

HOUSTON VOTERS GUIDE

PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTIONS • MAY 26, 2026 • EARLY VOTING: MAY 18-22

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This Voters Guide lists candidates for the May 26, 2026 Primary Runoff Election in Harris County. Candidates on your personal ballot can be found at [VOTE411.ORG](https://www.vote411.org)

DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION

U. S. REPRESENTATIVE • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Two-year term. One of 38 members of the U.S. House of Representatives from Texas. Along 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: \$175,000

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 18



Christian Dashaun Menefee

QUALIFICATIONS: I'm qualified for this position because my life and my work have prepared me for it. I'm the son of two veterans, a product of Houston public schools, and the first in my family to graduate from college. As Harris County Attorney, I've led an office of over 300 people and fought every day for the people of Harris County. I've taken on Trump and Abbott when they tried to cut healthcare, attack workers, undermine our elections, and make government work against everyday people, and I've won. I bring real legal experience, executive leadership, and a track record of turning progressive values into results. I fight hard, lead with integrity, and stay accountable to the communities that raised me.

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Website: www.christianmenefee.com

ISSUES: First, protecting our democracy. Voting rights are not abstract to me, they are personal. In Texas, I have taken on the toughest fights to protect access to the ballot, beating back lawsuits that tried to throw out votes and working to expand access, including making our county jail a polling place. In Congress, I will fight tooth and nail to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, same day and online voter registration, and strong protections for election workers. Second, lowering costs and reinvesting in our neighborhoods. Too many families are working hard and still falling behind. I will fight to lower healthcare and prescription drug costs, expand childcare, protect Medicaid and food assistance, increase housing supply, and



Al Green

QUALIFICATIONS: I am an unbought, unbosser, unafraid, liberated democrat who fights for: quality healthcare for all, equal access to economic opportunities for all, the preservation of Social Security, quality schools, rights of workers, comprehensive immigration reform, and an end to systemic injustice. You know I will fight the invidious phobias, isms, and schisms antithetical to liberty and justice for all because I'm fighting them now. • I have been elected to serve you as a Member of Congress for more than 20 years • I am a licensed attorney • 25 years experience as a Judge of a Justice Court • I was President of the Houston NAACP for 10 years • I was a Chair for the Black and Brown Coalition • I have lived life from the bottom up, not the top down

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Website: algreen.org

ISSUES: The two issues are affordability and protecting liberty and justice for all. 1. Affordability in: • Purchasing or renting a home which will require some deregulation in tandem with down payment assistance and subsidies • Healthcare cost which for the short term requires passing supportive subsidies to prevent unaffordable premiums and save lives. • Purchasing power which will require wages to (at minimum) keep pace with inflation. 2. Protect liberty and justice for all from a would be king/dictator by impeaching, convicting, and removing him from office.

LIUTENANT GOVERNOR • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Four-year term. The Lieutenant Governor is powerful because of their position as president of the Texas Senate, where they appoint the chairs and vice-chairs of committees; appoint senators to committees; assign bills to committees; and control the Senate's agenda. They are also a member of several commissions and boards, and serve as governor in the governor's absence. Current annual salary: \$7,200 plus \$221 for every day the Legislature is in session, including any special sessions.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

WOMEN'S HEALTH: What changes need to be made to Texas abortion laws to ensure women have access to proper medical care in the event of pregnancy complications?

HEALTHCARE: What role should the state government play in promoting a healthy Texas population, and what steps would you

take to ensure that healthcare is affordable and accessible for all Texans?

CANNABIS LEGISLATION: What legislation would you support regarding cannabis?

WATER: What legislation would you recommend to ensure that Texans and Texas businesses have enough water for the future?



Vikki Goodwin

QUALIFICATIONS: I'm serving my 4th term in the TX Legislature; have been able to pass meaningful laws. I'm the owner of Goodwin & Goodwin Real Estate, involved community leader, graduate of UT & the LBJ School.

WOMEN'S HEALTH: We did not go far enough with the "Life of the Mother Act" that passed in 2025. The way to guarantee the best health outcomes for pregnant women is to allow women to make their own personal, private health care decisions in consultation with their doctors. Women who have adverse health conditions should have all options available for putting their own health before that of the fetus.

HEALTHCARE: A healthy population is essential. The state should ensure no one falls through the cracks; focus on prevention and transparency. Programs that have proven records of success should be expanded, including Medicaid. Mobile health clinics that provide low-cost diagnostic tests and checkups can help reach areas where

Website: GOODWIN4TEXAS.COM

there is a lack of doctors. Keeping people out of emergency rooms will lower costs.

CANNABIS LEGISLATION: I support treating cannabis like alcohol with regulations: must be 21 years of age to purchase, can't be sold next door to schools, can't be marketed to kids, labels must clearly indicate the contents and strength. We don't need a nanny state. People with cancer, PTSD, and all types of ailments should be able to continue buying a product that has helped them without the broken TCUP.

WATER: We should pass the TX Stewardship Amendment to ensure our water isn't polluted. We must update and improve our Texas Water Plan using the latest science. Now it includes plans for many reservoirs that aren't feasible, and not enough emphasis on re-use. We need to ensure we aren't developing the most expensive water. Desalination of ocean water is expensive, while storing rainwater is less costly.

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Marcos Isaias Velez

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a union leader and negotiator who has spent over a decade representing working Texans as Assistant District Director of the United Steelworkers. I've negotiated wages, benefits, and safety protections and held powerful corporations accountable. I bring real-world experience, discipline, and a record of delivering results for working people.

WOMEN'S HEALTH: Texas law must clearly protect doctors and patients so medical care is never delayed during pregnancy complications. Physicians should be able to provide necessary care without fear of prosecution or political interference. Medical decisions belong between patients and their healthcare providers, not politicians.

HEALTHCARE: The state should ensure Texans can access affordable healthcare regardless of income or employment status. I support expanding Medicaid, strengthening preventative care, and reducing

medical debt so families aren't financially ruined by illness. Healthcare is essential infrastructure for a healthy economy and strong communities.

CANNABIS LEGISLATION: I support decriminalizing possession of small amounts of cannabis, expanding medical access, and creating clear safety standards for THC products. Texas needs consistent regulation that protects consumers through testing, labeling, and age restrictions. Policy should be driven by science and public health, not confusion or politics.

WATER: Texas must invest in long-term water infrastructure, conservation, and regional planning to prepare for drought and growth. I support modernizing water systems, encouraging recycling and efficiency, and strengthening groundwater management. Water security is critical to our economy, agriculture, and future growth.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Four-year term. The Attorney General is the chief law enforcement officer of the state; represents the state and state officials in legal matters; issues opinions; oversees collection of child support; administers the crime victims compensation fund; enforces the open records/open meetings acts; approves public bond issues; and enforces consumer regulations. Current annual salary: \$153,750

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

ELECTIONS: How would you protect Texans' freedom to vote while maintaining safe and secure elections?

IMMIGRATION: How would you address immigration issues affecting our state while ensuring all individuals within our borders have

access to due process protections?

PRIORITIES: How would you identify, evaluate, and prioritize which state legal cases to pursue?

