.texansforbeto.com

ISSUES: Personal freedoms have been under attack and must be restored. These include reproductive rights for women, voting rights for all people, and basic civil rights for marginalized communities. I will work to place these freedoms into our Texas Constitution. Second, the government of the state of Texas must place people first. Texas has failed on this issue. We must invest in public education from PRE-K to post graduate studies, keep people safe, and provide a fair criminal justice system that invests in mental health. I will work to strengthen our investments in smart energy, infrastructure, and new technologies. I will also champion efforts to make our property tax system more fair.



Karthik Soora

QUALIFICATIONS: My experience as a Rice University graduate, former award-winning teacher in HISD, a candidate taking zero corporate PAC \$, startup founder, education nonprofit leader, electoral reform advocate, and renewable energy developer has given me a unique perspective on SD-15's challenges. I would be the first minority to represent this 70% majority-minority district in Texas's history, the first AAPI in the history of the Texas Senate, as well as one of the first ever in clean energy.

ISSUES: Gun violence and political reform are my top priorities. I'll implement safety measures like universal background checks, increasing murder clearance rates, and tackle root causes through more funding for mental health support and jobs. To reform politics, I plan to legalize citizen-led ballot initiatives, allowing direct votes on key issues such as Political reform is another prominent issue. I will introduce legislation to legalize citizen-led ballot initiatives, so Texans can put reproductive freedom, universal-gun background checks, Medicaid Expansion, campaign finance limits, ranked choice voting, connecting ERCOT to other states, and more on the ballot like folks in other states.



Todd Litton

QUALIFICATIONS: I have significant experience in law, mediation, investments, and the education and healthcare nonprofit sectors, and the expertise I have developed in my work in these fields makes me uniquely qualified to stand up to Greg Abbott and Dan Patrick and their divisive and harmful politics of fear and hate, and chart a better way forward for all Texans by restoring a women's right to choose and increasing access to healthcare and our investment in public education and infrastructure.

Website: www.toddlitton.com

ISSUES: 1) Access to abortion and personal bodily autonomy for Texans 2) Expansion of Medicaid and healthcare. I will tirelessly fight to remove abortion restrictions and ensure that comprehensive reproductive healthcare is accessible to all so that individuals can make informed decisions about their reproductive health without fear or undue obstacles. As the husband of a doctor, I have seen firsthand the importance of expanding access to healthcare in Texas. A House coalition of rural Republicans and urban Democrats have fought together to stop vouchers. I know we can build a similar coalition around Medicaid expansion and I will do so in the Senate to increase healthcare for 1.4 million Texans.



Molly Cook

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a nurse & community organizer with a Master of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University. I have ten years of experience as a bedside nurse. In 2022, I earned 42% of the Democratic primary election votes, & I never stopped running. If elected, I will continue to demonstrate discipline & dedication. Since the last campaign, I organized a district-wide legislative agenda with community members & precinct chairs and co-led the Yes on Prop B campaign, which passed with 65% of the vote.

Website: mollyfortexas.com

ISSUES: In public health, we choose problems based on 3 factors: how bad the problem is, what resources are available, & what kind of improvement we can make. Using that framework, the two biggest challenges we face are fighting back against conservative extremism & fully funding Texas public schools. Extremism is a big problem & we must face it head-on. The way to do that is to increase the voter base of leaders fighting for policies that make Texas healthier & safer. Public education is vital to a Democratic society. The bipartisan resistance to vouchers in the special sessions was great, but the fight is far from over. I will join that fight & work to increase state funding for public schools.



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

ISSUES: What are the two (2) most pressing issues that you will face in the office that you seek? Describe your “specific” plans/ideas for addressing these issues.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 130



Brett Robinson

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a graduate student at UH studying Public Administration, and the program has given me core skills I believe all lawmakers should possess, such as public management, public budgeting, policy research and implementation, and data analysis. I am also very comfortable having political conversations with anyone, no matter their ideology or party identification, even on sensitive topics like abortion rights. I view it as my responsibility to have good-faith discussions with all representatives.

ISSUES: 1. My main reason for running is to restore reproductive freedom. My opponent is the author of the Heartbeat Act, which bans abortion after 6 weeks and provides no exception for rape or incest. He went unchallenged in the last cycle, and I am running to hold him accountable, and give my community a choice. 2. We need an economy that works for everyone, and tackling income inequality is essential. My focus would be to protect unions, invest in rural broadband, and promote sales tax reform. As it relates to economic opportunity, we need to guard public education from the voucher scam. Public dollars belong in public schools, and vouchers will defund schools already chronically underfunded.



Henry Arturo

QUALIFICATIONS: I was born in Colombia and immigrated to the United States to escape the violence and short comings of a weak democracy. During my 12 years of service as a Marine, I became a naturalized US citizen, deployed to Iraq and trained thousands of Marines as a Combat Marksmanship Instructor. For the past seven years, I have been a small business owner in the city of Tomball. I also had the pleasure of being a precinct chair of my district and getting involved in multiple political campaigns.

Website: henryfortexas.com

ISSUES: First, the border issue is a complex and sensitive matter that deeply resonates with Texans. Legislative action is required to achieve comprehensive immigration reform, changes to the immigration processing at point of entry, collaborating with countries of origin and smart technology implementation. Second, the foundation of a strong economy lies in fair wages and benefits. Now is the time to raise the state minimum wage, increase access to affordable childcare, expand healthcare options, ensure investments in public education, and develop sound regulations that rein in corporate-price gouging.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 131



Erik Wilson

QUALIFICATIONS: I have a unique skill set as an attorney that graduated from the University of Texas and being the son of former state representative Ron Wilson. I have worked in both the public sector at the Texas Secretary of State's office and I am a successful entrepreneur in the private sector. Due to these factors, my knowledge base and breadth of knowledge on the intricacies of getting things done between the public and private sector is second to none.

Website: erikwilsoncampaign.com

ISSUES: The erosion of voting rights and the family health in my community are two major issues that need to be addressed immediately. As an attorney that worked in the Secretary of States office I am uniquely qualified to address some of the issues making it harder for the general populace to vote. I plan on introducing legislation that will combat the current trend of taking away voting locations and limiting ballot by mail and voter assistance. For family health, I plan on creating legislation that will aid families in getting the help they need for financial assistance and resources to address mental health issues within families.



James Guillory

QUALIFICATIONS: Please see my Bio for full details. In summary, I've been a business executive for 26 years, served University boards for 9 years, and I've served my community for the past 15 years as a board member in my civic club and homeowners association. For the past 24 years as President of HarDam Hotels and Housing, developing and owning hotels and housing assets, mainly Hilton, Marriott and Hyatt Brands as well as multifamily properties, developments valued from \$4 million to \$85 million.

Website: jamesguilloryfortexas.org

ISSUES: EDUCATION – advancement, performance and cost (school safety; teacher pay; student performance; life skills, etc) PLANS – Engage with the various Parent, Teacher and other Organizations in an effort to brainstorm priority problems, options and ideas to resolve, and work on bi-partisan legislation to craft bills to debate and successfully resolve and prepare to return HISD to the citizens and parents. INSURANCE COST Increasing while policy coverages Decreasing (medical, auto, home, etc) PLAN – engage with insurance industry leaders and orgs and experts. brainstorm priority problems, options and ideas to resolve, and work on bi-partisan legislation to craft bills to debate & resolve issues.



Alma A. Allen

QUALIFICATIONS: I served in HISD for 39 years as an elementary teacher, assistant principal, principal, and in human resources and central administration. I also served 10 years on the Texas State Board of Education, and have been a State Representative since 2005. I have led successful fights in education and criminal justice reform, and have the experience to get things done, and continue fighting for House District 131.

Website: almaallenfor131.com

ISSUES: Public education and air quality are the most important issues in the district. I continue to fight for better funding, as the Vice Chair of the House Committee on Public Education. Last year, the governor refused to have a meaningful discussion about the cost of public education, including teacher pay, while at the same time asking the legislature to provide private schools with vouchers that would drain funding from our public schools. We have to fight the intentional systematic destruction of our free public education system. Regarding air quality, we need to give the TCEQ the teeth to deny permits when an area has been oversaturated with facilities that pollute our neighborhoods.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 139



Angie Thibodeaux

QUALIFICATIONS: I have over 15 years of executive leadership at the corporate level and over 10 years of executive leadership within the nonprofit sector. I wrote company policies while at the same time enhancing current policies. I worked effortlessly to mitigate losses and reduce working class families from losing their homes. I single handedly authored an initiative that would later yield \$100 million dedicated to neighborhood revitalization and stabilization in Texas.

Website: www.thibodeaux4texas.com

ISSUES: Public Safety / Re-Entry: Partner with our local law enforcement to promote safer streets and better neighborhoods. Partner with entities, businesses, and organizations to implement resources and more skills/trades to our incarcerated men and women pre-release. Sustainable Housing Homelessness: Implement a plan to secure livable wage housing for our working-class families. Secure wrap around services in designated locations for our homeless with dedicated long-term housing options available.

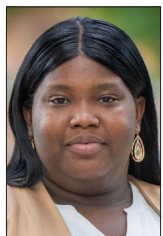


Jerry Ford

QUALIFICATIONS: Emergency Management Administration, Assistant Fire Chief (HFD) Allstate Business Owner

Website: JerryFord4Texas.com

ISSUES: Public Safety, Health Care



Mo Jenkins

QUALIFICATIONS: I currently serve as Committee Director for the House Corrections Committee, where I have served as a resource to members and staff on all issues related to the Criminal Justice system in Texas. Previously, as Legislative Director to Representative Abel Herrero, I secured veteran healthcare access by establishing the Open Burn Pits Registry Fund, successfully defeated voucher scams, and worked on increasing economic opportunities for all Texans.

Website: www.mojenkins.com

ISSUES: If elected, my two main focuses revolve around addressing economic growth and expanding healthcare access. To expand access to healthcare, I aim to limit the governor's authority to redirect funds from Medicaid and Medicare, ensuring these crucial programs remain well funded. Simultaneously, I plan to boost economic activity by advocating for a higher minimum wage, and working to stabilize the supply chain to ensure economic resilience and affordability. These measures align with my commitment to a balanced and equitable future for our community.

Rosalind Caesar

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Charlene Ward Johnson

QUALIFICATIONS: Currently, I serve on the Houston Community College Board of Trustees, District II actively contributing to the expansion of educational options for our youth and senior adults. I also serve in leadership roles on various community boards, dedicating efforts to attract essential resources to the District.

Website: www.electcharlene.com

ISSUES: 1. HISD Takeover and Adequate funding for Public Schools to provide a quality education for everyone regardless of their economic status. I will vote against the school voucher plan. I will advocate for a better funding formula to appropriate dollars for more resources to the schools that need more and keep teachers salaries competitive to attract and retain teachers 2. Healthcare: People with no healthcare or insufficient healthcare I will to create more accessible options for preventative care to prevent costly treatment. I will author or support legislation that will expand Medicaid health coverage.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 142



Clint Dan Horn

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a trainer for over 25 years with Houston Community College, Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP, and currently with MD Anderson Cancer Center. I have also served as Precinct Chair for over 3 years, HOA Treasurer for the Summerwood community here in Humble, Texas, member of the Humble Area Democrats and the former Chaplain for the Houston Black American Democrats (HBAD). I have also served as the Presiding Judge for several elections and worked with WorldVision providing for communities.

ISSUES: I will look to resolve countless issues with the judicial system including improper sentencing for minorities, unwarranted traffic stops, and jail overcrowding. I will also fight for a better quality of education for all individuals which includes safety in our schools.

Website: clintfortexasstatehouse.com



Harold V. Dutton Jr.

QUALIFICATIONS: I have previously been elected to this position since 1984.

ISSUES: Public Education and Public Education



Danyahel (Danny) Norris

QUALIFICATIONS: My background as a lawyer, an engineer, and a former instructor of law, allows me to understand the law, how to solve large problems, and the legislative process. Also, my time as a Trustee made me familiar with creating policy and setting the tax rate for the nearly 5 million residents of Harris County.

ISSUES: The first issue will be political, seeing that I will be a newly elected Democrat in a legislature that currently has a supermajority of Republicans. Fortunately, I have experience in this area as a trustee and plan to address it by finding common causes, like access to education and healthcare, and working with the Republicans facing the same issues. The second most pressing issue will be ensuring the resources of the State come to District 142 to address issues of education, infrastructure, and economic empowerment. I plan to address this by again finding common ground with the members in different parts of the State with similar issues and working to ensure resources are appropriated.

Website: dannynorris4tx.com

Joyce Marie Chatman

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 146



Lauren Ashley Simmons

QUALIFICATIONS: I've spent my career collaborating with allies, stakeholders and elected officials to build strong pro-worker coalitions that center the needs of marginalized people. I have deep experience working to keep our public schools strong by supporting teachers, students, and parents; working to get health care for people who have to choose between paying for medicine or paying the rent; and fighting for issues critical to working people - living wages, paid family leave, and better working conditions.

ISSUES: (1) Public education is at a breaking point, and our families will not recover if we don't fix it. Both of my kids are in public school and they are being harmed by the TEA takeover of our schools, the attacks on public school teachers, and the censorship of Black history. My priorities include increasing state funding for public schools, repealing book bans in school libraries and bans on teaching Black history, and unwinding the TEA takeover of HISD. (2) Nearly 1.7 million Texans lost Medicaid insurance in 2023. I'll fight to expand access to health care, repeal the abortion ban, and protect parent's rights to make health care decisions for their families without government interference.

Website: www.LaurenAshleySimmons.com

Ashton P. Woods

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED



Shawn Nicole Thierry

QUALIFICATIONS: Prior to serving as State Representative, I protected and championed the legal rights of individual citizens for twenty years. I am known as an effective advocate, negotiator, and a true voice for the voiceless. I believe that experience, successful results, and a proven voting record all set me apart from my opponents and uniquely qualify me to continue my tenure as a State Representative.

ISSUES: As State Representative for District 146, there are many issues that are critical to our community, however increasing access to healthcare and reducing food insecurity. I am proud to be regarded as a leader in passing legislation to expand Medicaid for women post-partum from 60 days to 12 months. I have also passed legislation to increase access to fresh and non-perishable food to the elderly, disabled, and underserved communities.

Website: www.runningwiththierry.com

JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEALS • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SIX-YEAR TERM. THERE ARE 14 COURTS OF APPEALS IN TEXAS LOCATED IN 14 CITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE. EACH OF THESE COURTS INCLUDES A CHIEF JUSTICE AND AT LEAST TWO OTHER JUSTICES. THESE COURTS HEAR APPEALS ON CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES FROM LOWER COURTS IN THEIR DISTRICTS. CURRENT ANNUAL SALARY RANGE: \$154,000 TO \$187,800

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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?

JUSTICE, 1st COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, PLACE 2



Gordon Goodman

QUALIFICATIONS: Justice Gordon Goodman was elected to the First Court of Appeals in 2018. He is a member of the Texas State, Pennsylvania, and Energy Bar Associations. He is a proud father and husband.

ETHICS: Campaign funds can be used for approved election purposes during the campaign. After the election, remaining donated funds can be used for approved courthouse-related functions. All these uses of donated funds for campaigns and courthouse functions are set out in the rules that govern elections by the state.

SEPARATION OF POWERS: The courts interpret and implement the laws of Texas and insure they are in accord with the constitutions of Texas and the United States. The separation

of powers is stated explicitly in the Texas constitution and is implicit in the U.S. constitution. Each branch of government has powers and duties that are unique to that department or branch. The courts review conflicts if they arise.

EQUITY: To the extent possible, the courts should strive to make their decisions and rulings understandable to lawyers and non-lawyers. Also, to the extent possible, trials should be held as expeditiously as possible.

COURT SYSTEM: Since this is a new undertaking, and it remains to be seen how it will fit into the overall administration of justice, I have no firm opinion on this question.



Brendetta Scott

QUALIFICATIONS: As a seasoned attorney with a diverse practice including Civil and Appellate Litigation, I am committed to justice. I also teach Appellate Litigation at Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

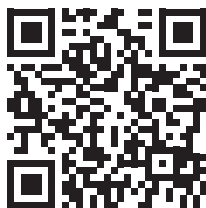
ETHICS: As a judicial candidate, I prioritize ethical standards, financial reporting transparency, and impartiality. I disclose contributions to ensure a fair process, and my track record reflects a commitment to unbiased decision-making rooted in legal merits.

