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THINGS VOTERS SHOULD KNOW

CHANGES TO THE TEXAS ELECTION CODE ARE NOW IN EFFECT. INFORMATION AND HELPFUL VIDEOS ABOUT THESE CHANGES AND HOW THEY MIGHT AFFECT YOU MAY BE FOUND AT: LWVTexas.org

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 2 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 https://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. For more information, go to pages 3 & 4.

NEW! HARRIS COUNTY HAS NEW VOTING MACHINES

The VerityDuo system is now in use. Using the VerityDuo is a 2-step process. Step 1: Cast your ballot on the touch screen VerityDuo machine and print a copy for verification. Step 2: Take the printed copy of your ballot to the VerityScan machine to record your ballot and cast your vote. See page 3 for more information.

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. For more information, go to page 3 & 4.

NEW! YOU CAN TRACK YOUR BALLOT BY MAIL

You can now track the progress of your ballot by going to Harrisvotes.org. Click on Voting by Mail then on Mail Ballot Tracking.

INFORMATION FOR VOTERS WITH UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES

College Student away at school? Living abroad, serving in the military or a military spouse/dependent? No permanent physical residence address? Served your time and are now “off paper”? You have the right to vote! Some of the rules have changed; see more information about this on page 4.

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 2 for details about “curing” a Provisional Ballot. You may also contact the Harris County Office of the Election Administrator at 713-755-6965, the Texas Secretary of State Election 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.

ABOUT THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AND THIS VOTERS GUIDE

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization. The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. For 100 years, the League’s mission has been to support active and informed citizen participation in government. The League believes that voting is a vital part of Making Democracy Work.

The League of Women Voters of Houston publishes the Voters Guide to help each voter cast an informed vote. Inside you will find 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. This Voters Guide only covers races that will be decided by the Primary Election process. Currently only the Democratic and Republican Parties use the Primary Election process to choose their candidates for the November General Election.

The responses provided by candidates are reproduced without editing or verification. Each candidate is personally and solely responsible for the content of his/her response. Races are listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot.

Candidates running in opposed races have been asked to submit answers to questions posed by the League of Women Voters and their responses are included in this Guide.

No portion of this Voters Guide may be reproduced for use in political campaigns or advertising. Other proposed uses are permitted only with advance written authorization of the League of Women Voters of Houston.
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 passport

United States citizenship certificate containing the person’s photograph

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 https://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 7, 2022 to cure their ballot by bringing acceptable form of identification to the Harris County Elections Administrator’s Office.
Where do I vote?
During the Early Voting Period from Monday, February 14 through Friday, February 25, you may vote at any of the designated Early Voting Locations. You can find a list of Early Voting locations posted online at www.harrisvotes.com or you can call 713-755-6965.

On Election Day, Tuesday, March 1, 2022, you may now cast your ballot at the neighborhood polling place designated for your precinct or at ANY Harris County Polling Location.

There are over 700 polling places located throughout Harris County. Information about these locations is available online at www.harrisvotes.com or you can call 713-755-6965.

Please note: Your current neighborhood polling place may have changed from previous elections.

Helpful hint: Use VOTE411 or www.vote411.org for assistance.

What is VerityDuo?
VerityDuo is the new voting system for Harris County. It is a two-step voting system that provides a paper trail of your vote. At the first machine, you will view your ballot, use the touch screen to make your selections, and print your ballot. Next, take your printed ballot to the second machine where you will cast your vote. Questions? Poll workers can help or you can watch a tutorial video at www.harrisvotes.com

How can I vote?
You may vote:

- In person on Election Day at your assigned precinct's polling place or at any Harris County polling location.
- In person during the Early Voting period, Monday, February 14 through Friday, February 25, 2022.
- By mail if you are at least age 65, disabled, expecting to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day, confined in jail but still eligible to vote, or if absence from the county will prevent you from casting a ballot during the Early Voting Period and on Election Day.

What identification will be required at the Poll?
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. See page 2 for acceptable forms of ID.

Can I vote if I do not have an acceptable form of ID with me?
Voters who do not present a valid form of acceptable identification will be permitted to cast a provisional ballot. These voters have until Monday, March 7, 2022, to present acceptable identification at any office of the Harris County Office of the Election Administrator (Branch Offices: Mon.-Fri., 8:00 am-4:30 pm; Main Office/Downtown: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am-5:00 pm). This process is called “curing” a ballot. Once this and all other requirements are met, the provisional ballot must be accepted.