LEADERSHIP: What specific improvements or reforms do you envision for the Texas Attorney General's office in the coming years?



Nathan Johnson

QUALIFICATIONS: Eight years as a state senator: passing > 100 bills, killing and shaping bills, building coalitions, making government work, exercising independence, leadership, and political judgment; law practice.

ELECTIONS: We have good laws to keep elections secure, provided that enforcement and audits are fair and consistent. As AG, I will work with DAs around the state to ensure security. As a Senator, I filed bills to protect election workers from harassment (safe and secure), allow voter registration online and same-day, enable

citizen ballot initiatives, and move redistricting to an independent commission.

IMMIGRATION: Work with the federal government to speed processing of asylum claims and treat applicants humanely, intercept and deter trafficking of drugs and people, revise Texas' ill-conceived 287(g) agreement, vastly expand guest worker program, work with other nations to stem the flow of migrants. The U.S. Constitution grants due process to everyone in the United States, including undocumented immigrants.

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Nathan Johnson (continued)

PRIORITIES: I would ask three questions: whether there are actions that are harming Texans, whether the actions are illegal, and whether I can prove it. I would emphasize blocking federal overreach, promoting competition in markets, protecting people against violence and commercial scams, and rooting out political corruption. I would end the practice of using the office for personal and political purposes.

Website: WWW.NATHANFORTHTEXAS.COM

LEADERSHIP: Better leadership is needed more than structural reform. I'll recruit great staff, including attorneys, who are committed to serving the public over serving an ideology. I'll devote resources to performing the work of the office rather than the work of a political machine. There may be administrative changes and laws yet to pass or change, which we'll address in concert with the Legislature.



Joe Jaworski

QUALIFICATIONS: Courageous fighter in courtroom and public square. 8 years as Galveston mayor/councilmember; 35 years as Texas trial lawyer/mediator; loyal husband to Rebecca for 35 years; proud Dad to my two kids.

ELECTIONS: I will staff a voter expansion division in the Texas OAG which will daily focus on removing the stain of voter suppression from Texas law. I will be known as the Attorney General who finally enforced the law which requires Principals to offer registration to all high school seniors. I, with local District Attorneys, will personally prosecute offenders who intentionally break our voting laws.

IMMIGRATION: I will lead Texas on immigration issues by reminding voters that immigration and criminal justice are two very different American institutions. I will demand that Congress perform its Constitutional duty to reform our immigration laws. I will support asylum as a proper tool of legal immigration, I will support Texas Dreamers who seek in-state college tuition to better themselves and our state.

Website: JAWORSKIFORTHTEXAS.COM

PRIORITIES: I will create/staff a Division of Affordability within the Texas OAG; it will use the power of government to reduce the cost of living in Texas for all 32 million residents of the state. I will measure performance and announce results. The OAG will expressly focus on helping young adult Texans to achieve the American Dream - affordable home ownership, debt free education, and starting a family.

LEADERSHIP: End persecution of vulnerable citizens. Reform Child Support Division: promptly collect/dispurse child support and assist payor and payee to collect correct amounts. Assist school principals to register every 18 year old senior to vote. Remain widely accessible to the public, rather than reclusive or partisan only. Focus political and legal decisions on affordability for everyday working Texans.

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MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Four-year term. The fifteen-member board decides curriculum, standards, student testing, special education programs, and textbooks for Texas public schools. It also oversees the Permanent School Fund. Current annual salary: Members of the Board do not receive pay, but are reimbursed for expenses to attend meetings.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM: How should the K-12 social studies curriculum balance state, national, and world history to best prepare students to be responsible citizens in today's world?

TEACHER SUPPORT: How can the SBOE strengthen teacher preparation, certification, and ongoing professional development to support high-quality instruction?

DIGITAL EDUCATION: How can the SBOE balance technology use with traditional instructional methods to best support student learning?

RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Should Christianity or any other religious beliefs be incorporated into the public school curriculum? Explain your position.

OTHER ISSUES: What other issues do you believe will be the most pressing for the State Board of Education?

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 5



Allison Bush

QUALIFICATIONS: I have 25 years in education, from classroom teaching and counseling to administration. With a student-centered focus writing curriculum, managed budgets, developed policy, and fundraising.

SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM: A strong K-12 social studies curriculum should balance Texas and U.S. history with world history to build civic knowledge and global awareness. Students need accurate, inclusive content that develops critical thinking, civic responsibility, informed voting, and an understanding of how history shapes today's democracy.

TEACHER SUPPORT: The SBOE can strengthen teacher support by setting rigorous, practical preparation standards, protecting certification pathways, and ensuring ongoing professional development aligned to classroom needs. While SBOE doesn't set pay, it should publicly advocate for competitive wages and benefits that attract and retain high-quality educators.

DIGITAL EDUCATION: Technology should enhance strong instruction and reflect the evolving world students live in. The

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SBOE should support innovative, responsible use of digital tools alongside teacher-led learning and in-person interaction. When used well, technology increases engagement, expands access, and prepares students for college, careers, and civic life.

RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Public schools must uphold the constitutional separation of church and state and remain religiously neutral. Curriculum may teach about religion's role in history and culture but should not promote or favor any belief system. Respecting religious freedom means protecting every student's right to learn in an inclusive environment free from endorsement or exclusion.

OTHER ISSUES: Key pressing issues include the teacher shortage, graduation standards that reflect diverse student pathways, student mental health support, and protecting public education from privatization. Decisions must prioritize students, educators, and local communities over political interests. The SBOE must be an education-focused board guided by evidence and expertise—not driven by political agendas.

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Stephanie Limon Bazan

QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a former educator, current nonprofit leader & board member with experience making policy-driven decisions & recommendations, overseeing \$100M+ budgets & collaborating across differing viewpoints.

SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM: Students deserve a social studies curriculum that is historically accurate and sets a foundation in geography, government and economics while also incorporating culture to help them grow into informed and engaged citizens. By learning multiple perspectives and developing critical thinking skills, students are better prepared to participate actively and contribute thoughtfully in their communities.

TEACHER SUPPORT: Policies should support multiple, high-quality pathways into the classroom and remove barriers to entry while maintaining high standards. We must respect and treat educators as professionals and ensure professional development is meaningful, not merely compliance-driven. Focusing on a strong, sustainable pipeline will help ensure every student has access to well-prepared, supported teachers.

DIGITAL EDUCATION: SBOE can support responsible, age-appropriate access to technology that helps prepare students for college and careers, while affirming that strong instruction

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is grounded in skilled educators and proven teaching practices. Technology should be a tool that enhances learning, expands access, and supports differentiated instruction, and not a replacement for teachers.

RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS: A broad understanding of world religions is an important part of a well-rounded education, helping students understand diverse perspectives and cultures. Public school curriculum, however, should remain grounded in the separation of church and state, and no single religion, including Christianity, should be promoted as an exclusive viewpoint, nor should any faith be elevated or denigrated.

OTHER ISSUES: Other important issues facing the SBOE include supporting English Language Learners, addressing the impact of poverty on student achievement, recruiting and retaining bilingual educators, and meeting the growing needs of students receiving special education services. All while making sure we are strengthening public schools and better supporting all students, teachers and families.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 7



Debra Drake Ambrose

QUALIFICATIONS: I served three terms as a Board Trustee. I understand Texas public education from the classroom level to system-wide policy. I am committed to student learning and civic readiness.

SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM: Social Studies curriculum should intentionally balance all levels of history so students understand their local identity within a broader national and global context. The curriculum should emphasize critical thinking, historical inquiry, multiple perspectives and media literacy. Preparing responsible citizens means helping students analyze evidence and engage with different viewpoints.

TEACHER SUPPORT: The SBOE can strengthen teacher support by ensuring certification standards are rigorous, relevant, and aligned with classroom realities. Preparation programs should emphasize content knowledge, effective pedagogy, classroom management, and culturally responsive instruction. Ongoing professional development should be teacher-informed, research-based, and job-embedded to meet the district needs.

DIGITAL EDUCATION: Technology should be used as a tool to enhance learning, not replace effective teaching. The SBOE should support thoughtful integration of digital resources that improve

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access, personalize instruction and build digital literacy. Clear guidelines should engage age-appropriate technology use, protect student privacy, and support educators in choosing when digital tools are most effective.

RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Public schools must remain religiously neutral, as required by the U.S. Constitution. While students should learn about religion in an objective, academic manner such as its historical and cultural influence, public school should not promote or endorse Christianity. Maintaining this separation protects religious freedom for students and families and ensure respect of Texas' diverse population.

OTHER ISSUES: Key issues facing the SBOE include high-quality, accurate instructional materials; addressing learning gaps and student achievement; supporting teacher recruitment and retention; and maintaining transparency and public trust in the curriculum adoption process. The Board must also navigate the responsible use of artificial intelligence, and the need for strong civic education.



Tiffany Perkinz

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a lifelong Texas educator and parent of six, with experience in public, private, and higher education. I hold a Master's in Education and own a tutoring and independent teaching business.

SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM: K-12 social studies should ground students in a true and honest account of Texas history and frame it within a national and global context. Students should understand how events in Texas connect to larger U.S. and world events. Instruction recognizes that Texas both shapes and is shaped by the wider world, and prepares them to be informed citizens in a global society, not just memorizers of facts.

TEACHER SUPPORT: The SBOE can strengthen teacher support by prioritizing preparation programs grounded in real classroom experience, mentorship, and subject-area expertise. Certification should be rigorous without unnecessary barriers. Professional development should be teacher-led, practical, and classroom-relevant. Supporting teachers as professionals improves retention and leads to stronger instruction.

DIGITAL EDUCATION: Technology should support—not replace—

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learning. Teachers report that overuse of AI is weakening students' critical thinking and writing skills, which are rooted in learning how to think. Students need to read whole novels and engage in sustained writing rather than test-prep excerpts or shortcuts. Teachers should have the autonomy to decide when technology enhances versus hinders learning.

RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Public schools should not promote or endorse any religion. Religious topics may be taught in an academic, historical, or literary context, but instruction must remain neutral and inclusive. Faith formation belongs to families and religious communities, not the state. Maintaining religious neutrality protects students' freedom of belief and ensures public schools serve all Texans.

OTHER ISSUES: One of the most pressing issues for the SBOE is protecting academic freedom and keeping politics out of curriculum decisions. The board must prioritize transparency, high-quality instructional materials, and long-term literacy and critical thinking over ideological agendas. Public schools should be places where students are supported and prepared to think critically, engage civically, and succeed.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • DEMOCRATIC 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. Current annual salary: \$7,200, plus \$221 for every day the Legislature is in session, including any special sessions.

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 131



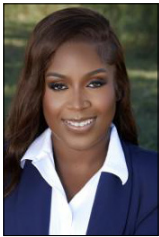
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Lawrence Allen, Jr.

QUALIFICATIONS: I spent most of my professional career as a teacher and administrator in the Houston Independent School District, the largest school district in Texas. I also served on the Texas State Board of Education for approximately 18 years. I believe my deep knowledge of the public education system makes me the candidate best equipped to face the challenges that our system is currently experiencing. With my training and experience as a public school teacher, I understand the barriers to learning for students, and what it is like to raise four children on a teacher's salary, and as a former administrator and member of the State Board of Education, I also have the benefit of seeing the bigger picture.

Website: LAWRENCEALLENJR131.COM

ISSUES: The two most pressing issues are public education and environmental justice. I would advocate for fair and adequate school funding, in order to increase teacher salaries, decrease class sizes, expand access to counselors and mental health services, and expand special education support. Our community is suffering from a disproportionate concentration of landfills and concrete aggregate facilities. The current distance requirements are too low, and the penalties and fines are often considered the cost of doing business. I would increase penalties and fines, and increase the required distance from residential neighborhoods.



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Staci Childs

QUALIFICATIONS: I'm an attorney and former public school educator with experience in education law, policy, and governance. I have served on the Texas State Board of Education, where I have worked on curriculum standards, instructional materials, and statewide education policy affecting millions of Texas students. My background includes classroom teaching, legal analysis, and collaborative policymaking. I bring a strong understanding of public education systems, a commitment to equity and transparency, and the ability to work across diverse communities to improve outcomes for students, families, and educators.

ISSUES: One issue is strengthening public education so all students have access to high-quality schools. I will support policies

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that ensure accurate, rigorous instructional materials, promote transparency in decision-making, and address inequities in student outcomes through targeted academic support and accountability. A second issue is ensuring that public systems support the overall well-being of communities. This includes improving access to affordable, accessible healthcare information and resources, and supporting a fair criminal justice system that emphasizes prevention, rehabilitation, and second chance opportunities. I will work collaboratively with community stakeholders to promote policies that are transparent and evidence-based.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 149

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Darlene Breaux

QUALIFICATIONS: I bring over 25 years of experience as an educator, mentor, policy advocate, and Board President of Alief ISD, one of the most diverse districts in Texas. I've worked directly with legislators on bills impacting education, workforce stability, and student well-being, including advocating for educator wellness and learning support. I've led policy fellows through the Texas Education Policy Institute, where I help translate community needs into actionable policy solutions. I am also an Emerge alum and have participated in campaign and leadership training focused on running an effective campaign. My leadership training, governance experience, and deep understanding of state systems uniquely prepare me to serve effectively in the Legislature.

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ISSUES: I will advocate for increasing the basic allotment and strengthening funding for special education, bilingual services, and school-based mental health. I will oppose unfunded mandates and push for flexible, transparent funding that allows districts to meet student needs. My focus will be on policies that support the whole child while maintaining accountability. I will support workforce development programs tied to high-demand jobs and partnerships with local employers. I will advocate for small business access to capital and technical assistance, especially in working-class communities. I will also push for targeted infrastructure investments such as drainage, roads, and broadband to support economic growth and stability.

JUSTICE, 14TH COURT OF APPEALS, PLACE 7 • 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 \$184,800

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

Ethics: How will you ensure your rulings remain impartial and free from both political pressure and the interests of your campaign donors?

Equity: What role should the Supreme Court play in expanding access to justice for persons or groups who may be underserved?

Issues: What do you see as the most pressing challenge facing the courts today, and how would you propose addressing it?