SEPARATION OF POWERS: The three branches—Legislative, Executive, and Judicial—serve distinct roles in our democracy. The judiciary, like the First Court of Appeals, interprets laws, resolves disputes, and safeguards rights. Independence is vital for impartiality, striking a balance between understanding and respect for legislative and executive authority to maintain a stable and effective democratic system.

EQUITY: Improving access to justice requires promoting bench diversity, incentivizing pro bono work, and addressing economic barriers. Supporting economic initiatives, expanding legal aid, enhancing legal literacy through community outreach, and promoting alternative dispute resolution fosters a more inclusive, diverse, and accessible legal system.

COURT SYSTEM: The creation of a new business court and statewide court of appeals in Texas marks a significant development in justice administration. While exact impacts are challenging to predict, I trust the legislative branch's thorough consideration of implications. Avoiding speculative predictions, my commitment lies in adaptability and upholding the law.

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JUSTICE, 1st COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, PLACE 8



Ysidra 'Sissy' Kyles

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been licensed to practice law in Texas since 2012 and have been in solo practice since 2016. I have a diverse background that encompasses criminal justice, personal injury and civil rights.

ETHICS: My integrity is paramount to any campaign donation. While it might sound like a cliché, the reality is "all money is not good money." No one has ever had the privilege of saying they "bought" me. I stand on principles and morals, and neither of those is for sale. My task is to interpret the law with integrity and honesty, not to adjust the law based on the size of a campaign donation.

SEPARATION OF POWERS: Courts have one task and that is to interpret the laws. It is important that each branch of government remains in its own respective lane. The courts have their hands full with the interpretation of laws, just as the executive and legislative branches are designed to execute and make the laws.

Website: www.facebook.com/ysidra.sissy.kyles.campaign

This check and balance system of our government prevents any one entity from abusing its power.

EQUITY: On the state court level, there is a very well-oiled machine in place that provides adequate representation to indigent persons and the underserved. A similar system should be implemented at the higher court level. In some cases, the lower courts "get it wrong," but because of the lack of resources, the decisions often go unchallenged. Adequate resources must be made available for "all."

COURT SYSTEM: Fortunately, these courts are not slated to open until September 2024, which means there remains some time to work out some of the kinks. One obvious challenge will be determining which court will be the proper court for filing and how long it will take for those cases (and the appeals) to be heard. The administration of justice will be directly related to whether the courts are constitutional.



Richard Hightower

QUALIFICATIONS: I was elected to this position in 2018 and have written hundreds of opinions. I have received outstanding performance evaluations by appellate attorneys. I have 43 years of broad legal experience.

ETHICS: Judges are presumed to follow the law regardless of political donations, unless evidence proves otherwise. Unfortunately, it takes money to run a successful multi-county race such as this one. The judges on this court sit in panels of three to issue opinions, therefore there is a check and balance system in place. Additionally, our opinions may be reviewed by higher courts for potential error.

SEPARATION OF POWERS: The courts (judicial branch) serve as a check and balance on the powers of the legislative and executive branches. We have the power to determine the constitutionality of laws and executive actions. As an example, during the COVID epidemic, my court was called upon to review the legality of

actions taken by the Governor such as mask mandates and the right to jury trial of criminal defendants.

EQUITY: A primary method is to have increased funding to support Legal Aid organizations across the State. This funding comes from both state and local government. Additionally, the Texas Bar Foundation, which I am a member, raises large amounts of private money for this purpose. Another method is to make certain public defender offices and experienced court appointed attorneys are appropriately utilized.

COURT SYSTEM: Business courts will hear high-dollar business cases, removing them from current elected judges. The stated intent of the court is to enhance business opportunity in Texas. The new appellate court will hear appeals from the business court and cases affecting the liability of state and local government. It will reduce the authority of the 14 district-wide appellate courts, such as my current court.

Website: www.hightowerforjustice.com

JUSTICE, 1st COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, PLACE 9



Amber Boyd-Cora

QUALIFICATIONS: My extensive legal experience representing diverse clients and matters, and experience in the judicial process deepens my understanding of the application of law, making me an ideal candidate.

ETHICS: Citizens can be confident that campaign contributions won't influence a judge's legal decisions because judicial candidates pledge to uphold the US Constitution and state laws by taking the attorney's oath. To promote their candidacies, judges must fundraise. However, citizens should have faith in judges' impartiality and integrity when they interpret the law.

SEPARATION OF POWERS: I strongly believe that Courts act as a balancing mechanism within the system of checks and balances, ensuring that laws align with constitutional principles and protect individual rights. The judicial system plays a vital

role in maintaining the rule of law, upholding justice, and preserving democratic values within society.

EQUITY: Enhancing public awareness of legal resources available in Texas is essential. Many statewide and local groups provide low-cost or free legal help by using technology to connect with underserved areas. However, a significant number of people remain unaware of these services. To address this issue, we must increase citizen awareness of how to access these resources.

COURT SYSTEM: The new Business Court and Statewide Court Courts of Appeal may address the issue of backlogged cases, and these courts will potentially help alleviate the burden on existing courts. However, I am concerned about the impartiality and integrity of these courts, as the governor-appointed judges may be less accountable to the citizens who would usually elect their officials.

Website: BoydCoraforJustice.com



Peter Kelly

QUALIFICATIONS: Board Certified in Civil Appeals; handled hundreds of appeals over 20+ years of appellate experience before assuming bench in 2019, Extensive pro bono and charitable work; life-long Democrat.

ETHICS: A review of my opinions will show that I apply the law impartially, regardless of who has contributed to my campaign. We of course have to disclose the identities of anyone who donates to our campaigns.

SEPARATION OF POWERS: The judiciary is one of the three co-equal branches of the government, and, within limiting confines, can advance social and governmental policy.

Website: www.justicepeterkelly.com

Nonetheless, we must apply statutes and rules promulgated by the other branches.

EQUITY: The bar does a lot to provide access to justice through pro bono and related programs, but what is needed is robust government funding--lawyers alone cannot bear the burden of assisting the underserved.

COURT SYSTEM: Those two new entities were solutions in search of a problem--there was no empirical evidence of any sort of dysfunction in the current system's handling of the matters in those court's jurisdiction. They are just another step to a system of private, segregated justice.



Chuck Silverman

QUALIFICATIONS: 1. Lawyer for over 36 years; 2. Former Presiding Judge 183rd Criminal District Court; 3. Associate Judge; 4. Certified Mediator; 5. General Counsel for Multinational Co.; 6. Business owner, Husband, Father

ETHICS: Texas judicial candidates must prioritize transparency, disclose contributions promptly, follow ethical codes, and should consider supporting public financing of judicial contests. These measures may reassure voters of judges' impartiality in interpreting the law and reviewing lower court decisions. Also, I will follow the Rules of Judicial Conduct and recuse myself from an appeal if required.

SEPARATION OF POWERS: Courts interpret laws, ensuring their constitutionality. They provide a check on the executive and

Website: www.chuck4judge.com

legislative branches, safeguarding rights and maintaining a balance of power crucial for a functioning democracy.

EQUITY: To enhance access to justice we could prioritize legal aid funding, simplify legal procedures, promote alternative dispute resolution, and increase awareness of available resources. Additionally, we could address systemic inequalities to ensure equitable representation for underserved individuals and groups.

COURT SYSTEM: The new business court in Texas aims to expedite commercial cases, fostering economic efficiency. A statewide court of appeals can streamline appellate processes, enhancing consistency and legal clarity. Both initiatives have the potential to improve overall justice administration in Texas.

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Velda Renita Faulkner

QUALIFICATIONS: I have over 30 yrs. of civil and criminal trial experience. I have civil and criminal appellate experience. I will provide diversity to the communities served by the 14th Court of Appeals, PL 3.

ETHICS: A Judge must maintain integrity and have judicial prowess when it comes to the law. It is imperative to garner public trust in our judicial system. Judges are the gatekeepers of the law, entrusted to have the legal knowledge, wisdom and understanding to render fair and impartial decisions, according to the law, not by the amount of money they receive! Justice should not be bought or sold!

SEPARATION OF POWERS: The Judicial Branch of Government (Courts) are the interpreters of the law. This branch determines if any laws violate the Constitution(s) (U.S. and State) and are responsible for correctly applying the law to the facts, of each case. Courts are not to apply its own personal or political

Website: votevelda.com

opinions to any case, nor are they to overturn settled law.

EQUITY: Voters should elect Judges who represent the diversity in the counties and communities they serve! We can give pro bono legal services. Judges and Lawyers should have a personal presence in our underserved communities, by interacting with parents, youth and teenagers. Reliable, low cost IT access for parents and children is a must-have, and encourage vocational education, to earn a living wage.

COURT SYSTEM: The new business court will have an impact on what cases can be filed in what court. Such cases will be appealed to the newly created 15th Court of Appeals. This has the appearance of a special court for wealthy people or businesses. Not to mention possible Constitutional violations to elect trial and appellate judges, for the people, by the people, to administer fair and impartial justice.



Mark Ritchie

QUALIFICATIONS: Over 25 years as a civil litigator, including extensive experience researching and drafting complex motions and appellate briefs. I strive to provide clear, compelling analysis in my legal writing.

ETHICS: The Texas Code of Judicial Conduct imposes an obligation on each judge to avoid conflicts of interest, bias, and even the appearance of impropriety. More to the point, a judicial candidate must identify each donor who contributes more than \$90 to the candidate's campaign. Public scrutiny of these contributions is the best approach to preventing inappropriate influence.

SEPARATION OF POWERS: The judiciary upholds the rule of law by exercising politically-independent judgment, fairly deciding disputes while defending the rights of all individuals. I think the judiciary's role is especially important now to protect individuals in this turbulent time. When some seek to take

advantage of the chaos, principled judges are called on to curb abuse and protect the rights and dignity of all.

EQUITY: Encouraging pro bono work by private lawyers is certainly helpful, but the gap between individuals in need of legal assistance and available services remains wide. Legal aid in civil cases currently has an annual income threshold that limits availability to only the most impoverished. The solution seems obvious - greater public funding, allowing higher income individuals to qualify.

COURT SYSTEM: This was the subject of a recent panel discussion, and the consensus was that there is no way to predict what the actual impact will be. Certainly there is an opportunity to increase efficiency by moving complex, demanding cases to the new system, but much depends on who is initially appointed to these courts. Their initial work will set the tone for years to come.



Jerry Zimmerer

QUALIFICATIONS: Justice Jerry Zimmerer, J.D., LL.M. is distinguished as he holds three law degrees. He was elected to the Texas 14th Court of Appeals in 2018 and has authored hundreds of civil and criminal opinions.

ETHICS: The foundation of judicial integrity lies in the commitment to render rulings without bias or partiality. Jerry Zimmerer has demonstrated his commitment to fairness through the opinions and decisions he has issued. Each opinion showcases a dedication to upholding the principles of fairness and impartiality.

SEPARATION OF POWERS: The role of the courts is to provide a forum for the resolution of legal disputes, interpret laws, and ensure that the government's actions align with the principles outlined in the Constitution. The courts ensure a system of checks and balances, promoting accountability and preventing any one branch from accumulating unchecked power.

Website: jerry4justice.com

EQUITY: Our system is designed to permit trained legal representation for all.

As a society, we provide criminal defense for those who cannot afford it. On the civil side, a lack of understanding and financial resources often impact access to justice. Jerry Zimmerer is working with the Texas Bar Foundation and the Houston Bar Association to help improve access to the underserved populations of Texas.

COURT SYSTEM: Legal challenges aside, the impact of the business court and statewide court of appeals is still uncertain and will likely depend significantly on the caliber of individuals selected to serve on these courts. The quality, competence, and impartiality of the appointed judges can influence the effectiveness and reputation of these judicial bodies.

JUSTICE, 14th COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, PLACE 4



Derek Obialo

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a civil trial lawyer in Texas for 16 years trying several jury and non-jury cases in various counties. I have experience in practicing before the Texas courts of appeals.

ETHICS: It is vital to elect a person with utmost integrity. Donations should be publicly disclosed and judges should be obliged to recuse themselves in situations where donors with substantial donations are before the court

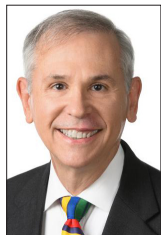
SEPARATION OF POWERS: The judiciary is to interpret the law and settle disputes in accordance with the law and policies of the State. Where the law is ambiguous or silent, interpretations that enhance citizen participation or

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advancement of constitutional guarantees should be favored, so long as the Legislature has not given a directive. Judicial decision should also be a check on overreaching executive power

EQUITY: Less expensive dispute resolutions, perhaps funded with revenue from litigation, should be encouraged or made compulsory before litigants embark on expensive litigation.

COURT SYSTEM: Improve the length of time cases take to final resolution. Perhaps the frequency of decisions will lessen the cost of justice for litigants. With expertise, perhaps, judicial decisions would be faster and tailored to improve business innovation and efficiency.



Charles Spain

QUALIFICATIONS: Judge (2010), justice (2019), board certified civil appellate law Texas Board of Legal Specialization (1994), briefing attorney for Texas Supreme Court, and 34 years as an appellate attorney.

ETHICS: This is a matter of personal integrity. My 23 years of service to the appellate courts as a staff attorney watching judges prepared me to do what federal judges take an oath to do: "administer justice without respect to persons, and do equal right to the poor and to the rich, and . . . faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me."

SEPARATION OF POWERS: Judges must always remember that the unique American contribution to law is Chief Justice John Marshall's statement that "It is emphatically the province and duty of the judicial department to say what the law is." This separation of powers wasn't popular in 1803, and it isn't popular with some today, but that is our job in the judiciary.

Website: www.SpainForJustice.com

EQUITY: Local outreach is important. I am a member of the Houston Bar Association's Harris County Law Library Committee, which does great work creating instructional guides for people who represent themselves in court. I also passionately believe in fundamental fairness, which requires the courts to notify people of any deficiencies and give them an opportunity to fix the problem before deciding the case.

COURT SYSTEM: Part of separation of powers is that the legislature has the power to do things like this. If the business courts survive any constitutional challenges, then it remains to be seen what effect it will have other than taking these decisions away from locally elected judges and placing them before trial judges appointed by the governor and reviewed by appellate justices chosen statewide.

JUSTICE, 14th COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, PLACE 6



Meagan Hassan

QUALIFICATIONS: Prior to being elected: civil rights litigation. Since: authored 261 majority opinions, 19 concurrences, and 30 dissents; also, 3 en banc opinions clarifying important legal issues in our district.

ETHICS: The campaign finance system in Texas for judicial elections is broken. There is no meaningful way (other than cross-checking donor lists and released case rulings or opinions) for voters to feel confident that financial support will have no impact on jurisprudence. I would like to see this system significantly overhauled to promote more public confidence in the judiciary.

SEPARATION OF POWERS: The role of the courts in Texas is to serve as a check on the legislative and executive branches of the government. I take my responsibility to perform this duty very seriously and I am pleased that some of us on the intermediate courts of appeals have made substantial progress in cultivating

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this separation since we were elected to these benches in 2018. Equity: Judges need to be more visible in the community and need to encourage those from traditionally underserved groups to engage in the legal process and system without fear or unease. For example, I have recruited interns from various ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds to work for our court with the express purpose of increasing the number of members from these groups in appellate practice.

COURT SYSTEM: The statewide court of appeals will take power away from the intermediate courts of appeals and consolidate it in the hands of unelected judges hand-picked by the governor. These courts were designed to concentrate judicial power concerning constitutional and business questions, setting a dangerous precedent to undercut local elected officials and the will of the people.

Sara Padua Cordúa

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DISTRICT JUDGE • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

DISTRICT COURTS ARE TRIAL COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION OF TEXAS. THEY HAVE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION IN FELONY CRIMINAL CASES, DIVORCE CASES, CASES INVOLVING TITLE TO LAND, ELECTION CONTEST CASES, CIVIL MATTERS IN WHICH THE AMOUNT OF MONEY OR DAMAGES INVOLVED IS \$200 OR MORE, AND ANY MATTERS IN WHICH JURISDICTION IS NOT PLACED IN ANOTHER TRIAL COURT. THE COURTS MAY SPECIALIZE IN CIVIL, CRIMINAL, JUVENILE, OR FAMILY LAW MATTERS. FOUR-YEAR TERM.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

ISSUES: What are the two (2) most pressing issues that you will face in the office that you seek? Describe your “specific” plans/ideas for addressing these issues.