Are there Exemptions/Exceptions to the photo identification requirements?
Voters who have a disability may apply with the Harris County Office of the Election Administrator for a permanent exemption. The application must contain written documentation from either the U.S. Social Security Administration evidencing he or she has been determined to have a disability, or from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs evidencing a disability rating of at least 50 percent. In addition, the applicant must state that he or she has no valid form of photo identification. Those who obtain a disability exemption will be allowed to vote by presenting a voter registration certificate and new county (if you vote during the Early Voting period only). Your registration in your new county will be accepted.

What else may I take to the Poll?
If it’s handy, we recommend that you take your current blue and white Voter Registration Certificate since it contains useful voter information.

You can take this Voters Guide or other written or printed material for your personal use. Voters are not allowed to display or share any campaign material in the polling place. Voters may NOT access notes stored on electronic devices. Electronic devices, including mobile phones and tablets, may NOT be used for any purpose while at the polls.

Helpful hint: Use VOTE411 or Harrisvotes.com to create your specific ballot. Mark your selections and take the marked sample ballot to the poll to use as your personal reference.

FAST - EASY BALLOT INFORMATION JUST FOR YOU

VOTE411
Find candidate responses and ballot issues for YOUR specific ballot on VOTE411 (www.vote411.org)

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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.

FIVE QUALIFICATIONS THAT MUST BE MET BY EVERY ASPIRING VOTER IN TEXAS
Everyone who wishes to register and vote must be:
• a United States citizen
• a resident of the Texas county in which you apply
• at least 18 years old on Election Day, but you can apply to register to vote when you’re at least 17 years and 10 months old
• not finally convicted of a felony, or, if you have been convicted, you must have completed all of your sentence or received a pardon
• not determined by a final court judgment to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

HARRIS COUNTY VOTERS HAVE MANY OPTIONS THAT MAKE VOTING CONVENIENT AND ACCESSIBLE.

VOTING IN PERSON
ANY HARRIS COUNTY POLLING LOCATION CAN BE YOUR POLLING PLACE FOR EARLY VOTING OR ON ELECTION DAY. THERE WILL BE OVER 100 EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS. EARLY VOTING DATES AND TIMES APPEAR ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THIS VOTERS GUIDE. ON ELECTION DAY, VOTERS MAY CHOOSE FROM OVER 700 IN-PERSON LOCATIONS.

Find the Early Voting or Election Day location that is most convenient to you: Call 713-755-6965 OR go to https://www.harrisvotes.com/waittimes to find the location nearest to you. Bonus? By using the link, you will also be able to get updates on which locations have the shortest wait times.

VOTING BY MAIL
YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE BY MAIL IN TEXAS IF:
(1) You are age 65 or older by Election Day, March 1, 2022;
(2) You will be outside of Harris County for all of the Early Voting period (February 14 - February 25) and on Election Day (March 1);
(3) You are confined in jail but otherwise eligible to vote; or
(4) You have a disability.
(5) You are expecting to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day.

REQUESTING A BALLOT BY MAIL
Mail ballots may be requested by visiting www.harrisvotes.com or by phoning 713-755-6965. A signed paper copy of your ballot by mail request must be received no later than Friday, February 18, 2022. Requests received by fax or email will not be honored.

Helpful Hint: Keep a copy of your ballot by mail request or make a note of what ID you used on your request form. When you complete your ballot by mail, the ID that you provide on the ballot must match the ID that you provided in your request.

RETURNING A BALLOT BY MAIL
A completed mail ballot MUST be returned to the Harris County Election Administrator’s Office in the Official Carrier Envelope provided to you. It may be returned in any of the following manners:
(1) Regular residential mail via United States Postal Service; Ballot must be postmarked by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 2 (the day after Election Day)
(2) In-person drop off at Harris County Election Harris County Administration Building (1001 Preston St, Houston, Texas 77002) on Election Day only from 7 am – 7 pm
   a. You must present an acceptable form of photo identification
   b. If a voter does not possess and cannot reasonably obtain an acceptable form of photo identification, the voter may show a List B identification and complete a reasonable impediment declaration (RID) See page 2 for acceptable forms of ID
   c. Only the voter may deliver their ballot in person
(3) Common or contract carrier, such as personal courier, FedEx or UPS, or other contracted mail service
   a. Ballot must be received by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day
   b. If the carrier provides receipt mark indicating a time before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, it may be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 2 (the day after Election Day)

Helpful Hints:
1) When returning your ballot by mail, be sure to place the ballot in the carrier envelope, provide your identification number under the flap, and sign using the exact signature used on your application. 2) Be sure to use the correct postage!

RETURNING A BALLOT BY MAIL... ON ELECTION DAY, VOTERS MAY CHOOSE FROM OVER 700 IN-PERSON LOCATIONS.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT...