Philosophy: What is your judicial philosophy?

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Michael Adams-Hurta

QUALIFICATIONS: Appellate law firm partner. Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law in Texas. Written over 100 appellate briefs. Participated in 8 criminal trials and 15 civil trials as court staff or legal counsel.

ETHICS: My lodestar will always be the people I serve and the job they elect me to do. "We the People" formed our laws through our constitution and statutes. I will always remember that the laws I interpret were created by and for the People. I will explain my reasoning in opinions written for the public, and I will also encourage my staff and other judges to challenge me if ever they think I stray.

EQUITY: The Court has a great pro bono program, and it should improve outreach of that program to ensure more people have access to their right to appeal adverse trial-court rulings. Also, judges should remember that their opinions are written for everyone. I will strive to draft opinions with more plain English

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and less legalese, so more Texans can understand the law without needing a lawyer.

ISSUES: Courts face increasing pressure from partisan actors seeking political outcomes, not justice. Judges strive to be fair, but we all have our blind spots. Most of the judges on this Court are elected Republicans, and that is their blind spot. If such pressure comes, I will use my advocacy experience to persuade them to set aside those biases. If necessary, I will vigorously and publicly dissent.

PHILOSOPHY: Our society uses law to resolve disputes as peacefully as possible, so predictability and consistency matter. I will thus follow precedent and the plain meaning of the law where it clearly compels a certain result. But when the law or its application is unclear, I will carefully consider every possible argument or precedent and seek to protect individual rights and democratic values.

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William Demond

QUALIFICATIONS: 14 years litigating constitutional rights (including recognition as a Super Lawyer), two years as a staff attorney to a court of appeals, dozens of appointments, and teaching law to lawyers yearly.

ETHICS: Appellate opinions usually contain a researched explanation that is developed with the assistance of staff attorneys and approved by at least two justices. These opinions are recorded and available for public scrutiny. My website has exemplars of my steadfast dedication to protecting the People's rights and I will not sacrifice my reputation to protect special interests.

EQUITY: The appellate courts can at least (1) remand with instructions to appoint (or reappoint) counsel when it is necessary

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and appropriate; (2) carefully review claims concerning ineffective assistance of counsel; (3) teach lawyers and law students how to be better advocates; (4) educate organizations about resources through which counsel can be acquired; and (5) hire diverse interns and staff.

ISSUE: Partisan uniformity (at least with respect to Texas' appellate courts). I propose addressing it by being elected and continuing my longstanding practice of acquiring and training interns from diverse backgrounds.

PHILOSOPHY: Living constitutionalism supplemented by textualism (particularly outside of the constitutional context) and broad constructionism (particularly when interpreting ambiguities).

CRIMINAL DISTRICT JUDGES, 209TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT • 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.



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Brian Edward Warren

QUALIFICATIONS: I have 17 years as an attorney (5 as prosecutor, 12 as criminal defense attorney) and 7 years as judge. I tried approximately 75 cases as a lawyer and presided over almost 100 trials as judge, including capital murders. I have never been reversed by an appellate court in seven years—proving my legal expertise and sound judgment. I am the only candidate with death penalty experience from all three perspectives: prosecutor, defense attorney, and judge. I've reduced our docket from the highest in Harris County (1,700) to one of the lowest (700s) twice through innovative management. I'm consistently ranked among the top three judges by the Houston Bar Association. I was honored to be named the 2022 Texas District Judge of the Year.

Website: JudgeBrianWarren.com

ISSUES: Issue #1: Defending Judicial Independence. Governor Abbott can now remove judges for bail decisions he disagrees with—a direct attack on Harris County's Democratic judges. My plan: continue making legally sound decisions that cannot be reversed on appeal. My seven-year record of never being reversed provides the strongest defense against politically motivated removal attempts. Issue #2: Criminal Justice Reform. Harris County needs to continue eliminating wealth-based bail, reducing mass incarceration, and treating all defendants fairly. I will continue efficient docket management that has eliminated the 209th backlog, make individualized bond decisions based on risk not wealth, and connect defendants to treatment rather than warehousing them



Ysidra "Sissy" Kyles

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a criminal defense attorney with 14 years experience. My practice is primarily criminal in nature. I handle all levels of criminal cases - both misdemeanors and felonies. I am a criminal trial attorney and have represented clients from arraignment to jury verdict and sentencing. Prior to becoming licensed attorney, I was employed by Harris County Community Supervision and Corrections Department ("HCCSCD") as a community supervision officer ("CSO"), i.e., probation officer. My stint with HCCSCD lasted nearly a decade. While there, I was assigned to specialized caseloads and tasked with supervising persons charged with substance abuse and sex offenses. The experience I gained as a CSO introduced me to the court system.

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ISSUES: One issue will be that of maintaining public trust. When people walk into a courtroom, it is imperative that they feel a sense of trust as it relates to the person presiding over their cases. Second is the issue of political pressure. Both issues are related, but different. Yes, it is extremely important that people trust their judges, but what is equally important is the assurance that a judge's rulings are based solely on the law and that they are not the results of political persuasion and prompting. I strongly believe that by extending an open ear to the community and actively listening to the community's concerns, I will be successful in not only establishing trust, but also a respectful rapport within the community.

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COUNTY JUDGE • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Presiding officer of Commissioners Court which has budgetary and administrative authority over all county government operations: adopts and approves the county's budget; sets tax rates; fills vacancies and appoints officials; calls for bond elections; builds and maintains county infrastructure such as roads and bridges; oversees courthouses, jails, libraries, parks and Harris County Flood Control District. Also, county's director 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.



Letitia Plummer

QUALIFICATIONS: I am uniquely qualified to serve as Harris County Judge, bringing a blend of executive experience and a real commitment to equity. As a small business owner for 25 years and a Houston City Council Member, I have the fiscal discipline and leadership needed to manage our multibillion dollar budget on day one. As the most progressive candidate in this race, I am the leader Harris County needs to move beyond the status quo with bold, future focused solutions. My record shows I do not back down. I have led through six major disasters, fought for environmental justice in the 5th Ward, and passed landmark apartment reforms. I am a principled advocate who will challenge the establishment to ensure accountability and fairness for every resident.

Website: www.drletitiaplummer.com

ISSUES: Justice Decarceration and Reinvestment: Immediately shift County funding and policy to maximize Cite and Release, expand the Public Defender's Office, and invest in non-police emergency response to dramatically reduce the jail population and end the cycling of black and brown individuals through the justice system. Community Health, Resilience Equity Access: Aggressively fund the strategic expansion of Harris Health Satellite Clinics or Mobile units into underserved communities of color, while championing Medicaid Expansion and fully resourcing behavioral and mental health services to address the root causes of instability and the high uninsured rate. Support and fund the Community Flood Resilience Task Force (i.e. Resilience HUBS)

SELECT CANDIDATE



Annise Parker

QUALIFICATIONS: I am the only Houston leader to have served as City Councilmember, City Controller, and Mayor. I managed multi-billion-dollar budgets, oversaw thousands of employees, led emergency response during major storms, and delivered long-term infrastructure investments. As Controller, I built deep expertise in fiscal oversight and accountability. As Mayor, I governed during economic downturns while protecting core services, without raising the tax rate. I have extensive experience protecting and managing the city during natural disasters and emergencies.