DISTRICT JUDGE, 125th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

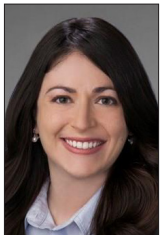


Kyle Carter

QUALIFICATIONS: I have served as your Judge of the 125th District Court for the past 15 years. I am Board Certified in Civil Trial Law. I have received awards for my work in the courtroom and in the community. I wake up excited to work hard and treat everyone fairly, with equality, dignity, and respect. I was twice elected president of the Texas Association of District Judges. I drafted the official Harris County Covid-19 Jury Trial Protocols to keep our courts open and safe. I also speak proficient Spanish.

Website: www.judgecarter.com

ISSUES: Everyone must have equal access to our courts. Justice must be available to everyone regardless of their ability to pay. We must guarantee access to lawyers and translators for those in need. I will continue to provide people with information regarding free legal clinics and other court services. I will always listen and help guide everyone through the legal process. I also believe that justice delayed is justice denied. Following Hurricane Harvey and Covid-19, we must make better use of limited resources to be more efficient. We must also address increase in population and new case filings. I will improve court administration and infrastructure to better serve the people of Harris County.



Andrea Zepeda

QUALIFICATIONS: I've been a civil trial lawyer since becoming licensed in 2012. I have appeared in court on behalf of my clients numerous times at hearings and trials, in both state and federal courts. I've litigated a broad range of cases, including personal injury cases, medical malpractice, products liability, employment matters, class actions, and contract disputes—many of the types of cases I would see on this bench if elected.

Website: andrazepedaforjudge.com

ISSUES: Efficiency and Transparency. The total number of active, pending cases in the Harris Co. Civil Courts almost doubled in the past 10 years, while the clearance rate overall has been right at or below 100% for all but 1 year. According to the District Clerk website, the 125th Court has only held 31 jury trials in the last 5 years. While I recognize that the vast majority of civil cases resolve prior to trial, the efficiency of this court is unacceptable. Another judge with a similar tenure held 50% more jury trials during the same period. I am committed to showing up, increasing the clearance rate by timely ruling on motions and objections, and providing information about the court's caseload.



Lema May Mousilli

QUALIFICATIONS: With 17 years of diverse legal experience in state and federal courts across the country, spanning criminal, family, personal injury, intellectual property, and commercial litigation, I bring a wealth of experience to the role of judge. Serving as an Adjunct Professor, teaching Business Law and Constitutional Law, highlights my deep commitment to legal education. My dedication to justice, inclusivity, and community engagement further strengthens my candidacy for this judicial position.

Website: www.votelema.com

ISSUES: In order to tackle the current case backlog, I intend to leverage technology for streamlined case management, implement periodic case reviews, and collaborate with legal professionals to expedite proceedings. For equal access to the courts, I intend to establish community-based legal workshops, partner with local organizations for outreach, and enhance language services to promote inclusivity, making the legal system more accessible to all.



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DISTRICT JUDGE, 127th JUDICIAL DISTRICT



R.K. Sandill

QUALIFICATIONS: Prior to becoming a judge, I clerked at the First Court of Appeals for a year. Then, I spent a number of years in private practice with small firms and medium sized firms, where I focused on commercial, appellate, and trade secret litigation. I represented both plaintiffs and defendants in civil litigation and did some criminal defense work. Since my election in January 2009, I have resolved more than 21,000 matters and tried over 1600 cases.

Website: judgesandill.com

ISSUES: First, I want to continue my legacy of progress for Harris County District Courts to make justice more inclusive. I have done this by requiring implicit bias training for all court appointees and incorporating anti-bias instructions in all of my jury charges. Second, confronting the impacts of population growth, increased case filings, and ongoing disaster recovery remains the most critical challenge for Harris County Courts. In 2023, I instituted an ad hoc courtroom mediation program to move our oldest cases on the docket to trial or settlement. It has been a great success, with over 70% of cases scheduled for the program being tried to finality or settled.



Denise Brown

QUALIFICATIONS: Having served as a litigator and trial attorney for over 23 years, I've presented cases to both judges and juries, representing both plaintiffs and defendants. My experience includes handling a variety of cases such as motor vehicle wrecks, complex fraud, breach of contract, Dram shop, construction defect, and deceptive trade practices act cases.

Website: www.denisebrownforjudge.com

ISSUES: My primary goal is to start more jury trials in the 127th. There have only been 22 in the last five years. My experience with trials will ensure that they happen quickly and efficiently. I also intend to rule timely on motions so cases can move forward to resolution without the threat of sanctions against attorneys. The second issue facing the 127th is judicial temperament. Impartiality, patience, respect, and emotion control are necessary for a judge to ensure that each side get a fair day in court. Having represented both plaintiffs and defendants, I am committed to ensuring a welcoming environment in the 127th for everyone, regardless of their wealth or background.

DISTRICT JUDGE, 133rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT



Nicole Perdue

QUALIFICATIONS: I have practiced civil trial law in Harris County (and surrounding counties) for over 25 years; I have an active courtroom practice, representing individuals in a wide range of civil litigation matters. In addition to handling employment, family law, and appellate matters, I routinely serve as a guardian ad litem in the civil district courts in Harris County. I know my way around the courtroom through practice, having taken over 14 cases to trial.

Website: nicoleperdueforjudge.com

ISSUES: (1) The delivery of justice depends on a court's effective case management. If elected, I will implement processes that will compel cases to be trial-ready within a specific period of time between filing and trial. I will hear and decide matters in a timely and deliberate manner, balancing the parties' rights to be heard and to have issues resolved without unnecessary cost or delay. (2) Equality in the courtroom must be preserved: All parties will be afforded a fair opportunity to be heard, and I will assure that every litigant, regardless of race, sex, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status is allowed a fair opportunity to present their case.



Brandi Janell-Estelle Croffie

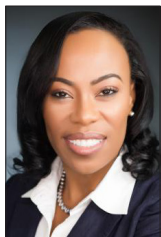
QUALIFICATIONS: I am a former 8th grade math teacher, and former probation officer. These experiences along with my 11 years' experience in civil trial work, uniquely qualify me for the position. My legal experience spans a wide range of general civil and business litigation and my legal experience is solely in matters heard in civil courts. I understand the process and the procedures involved in civil matters, and have experience dealing with people from all walks of life.

Website: www.brandijcroffie4judge.com

ISSUES: One major issue is access to civil justice court systems. Many people have little experience in civil courts and little resources for retaining counsel. I intend to host weekend seminars with the general public to provide information and resources regarding the rules of procedure and resources for legal aid. The second most pressing issue is the back log of courts. I believe that justice delayed is justice denied. I would work to clear the back log by beginning the process of setting matters for hearings, and making rulings on matters that have been sitting without rulings made. As judge, I pledge to make rulings on most cases within 3 days and complex rulings within 30 days.

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DISTRICT JUDGE, 151st JUDICIAL DISTRICT



Erica Hughes

QUALIFICATIONS: I have served as a US Immigration Judge from 2021-2024. I manage a robust docket and have helped reduce a massive backlog in immigration cases. I have served as Judge for Harris County criminal Court at Law #3 from 2019-2021. I also managed a robust docket and reduced case backlog. Held numerous jury trials, As an attorney I have served as a Judge Advocate General for the US Army. Also worked doing insurance defense for State Farm Claims Litigation. I have managed my own practice from 2010-2018.

Website: www.hughesforjudge.com

ISSUES: The case back log and reducing cases by holding jury trials in an efficient manner. I will hold jury trials twice a month to ensure that cases are handled in a timely manner. Also address the lack of interpreters and education for pro se litigants. Partner with all Civil Judges and Commissioners Court to provide funding for interpreters. Partner with bar association to provide pro bono work and education classes for individuals without an attorney



Mike Engelhart

QUALIFICATIONS: I am the only Board Certified Attorney in this race. I have been the incumbent for over 15 years. I was a practicing attorney for 13 years before I became a Judge, trying cases just like the ones in our Court. I receive excellent reviews in Houston Bar Association Polls, and I am most proud of my scores regarding my diligence, preparation, and courtesy to litigants. We have over a 130% clearance rate in our Court so when 10 cases come in, 13 are already resolved, saving taxpayers money.

Website: www.JudgeEngelhart.com

ISSUES: As Judge of this Court the 2 main issues are efficiency and access to the Courts. My plan for efficiency is to continue to rule on motions on the same day or within the same week of the hearing and to continue to try cases and maintain our position as having the lowest inventory of cases of the 24 Civil District Courts. My plan for access to Court is to continue to hold regular dockets, and to allow phone and zoom hearings where it adds convenience to the parties. Further, we will continue to hold specific hearing times so lawyers and parties do not have to come at 9 a.m. and wait all day to be reached, but instead, if they are set at 3 p.m., they are heard at 3 p.m. Their time is valuable.

DISTRICT JUDGE, 152nd JUDICIAL DISTRICT



Robert K. Schaffer

QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent the last 15 years presiding over the 152nd District Court to ensure that every litigant is treated with courtesy, dignity and respect. I have worked hard to ensure that litigants have a level playing field in this court. I have been recognized in 2013 and 2019 by board certified trial and appellate specialists as the trial judge of the year. I was the highest rated district judge in the Houston Bar Association evaluation survey of its members in 2021 and 2023.

Website: www.judgeschaffer.com

ISSUES: Ensuring that cases filed in this court move through the judicial system in an efficient and appropriate. Ensuring that litigants and people with business in the courts have a reasonable opportunity to conduct their business without unreasonable interference from the court. Everyone who comes to this court should leave with the belief that they were treated fairly and with courtesy, dignity and respect.



TaKasha Francis

QUALIFICATIONS: As the sole candidate with a legal and public service background, I uniquely understand the experiences of everyday people, and diverse perspectives. Meeting statutory requirements for judgeship, I bring nearly two decades of diverse legal/trial experience for the cases this court hears. I am ethical, impartial, even tempered, and respectful. My commitment to fairness, justice, and analytical decision-making ensures upholding of the rule of law and making well-reasoned decisions based on facts.

Website: www.francisforjudge.com

ISSUES: First, I aim to improve judicial economy by scrutinizing existing procedures, streamlining processes, and introducing innovative solutions and technology, to improve efficiency and eliminate backlog. Secondly, recognizing the public lack of awareness regarding the court system and individuals' legal rights, I aim to demystify the courthouse experience through community outreach programs, educational initiatives, and civic engagement. Judges are integral community members and these efforts empower the public with a better understanding of the judicial process and their legal rights. It also provides better access to justice and public faith and confidence in the court.

DISTRICT JUDGE, 164th JUDICIAL DISTRICT



Cheryl Elliot Thornton

QUALIFICATIONS: I am the current Presiding Judge of the 164th Civil District Court. I have also served as Administrative Judge for two State of Texas agencies- Crime Victims and Texas Workforce Commissioner. I also served for 10 years as an Assistant County Attorney for Harris County as well as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Texas. These experiences coupled with my vast 30+ years of other community and work experiences experience have more than prepared me for the position in which I serve.

Website: www.judgeelliottthornton.com

ISSUES: As the Presiding Judge of the 164th Civil Judicial District Court of which I seek re-election, the most pressing issue is to continue to properly manage the backlog and to maintain the high clearance rate my team has accomplished. The Court's other challenge is to adjudicate old cases which were filed long before I took office at the same time properly addressing the new cases as they are presented.

Joy Dawson Thomas

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DISTRICT JUDGE, 165th JUDICIAL DISTRICT



Jill Yaziji

QUALIFICATIONS: The combination of my education (PhD, Literature and Critical Theory) and my legal & trial skills, make me equipped for this challenging job. 22 years of litigation experience have given me the interpersonal skills needed to oversee the adversarial process and ability to make decisions with authority, fairness, and compassion. My public service experience allowed me to work with people of diverse backgrounds and where strong leadership skills were honed, driving desirable change.

Website: www.jillforjudge165.com

ISSUES: Issue 1: Tremendous backlog of cases in the 165th Civil Court. Solution: Hold hearings and provide timely rulings on them. Hold Status Conferences early in the cases. Bring cases to trial. Require and facilitate dispute resolution of cases. Issue 2: Court Staff must be supported to allow them to help with resolving the caseload. I plan to seek funding, training, and support, allowing the hiring of more court clerks to facilitate a fair and timely management of cases on the 165th Court docket. This requires reaching out to other members of the judicial board and government officials to seek funding and support for the court staff.

Ursula A. Hall

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DISTRICT JUDGE, 333rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT



Brittanye Morris

QUALIFICATIONS: My extensive legal career, including as the current Harris County District Court Judge for this Court, provides a deep understanding of the law. I bring a commitment to justice, strong communication skills, and a track record of upholding the highest standards of professionalism. My diverse experiences, including prior work as a lawyer and active community involvement, uniquely position me to serve with integrity and effectiveness in this role.

Website: www.brittanyemorrisforjudge.com

ISSUES: 1) Case Backlog: Prioritizing the reduction of case backlog, I'll enhance case management, and leverage technology with available resources to aid in this effort. Notably, since taking office in 2021, we've successfully reduced the backlog, and I'm committed to building on this progress. 2) Community Outreach and Youth Education: Strengthening community ties, I'll expand outreach and educational programs, focusing on empowering youth with a deeper understanding of the justice system. Ensuring access to justice for all remains a priority, building on the strides made since 2021, I aim to foster a more accessible legal system for all.

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Tracy D. Good

QUALIFICATIONS: In addition to my law license, I am a certified public accountant and a certified internal auditor. I have both corporate and legal experience. I have over 10 years of corporate experience in the energy sector. I was an Associate Judge for 3 years, and I have over 17 years of legal experience. My comprehensive training, legal proficiency, and distinctive personal characteristics converge to position me as an exceptionally qualified candidate for Judge of Harris County Court 333rd.

Website: www.tracydgood333rd.com

ISSUES: The two pressing issues facing the position I seek are (1) the backlog of cases and (2) how technology should be used in the court system. The combined Harris County Civil District Courts have a current docket of approximately 70,000 cases. I would require that each case has a time limit of no more than year and a half after filing to conclusion. Otherwise the matter may be subject to dismissal. Further, I am an advocate of web conferencing technology, such as Zoom, because it increases the efficiency of the court system. I will use this technology for all ancillary hearings.

DISTRICT JUDGE, 338th JUDICIAL DISTRICT



Allison Jackson Mathis

QUALIFICATIONS: I have worked in criminal courts for over a decade, and I have experience not only locally but in a lot of other jurisdictions as both a trial and appellate attorney. I am a native Houstonian, mom of two young children, and a force with which to be reckoned. I will not be a spectator to unfairness, which is part of why I'm running for this bench specifically. I know the law, and I have both the reason and compassion to be able to apply it fairly.

Website: www.voteallison.net

ISSUES: 1. Overwhelming dockets/backlogged cases: keep the court open more hours a day (it currently doesn't open until 10:30 am!), press for changes to the appointed counsel system to prevent attorneys taking so many cases that they aren't able to work them in a timely manner, utilize the available resources to conduct more frequent trials and contested hearings; 2. Making Up for Lack of Progressive Reform: reduce excessive pretrial confinement, stop revoking bonds without good cause, ensure transparency and accessibility to courtroom and proceedings to public, focus resources on holistic resolution of cases to reduce recidivism and heal communities.



Ramona Franklin

QUALIFICATIONS: As the presiding judge of the 338th District Court since 2016, I have already gained valuable on-the-job training and experience in handling cases, making legal decisions, and managing court proceedings. My background as a former prosecutor and defense attorney have given me a comprehensive understanding of the legal process, including the ability to analyze evidence and argue cases. As a licensed attorney for 22 years, my experiences have honed my legal knowledge and analytical skills.