HOMELESS DOES NOT MEAN VOTELESS!
Can someone who is homeless or living in a shelter register to vote and cast a ballot?
Yes! Persons experiencing homelessness can register and vote in Texas, as long as they meet the five qualifications that apply to everyone.

What should a homeless person give as their residence address?
People who regularly stay at a shelter can give that shelter’s address on their voter registration form.

Does the registrant need a mailing address to vote?
Yes. However, the mailing address does not have to be the same as the residence address. The registrant can use any address where they are able to pick up mail. A post office box, shelter, helping agency, church or a friend or relative’s address are all suitable.

What forms of identification must a voter who is homeless present at the polling place in order to cast a ballot?
One of the forms of photo ID (or one of the acceptable alternative forms of identification) must be presented in order to vote. See page 2 of this Voters Guide for more details.

STUDENTS WHO ATTEND COLLEGE OUTSIDE OF HARRIS COUNTY CAN VOTE!
I am a student who is registered to vote at my family’s address, but will be on campus during the Election Season. Can I vote?
Yes! You have two options for how to vote. You can:
• Return home to vote on Election Day or during the Early Voting period (there are weekend hours for Early Voting)
• Vote by mail. If your school address is outside Harris County. Please refer to the instructions for requesting and returning a Ballot by Mail above.

Can I vote where I attend school?
Yes! You simply register to vote where you attend school, then you will follow the local election guidelines and calendar to vote. (For students attending school outside of Texas: You will be subject to the laws and regulations of the state where you are in school. Check that state’s Office of the Secretary of State or the local voter registrar for more information.)

Helpful Hint: If you register to vote where you attend school, check the county voter registrar’s website to confirm that your registration application has been processed and you are in the database of registered voters.

PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED? OFF PAPER? YOU CAN VOTE!
I have a felony conviction. Can I register to vote and cast a ballot?
Yes! In the state of Texas, your right to vote is restored immediately upon completion of your sentence, including parole and probation, in addition to any fines/costs, or restitution. You must be “off paper,” and meet the five qualifications that apply to all voters.

What do I need to do to “restore my vote”?
You just have to register to vote by the election deadline! If you were registered to vote before the felony conviction, you will need to register to vote again.

I know someone who is awaiting trial in county jail. Can they vote before they are sentenced?
Yes! As long as they are not on parole or probation and do not have any fines related to another offense, they can vote while in county jail. They will need to request a Ballot by Mail be sent to the jail if they expect to be there when elections are held.

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY AND AMERICANS LIVING OVERSEAS CAN VOTE!
Can I vote if I am in the military or living overseas?
Yes! Harris County registered voters who are temporarily out of the country and wish to vote, may complete the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) online. This type of application is limited to:
• A member of the U.S. Armed Forces, their spouse or a dependent;
• A member of the U.S. Merchant Marines, their spouse or a dependent;
• A U.S. citizen domiciled in Harris County, Texas, but temporarily living outside the territorial limits of the United States.

Please go to: www.harrisvotes.com or call 713-755-6965 for more detailed information.
HOW THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ASSEMBLES THE VOTERS GUIDE

The League of Women Voters of Houston contacts all candidates in contested races for the following offices: US House of Representatives, Texas Senate, Texas House, Criminal and Civil District Court, Criminal and Civil County Court at Law, County Judge and Commissioners Court, County Clerk, County Treasurer, District Clerk, County Board of Education Trustee, Justice of the Peace and County Party Chair. These candidates are asked to respond to our candidate questionnaire with biographical information and answers to questions about important issues. Statewide candidates and candidates serving jurisdictions that cross county lines are contacted by the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Each candidate’s response is reproduced exactly as submitted without editing or verification. Each candidate is personally and solely responsible for the content of his/her response. Candidates are advised that their responses are character limited. Candidates who fail to respond to our invitation to participate in the Voters Guide are listed with the notation, “No response received.” Candidates without a photo did not submit one.

The League of Women Voters does not request responses from unopposed candidates. Names of unopposed candidates are listed in the Voters Guide, followed by the notation “Unopposed.”

Candidates are advised that the League of Women Voters reserves the right not to print obscenities, slurs, or egregious personal attacks.

Candidates and races are listed in the order in which they will appear on the official ballot published by the Harris County Clerk in cooperation with the Democratic and Republican Parties.

Candidates seeking nominations in other political parties are not included in this Voters Guide because they are not nominated during this Primary Election.

WHY ARE JUDICIAL ELECTIONS IMPORTANT?
Judges make decisions about fundamental issues that affect all of us — family life, education, health-care, 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.

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.

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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 2022 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. Contact information for all Harris County political parties can be found on page XX.