This experience directly aligns with the County Judge's responsibility to manage budgets, set policy direction, manage emergencies, and coordinate across departments and jurisdictions.

Website: www.AnniseParker.com

ISSUES: My top priorities are: First, to deliver equitable, data-driven infrastructure investments that reduce flooding, improve mobility, and correct historic underinvestment in working-class neighborhoods. Second, to strengthen county public health and safety systems by expanding access to preventive care, mental health services, and coordinated responses to homelessness, while ensuring transparency and accountability in public safety practices. My plan relies on the core powers of the County Judge: budgeting, agenda-setting, coordination, and coalition-building. I will insist on transparency through public dashboards, regular reporting, and open engagement so residents can track progress and hold county government accountable.

SELECT CANDIDATE

DISTRICT CLERK • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Serves as registrar, recorder, and custodian of all court pleadings, instruments, and papers that are part of any legal cause of action in the Harris County district courts and the county criminal courts at law. Assesses and collects court costs, fines, and fees. Maintains the court registry. Manages juror summons and selection process for the courts.

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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SELECT
CANDIDATE

Jose "Alex" Maldonado

QUALIFICATIONS: As an educator with an academic background in applied mathematics and statistics, I am trained to analyze data, improve process outcomes, and evaluate performance targets through hands-on work in the classroom and across my campus. I also have experience in implementing user-friendly digital tools that promote accessibility, clear communication, and efficiency for all users. The 21st century has transformed technology and human interaction. My research at Rice University and implementation of culturally relevant pedagogy reflects my ability to adapt to how people engage, communicate, and learn. As a Music Coordinator, I applied this same approach by implementing live-streaming services to maintain operations and community engagement.

Website: www.alexmalDONADOTX.com

ISSUES: The two most pressing issues in the District Clerk's Office are ensuring an efficient user friendly IT system and retaining qualified employees. I would expand the easy-to-use online tools that allow residents to securely access their records, track case status in real time, and understand the stage of their filing. Similarly, invest in systems that streamline workflows, reduce duplicate data entry, and minimize manual corrections for staff and judges. Employee retention is essential to preserving specialized knowledge in the District Clerks Office. This requires conducting a pay comparison study with similar roles across county agencies. As well as establishing structures and consistent training programs for onboarding new clerks.



SELECT
CANDIDATE

Darrell Jordan, Jr.

QUALIFICATIONS: I bring a unique combination of legal, judicial, and leadership experience that directly aligns with the responsibilities of the District Clerk's office. I've practiced law for 20 years and served as a Harris County Criminal Court Judge for 8 years, giving me an in-depth understanding of court operations, case flow, filings, jury management, and the real-world impact administrative efficiency has on justice. I have worked daily with district clerks, court staff, attorneys, and the public, and I understand where breakdowns occur and how to fix them. My 24 years in the Army/Texas Army National Guard, including senior leadership roles, has given me extensive experience in managing large teams and leading organizational change.

Website: www.darrelljordanjr.com

ISSUES: 1. Modernizing infrastructure and technology. The clerk's office is central to court operations, and outdated systems slow case processing, frustrate the public, and increase costs. I will prioritize upgrading technology, improving network reliability, and streamlining workflows so filings and records access are handled efficiently and securely. 2. Increasing jury participation by addressing compensation barriers. Around 20% of those summoned report for jury service. To ensure residents have juries of their peers, I will advocate for increasing juror pay to \$20/per hour, the Harris County minimum wage. Salaried jurors earning more than \$20/per hour would not receive extra pay. Removing this financial barrier will increase participation.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 7, PLACE 2 • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Hears traffic and other Class C misdemeanor cases punishable by fine only (e.g. criminal mischief, bad check writing, public intoxication). Hears civil cases involving up to \$20,000. Hears landlord and tenant disputes. Hears truancy cases. Performs marriages. 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.



SELECT
CANDIDATE

Sharon Burney

QUALIFICATIONS: I attended Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University. Upon passing the State Bar I practiced law for ten years during which I took multiple Law CLEs. I was first elected Justice of the Peace eight years ago and have been trained by our department for eight years gaining 20 plus hours in the education each year needed to hold the position,

ISSUES: One of the two (2) most pressing issues that I am faced with as Justice of the Peace are that most of the people before me lack

Website: www.electsharonburney.com

knowledge of the law. The second issue is that as of January 1, 2026, the laws are changing and most people will be unaware of the changes in the law. Although I try to explain most laws to them, I doubt that they understand why I must follow the law and not that I should just listen to their story then solve it for them. Seldom do they have contracts or any evidence that proves their case. Located in Pct.7-2, I want to offer more classes to educate the average man and woman of the law and to actions that a person should take before a case becomes necessary in a court.



SELECT
CANDIDATE

Melanie Miles

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a board-certified family law attorney with more than 20 years of legal experience handling cases that regularly come before Justice of the Peace courts, including landlord-tenant disputes, small claims, traffic matters, and Class C misdemeanors. I have tried over 200 cases to the bench and/or jury-trials, including in JP courts. In addition to my legal background, I have successfully managed a law practice for two decades, giving me the administrative and leadership skills needed to run an efficient court. I am known for being fair, prepared, and respectful, and I bring a calm, patient demeanor to resolving disputes involving self-represented litigants.

Website: www.milesforhouston.com

ISSUES: The first pressing issue is lack of fairness and dignity in court proceedings. Many litigants feel rushed, confused, or disrespected. I will address this by setting clear expectations for respectful courtroom conduct, ensuring people are heard, explaining procedures in plain language, and managing dockets so cases are not treated like an assembly line. The second issue is limited access to justice and resources, especially in eviction cases. I will implement best practices used in other JP courts, including partnerships with legal aid and housing assistance providers, clearer written guidance for self-represented litigants, and improved scheduling, including monthly Saturday court, to make the court more accessible.

REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION

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: \$175,000

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

Economy: What specific policies would you support to address the growing wealth gap between the highest and lowest earners, and what do you see as the appropriate role of the federal government in this issue?

Immigration: What policy changes would you propose to make the U.S. immigration system more effective and humane?

Balance of Power: The Constitution establishes a system of checks and balances among the three branches of government. As a Senator, what specific actions would you take to preserve the system so that the federal government can serve the people?

Healthcare: What role should the federal government play in promoting a healthy American population, and what steps would you take to ensure that healthcare is affordable and accessible for all Americans?



John Cornyn

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED



Ken Paxton

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

U. S. 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: \$175,000

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

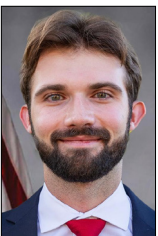


Tina Cohen

QUALIFICATIONS: I have strong leadership, integrity, and accountability, ensuring I represent my constituents faithfully. Effective communication and collaboration skills, I am able to work across party lines when needed while staying true to my conservative principles. Being a parent of 3 grown children, I have a deep understanding of suburban families' concerns, with a focus on parents' rights, education, and public safety and the resilience, empathy, and the determination, qualities essential for navigating the challenges of Congress.