Website: www.judgeramonafranklin.ne

ISSUES: 1. Fair and Impartial Trials: One of the primary responsibilities of a district criminal court judge is to ensure that all defendants receive a fair and impartial trial. This involves upholding the principles of due process, ensuring that the prosecution and defense have equal opportunities to present their cases, and making rulings that are based on the law and evidence presented. 2. Sentencing Decisions: Sentencing is a complex task that requires judges to balance factors, such as the severity of the crime, the defendant's criminal history, and the impact on the victim. 1. Adherence to the Rule of Law: I will strictly adhere to the rule of law, ensuring that all decisions are just.

DISTRICT JUDGE, 486th JUDICIAL DISTRICT



Vivian King

QUALIFICATIONS: I have practiced criminal law for 31 years both as a defense attorney and prosecutor. I am Board Certified in Criminal Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization (2008). I know rules of criminal procedure. I have represented over 1,000 people: 1st chaired approx. 150 jury trials: authored approx. 50 appeals: taught trial skills at TSU Law School. I have tried cases in both State and Federal Courts. I have mentored many young lawyers and taught them trial skills.

Website: www.vivianking.com

ISSUES: 1. The backlog of jail cases is the biggest problem the criminal justice system. Violent offenders are lingering in jail for years awaiting trials. Taxpayers are spending \$25million to send those awaiting trials to Post, TX, Louisiana and most recently, \$11million to send more awaiting trial to Mississippi. **I'll give inmates a date-certain for their trials to stop all the resets and I'll give speedier trials. Real trial dates encourage plea bargaining. Uncertain trial dates encourage continuous resets. 2. Getting the Repeat Violent Offenders to trial faster. People have been waiting too long for trial dates. I have former clients from 2015 & 2016 that are still in jail awaiting trials.

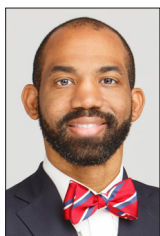
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Roderick Deon Rodgers

QUALIFICATIONS: As a Defense Attorney and Prosecutor, I understand the principles of due process, the rules of evidence, and the intricacies of criminal law. My military training taught me to be fair, impartial, and decisive these are essential qualities for a judge. My decision to serve my country demonstrates my commitment to serving the public and making a positive impact on society. My diverse background and experiences enable me to approach cases with an open mind to avoid bias or prejudices.

Website: roderickrogersforjudge.com

ISSUES: Harris County is facing a significant backlog of cases, leading to lengthy delays in the resolution of criminal cases. This affects the timely administration of justice. Implement a Case Management System, Expand the Use of Technology and Increase Judicial Resources. Many individuals in Harris County lack access to affordable legal representation. This disparity in access to justice creates a barrier for those who cannot afford an attorney, leading to unequal outcomes and underrepresentation of marginalized communities. Expand Pro Bono and Legal Aid Services, Promote Community Legal Education.



Gemayel "G" Haynes

QUALIFICATIONS: In my 16 years as a lawyer, I have worked as a public defender, private attorney, prosecutor, and juror all in Harris County. I have close to 70 trials on cases ranging from DWI to Murder. I earned a reputation for having integrity, being even-tempered, and a thoughtful decision maker. I have done trainings for lawyers around the state on a variety of criminal law topics. I believe these attributes along with my experience make me the best candidate for the position.

Website: www.haynesforjudge.com

ISSUES: The first pressing issue is the backlog of cases. Unfortunately it takes some cases several years before coming to a conclusion. The jail is overcrowded and Harris County is shipping inmates off to other states. My plan is to create a schedule to solidify expectations for prosecution and defense. The goal is for cases to move through the system without unreasonable delays and reduce the overcrowding at the jail. The second issue is the lack of resources for mental health court. The Harris County Jail is the largest mental health facility in the state. I plan to fight for more funding to expand mental health court. We need accessible alternatives for people with severe mental health issues.

DISTRICT JUDGE, 507th JUDICIAL DISTRICT



Lillian Henny Alexander

QUALIFICATIONS: With 12 years of dedicated practice in family law, I will bring experience and commitment to the role of the 507th District Family Court. As a member of the Texas State Bar and the Texas Bar College, I am deeply committed to upholding high ethical standards and continually improving my legal training. Operating independently as a sole practitioner, I have successfully managed hundreds of family law cases, demonstrating my ability to navigate legal matters and provide effective representation.

Website: www.voteillian.com

ISSUES: The first issue is to address a) Non-Courteous Atmosphere in family court with the plan to Institute a feedback mechanism for litigants to report non-courteous behavior from judges or staff to foster transparency and accountability. The second issue is b) Enhancing Accessibility and Standardization by introducing universal forms on court websites to simplify and standardize legal processes, ensuring clarity and user-friendliness. Specifically, to collaborate with tech experts for seamless integration of universal forms across family courts. I also have an idea to Introduce an afternoon docket dedicated to the family court backlog.



Julia Maldonado

QUALIFICATIONS: Prior to becoming the Judge in this court, I had practiced law for over 18 years. I practiced Family, Criminal, Probate law among others. These years of practice allowed me to acquire ample experience trying and handling complex cases. I became Board Certified in Family Law in 2012. I also have over 7 years of experience as Judge I have handled hundreds of cases of a vast array of family issues. I am a Certified Mediator; I am trained in Trauma Informed Law and I speak Spanish and English.

Website: www.juliamaldonado.com

ISSUES: The most pressing issue is to continue moving the cases with effectiveness and efficacy. Litigants are seeking closure and for their cases to be completed in a timely manner. I have, since taking office in 2017, been working to ensure the cases in my docket are resolved efficiently and I will continue to do so. The second issue is to continue ensuring that everyone has access to the court and can achieve justice regardless of their socio-economic status. Since taking the bench I have ensured that every litigant who comes to the Court is able to understand the legal process and feels heard when seeking justice. I will continue working in access to justice for everyone.

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QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

ISSUES: What are the two (2) most pressing issues that you will face in the office that you seek? Describe your “specific” plans/ideas for addressing these issues.

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Kim Ogg

QUALIFICATIONS: As a 36-year attorney and native Houstonian who has dedicated my legal career to public safety, I bring years of policy and operational experience to the job of District Attorney. My legal training is the foundation for managing the largest public law firm in the Southwest responsible for prosecuting all state offenses brought by 86 law enforcement agencies in Harris County. Ethics, good judgement, and the courage to make hard decisions make me the best candidate for District Attorney.

Website: www.kim-ogg.com

ISSUES: 1. Prioritize violent crime, especially Murder, for faster resolution. The Houston Forensic Science Institute has backlogs of 12 months on ballistics and rape kits backlogged for at least 9 months. This compromises prosecution and must be fixed through City of Houston funding and outsourcing of evidence. With the help of prosecutors and cooperation by the judiciary, the backlogged lab cases can also be prioritized for faster resolution of our most dangerous offenders' cases. 2. Appropriate Staffing. Crime victims are re-traumatized by the delays in our justice system. With sufficient staffing of prosecutors, victims cases will be resolved sooner. We continue to fight for funding.



Sean Teare

QUALIFICATIONS: I have over a decade of experience as a DA, including as a supervisor. I know how to effectively run the office, develop trauma informed programs that support victims, and work as a good partner with government allies to produce solutions that lead to safety. I also come from a family impacted by the criminal justice system and the drug war, and have seen the harms of our legal system. I will bring that experience with me and develop programs and policies that prevent crime and build people up.

Website: seanteareforda.com

ISSUES: The District Attorney's job is to pursue justice, support victims, and push for solutions that protect everyone in this community. Right now, the office is failing at all three. It accepts every case only to eventually have to dismiss many – in the meantime, people sit in jail awaiting their case's outcome. Victims get hurt and no one wins. First, I will refocus office priorities on serious cases, so that the people who have caused harm are not just charged but are actually convicted. Second, I will work to develop public health solutions so that people who should not be in jail or prison can receive the treatment and services they need to keep them out of our legal system.

JUDGE, COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

EXCLUSIVE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OVER MISDEMEANORS WHERE THE FINE ALLOWED EXCEEDS \$500 OR CONFINEMENT IN THE COUNTY JAIL DOES NOT EXCEED ONE YEAR. DECISIONS FROM THE MUNICIPAL AND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS MAY BE APPEALED TO COUNTY CRIMINAL COURTS AT LAW. 4-YEAR TERM.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

ISSUES: What are the two (2) most pressing issues that you will face in the office that you seek? Describe your “specific” plans/ideas for addressing these issues.

CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO. 16 • DEMOCRATIC PARTY



Juan J. Aguirre

QUALIFICATIONS: I have 22 years of experience in criminal law. Everyday, I am at the criminal courthouse. I have tried 103 jury trials, and have represented over 10,000 clients. I mentor third year law students from Thurgood Marshall School of Law. I have earned the respect of my colleagues, adversaries and judiciary and staff, as a detail-oriented, knowledgeable, and caring attorney with a calm temperament. I am fully bilingual and bicultural, having grown up along the border as a first gen citizen.

Website: www.JuanForJudge.com

ISSUES: The court has one of the largest dockets of the misdemeanor courts. The 43% of the cases are over 6 months old with 20% of the docket being over a year old. The judge serves in the National Guard and has been called to active duty a number of times. In his absence, visiting judges have allowed cases to linger without being tried or disposed. Controlling the docket is vital. I will review the docket with prosecutors and defense to see what can be disposed of or tried. Next, attorneys not doing their work has lead to cases lingering. Too many times, the state isn't timely providing discovery and defense has not been talking to clients. Strict adherence to a scheduling order is a must.



Ashley Mayes Guice

QUALIFICATIONS: In my 12 years as a lawyer I have built a diverse résumé. In 2022 I was appointed to an 11 month term as Judge of Harris County Criminal Court at Law #3, during which I successfully reduced the docket size by 20%. I have worked as a prosecutor, a public defender, & a private defense attorney. Since January '23 I have worked as Staff Attorney to the 20 County Courts at Law, bringing my legal experience to the administrative component of court management. I am ready to get to work on day one!

Website: www.voteAMG.com

ISSUES: Justice delayed is justice denied to victims, persons accused, & the public. (1) Eliminating backlogged cases & (2) implementing a scheduling order for efficient case flow are key. To date, 43% of Court 16's cases are over 180 days old. I will hold status conferences to determine what is preventing disposition of these cases. Parties will then be given an expedited setting to resolve the case or set it for trial. Having already presided over trials, I will be ready on day one. To prevent future backlog issues, I will implement a scheduling order that lists court settings over a 180 day period. Parties must use time wisely across those settings to resolve cases or set them for trial.

JUDGE, COUNTY PROBATE COURT • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

JURISDICTION OVER DECEDENT'S ESTATES (PROBATING WILLS, DETERMINING HEIRSHIP, APPOINTING EXECUTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS), GUARDIANSHIPS (INCLUDING DETERMINING THE NEED FOR A GUARDIAN AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN), AND ISSUES INVOLVING TRUSTS. PROBATE COURTS HAVE JURISDICTION OVER LAWSUITS BY OR AGAINST EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, GUARDIANS AND TRUSTEES. 4-YEAR TERM.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

ISSUES: What are the two (2) most pressing issues that you will face in the office that you seek? Describe your "specific" plans/ideas for addressing these issues.

JUDGE, COUNTY PROBATE COURT NO. 5



Fransheneka "Fran" Watson

QUALIFICATIONS: My qualifications for this position include: Associate Municipal Court Judge for four (4) years • Staff Attorney for Harris County Probate Court Two (2) • Licensed and practicing Attorney for fourteen (14) years with a strong focus on Probate and Guardianship • Frequent appointments by the Harris County Courts to serve as a mediator, attorney ad litem, guardian ad litem, and special commissioner • Frequent volunteer for legal organizations in and around Harris County.

Website: www.franwatsonforjudge.com

ISSUES: Because this is a newly created Court, the focus will be on having preventative measures in place for the new Court. I will work to increase the pool of appointees to better represent the diversity of Harris County, which in turn helps to meet the demand of a steadily growing population and an increased number of cases filed in the Probate Courts. Automate our systems with existing measures that most of us already use in our day-to-day lives –calendar reminders, if/then settings, etc. Create better accountability for those serving the families of Harris County by providing the information needed to ensure they are ready to proceed with cases – checklists, due dates, etc.

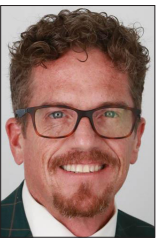


Chavon Carr

QUALIFICATIONS: In addition to being an experienced Probate, Estate Planning, and Real Estate Attorney for over 17 years. I hold a certificate in health law which better equips me to understand the needs and challenges to oversee the mental health docket. I have also participated in candidate trainings by Vote Run Lead, an organization that focuses on empowering and training women to run for political office. As a board member of various nonprofits, I have also received leadership and governance skill training.

Website: www.carrforprobate.com

ISSUES: I want to increase access to the court for all regardless of their background or circumstances. I would like to implement a Small Estate Reduction Program, to ensure that there is equal access to justice amongst all income levels. Small Estate Affidavit are one of the few items that can be done without legal counsel. Therefore, I want to make sure the community is well educated on how to properly prepare the documents to get them approved by the court. I am committed to implementing measures that prevent unnecessary delays in estate administration, the establishment of consistent local rules and the strategic use of technology. Additionally, ongoing training for practitioners.



Troy M. Moore

QUALIFICATIONS: My extensive experience practicing probate and filing and prosecuting all types of probate matters, contested and uncontested. I have a thorough trial background including both jury trials and bench trials on contested probate matters. I have over 22 years' experience as a lawyer, over 15 of which have been as a solo attorney focusing on probate. I want to be a judge in order to do more for my community, and I want to be a probate judge specifically because I love probate and helping others.

Website: www.getmoorejjustice.com

ISSUES: The first most pressing issue, since this is a new court, is ensuring there is a proper framework to work up the case files, as received through the Harris County Clerk. Care must be taken to ensure timelines are met and jurisdictional requirements are satisfied. Second, I would reach out to my probate judge counterparts in Probate Courts 1-4 and see if Judges Simoneaux, Medina, Cox, or Horwitz have any cases with litigants who would like to get to trial sooner rather than later. This would help all our probate courts get back on track and eliminate the backlog of cases that hold up due justice in our probate courtrooms. Currently, I have to wait 3 months for heirship hearings -- too long!

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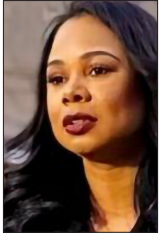
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Umeka “UA” Lewis

QUALIFICATIONS: Leadership and strength. I understand what was wrong with the previous administration, what needed to be changed, and what hasn't. I believe change hasn't come because of the lack of strength to review and change policies. I have extensive legal experience. I practice criminal and civil law, on trial and appellate levels in both federal and state court. I practice in multiple areas, although my primary practice is civil rights. I can navigate complex cases that this office requires.

Website: umekaua4harrisca.com

ISSUES: Attempts by the state to infringe upon local control. Uprooting systematic oppression that has existed in this office since its inception includes ending Qualified immunity that essentially allows an officer to admit violations of civil rights to be granted dismissal of a civil case against them nonetheless. A critical concern for me is also the need to enforce penalties against environmental violators to promote environmental justice and community sustainability, another form of necessary social justice. I am committed to doing what I can to stop police abuse, promote transparency, and open records, and end the use of qualified immunity in the US starting in Harris County.



Christian D. Menefee

QUALIFICATIONS: As the current Harris County Attorney, I manage an office of 300 attorneys and staff who represent the county, its 60 elected officials, and its 18,000+ employees in all civil matters and lawsuits. For my work in this role, I have been awarded the Houston Lawyers Association's 2023 Judge Kenneth M. Hoyt Public Service Award. I previously practiced at Kirkland & Ellis and Norton Rose Fulbright, focusing on commercial litigation, corporate bankruptcies, and matters before the US DOJ and SEC.

Website: www.menefeeforhc.com

ISSUES: Protecting elections and voter rights: State leaders in Austin have taken aim at Harris County elections. My office has led the charge to protect Harris County's election results from election contests filed by losing candidates and from lawsuits filed by the Texas Attorney General. Environmental Justice: Industry in Harris County has repeatedly put polluting facilities in lower income neighborhoods, making them bear the brunt of the impacts of manufacturing and production. My office has been a statewide leader in the fight for environmental justice, using lawsuits and other legal proceedings to further the cause of ensuring every resident breathes clear air and drinks clean water.