Website: www.tinablumcohen.com

ISSUES: Ending drug and human trafficking in Houston by seeking out violent criminals and getting them off Houston streets. Getting the unemployed back to work and being productive members of society.



Alexander Hale

QUALIFICATIONS: I bring both public and private sector experience. I've seen broken processes inside the beltway and in global companies, and I've worked to fix both. For years in Houston, I've served as a consultant resolving distressed situations for major companies. We move fast to assess problems and put out fires. We think practically, not theoretically. This pragmatic skill set translates directly to Congress—our country needs someone who can mend divisions and solve real problems. Lastly, I grew up here. I love Houston and poignantly feel the pain of illegal entry, frequent crime, and mediocre public education. My Christian faith, strong work ethic, and collaborative nature enable me to work with anyone to make a meaningful difference in TX-07.

Website: www.halefortexas.com

ISSUES: Curbing Crime: Houston has one of the highest crime rates in America. I'll fight to secure the federal resources needed to catch criminals, solve crimes, and empower local law enforcement to do their jobs effectively. Our state / local authorities need support, and not obstacles. Reducing Govt Spending: Well-intentioned, federally funded programs are too easily exploited for fraudulent purposes. I've spent years in my current role auditing and examining distressed organizations and exposing inefficiencies. I'll bring that same rigor to Congress—establishing stronger oversight and auditing processes to root out waste and fraud before taxpayer dollars disappear. Every dollar lost to fraud is a dollar stolen from hardworking Texans.



U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 9



Briscoe Cain

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED



Alex Mealer

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 38



Shelly deZevallos

QUALIFICATIONS: I bring a proven track record of leadership, business experience, & conservative values to Congress. I am a successful businesswoman & aviation industry leader with over 5,000 hours of flight experience. As President of West Houston Airport, I've created jobs & navigated federal regulations. I've served on aviation advisory boards, been appointed by the Trump Administration & Governor Abbott to federal & state advisory committees, & worked with policymakers to improve safety & efficiency. I hold a Bachelor's degree, an EMBA from Texas A&M, & a Doctorate in Aviation & Space Science. I'm a wife & mother rooted in Texas values of faith, family, & hard work, & I will bring that same commitment to serving the people of the 38th District.



ISSUES: 1) Securing our border & combating crime: Chaos at our border threatens public safety, fuels cartel violence, & harms Texans. In Congress, I will work with President Trump to enforce immigration laws, equip law enforcement, & stop drug cartels & traffickers from putting Texans at risk. I was appointed by the Trump Administration to help keep families safe, & I will help finish the job by securing the border & supporting law enforcement. 2) Unleashing our economy & cutting costs: Texans face high taxes, inflation, & red tape. As a former Abbott appointee to Texas DOGE, I know how to cut waste & make the government serve the people. I will cut regulations, reduce taxes, & support small businesses to create jobs & keep Texas competitive.



Jon Bonck

QUALIFICATIONS: I was raised by my grandparents on their farm, grounded in faith, hard work, and responsibility from an early age. After attending LSU and working a year for minimum wage, I moved to Houston, broke into the oil and gas industry, and later built a successful real estate and mortgage brokerage with my wife. For more than two decades, we've helped Houston families navigate challenges caused by red tape and outdated policies. In Washington, I'll fix those barriers because I've lived them, and I'll fight for the same families we've served for years. As a father of two young children, I understand how today's policies affect parents and their futures, and I want to give them back control. I am an



America first, Texas first candidate.

ISSUES: My first priority is affordability. Families need relief from rising costs, and that starts with cutting the barriers that make it harder to start businesses, buy homes, and own a piece of the American dream. We must continue rolling back the policies driving up costs and limiting opportunity. My second priority is immigration. We must secure the border, enforce the law, and continue large scale removal of those here illegally while putting the safety and wellbeing of American citizens first. Texans bear the brunt of illegal crossings from South America, and I will work with President Trump to stop it.

Website: www.jonbonck.com

ATTORNEY GENERAL • REPUBLICAN PARTY

Four-year term. The Attorney General is the chief law enforcement officer of the state; represents the state and state officials in legal matters; issues opinions; oversees collection of child support; administers the crime victims compensation fund; enforces the open records/open meetings acts; approves public bond issues; and enforces consumer regulations. Current annual salary: \$153,750

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

Elections: How would you protect Texans' freedom to vote while maintaining safe and secure elections?

Immigration: How would you address immigration issues affecting our state while ensuring all individuals within our borders have

access to due process protections?

Priorities: How would you identify, evaluate, and prioritize which state legal cases to pursue?

Leadership: What specific improvements or reforms do you envision for the Texas Attorney General's office in the coming years?



Chip Roy

QUALIFICATIONS: I have courtroom and prosecutorial experience as a US Attorney, a nationally recognized conservative voting record in Congress, and senior leadership experience as First Assistant Attorney General.

ELECTIONS: As Attorney General, I will rigorously enforce Texas election law so that every eligible voter is protected and every unlawful ballot is prevented. This includes prosecuting election fraud, defending voter ID and citizenship verification requirements, and resisting federal attempts to undermine Texas's election safeguards.

IMMIGRATION: Texas must use every lawful tool available to defend itself: litigation against unlawful federal policies, support for state and local enforcement efforts, aggressive action against cartel networks, and NGOs that facilitate illegal activity, and prosecution of crimes tied to human trafficking. As Attorney General, I will treat



border security as a top priority and have a record of doing so.

PRIORITIES: As a former First Assistant Attorney General, I understand how the office functions day to day and how to align its work with clear strategic priorities. I would prioritize defending Texas sovereignty against federal overreach, aggressively prosecuting human trafficking, cartel activity, election fraud, and corporate cronyism and misconduct; and protecting Texans' constitutional liberties.

LEADERSHIP: As First Assistant Attorney General, I effectively served as the chief operating officer of the office overseeing daily operations, coordinating across divisions, managing personnel, and ensuring the Attorney General's priorities were executed. My goal is an office that is feared by criminals, respected by the courts, trusted by law enforcement, and dedicated to serving the people of Texas.

Website: chiproy.com

ATTORNEY GENERAL CONTINUED • REPUBLICAN PARTY



Mayes Middleton
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RAILROAD COMMISSIONER • REPUBLICAN PARTY

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?

ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY: What steps would you take to eliminate the backlog of uncapped abandoned oil, gas, and injection wells across the state?

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: How would you improve transparency and public participation in the Commission's rulemaking and

permitting process?

MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT: How would you ensure that the Commission is able to provide adequate monitoring and enforcement to the oil, gas, and mining sectors?

CHALLENGES: What do you see as the two greatest challenges to the office, and how would you address them?



Bo French
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Jim Wright

QUALIFICATIONS: Currently Chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission. Started working in energy industry at age 19. Later created a group of environmental management companies that service the energy sector.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY: The RRC is currently working with the U.S. Department of the Interior to streamline and improve the federal Orphaned Wells Grant Program.

That and recent legislative initiatives in the state legislature make it easier to cut through red tape and allow the RRC to utilize its world-renowned well plugging expertise and save taxpayers money.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: We engage with the public through open meetings and the RRC website, making information available on proposed rules. We have sector based advisory groups and remote listening sessions, hosted by the Office of Public Engagement.

Website: wrightfortexas.com

Those allow energy experts to answer questions on rulemaking and permitting processes. As chairman, I know transparency in what we do as a government agency is critical.

MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT: RRC has been hard at work to improve our efficiency in staffing and the use of new data tools to flag potential potential issues or questionable recordings. That commitment results in better follow up to serious complaints by the general public and ensures consistency in the reporting. Improved data results in improved monitoring and enforcement.

CHALLENGES: 1. Support the best use of our natural resources to benefit Texans, while maintaining stewardship of the environment. 2. Balancing the needs and wants of the various sectors and sizes of energy related businesses from small businesses to multi-million dollar interests so that decisions are fair to all stakeholders.



JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 3 • 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 \$211,680

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

ETHICS: How will you ensure your rulings remain impartial and free from both political pressure and the interests of your campaign

donors?

ISSUES: What do you see as the most pressing challenge facing the courts today, and how would you propose addressing it?

PHILOSOPHY: What is your judicial philosophy?



Alison Fox

QUALIFICATIONS: I have almost 20 years in criminal appellate law, drafting opinions, reviewing records, and litigating writs. I am known for my rigor, neutrality, and fidelity to the Constitution.

ETHICS: I will decide every case based solely on the law and the record. Ethical rules, precedent and judicial restraint - not politics or donors - govern my rulings.

ISSUES: I believe the greatest challenge is applying the law consistently and impartially while resisting political pressure, misinformation, and demands for results over justice. I can address these problems by applying the law consistently, writing clear

opinions, respecting precedent, and maintaining independence from politics -- courts build trust through fairness, transparency, and restraint.

PHILOSOPHY: My judicial philosophy is grounded in fidelity to the Constitution, respect for precedent, and judicial restraint. Judges must apply the law as written, decide cases on the record, and remain independent from politics or personal views.



Thomas Smith
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE • REPUBLICAN PARTY

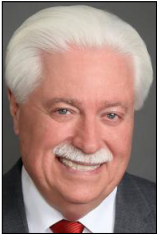
Two-year term. The Texas House of Representatives has 150 members from separate districts across the state. With the Texas Senate, the Texas House: enacts and amends laws; passes the state budget and raises or lowers taxes; passes proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution; and redraws congressional and legislative district maps every ten years. The Texas House has the exclusive power to impeach officials. Current annual salary: \$7,200, plus \$221 for every day the Legislature is in session, including any special sessions.

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 126



Stan Stanart

BACKGROUND: I worked for many years as an electronics and software engineer and manager on major projects at LTV Aerospace, McDonnell Douglas, and Compaq Computer. As your elected County Clerk and Chief Election Official from 2010 to 2018, I completely modernized the office from mainframes and microfilm to modern computer systems. I created the electronic iPad poll book used for the last 10 years at polling locations. For the last 2½ years, I've volunteered as the Harris County Republican Party Vice-Chair for Election Integrity and Chairman of the Ballot Security Committee. I'm known nationally as an election integrity leader, and I've worked with the Texas Legislature for 15 years on election laws, fighting for fair and secure elections.

Website: www.StanStanart.com

ISSUES: In the Texas House, I'll fight for property tax reform and strengthening the integrity of our elections—my two top priorities—while also supporting law enforcement, flooding infrastructure efforts and leading on conservative issues. My experience serving as Harris County Clerk and Chief Election Official, along with my relationships with Texas leaders and legislators, will make me very effective on day one in the Texas House. I'm known across Texas as a proven conservative leader who has delivered competent, conservative, and efficient government. As a former precinct chair, three-term Republican Club President, and 30-year resident of HD126, I'm ready to serve as its next State Representative.

SELECT CANDIDATE



Kelly Peterson

BACKGROUND: I have extensive experience in public service, constituent advocacy, and legislative operations. I previously served as District Director for State Representative Sam Harless, working directly with constituents, state agencies, and local governments to resolve issues and navigate state services. My professional background includes business administration, oil field consulting, real estate development, and small business ownership, including operating a dance studio serving students of all abilities. These experiences strengthened my understanding of workforce needs, special needs, and community inclusion. I am known for being organized, accessible, and solutions-focused, with a commitment to accountability and effective communication.

Website: kellypetersonfortexas.com

ISSUES: One of the most pressing issues is rising crime and ensuring residents feel safe in their communities. I will support coordinated efforts with law enforcement, prosecutors, and local officials, advocate for resources that improve response times and crime prevention, and work to strengthen victim assistance and community safety initiatives. A second key issue is managing rapid growth so infrastructure and public safety keep pace. I will work with local governments and state agencies to prioritize road improvements, drainage, and responsible development while supporting funding approaches that protect homeowners from unnecessary cost increases.

SELECT CANDIDATE

JUSTICE, 1ST COURT OF APPEALS, PLACE 3 • 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 \$184,800

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

Ethics: How will you ensure your rulings remain impartial and free from both political pressure and the interests of your campaign donors?

Equity: What role should the Supreme Court play in expanding access to justice for persons or groups who may be underserved?
Issues: What do you see as the most pressing challenge facing the courts today, and how would you propose addressing it?
Philosophy: What is your judicial philosophy?



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Todd Frankfort

QUALIFICATIONS: (I have represented hundreds of clients across Texas during my 30+ years in practice, both at the trial court and appellate court levels. I am also Board Cert. in Family Law and an Adjunct Prof of law.

ETHICS: As a Justice on the Court of Appeals, my job is to interpret the law and ensure that the trial court acted appropriately. When elected, I will follow the law 1000% of the time. Neither political pressure nor the interests of campaign donors come into play.

EQUITY: I have, through my 12+ years of service on the Houston Bar Association's Board of Directors helped both raise money for and awareness about the programs offered to those in need of legal

Website: www.frankfortforjudge.com

services.

ISSUE: Managing the growing caseloads while delivering timely, high-quality justice. I would address it by working efficiently, collaborating with colleagues, writing clear opinions, and using technology and case-management tools to ensure every appeal is decided fairly, promptly, and predictably.

PHILOSOPHY: Follow the law - regardless. My job as a Justice on the Court of Appeals will be to rule fairly under the law, not to look for ways to undo laws that may not fit my personal philosophy.

SELECT CANDIDATE



Zach Gibson

QUALIFICATIONS: I am uniquely qualified for this job. As a prosecutor, I have handled over 100 cases in the courts of appeals. I understand what the First Court does, and I will be ready to do this job on day one.

ETHICS: Judges and justices must swear an oath to “preserve, protect, and defend” the law. I am prepared to set aside any political pressures and simply do what the law requires. Living up to an ethical standard higher than the average attorney is something that I am used to. As a prosecutor, I have a duty “not to convict, but to see that justice is done.” I will take my judicial oath as seriously!

EQUITY: Reform of our legal system is usually tasked to the legislature and other policymaking bodies. I defer to them. I will show respect to all litigants.