SHERIFF • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

PRINCIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR HARRIS COUNTY. MAINTAINS CUSTODY OF PERSONS COMMITTED TO JAIL AND SUPERVISES JAIL SYSTEM. FURNISHES COURT BAILIFFS AND WARRANT OFFICERS, DETECTIVE AND INVESTIGATION SERVICES AND, IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS, PATROL OFFICERS. PROVIDES ON-SITE LIAISON AT THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. 4-YEAR TERM.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

ISSUES: What are the two (2) most pressing issues that you will face in the office that you seek? Describe your “specific” plans/ideas for addressing these issues.

SHERIFF • DEMOCRATIC PARTY



Vergil Rochelle Ratliff

QUALIFICATIONS: I have over three decades of law enforcement experience and over 15 years of law enforcement management experience. I have worked in various administrative positions and investigative divisions; narcotics, vice, patrol, internal affairs, dignitary protection detail (Mayor's Parker & White), jail, and property/evidence. I have been an adjunct professor at the Houston Community College Law Enforcement Academy where I have taught and trained students for over three decades.

Website: ratliffforsheriff.com

ISSUES: The jail over-crowding issue and the retaining and hiring of staff to adequately staff the Harris County Jail along with the sufficient staffing of deputies for the Sheriff's Department. I will access the current budget and allocation of resources along with advocating additional funding and resources from the commissioner's court. Work in Collaboration with other law enforcement entities to help in areas that address the public safety needs of the residents of Harris County. Promote mass recruiting efforts for both deputies and detention officers.



Joe Inocencio

QUALIFICATIONS: In 1980, I started my 38 year law enforcement career in the Harris County Sheriff's Office as a deputy/jailer. In 1982 I went to the Houston Police Department for 33 years, promoting to sergeant, assigned a Chief-of-Staff in Chief's Office, then promoting to Lieutenant, retiring in 2014. In 2017-2020 I worked as an Assistant Chief Investigator with the Harris County DA's Office. I have a vast amount of police management experience, even graduating from the FBI National Academy in 2005.

ISSUES: 1. The Harris County Jail with its multiple Human Rights infractions, deaths, suicides, beatings, rapes, staff resignations, and medical malfeasance. We must reintroduce deputies back into the jail to replace undertrained civilians. The experiment to save taxpayers' money has failed miserably, and ironically has cost more due to the unprecedented number of class action lawsuits. 2. The duplication of service involving of the eight Constables' and Sheriff's Offices is wasting taxpayers' money, causes confusion among citizens, and hinders crime solvability rates. We must, thru consensus and buy-in with our law enforcement partners improve the way we conduct everyday LE business.

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Dana M. Wolfe

QUALIFICATIONS: In June 1994, I graduated from Basic Peace Officer's Course from UH-Downtown. In May 1998, I was assigned to the Storefront where I coordinated programs such as RAD, Kids Rad, CPA, KOPs, and mentoring initiatives. I am a certified Mental Health Officer. I also was assigned as Public Information Officer after promoting to Sergeant. I hold a Master Peace Officer's License, TCOLE Instructor, FTO, and Crime Prevention Specialist. I have been in a leadership role as a supervisor for over 16 years.

Website: linktr.ee/wolfe4sheriff

ISSUES: I have a comprehensive plan for jail reform that will be hands on, since I have over 12 years of experience working in the Harris County Jails as a Detention Officer, Deputy and Sergeant. Because the citizens have lost trust in the Sheriff's Office, as Sheriff, I will restore the following values to the Harris County Sheriff's Office: transparency, integrity, and accountability. I will accomplish this by holding regular townhall meetings with the citizens, and engaging the employees in their assigned duty stations to build a better rapport with those who are responsible for representing the Sheriff's Office.

SHERIFF • DEMOCRATIC PARTY



Ed Gonzalez

QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a former HPD sergeant and City Council member with a history of effective leadership. As Sheriff, public safety is my north star. We've turned the corner on crime, cutting the homicide rate double digits over 2022, and navigated through natural disasters safely. We've partnered with the hospital district to improve health care and mental health services in the jail. And we've made the Sheriff's office more accountable, requiring body cameras for uniformed deputies and detention officers.

Website: www.EdGonzalez.com

ISSUES: While we've made progress against violent crime, we must redouble our efforts to make driving in Harris County safer. Last year, more people died from car crashes than from violent crime. We must increase patrol visibility, particularly on our deadliest roadways, to combat road rage, distracted driving, and drunk driving. We will do this by collaborating even more with partner agencies. We also must reduce the criminal court backlog to ease jail overcrowding, secure proper funding for the jail, and improve mental health services. I work closely with our commissioners court on these issues, including securing nearly \$100 million for medical and mental health care.

COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

COLLECTS PROPERTY TAX, THE HOTEL-MOTEL TAX, AND CONTRACTS WITH OTHER TAXING JURISDICTIONS TO COLLECT THEIR TAXES.
ISSUES MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES AND TITLES. VOTER REGISTRAR FOR THE COUNTY. 4-YEAR TERM.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

ISSUES: What are the two (2) most pressing issues that you will face in the office that you seek? Describe your "specific" plans/ideas for addressing these issues.



Desiree Broadnax

QUALIFICATIONS: I have a bachelor's degree in management. I've worked for Harris County for close to twenty-two years. I'm currently a division manager. I know Harris County government. This is an administrative position and I have the experience. I've Created new positions in my division, raised wages for my staff, I was on the team that took my department from paper to paperless. I have a good temperament. I'm a problem solver who gets the job done. I'm a fighter who will fight for the residents.

Website: broadnaxforhc.com

ISSUES: 1. Getting more people registered to vote. I will target high school seniors and partner with community organizations and non profits to have voter registration drives consistently. I will fight for automatic voter's registration. 2. Educating underserved and underrepresented residents about their options in paying their property taxes. I'll implement more outreach programs. Develop an escrow account for residents.

COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR • DEMOCRATIC PARTY



Annette Ramirez

QUALIFICATIONS: I am the only candidate with direct experience in one of this office's key roles--22 years experience as a property tax attorney. I currently oversee all delinquent property tax litigation at Aldine ISD, am counsel to the District's Tax Assessor Collector, and provide guidance as needed to the tax office. After 2 decades in government, I have mastered managing various projects despite bureaucratic hurdles - limited budgets & resources, legal constraints & intergovernmental relationships.

Website: electannetteramirez.com

ISSUES: 1) I am committed to ensuring the integrity of the voter rolls & the voter registration process. Voter disenfranchisement & suppression has historically targeted communities of color & we must remain steadfast in ensuring that every eligible voter is registered to vote & understands their rights under the law. 2) Property ownership is a driving force behind inequality in this country. I propose implementing proactive educational outreach programs targeted at disadvantaged communities. This includes disseminating information about exemptions & payment plans that can minimize the tax burden, empower individuals to make informed decisions about ownership, and keep property in the family.

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Claude Cummings III

QUALIFICATIONS: For the past 25 years I have been an educator and an advocate for workers' rights, criminal justice reform to reduce recidivism rates, and I work in communities with low voter participation. I am also a Volunteer Deputy Registrar. As the Tax Assessor-Collector, I will continue to advocate, educate and work in communities to increase voter turnout.
ISSUES: 1: Homeowners losing their homes and property due to the inability to pay property taxes. A potential solution to this problem is education and advocacy. Increase awareness about

Website: www.claudeforHarrisCounty.com

existing property tax relief programs and eligibility criteria through community outreach and education campaigns. Many homeowners may not be aware of the assistance available to them. 2: Low voter turnout. Community engagement is my solution for reaching communities with low voter rates and poor voter turnout. My plan is to establish partnerships with community partners (non-profits, HOA's, civic clubs, churches) that have earned the trust of the community. We will develop a plan to increase voter turnout.



Jerry Davis

QUALIFICATIONS: Councilmember of Houston 9yrs Chair, COH Economic Development Cmte Vice Chair, Bdgt & Fiscal Affairs My strong analytical and problem-solving skills are important for assessing and addressing complex tax-related issues. My ability to lead a team and implement effective tax policies and procedures. My restaurant history provides excellent customer service to taxpayers, addressing concerns and inquiries in a professional and efficient manner. Consultant in PID's, MMD's, TIRZ development.

Website: www.thejerrydavis.com

ISSUES: As the Tax Collector, it's the payment plans for the collection of the 20,000 plus delinquent properties in Harris County. The sensitivity of navigating through each case and trying to get them back in good standing. As we do this we also help the people of Harris County navigate through the Tax Code so they can know their options. We want to keep families in their homes. As the Voter Registrar, it's advocating for the state to allow Preregistration for students 17 years of age. Same day voter registration(bring a bill showing residency and update your voter registration) Online Registration These 3 issues will help our elections become more efficient and slow down voter suppression.



Danielle Keys Bess

QUALIFICATIONS: As a native Houstonian & Harris County resident, I have worked in grassroots campaigning and government for the last 20+ years where I have had a up close view to the needs of the community. I hold a Bachelors in Communication with Cum Laude honors, an Executive MBA, and I am a licensed Real Estate professional (16 years). In my experience I have worked directly with Harris County conducting equitable property tax protests, and as a Deputy Voter Registrar for over 5 years in Harris & Fort Bend.

Website: daniellekeysbess.com

ISSUES: I am running for Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector because I understand that the job of County Voter Registrar is one of the most important responsibilities of the office. I would like to increase voter registration to the rate of population increase being experienced in Harris County. The US Census Bureau reports that from July 2022 through July 2023, Texas was the fastest growing state in the country - adding more than 470,000 new residents. I would also like to provide property owners, especially those who inherit properties, with equitable, income-based repayment plans that are achievable. Therefore, allowing them a genuine opportunity to become current & create generational wealth.

COUNTY SCHOOL TRUSTEE • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTS TO ESTABLISH POLICIES GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF HARRIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.
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THE BOARD ELECTS THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT AS ITS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ADMINISTER THE ORGANIZATION. 4-YEAR TERM.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

ISSUES: What are the two (2) most pressing issues that you will face in the office that you seek? Describe your "specific" plans/ideas for addressing these issues.

COUNTY SCHOOL TRUSTEE, POSITION 3, AT LARGE



Josh Wallenstein

QUALIFICATIONS: An elected Trustee's primary job is to comprehensively review contracts. As the only attorney in the race, and with decades of experience, I will do the job well, day one. Additionally, as a compliance attorney, I will design policies and systems to enforce transparency and fair dealing. Finally, the HCDE must not be a consolation prize for a lost election; instead, our community deserves a candidate with a decade of proven dedication to the institution and a serious commitment to its future.

Website: www.votejw.com

ISSUES: Because the HCDE is partially funded by taxes, there is constant legislative pressure to eliminate it. I will fight to retain and improve the HCDE. Among other things, I will expand its vocational training programs (for adults) and its Head Start opportunities (for kids), as well as provide mental health resources (for students). I will also increase funding for the Tools for Teachers program (which provides free school materials to teachers that otherwise have to pay out of their own pocket.) To avoid even the perception of impropriety, I will institute a strong, department-wide conflict of interest policy and whistleblower hotline.



Richard Cantu

QUALIFICATIONS: As the 5-year incumbent, I believe I have established myself as a strong advocate/voice for education in Harris County. I have led efforts to expand access to educational opportunities in our Head Start centers, After School Programs, Adult Education, and Special Education/Therapy Services. A HCDE President, I presided over a \$50 Million Capital Improvement Program that has rebuilt/expanded several schools & head start centers, and built a state of the Adult Education Center.

Website: www.RichardCantu.org

ISSUES: HCDE needs to expand Afterschool Programs in struggling neighborhoods, so that our youth have safe havens with positive role models in order to stay out of trouble and be successful in school. I will seek increased funding from the city and state for these important programs. We also need to better promote our Adult Education program to those needing to learn more so they can earn more! With our new Adult Ed Center, we now have the increased capacity to serve more adult learners which will empower them to have a successful future for them and their families. I will advocate for expanded outreach for more community partnerships

COUNTY SCHOOL TRUSTEE, POSITION 6, PRECINCT 1



John Fitzgerald McGee

QUALIFICATIONS: My 33 years of public service at the State and local levels of government, including over 20 years in school district financial operations. In addition, my formal education in the areas of Finance (BBA and MBA) and Leadership (PhD) will aid me immensely in the role of Board of Trustee for the Harris County Department of Education.

Website: drjohnmcgee4hcde.com

ISSUES: Two of the most pressing issues that I will face as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Harris County Department of Education are increasing costs and responding to the unknowns as a result of the learning loss associated with COVID. My specific plans are to work collaboratively as a member of the Team of 8 to ensure and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of delivering services. We will implement policies that will maintain a healthy fund balance to address unforeseen issues as they arise and closely monitor expenses to demonstrate our fiduciary responsibility to our taxpayers.



Richard Bonton

QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent 10 years in management in different industries, I currently manage Spirit Group Logistics with more than 120 employees in different locations. This position allows me to bring a birds eye view in resolving issues that stagnate a companies growth. I have also worked in education as a teacher and administrator and understand what it takes to run a classroom and a school in its entirety.

ISSUES: The first pressing issue that I will face is educational desserts. Precinct 1 has areas in it that does not offer any Head Start Programs. These programs are essential for student survival, once they start grade school these students are often time behind in reading and math. Head Start Programs would allow each student to have the chance to start off on an even playing field. The 2nd issue would be programing in the Precinct. Bringing better programing such as vocational schools, head start programing to name a few would help strengthen education in precinct 1.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

HAS JURISDICTION OVER CRIMINAL MISDEMEANOR CASES PUNISHABLE BY FINE ONLY, E.G. ASSAULT, BAIL JUMPING, CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, BAD CHECK WRITING, PUBLIC INTOXICATION, THEFT. HEARS CIVIL CASES INVOLVING UP TO \$10,000. HANDLES MISCELLANEOUS COMPLAINTS, PERFORMS MARRIAGES, ISSUES COMMITMENT PAPERS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL, ISSUES SEARCH AND ARREST WARRANTS. 4-YEAR TERM.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

ISSUES: What are the two (2) most pressing issues that you will face in the office that you seek? Describe your "specific" plans/ideas for addressing these issues.

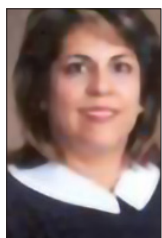
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 2, PLACE 1



Oscar Salazar Jr.

QUALIFICATIONS: As a local businessman for the last 35 years, I have worked with the public and with many employees. I am constantly making difficult decisions that affect my businesses, but more importantly, that affect my employees. I have learned to be fair and equitable with all employees. For this I must be fair-minded and consistent in the treatment of my employees and their varied needs. Compassion and respect are essential, but taking the time listen to them with empathy is premier.

ISSUES: In most cases, people that come to the JP's office are not there by choice. Some people are facing evictions. Other people are trying to figure out how to pay for a violation. I any event, there is a great amount of worry and stress in their lives at that time. It will be my job to give these folks an attentive and compassionate ear and make complex decisions that take time and effort. I will have to consider all possible solutions taking into consideration, in many cases, both sides of the issue. I must make decisions that are fair and equitable to both parties involved and stay within the bounds of the law.



Jo Ann Delgado

QUALIFICATIONS: I have over 45 years of experience in the Harris County Court System. 23 of those years have been as the presiding judge of JP 2-1. I attend CLE training annually with all the laws pertaining to the justice courts. Our court averages 20k cases annually in civil, criminal and administrative. As courts of exclusive duties over landlord/tenant issues being well versed in the property code is a must. Collaborating with other agencies with rental assistance has been very effective in our court.

ISSUES: Post pandemic the rental assistance programs that were available to the public were not being processed in a timely manner and the property owners became less interested in participating. But there has been some improvement with the process. Budget restraints has been another issue the court has faced with the increase of cases over the last year. This creates a back log of cases when you don't have enough staff to process the filing. I will continue to plead to commissioner's court for help in staffing.

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QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

ISSUES: What are the two (2) most pressing issues that you will face in the office that you seek? Describe your “specific” plans/ideas for addressing these issues.

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 1



Alan Rosen

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been in law enforcement for 32 plus years, serving in almost every capacity within the profession. I have been serving as Constable for 12 of those years, and hold a Master Peace Officer License. It is of utmost importance to me to have the skills, experience and commitment to serve all communities. By design, my office mirrors the community we serve. I am a compassionate public servant who ensures everyone has a voice and a seat at the table.

Website: alanrosen.org

ISSUES: Recruitment and retention of qualified personnel and keeping the community safe are two challenging priorities for me. We must find creative ways to lure people into our profession as we compete with the private sector. We need to infuse a new generation of leaders into law enforcement who have a passion for public service. We must apply the same energy and passion while working with all community partners to find modern solutions for keeping our communities and families safe. My focus is to utilize technological solutions like predictive analytics to fight crime. This new technology will be used to predict where crime will take place and enable us to target those areas.

Gilberto “Gil” Reyna

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 2



Jerry Garcia

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been working in law enforcement for 26 years. I began as a patrol deputy and worked my way up to various supervisory positions. I took office on January 1, 2021 and I am currently serving as the Harris County Constable Precinct 2. During my law enforcement career, I became an instructor and have held leadership positions which make me well-qualified to continue leading as Constable of Harris County Precinct 2. I am an experienced, compassionate person who leads by example.

Website: jerrygarciaforconstable.com

ISSUES: Our department has historically been ignored, neglected, and underfunded. The lack of funding is a detriment to our ability to properly serve our communities. Nonetheless, we have grown our department by twenty six deputies in the three years I have been in office. I will continue in my effort to grow our department in our effort to provide safe communities to our citizens and residents. There still exists a level of distrust between some civilians towards law enforcement. Compassion is something that I feel has been lacking from law enforcement. By building relationships, we have been very effective in removing the distrust between civilians and law enforcement in our precinct.

David Garza

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED



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1. Go to HoustonVotersGuide.org.
2. Click on Sample Ballot.
3. Enter your name, your address or your Voter Registration Certificate Number.
4. Make sure your personal information is correct, then click on “Sample Ballot” to view your ballot just as it will look when you go to vote.
5. You may print your sample ballot, take notes, and bring it with you when you go to vote.

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 3



John Jay "JP" Portillo

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a licensed peace officer for 16 years. I have been a Chief of Police and under my leadership our department were able to keep our city crime free for over 2 years. I am looking to bring my experience and leadership skills to my community and lead the Constables office to provide fair, equal and empathetic Law enforcement to ALL of the citizens of Pct. 3. I am currently the CEO of Portico Services, Owner and COO of Kajora, Services, Owner of Craven Crawfish, Founder of JPCARES.

Website: www.jpforconstable.com

ISSUES: The first major issue is filling all of the vacancies that the department currently has. The shortage of Deputies in my opinion is because officers don't want to work for a dictatorship. They want to work for a department that values their hard work and dedication to the community. Under my leadership Deputies will be encouraged to engage with the community in a positive manner and get back to community policing. In my opinion you cannot serve a community without knowing the community and knowing what their needs are. The second pressing issue is to address the address the wasteful spending and top heavy administration. As a leader I believe in being fiscally responsible.



Sherman Eagleton

QUALIFICATIONS: I have over 30 years as a licensed peace officer with Precinct 3 and I am the current Constable. Throughout my years of experience as a deputy and elected official, I feel I am able to identify the needs of our communities and respond accordingly.

ISSUES: The two most pressing issues that we face and will continue to face is the recruitment and retention of deputies. When I took office, we took a top heavy department and

reclassified supervisor positions to deputy positions to provide more patrol on the streets. However, Harris County law enforcement does not have a competitive salary structure when compared to the agencies around us. This makes it extremely difficult to hire and retain current employees. I will continue to collaborate with my colleagues and elected officials to advocate for our deputies when it comes to salary increases.

Website: www.facebook.com/ConstableShermanEagletonPct3

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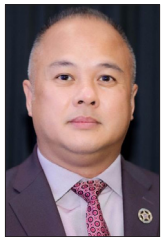


Jerome Moore

QUALIFICATIONS: I have several leadership training certifications such as the FBINA Texas Command College, Command Staff Leadership Series, FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award, a graduate of Sam Houston State University Leadership Command College, and I've already obtained the Newly Elected Constable Certification. I am a Master Peace Officer and a certified Internal Affairs Supervisor. I have 19 years of supervisory experience. I am person of Honor, Integrity, and Accountability. I am also a leader who leads by example.

Website: www.mooreforconstable.com

ISSUES: I believe that I will face many pressing issues at Precinct 5, but the two most pressing issues I believe will be public safety and transparency with law enforcement operations. My plan for public safety will be to implement community-oriented policing programs. Community policing involves creating partnerships and problem-solving techniques to address the root causes of crime and disorder. Implementing a community oriented program tailored to the needs of the neighborhood within Harris County Precinct 5 can enhance trust and collaboration between law enforcement and the community. I also believe establishing advisory boards comprised of different individuals will help with Transparency.



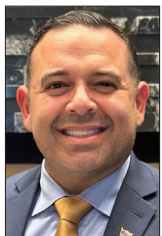
Don Quang Dinh

QUALIFICATIONS: 26 years in Law Enforcement, promoted to Corporal, Sergeant and a Lieutenant Watch commander. Holding a Master Peace Officer license and graduated from FBI-NAA Leadership, FBI-LEEDA Trilogy and many other leadership trainings.

ISSUES: Diversity and Qualifications. Diversity, I will recruit more qualified individuals from different ethnic backgrounds. From my

command staffs down to clerk positions will be staffed by qualified individuals from all different races and ethnic backgrounds. Qualifications, I will have a strong training division, focus on provide officers with trainings, prepare them for the worse and before bad things happen, not after bad things happened. Prepare young officers with trainings and grooming them to be in leadership roles.

Website: Don4constable.com



Jerry Rodriguez

QUALIFICATIONS: I currently have 18 years of law enforcement experience. Almost 17 of those years are with Precinct 5. I currently work at Precinct 5; I have had the pleasure of serving and supervising in different divisions which have given me an insight on how this agency runs from all fronts. For nearly 10 years, I educated criminal justice professionals as a college professor for Lone Star College. Both positions have given me an edge to obtain both real life and theoretical criminal justice experience.

Website: www.jerryrodriguezforconstable.com

ISSUES: Law Enforcement Issues: I want to advocate for police accountability and transparency to make sure officers are providing the appreciate respect and provide the highest standard of police service at all times. Continuous leadership and cultural diversity training along with holding supervisors accountable would be driving this remedy. Community Engagement: There is a big disconnect between law enforcement and our communities. As a constable agency, we are built for community engagement. My plan is to actively be involved in HOA meetings, community events and work closely with community leaders to bridge that gap so we could work together to bring true change to our community issues.



William Gorman

QUALIFICATIONS: I've been a peace officer for ten years and a sergeant for approximately five years. I work for the county's largest constable office, the Harris County Constable Office Precinct 4, and am assigned to the Harris County Toll Road Public Safety and Incident Response Unit. This unique position, which is extremely hard to join, allows me to manage major scenes and critical responses across multiple jurisdictions within Harris County.

Website: www.wgorman.org

ISSUES: Response times in our communities are often met with long response times from police agencies. I plan to tackle that by ensuring that a deputy would respond to calls for service within 10 minutes when a person calls our department. Currently, the Precinct 5 Constable Office only allows deputies to respond to calls within the contract program. I want to build public trust by creating programs such as creating police explorers programs and doing town/community meetings monthly with members of the community.

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 6

Art Aguilar

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

Silvia Trevino

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 7



Gary R. Hicks Sr.

QUALIFICATIONS: Experience: • Sgt. Army National Guard, 25 soldiers in my direct supervision • Senior Officer Houston Police Department, 15 years, supervising officers on duty. Business Owner, 20 years, managing staff and budgets. Strengths/Characteristics: • Communication Skills • Conflict Resolution • Leadership and Management Skills • Time Management • Problem Solving • Willingness to learn and adapt • Decision Making • Teamwork

Website: votegaryhicksr.com

ISSUES: Trust in Public Officials –Build trust by being transparent, being respectful, holding ourselves and the office accountable, having integrity, and building relationships with all stakeholders in the communities. Fairness and equity – Ensure fair and equitable treatment, with provision of services across all groups of community members regardless of race, class, or socio-economic status.



Michael Coleman

QUALIFICATIONS: I have over 36 years of experience. I have worked for Harris County Constable's Office Precinct 5 for 30 years and retired as a Captain. I worked for University of Houston P.D. main campus for 6 years as a Captain. I have a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Lamar University, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston University. I have a Master Peace Officer Certificate and FBI Command College certificate. I have several other leadership certifications.

Website: voteformichaelcoleman.com

ISSUES: 1. Violent crime, I would assign more officers into the subdivisions to help with crime and visibility. 2. Community policing, My goal is bridge the gap between law enforcement and community in Precinct 7. There is not a lot of trust in police.



James "Smokie" Phillips

QUALIFICATIONS: Over 39-yr's law enforcement experience. 19 yrs in executive management in Precinct 7 Administrative Sr Captain, Graduate University Houston Downtown (Law Enfo). FBI Training School, Master Peace Officer, TCOLE Instructor, NRA Instructor. Supervised Patrol, Internal Affairs, CD7 Field Operations, Attending Partnership meetings, and Managing grants,budget. President Afro-Amer Sheriff's Deputy Union. TCOLE (3000+)Studied Univ Noth Texas, Training HCSO and HPD Acad. Served on Grand Jury

Website: smokieforprecinct7.com

ISSUES: Manpower and Prioritizing Safety. I would take a more progressive policy change that would allow deputies to wear groomed beards and allow females to wear more progressive hairstyles and tattoo's that are not overbearing or offensive. Add additional training and work with our Commissioners to increase our patrol division, work with our local legislators to create management districts and TIRZ zones in the underserved/disadvantaged communities that can increase additional patrol staff with little cost to taxpayers. Add deputy staff to area task forces that operate in my district and continue our partnerships. Tough on crime, Strong on safer communities. Prioritizing Public Safety

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Peter Filler, DISTRICT 2
Laura Jones, DISTRICT 8
Al Green, DISTRICT 9
Sylvia Garcia, DISTRICT 29
Dayna Steele, DISTRICT 36

JUSTICE, TEXAS SUPREME COURT UNOPPOSED • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Christine Vinh Weems, PLACE 4

PRESIDING JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS UNOPPOSED • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Holly Taylor

JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS UNOPPOSED • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Nancy Mulder, PLACE 7
Chika Anyiam, PLACE 8

MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION UNOPPOSED • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Staci Childs, DISTRICT 4

STATE SENATOR UNOPPOSED • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Carol Alvarado, DISTRICT 6
Kathy Cheng, DISTRICT 17

STATE REPRESENTATIVE UNOPPOSED • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Adrienne Bell, DISTRICT 29
John Lehr, DISTRICT 127
Chuck Crews, DISTRICT 128
Doug Peterson, DISTRICT 129
Chase West, DISTRICT 132
Ann Johnson, DISTRICT 134
Jon E. Rosenthal, DISTRICT 135
Gene Wu, DISTRICT 137
Stephanie Morales, DISTRICT 138
Armando Lucio Walle, DISTRICT 140
Senfronia Thompson, DISTRICT 141
Ana Hernandez, DISTRICT 143
Mary Ann Perez, DISTRICT 144
Christina Morales, DISTRICT 145
Jolanda Jones, DISTRICT 147
Penny Morales Shaw, DISTRICT 148
Hubert Vo, DISTRICT 149
Marisela "MJ" Jimenez, DISTRICT 150

JUSTICE, 1ST COURT OF APPEALS UNOPPOSED • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Sarah Beth Landau, PLACE 6
Julie Countiss, PLACE 7

JUSTICE, 14TH COURT OF APPEALS UNOPPOSED • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Frances Bourliot, PLACE 5
Margaret "Meg" Poissant, PLACE 8

DISTRICT JUDGE UNOPPOSED • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Kristen Hawkins, 11th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Fredericka Phillips, 61st JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Jeralynn Manor, 80th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Michael Gomez, 129th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Hazel B. Jones, 174th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Nikita "Niki" Harmon, 176th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Robert Johnson, 177th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Kelli Johnson, 178th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Ana Martinez, 179th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Elaine Palmer, 215th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Dawn Rogers, 334th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Colleen Gaido, 337th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Te'iva Bell, 339th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Natalia "Nata" Cornelio, 351st JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Stacy Allen Barrow, 487th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Carvana Cloud, 488th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COUNTY COMMISSIONER UNOPPOSED • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Rodney Ellis, PRECINCT 1
Saleem Malik, PRECINCT 3

COUNTY CONSTABLE UNOPPOSED • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Sam "Hutch" Hutchison, PRECINCT 4

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE UNOPPOSED • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Eric William Carter, PRECINCT 1, PLACE 1
Joe Stephens, PRECINCT 3, PLACE 1
Isreal Garcia, PRECINCT 5, PLACE 1
Victor Treviño III, PRECINCT 6, PLACE 1
Wanda Adams, PRECINCT 7, PLACE 1
Carissa Grady, PRECINCT 8, PLACE 1

HARRIS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIRMAN UNOPPOSED • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Mike Doyle

REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION

U.S. PRESIDENT • REPUBLICAN PARTY

FOUR-YEAR TERM. THE PRESIDENT IS: THE HEAD OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER; AND, THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF ALL MILITARY FORCES. THE POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT ARE PRESCRIBED IN THE CONSTITUTION AND FEDERAL LAW. THE PRESIDENT APPOINTS THE MEMBERS OF THE CABINET, AMBASSADORS TO OTHER NATIONS AND THE UNITED NATIONS, SUPREME COURT JUSTICES, AND FEDERAL JUDGES, SUBJECT TO SENATE APPROVAL. THE PRESIDENT, ALONG WITH THE CABINET AND ITS AGENCIES, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT AND ENFORCING THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES. THE PRESIDENT MAY ALSO RECOMMEND LEGISLATION TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS. CURRENT ANNUAL SALARY: \$400,000 PER YEAR.

THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES QUALIFIED FOR THE TEXAS BALLOT ACCORDING TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND WILL APPEAR ON THE REPUBLICAN PARTY BALLOT.

RYAN L. BINKLEY (R)

CHRIS CHRISTIE (R)

VIVEK RAMASWAMY (R)

DAVID STUCKENBERG (R)

ASA HUTCHINSON (R)

DONALD J. TRUMP (R)

NIKKI HALEY (R)

RON DESANTIS (R)

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U.S. SENATOR • REPUBLICAN PARTY

SIX-YEAR TERM. ONE OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE U.S. SENATE FROM TEXAS. WITH THE U.S. HOUSE, THE SENATE MAKES LAWS; RAISES REVENUES, APPROPRIATES FEDERAL FUNDS AND MANAGES THE FEDERAL DEBT; REGULATES COMMERCE AMONG STATES AND WITH OTHER NATIONS; DECLARES WAR AND MAINTAINS AND REGULATES THE MILITARY; ESTABLISHES THE FEDERAL COURT SYSTEM AND DEFINES FEDERAL CRIMES; AND DIRECTS THE CENSUS EVERY TEN YEARS. THE SENATE HAS THE EXCLUSIVE POWER TO ADVISE AND CONSENT ON PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS TO EXECUTIVE AND JUDICIAL OFFICES, TO RATIFY U.S. TREATIES, AND TO TRY IMPEACHMENTS. CURRENT ANNUAL SALARY: \$174,000

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

DEMOCRACY: What, if anything, needs to be done to protect our 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?

Ted Cruz

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

Holland "Redd" Gibson

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED



R E (Rufus) Lopez

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.

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE • REPUBLICAN PARTY

TWO-YEAR TERM. ONE OF 38 MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM TEXAS. WITH THE U.S. SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAKES LAWS; RAISES REVENUES, APPROPRIATES FEDERAL FUNDS AND MANAGES THE FEDERAL DEBT; REGULATES COMMERCE AMONG STATES AND WITH OTHER NATIONS; DECLARES WAR AND MAINTAINS AND REGULATES THE MILITARY; ESTABLISHES THE FEDERAL COURT SYSTEM AND DEFINES FEDERAL CRIMES; AND DIRECTS THE CENSUS EVERY TEN YEARS. THE HOUSE HAS THE EXCLUSIVE POWER TO IMPEACH FEDERAL OFFICERS, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT. CURRENT ANNUAL SALARY: \$174,000

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

ISSUES: What are the two (2) most pressing issues that you will face in the office that you seek? Describe your "specific" plans/ideas for addressing these issues.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 2



Jameson Ellis

QUALIFICATIONS: My background as a small business owner, Constitution Coach, and grassroots organizer equips me with practical economic insight, a deep respect for our founding principles, and a commitment to community engagement. These experiences make me a strong advocate for America First policies and a defender of liberty.