ISSUE: Decline in the respect for our courts over the last few

Website: zachforjustice.com

years—especially in matters of criminal justice. Judges/justices are tasked with applying the law competently. If elected, I will lead by example. I will always follow what the law requires and never impose my own preferences. If all judges/justices behave this way, it will ensure confidence that our courts are places of impartial justice.

PHILOSOPHY: Courts are there to apply the law as written. Whether it is the text of a statute or the Constitution, I will look to the written text and give it a fair meaning. A justice may look to history to see how that text has been historically understood. I have written about several constitutional and statutory questions. You may see samples at zachforjustice.com

SELECT CANDIDATE

COUNTY JUDGE • REPUBLICAN PARTY

Presiding officer of Commissioners Court which has budgetary and administrative authority over all county government operations: adopts and approves the county's budget; sets tax rates; fills vacancies and appoints officials; calls for bond elections; builds and maintains county infrastructure such as roads and bridges; oversees courthouses, jails, libraries, parks and Harris County Flood Control District. Also, county's director 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.



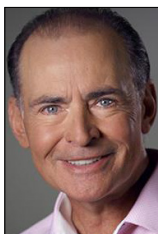
WARREN A. HOWELL

BACKGROUND: I am a lifelong Houstonian, USAF veteran, and proven business leader who has spent decades building companies, managing large teams, and delivering projects on time and on budget. As founder of Beckner-Howell Building Corp., I have led complex operations, balanced budgets, and made real-world decisions requiring accountability and results, not politics. Unlike career politicians, I understand how organizations function and have studied Harris County government in detail, including how the Commissioners Court agenda is built and controlled. I bring a clear, executable plan and stepped away from my business to focus full-time this mission to meet Harris County's need for a leader who knows how to fix systems, not just talk about them.

Website: HowellforHarrisCounty.com

ISSUES: The two most pressing issues are out-of-control spending and declining public safety. First, we must restore fiscal discipline. I will implement forensic audits across departments, restructure the Commissioners Court agenda process, and eliminate waste and duplication. By applying private-sector accountability, we will lower taxes, reduce toll burdens, and deliver services efficiently. Second, we must strengthen public safety. Crime and human trafficking remain major concerns for Harris County families. I will coordinate law enforcement agencies to improve response times, ensure officers have the resources they need, and prioritize policies that support, not undermine law enforcement. Public safety will be treated as a core responsibility.

SELECT CANDIDATE



Orlando Sanchez

BACKGROUND: 6 years Houston City Council, 12 years Harris County Treasurer, Certified County Investment Officer. Honors BA University of Houston, 18 years bank board of directors, HCA Hospital board of directors, UH Foundation board of trustees & investment committee chairman. Winner of two transparency awards in government finance. U.S. Air Force & Texas National Guard. First responder with North Channel EMS. The only candidate for county judge who has helped pass a property tax rate cut in the city of Houston earning the Political Courage Award from the Harris County Republican Party. I'm the only candidate with nearly two decades of experience at the city & Harris County. A conservative and NOT a member of the AFL-CIO & never endorsed a Democrat.

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ISSUES: 1) CRIME: Over 40% of homicides in the County remained unsolved last year, rape statistics are even worse: Sheriff's Office at 12% and HPD at around 9.9%. There are over 12,065 certified peace officers in Harris County, yet, if a citizen's life is in danger, there is no assistance from a nearby agency. Why couldn't Metro Police respond, or a nearby school district peace officer, perhaps a constable? I will create a "Public Safety District" allowing any peace officer to respond to emergencies. 2) TAXES: Stop the corruption, misuse & waste of property tax payer's money. Since 2018, when I was Harris County Treasurer, the tax rate has increased dramatically along with wasteful spending. I will fight to CUT property taxes & STOP Corruption.

SELECT CANDIDATE

HARRIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION • REPUBLICAN PARTY

The Board of Trustees acts to establish policies governing the operation of Harris County Department of Education. As a governmental body, it can take action only by majority vote at a legally called public meeting. The board elects the County Superintendent as its chief executive officer to administer the organization. 6-year term.

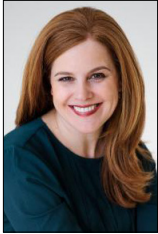
QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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.

SELECT CANDIDATE

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BEVERLY BARRETT

BACKGROUND: The qualifications and experience that make Beverly Barrett the best candidate stem from her education and professional experience as an educator and in public policy.
1) Prior she was the first program director for Literacy Texas, the statewide association that supports education through Advocacy, Networking, Resources, and Training.
2) As well, she has worked with financial literacy campaigns as public affairs representative with the Houston Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank citywide, playing a key coordinating role with community associations.
3) As a professor in management and public policy at the University of Houston, she has extensive experience in best practices.
4) Dr. Barrett worked in the White House and on Capitol Hill.

ISSUES: Beverly Barrett's extensive experience in literacy services differentiates her from other candidates. As well, serving as an educator in higher education for a decade provides Dr. Barrett with hands-on experience with issues in education. In this race, the most significant issues are 1) being a good steward of the budget for the HCDE to deliver high impact educational services and 2) ensuring that students in need receive services to support their education for special schools, therapy, and literacy/GED adult education services. Addressing these issues requires earning the trust of board members and working cooperatively with the staff across Harris County and in the 25 Independent School Districts that serve more than 800,000 students.

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SELECT CANDIDATE

COUNTY CHAIR • 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

BACKGROUND: I have been the Chairman for the past 5 years. I have been active within the Republican Party for many years - serving as the treasurer and a precinct chair. Additionally, I have held leadership roles within several Republican women's clubs. I have also run for office and served as the Bellaire Mayor for 8 years and Bellaire City Councilman for 6 years. I have the political knowledge and experience having run for office 9 times and won 8 times in addition to my understanding of the business and fundraising side of politics.

ISSUES: Raising funds for the Harris County GOP's 2026 campaign and targeting and persuading independent voters to vote for Republican candidates. Fundraising plans for the 1st quarter are already in place. We have a data-driven strategic plan that focuses on targeting and persuading certain segments of the independent vote in addition to turning out the Republican base.

SELECT CANDIDATE

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DON HOPPER

BACKGROUND: I have served as a precinct chair, member of the ballot security committee, state convention delegate, and a member of the legislative priorities committee at the 2024 state convention. My career has been dedicated to working at all levels of government to advance my business interests. I am committed to upholding conservative values and implementing President Trump's America First agenda within the county. I firmly believe that this approach will enhance our electoral prospects (including filling the ballot) and ensure a substantial voter turnout, which have been lacking in recent years. As a native Houstonian, I am dedicated to making Harris County Great Again!

Republican Party failed to recruit candidates for those positions. In November 2024, the Harris County Republican Party failed to field candidates in 12 judicial races. I will fill the ballot by working with all stakeholders and recruiting qualified Republican candidates for these critical positions.

2. Law and Order. The November 2026 campaign for Republicans in Harris County must be dedicated to restoring law and order to Harris County, including ending the O'Donnell Consent Decree, supporting ICE cooperation, and electing leaders committed to prioritizing law and order. The loss of innocent life in Harris County must end.

SELECT CANDIDATE

ISSUES: 1. Filling the Ballot. Six democrats have already won the November 2026 general election because the Harris County

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