Website: jamesonellis.com

ISSUES: The two most critical issues I will address are enforcing the rule of law and protecting constituents from bad legislation. I will collaborate with fellow conservative legislators to uphold constitutional principles and ensure transparency. I'll also scrutinize bills to safeguard individual liberties and limit government expansion, forming coalitions to defend our district's interests. Doing this will empower constituents, promote accountability, and ensure your voice Washington hears Texans loud and clear.

Dan Crenshaw

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 7



Tina Blum Cohen

QUALIFICATIONS: I am the most qualified for this job. I have lived and worked here my entire life and because of my work, I have traveled around the world and I have ability to talk to all nationalities, regardless of race, religion or zip code. You learn a lot about people when they invite to their home. Whether a Saudi Prince writing a check or the night maid at Motel 6 who needs layaway, they all want the same. They want to buy something nice and they just want people to be nice and respectful to them.

Website: www.tinablumcohen.com

ISSUES: The most pressing issues are securing the Southern Border, building back our economy by restarting drilling and getting people that are on assistance back to work, out of the house and away from depression. And the schools and the misinformation directed at our kids. We have to pass a bill that gives parents first rights to their kids.

Carolyn B. Bryant

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED



Kenneth Omoruyi

QUALIFICATIONS: As a CPA with a track record of founding three successful small businesses, holding an M.Tax from USC, and a Public Leadership Credential from Harvard, my unique combination of practical experience and academic achievement sets me apart. Being a first-generation American who went through the legal immigration process, I bring diverse perspectives and a strong work ethic. My expertise lies in tax matters, financial management, and leadership, honed through business ventures and academic pursuits.

Website: kennethforcongress.com

ISSUES: My areas of focus are on fiscal transparency and immigration. The first pressing issue is ensuring fiscal responsibility. I propose implementing stringent budgetary controls, regularly auditing expenditures, and promoting transparent financial reporting to instill accountability. The second key issue is immigration. I advocate for a balanced approach, securing borders while streamlining legal immigration processes. Enhancing border security through technology and personnel will be coupled with fair and efficient immigration policies, prioritizing family reunification and skilled workers.



Caroline Kane

QUALIFICATIONS: I have managed multiple small businesses simultaneously (multi-family) for 32 years, and managed them myself under my own company since 2012. We manage all physical aspects, payroll, P&L, Budgets, A/R, A/P, balance sheets and reconciliations. I know how to run a multi million dollar business. I am also an investor.

ISSUES: The open border is a national security as well as a humanitarian crisis. We have un-vetted illegals, drugs and diseases pouring through and open border with men,

Website: carolinekaneforcongress.com

women and children being trafficked across the nation to predetermined destinations. I will immediately budget for the border to be sealed, all illegals deported and call for an immigration moratorium. The second issue is government spending. We need to reduce the overall size of the federal government by 75-90% immediately reducing inflation, taxes and improving the overall cost-of-living so that American families can thrive, and we can begin to reduce the \$34T national debt threatening our national security.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 18



Lana Centonze

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a federal officer for almost 12 years. I have the qualifications and the hands-on experience when it comes to Homeland Security. Which is a pressing issue for members of this district and the American public.

Website: lanacentonzecongress.com

ISSUES: Securing our borders and returning to a thriving economy which is investing in small businesses. My goal would be to implement the laws concerning our borders. Currently the laws are not implemented and the officers are not allowed to conduct their assignments. We also need to update the current laws to help with our current crisis. I will also invest in small businesses so we can return to a thriving economy. Investing government funding to create more small businesses and help them flourish.



Aaron Ray Hermes

QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a visionary artist and musician, not another lawyer from an Ivy League school. Vision and Integrity are sorely missing in Congress. I bring authenticity grounded in a deep understanding of Human Rights and the U.S. Constitution. I bring real solutions and out of the box problem solving I think will gain bipartisan support. This is a time between right vs. wrong, not right vs. left. I believe in applying the same set of standards evenly. My integrity doesn't have a price tag attached.

Website: www.VoteHermes.com

ISSUES: The economy. I have a plan to eliminate the income tax for the bottom 50% of wage earners (making under roughly \$100k) who contribute 3% to overall revenue. We can help the people who need it most with virtually no impact. In fact, a tax decrease will likely result in more revenue, as previous decreases have done. Election Integrity. It shouldn't matter which side of the aisle you're on, securing the democratic voice of the People is essential. I have a fool proof plan. I believe Congress can create a national set of election standards states must adhere to that should consist of: Hand marked paper ballots. Voter ID. Blockchain tabulation open source software. Serialized ballots and more.

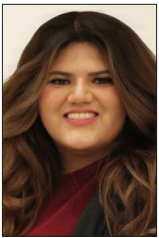
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 29



Christian V. Garcia

QUALIFICATIONS: My professional career includes College work-study, non-profit administration, immigration and criminal law paralegal, and IRS-certified tax preparation experience. My guide is a strong desire to support and improve my local community.

ISSUES: One of my most pressing issues will highlight our nation's domestic tranquility, which begins with our neighborhood's safety and ends with our nation's border security. My idea for immigration reform will prioritize legal entries and foreign skilled and licensed professionals. In other words, USCIS would expedite professionals including, but not limited to, teachers, professors, educators; nurses, doctors, health professionals; business owners, programmers, and foreign students pursuing permanent residence or citizenship. Additionally, EOIR would prioritize vetting applicant families and unaccompanied minors. And of course, for DACA recipients a path to citizenship will be at the center.



Angel Fierro

QUALIFICATIONS: I've served as a volunteer liaison for CUFI & a founding member of Texas Rotunda's Prayer & Worship. I've served as a constituent services representative for a federal congress representative for 2.5 years. For the last 8 years, I've volunteered my skills in media, policy research, & advocacy for ministries like Fierro, CMC, NAHPA, HAN. Advocating for biblical principles, I supported bills like the Chaplin's bill and the Heartbeat bill. I'm pursuing my master's at The Helms School of Government.

Website: Fierroforcongress.com

ISSUES: Addressing border security and human trafficking requires securing borders, enhancing cooperation with Mexican & Latin American governments. Collaboration through task forces can reduce instability, dismantling strongholds of coyotes & cartels in sex & labor trafficking. Granting judges summary judgment and contempt authority is crucial. For tax reform, ensure permanency of the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act (2017) and expand expensing. The TCJA simplified taxes, lowered individual & business taxes, boosting global competitiveness. Americans benefit from reduced taxes & higher wages. These cuts are expiring in 2025, Congress has to make key points permanent & address issues not covered in 2017 bill.



Alan Garza

QUALIFICATIONS: I'm an attorney and an electrical engineer. I believe my professional background and experience make me the best candidate to tackle the issues of the 21st century and the information age. More importantly, I'm focused on building a conservative movement that's truly rooted in conservative principles but that's applied in a manner that my generation can get behind.

Website: fifthofnovember2024.com

ISSUES: Immigration and privacy. For immigration, I plan to offer a solution that will simultaneously help secure the border while offering a path to citizenship to those individuals who have been here for several years, respect our laws, and love our nation. It's time we do something about immigration and I'm committed to providing reasonable solutions. As for privacy, I'm committed to making reforms that limit the government's ability to surveil citizens and personal information held by companies. Privacy against the government in the digital age is essential if we want to protect First Amendment, Second Amendment, and other important rights.

Jose Angel Casares

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED



Jonathan "Pipeliners" Mitchell

QUALIFICATIONS: I possess the necessary qualifications in terms of age, residency, and citizenship, rendering me eligible to pursue candidacy for public office. In terms of my attributes, I take pleasure in contributing to the community, whether through philanthropic support for little league teams or providing sustenance to those facing food insecurity.

Website: www.jonathanmitchellforcongress.com

ISSUES: The two foremost challenges I anticipate addressing involve collaborative efforts with fellow politicians to facilitate the passage of legislative bills and the undertaking of initiatives to streamline and reduce regulatory measures within the federal government. My approach to collaborating with fellow politicians involves the introduction of legislation aimed at benefiting citizens across the political spectrum, while ensuring that such bills uphold and do not encroach upon our constitutional rights. I aim to deregulate the federal government by empowering Americans to participate in legislation through state-level voting, thus restoring authority to the people.

Brian Babin

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

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The Ballroom at Bayou Place
April 25, 2024 | 11am

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JUDY WOODRUFF

SIX-YEAR TERM. THE RAILROAD COMMISSIONER IS ONE OF THE THREE-MEMBER TEXAS RAILROAD COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION REGULATES THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY, GAS UTILITIES, PIPELINE SAFETY, SAFETY IN THE LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS INDUSTRY AND SURFACE COAL AND URANIUM MINING. IT HAS NO REGULATORY AUTHORITY CONCERNING RAILROADS. CURRENT ANNUAL SALARY: \$140,937

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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?

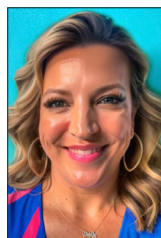
ETHICS: Since candidates for Railroad Commission often raise money and receive income from the oil and gas industry, how can citizens be assured that those donations and income will not influence how commissioners regulate the industry?

Corey Howell

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

Petra Reyes

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED



Christie Clark

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

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED



James 'Jim' Matlock

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.

Website: matlock4rrc.com

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.

JUSTICE, TEXAS SUPREME COURT • REPUBLICAN PARTY

SIX-YEAR TERM. THE TEXAS SUPREME COURT IS THE COURT OF LAST RESORT FOR CIVIL MATTERS IN TEXAS. THIS COURT INCLUDES A CHIEF JUSTICE AND EIGHT JUSTICES, EACH OF WHICH IS ELECTED BY VOTERS OF THE ENTIRE STATE. THIS COURT ISSUES FINAL DECISIONS ON CIVIL AND JUVENILE APPEALS; ISSUES CERTAIN ORDERS TO GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS TO ACT AND INDIVIDUALS TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT; AND HAS JURISDICTION OVER ORDERS OR JUDGMENTS OF TRIAL COURTS IF THE SUPREME COURT DETERMINES THEM IMPORTANT TO THE TEXAS LEGAL SYSTEM. CURRENT ANNUAL SALARY RANGE: \$168,000 TO \$201,600

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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?

JUSTICE, TEXAS SUPREME COURT, PLACE 4

John Devine

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

Brian Walker

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

TEXAS SUPREME COURT
REPUBLICAN PARTY

PRESIDING JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS • REPUBLICAN PARTY

SIX-YEAR TERM. THE TEXAS COURT OF APPEALS IS TEXAS' HIGHEST COURT FOR CRIMINAL CASES. THE COURT INCLUDES A PRESIDING JUDGE AND EIGHT JUDGES, EACH OF WHICH IS ELECTED BY VOTERS OF THE ENTIRE STATE. THE COURT MUST REVIEW ALL CASES IN WHICH THE DEATH PENALTY IS ASSESSED. IT ALSO EXERCISES DISCRETIONARY REVIEW IN OTHER CRIMINAL CASES AND ISSUES RULINGS ABOUT WRONGFUL IMPRISONMENT. CURRENT ANNUAL SALARY RANGE: \$168,000 TO \$201,600

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PHILOSOPHY: What is your judicial philosophy?



David J. Schenck

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.



Sharon Keller

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.

Website: sharonkeller.com

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.

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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?

JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 7



Gina Parker

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.

Website: www.ginaparkercampaign.com

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.

Barbara Parker Hervey

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 8



Michelle Slaughter

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 judicial 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.

Website: www.JudgeMichelleSlaughter.com

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.”



Lee Finley

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.

Website: gleefinley.com

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.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • REPUBLICAN PARTY

TWO-YEAR TERM. THE TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS 150 MEMBERS FROM SEPARATE DISTRICTS ACROSS THE STATE. WITH THE TEXAS SENATE, THE TEXAS HOUSE: ENACTS AND AMENDS LAWS; PASSES THE STATE BUDGET AND RAISES OR LOWERS TAXES; PASSES PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION; AND REDRAWS CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT MAPS EVERY TEN YEARS. THE TEXAS HOUSE HAS THE EXCLUSIVE POWER TO IMPEACH OFFICIALS.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

ISSUES: What are the two (2) most pressing issues that you will face in the office that you seek? Describe your “specific” plans/ideas for addressing these issues.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 29



Jeffrey Barry

QUALIFICATIONS: I was appointed by Pearland City Council to the Economic Development Corporation, Elected to Pearland ISD for 6 years and on Pearland city Council for 2 budget cycles and have been a business owner for the last 19 years. I understand how bills in the legislature will affect residents, businesses, schools and cities.

Website: www.votejeffbarry.com

ISSUES: 1) Securing the border. It is imperative that we secure the border for the safety of our communities and schools. Not only do I want to secure the border but I will work with our Congressman, Troy Nehls and Randy Weber, to reimburse the State of Texas for having to do their job. 2) Property Taxes: I will work to build consensus on my plan to reduce property taxes by having the State forego 0.25% of the 6.25% that they collect of their sales tax revenue so that cities can keep that revenue to directly reduce property tax rates. I will then push to reform the appraisal system to reduce the overall spikes we see in appraised values.

Alex Kamkar

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED



Edgar Pacheco Jr.

QUALIFICATIONS: As a special education advocate and former special education student, I am intimately familiar with the shortcomings of the public education system and recognize the opportunity for elected officials to shed light on issues often overlooked by people on both ends of the political spectrum. My advocacy has led to the passage of the Edgar Pacheco Jr. Act (HB 1252, 87R) in 2021, among others, allowing me to be in the best position to advocate and represent the interests of my constituents.

Website: edgarpachecojr.com

ISSUES: Public education is a partnership that requires the investment of both parents and educators in children's well-being. Better communication between the parties and increased transparency would go a long way toward boosting confidence in shared objectives and realizing reform. In addition, I support creating a universal school choice program that empowers parents to decide what educational options are best for their children while limiting the role of government in regulating service providers. Meager access to care and poor health outcomes exact an economic toll on our state. I support adopting Medicaid expansion, which will increase quality of care and reduce bureaucratic regulations.

Trent Perez

WITHDREW

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 128

Bianca Gracia

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

Briscoe Cain

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 133

Mano Deayala

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

John Perez

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 138

Jared Woodfill

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED



Lacey Hull

QUALIFICATIONS: I am the current state representative and have served 2 terms.

Website: laceymhull.com

ISSUES: I am fighting to keep our community and schools safe. So far I have successfully fought to ban cities from defunding the police, passed school safety measures, increased border security, and for crucial bail reforms. More must be done, we must pass a Constitutional Amendment to prevent repeated violent offenders from getting out on low cash/PR bonds.

JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEALS • REPUBLICAN PARTY

SIX-YEAR TERM. THERE ARE 14 COURTS OF APPEALS IN TEXAS LOCATED IN 14 CITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE. EACH OF THESE COURTS INCLUDES A CHIEF JUSTICE AND AT LEAST TWO OTHER JUSTICES. THESE COURTS HEAR APPEALS ON CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES FROM LOWER COURTS IN THEIR DISTRICTS. CURRENT ANNUAL SALARY RANGE: \$154,000 TO \$187,800

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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?

JUSTICE, 14th COURT OF APPEALS, PLACE 4

Steve Rogers

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED



Tonya McLaughlin

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a former prosecutor and am currently in private practice. During my 17 year legal career in criminal law, I have sat first chair in over 50 jury trials and I have handled over 100 appeals.

ETHICS: I believe that every case should be considered on its own merits and outside influences should not cause a case to be prejudged. I will never decide a case before it comes to me based on donations.

SEPARATION OF POWERS: The courts should be kept separate from the other two branches of government to ensure checks and balance in the other branches.

This is how unconstitutional acts are avoided or remedied.

EQUITY: We all know that elections have consequences and having experienced Judges that we trust is a start.

COURT SYSTEM: The goal is for these additional courts to allow for greater efficiency in the appellate system as a whole.

PRINCIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR HARRIS COUNTY. MAINTAINS CUSTODY OF PERSONS COMMITTED TO JAIL AND SUPERVISES JAIL SYSTEM. FURNISHES COURT BAILIFFS AND WARRANT OFFICERS, DETECTIVE AND INVESTIGATION SERVICES AND, IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS, PATROL OFFICERS. PROVIDES ON-SITE LIAISON AT THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. 4-YEAR TERM.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

ISSUES: What are the two (2) most pressing issues that you will face in the office that you seek? Describe your “specific” plans/ideas for addressing these issues.



Mike Knox

QUALIFICATIONS: 15 years of police experience with HPD. Started the first Gang Unit in 1988. A Founding member of the Texas Gang Investigators Association. Served on the board of the Houston Police Patrolmen's Union. Published a book on Street Gangs and started a successful consulting business. 20+ years consulting with law enforcement, internationally, on gang and youth violence. Served two terms as an “At-Large” Houston City Council Member.

Website: www.mikeknox.org

ISSUES: Moral of the Employees of Harris County and improving the safety of the jail are the two immediate issues. Setting a professional tone and lots of in-service training for deputies and jailers will raise the professionalism of both. Having a leader who values each employee and trusts them to make good decisions will improve employee moral as well. The jail is completely out of control and very dangerous to inmates and employees. The first step is regaining control of the jail and that means no more unsupervised movement of inmates within the jail itself. I will work closely with state, federal, county and local authorities to acquire the funding needed to create a culture of safety.

Joe Danna

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED



Paul Day

QUALIFICATIONS: Paul Day's career in law enforcement extends over 45 years, marked by distinguished service at HPD, including in the SWAT division, and serving for 11 years as a retired Harris County Sheriff's Deputy. His diverse experience equips him with a unique understanding of the complexities and nuances of law enforcement in Harris County. Paul assisted in establishing the first HPD Family Violence Unit. He is a Certified Police Instructor with Sensitivity Training in Domestic Violence. Constitutionalist

Website: PaulDayForSheriff2024.com

ISSUES: 1.) The first pressing issue is improving and fixing our Jail System: As Sheriff, I will honor & abide by my sworn duty to the Texas & U.S. Constitution. Per the Texas Constitution, Sheriffs are the Chief Law Enforcement of said county and my Primary Responsibility is to ensure the Care, Custody and Control of the County Jail and the policies and procedures set forth by the Texas Jail Commissioner. For my plan of action to accomplish this goal visit my website. 2.) The Second Pressing issue, tackling major violent crime caused by human & drug trafficking. I will improve relationships with local, state, and federal law enforcement criminals will know, if you do the crime, you do the time!

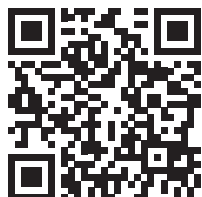


Glenn Cowan

QUALIFICATIONS: I'm currently a Sergeant with the Houston Police and a former jail supervisor with the Kerr County Sheriff's Department. My police supervisory experience in policing and jail operations gives me unique expertise in the operations and management of police and jail operations. I am also an experienced hostage negotiator, command center supervisor, and former field trainer. I am currently studying to get my Ph.D. in criminal justice.

Website: www.glenncowanforsheriff.com

ISSUES: 1. Crime: I know what works to defeat crime, and I'll engage in positive and proactive policing to get it done. Additionally, I will fight to keep violent repeat offenders off the street. Quality of life for residents needs to be restored, and even petty crimes cannot be allowed since we know this leads to further crime. 2. Staffing: The Department is very low on jailers and deputies. Additionally, county officers tell me that morale is very low, and being an active police supervisor, I know this firsthand. I'll get the funding for more officers at the state level, if necessary, support our officers, and make the Harris County Sheriff's Department the top agency to work in the nation.



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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE • REPUBLICAN PARTY

HAS JURISDICTION OVER CRIMINAL MISDEMEANOR CASES PUNISHABLE BY FINE ONLY, E.G. ASSAULT, BAIL JUMPING, CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, BAD CHECK WRITING, PUBLIC INTOXICATION, THEFT. HEARS CIVIL CASES INVOLVING UP TO \$10,000. HANDLES MISCELLANEOUS COMPLAINTS, PERFORMS MARRIAGES, ISSUES COMMITMENT PAPERS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL, ISSUES SEARCH AND ARREST WARRANTS. 4-YEAR TERM.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

ISSUES: What are the two (2) most pressing issues that you will face in the office that you seek? Describe your “specific” plans/ideas for addressing these issues.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 5, PLACE 1



James Lombardino

QUALIFICATIONS: My extensive civil, criminal and family law experience serving as a Harris County Assistant District Attorney, as a litigation partner at Saccomanno & Clegg, and as the former judge of the 308th District Court. Currently, I am sitting by assignment from the Texas Supreme Court in courts within the State of Texas. I am also an arbitrator and mediator for the Texas Insurance Commission. I’ve lived in Precinct 5 for over 17 years.

Website: www.1stcourt.com

ISSUES: The most pressing issue is the current backlog in this court. There are cases on the docket that have been pending over 3 years. This is unacceptable. I will work the full day. I will use the skills that I learned as a District Court Judge to organize the court and to make certain that the staff is properly trained and that they treat our customers professionally and efficiently. The second issue is the delay in hearing eviction cases. Hearings on these cases are often reset which unfairly delays a resolution for the parties. I plan to give these cases a preference on the docket. Further, I plan to bring in a county paid mediator to facilitate resolution of the cases pending in this court.



Arlene Hecht

QUALIFICATIONS: I have worked as an Attorney in every Justice of the Peace Court in Harris County, Texas and I know the law and will follow the law.

ISSUES: The court cases are backed up and need to be set for Jury trials to get the revenue into Harris County. The civil eviction cases need to be handled to get the home owners their money due.

HARRIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIRMAN • REPUBLICAN PARTY

SERVES AS HEAD OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COMPRISED OF PRECINCT CHAIRS WHO ARE ELECTED FROM VOTING PRECINCTS WITHIN THE COUNTY. PRESIDES OVER MEETINGS, APPOINTS PARTY OFFICERS, RUNS THE PRIMARY ELECTION EVERY TWO YEARS. ALSO, HIRES AND MANAGES STAFF, SERVES AS THE PARTY’S SPOKESPERSON, RAISES MONEY TO FUND THE ORGANIZATION AND GENERALLY IS CHARGED WITH HELPING TO ELECT PARTY CANDIDATES IN ELECTIONS.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

ISSUES: What are the two (2) most pressing issues that you will face in the office that you seek? Describe your “specific” plans/ideas for addressing these issues.



Cindy Siegel

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been the Harris County GOP Chair for the past 3 years and have lead the local party’s effort to get Republicans elected to office. We had our first countywide wins in November 2022 (the first since 2014) and have been successful in helping get Republicans elected to local school boards and more recently the City of Houston City Council. I’ve been an elected official, candidate, past treasurer of the party and long-term grassroots activists. I am working to elect strong conservatives.

Website: www.cindysiegelforchair.com

ISSUES: The two top issues are 1) turning out the Republican vote in November 2024, while ensuring the election is run fairly and per the law and 2) expanding the party base by a message that resonates with independent voters (over half of Harris County registered voters so they will vote for Republican candidates. Plans for addressing this is our outreach to minority communities and targeting through blockwalking, mail and texting program Republican and conservative independent voters. We hired an outreach director last summer who is networking among a broad base of communities and community leaders. We are also broadening our voter persuasion to include other languages.



Bobby Orr

QUALIFICATIONS: First, I have raised over \$2 million for the Harris County Republican Party (HCRP) when I served as Finance Director. And, after the 2022 election, I spent my resources to develop a Get Out The Vote (GOTV) data platform. Along with many volunteers, we were able to utilize it in the 2023 local elections. Of the 49,000 voters on our platform, we had 66% voter turnout in the last City of Houston runoff election, and turned out 15,000 more voters than the last City of Houston election in 2019.

Website: winbackharriscounty.com

ISSUES: We must win elections. I plan to scale my GOTV platform and efforts for the HCRP and turn our focus back to winning elections. This also involves filling vacant precinct chair positions and providing precinct chairs with the necessary training and resources to reach disengaged voters in their communities. Alongside growing the party, I also plan to actively pursue conservative leaders and build a base of solid Republican candidates to run in every election in Harris County. These steps are crucial to our success. Harris County is too important to be led in the direction it is being led now. But, by being intentional and taking a business-like approach, we can Win Back Harris County!

RUNNING UNOPPOSED • REPUBLICAN PARTY

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE UNOPPOSED • REPUBLICAN PARTY

Morgan Luttrell, DISTRICT 8
Troy E. Nehls, DISTRICT 22
Wesley P. Hunt, DISTRICT 38

JUSTICE, TEXAS SUPREME COURT UNOPPOSED • REPUBLICAN PARTY

Jimmy Blacklock, PLACE 2
Jane Bland, PLACE 6

STATE SENATOR UNOPPOSED • REPUBLICAN PARTY

Martha Fierro, DISTRICT 6
Paul Bettencourt, DISTRICT 7
Joseph L. Trahan, DISTRICT 15
Joan Huffman, DISTRICT 17

STATE REPRESENTATIVE UNOPPOSED • REPUBLICAN PARTY

E. Sam Harless, DISTRICT 126
Charles Cunningham, DISTRICT 127
Dennis Paul, DISTRICT 129
Tom Oliverson, DISTRICT 130
Mike Schofield, DISTRICT 132
Audrey Douglas, DISTRICT 134
Lance York, DISTRICT 146
Claudio Gutierrez, DISTRICT 147
Kay Smith, DISTRICT 148
Lily Truong, DISTRICT 149
Valoree Swanson, DISTRICT 150

JUSTICE, 1ST COURT OF APPEALS UNOPPOSED • REPUBLICAN PARTY

Jennifer Caughey, PLACE 2
Andrew Johnson, PLACE 6
Clint Morgan, PLACE 7
Kristin M. Guiney, PLACE 8
Susanna Dokupil, PLACE 9

JUSTICE, 14TH COURT OF APPEALS UNOPPOSED • REPUBLICAN PARTY

Chad Bridges, PLACE 3
Maritza Michele Antú, PLACE 5
Katy Boatman, PLACE 6
Brad Hart, PLACE 8

HARRIS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY UNOPPOSED • REPUBLICAN PARTY

Dan Simons

JUDGE, COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT UNOPPOSED • REPUBLICAN PARTY

Linda Garcia, No. 16

DISTRICT JUDGE UNOPPOSED • REPUBLICAN PARTY

Nile Bailey Copeland, 11th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Lee Kathryn Shuchart, 61st JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Sonya L. Aston, 80th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Will Archer, 129th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Michael Landrum, 133rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Aaron Gabriel Adams, 164th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Bruce Bain, 165th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Emily Munoz Detoto, 177th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Nathan J. Milliron, 215th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Brian Staley, 333rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Michele Oncken, 338th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Aaron Burdette, 486th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Lori Deangelo, 487th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Matthew Peneguy, 488th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Dan Lemkuil, 507th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

JUDGE, COUNTY PROBATE COURT UNOPPOSED • REPUBLICAN PARTY

Ray Black Jr, No. 5

COUNTY ATTORNEY UNOPPOSED • REPUBLICAN PARTY

Jacqueline Lucci Smith

COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR UNOPPOSED • REPUBLICAN PARTY

Steve Radack

COUNTY SCHOOL TRUSTEE UNOPPOSED • REPUBLICAN PARTY

Danielle Dick, POSITION 3, AT LARGE
Eric Dick, POSITION 4, PRECINCT 3

COUNTY COMMISSIONER UNOPPOSED • REPUBLICAN PARTY

Gerry Vander-Lyn, PRECINCT 1
Tom Ramsey, PRECINCT 3

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE UNOPPOSED • REPUBLICAN PARTY

Lincoln Goodwin, PRECINCT 4, PLACE 1
Holly Williamson, PRECINCT 8, PLACE 1

COUNTY CONSTABLE UNOPPOSED • REPUBLICAN PARTY

Erick Patino, PRECINCT 3
Mark Herman, PRECINCT 4
Terry Allbritton, PRECINCT 5
Phil Sandlin, PRECINCT 8

2024 BALLOT PROPOSITIONS • REPUBLICAN PARTY



WHEN VOTING, YOU WILL CHECK **YES IF YOU AGREE OR **NO** IF YOU DO NOT AGREE WITH THE STATEMENT.**

PROPOSITION 1

Texas should eliminate all property taxes without increasing Texans' overall tax burden.

PROPOSITION 2

Texas should create a Border Protection Unit, and deploy additional state law enforcement and military forces, to seal the border, to use physical force to prevent illegal entry and trafficking, and to deport illegal aliens to Mexico or to their nations of origin.

PROPOSITION 3

The Texas Legislature should require the use of E-Verify by all employers in Texas to protect jobs for legal workers by preventing the hiring of illegal aliens.

PROPOSITION 4

The Texas Legislature should end all subsidies and public services, including in-state college tuition and enrollment in public schools, for illegal aliens.

PROPOSITION 5

Texas urges the United States Congress not to grant any form of amnesty or a pathway to legalization for illegal aliens.

PROPOSITION 6

The Texas Legislature should prohibit the deployment of the Texas National Guard to a foreign conflict unless Congress first formally declares war.

PROPOSITION 7

The Texas Legislature should establish authority within the Texas State Comptroller's office to administer access to gold and silver through the Texas Bullion Depository for use as legal tender.

PROPOSITION 8

The State of Texas should ensure that Texans are free to give or to withhold consent for any vaccine without coercion.

PROPOSITION 9

The Republican Party of Texas should restrict voting in the Republican Primary to only registered Republicans.

PROPOSITION 10

The Texas Constitution should be amended to restore authority to the Texas Attorney General to prosecute election crimes.

PROPOSITION 11

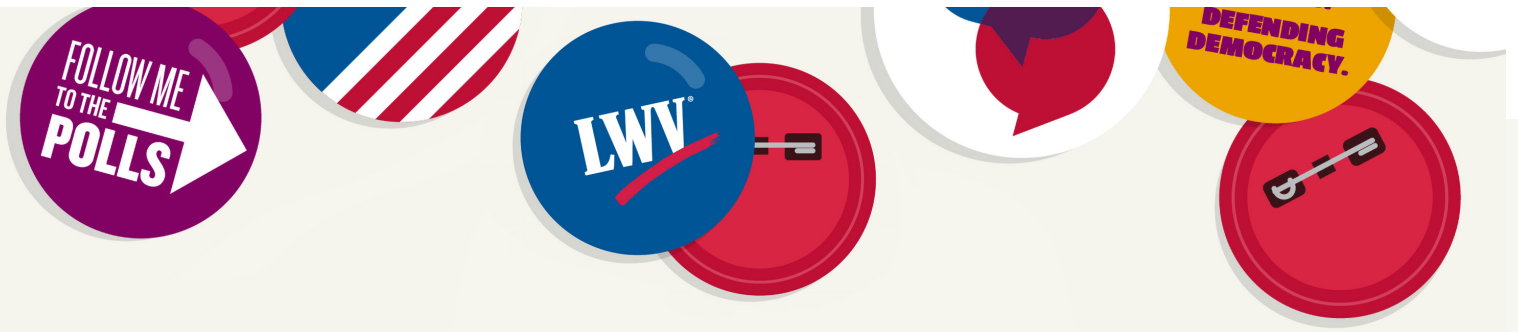
Texas parents and guardians should have the right to select schools, whether public or private, for their children, and the funding should follow the student.

PROPOSITION 12

The Texas Constitution should be amended to require proof of citizenship before any individual can be registered to vote.

PROPOSITION 13

Texas should ban the sale of Texas land to citizens, governments, and entities from China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia.



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The League of Women Voters of Houston publishes the Voters Guide to help each voter cast an informed vote. This Voters Guide contains information about the voting process, the duties and responsibilities of the offices that are included in this election and candidates who will appear on the ballot in Harris County.

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