5 SIMPLE STEPS TO VIEW YOUR SPECIFIC BALLOT ONLINE

2. Select English, Spanish, Vietnamese or Chinese.
3. Click on ꓘ
g4. Enter your name, your address or your Voter Registration Certificate Number.
5. Click on “Search.” Your precinct number, name, address, polling location and the words “Sample Ballot” will appear. 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.

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DUNCAN F. KLUSSMANN (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: I am the only candidate in the race with experience as a classroom teacher, school principal, and superintendent of schools. The 38th Congressional District is where I lived and worked for decades. I know the joys to be celebrated and the challenges that need our most urgent attention. Marissa and I raised our family here. It’s the place where I honed my skills as a leader, a problem-solver, and public servant — skills that are sorely needed in Washington, DC.

ISSUES: Getting the superlaw in moving, tackling inflation, and promoting jobs should be Congress’ number one priority. We also need to continue to expand access to healthcare by expanding Medicaid to nearly 1.2 million Texans who qualify and we must bring down drug costs by allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices and by placing an out-of-pocket cap for prescription drugs for anyone on Medicare. And finally, flood mitigation will always be a top priority of mine. The Addicks and Barker Reservoirs are located in the 38th Congressional District. I will work to make sure the improvements projects on these two important pieces of infrastructure move forward.

Occupation: Clinical Assistant Professor and Small Business Owner | Education: University of Texas at Austin - BBA in Finance and International Business; Stephen F. Austin State University - M.Ed; Sellon Hall University - Ed.D | Website: http://www.duncanfortexas.com

Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/duncanfortexas | Twitter: twitter.com/duncanfortexas | Email: duncanfortexas@gmail.com

DIANA MARTINEZ ALEXANDER (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: Outside of school, I have worked as an activist & community organizer. In the summer of 2021, I organized writing of 6000+ postcards to protect the time period for early voting. Remove restrictions on Church organized voter turnout efforts and restrictions on Church organized voter transportation. Enable Church based voter registration and efforts to register their parishioners and deliver them to the polls. Enforce a uniform early voting law.

ISSUES: Voting Rights - Specifically address the need for equal access to the polls for voters by identifying areas where uniformity in administering guidelines doesn’t exist, polling locations are purposely moved or changed, marginalizing voters in the mail voting process by removing “glocha” checkpoints on mail in ballots. Supporting women’s rights to choose for their health and well being what they will do with their bodies and providing safe and needed access to resources to assist them in making the right personal choices for themselves.

Occupation: Educator | Education: Ms. Alexander graduated with a BA in interdisciplinary Studies from California State University Los Angeles, a Master of Arts in Multicultural Urban Special Education from UCI, and completed certification for Educational Diagnostician and Principal | Website: http://www.diannatexas.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/diannatexas | Twitter: twitter.com/diannatexas | Email: diana@dianafortexas.com | Phone: (832) 827-3515 | Address: 12027 Regency Square Blvd. Suite 260-03 Houston, TX 77036

Twitter: twitter.com/dianafortexas

RICH WAKELAND (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: Licensed Engineer & Attorney & Business Owner; Policy Advisor to Commissioner Anderson, Public Utility Commission of Texas April 2013 - April 2018; Retired nuclear submarine Navy Reserve Captain w/ 4 Commands; Power generation and ERCOT expert.

ELECTIONS: Trust but verify! Make registration simple, secure and verifiable. Increase the time period for early voting. Remove restrictions on Church organized voter turnout efforts and restrictions on Church organized voter transportation. Enable Church based efforts to register their parishioners and deliver them to the polls.

POWER GRID: Reliability can be achieved by a balance of thermal & renewable generation coupled with grid and generation testing. Since 2015 ERCOT has lost 3,000 MW of thermal generation while experiencing growth of over 17,000 MW of wind & solar. An 83%-17% thermal to renewable ratio provides reliability and allows Texas to satisfy the EPA’s Clean Power Plan goals. Invest in Texas!

HEALTH CARE: U.S. Supreme Court Decisions establish the law of the land, whether or not one agrees with the decisions. Attempts by states to subvert or undermine those decisions are a direct attack on the U.S. Constitution. Women must have the right to control their own bodies. Texas must build an economic wall, not a physical wall. If we make them pay to be in Texas, we will reduce illegal immigration. Don’t wait on the Feds, Texas can take its own economic action.

Website: http://wakeandfortexas.com
GOVERNOR • DEMOCRATIC PARTY (CONTINUED)

BETO O’ROURKE (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: Beto O’Rourke is a fourth-generation Texan, born and raised in El Paso where he has served as a small business owner, a city council member and a member of Congress. He founded Powered by People, a Texas-based voting rights and service organization.
ELECTIONS: We can’t have fair, safe, and secure elections if our laws are designed to make it harder for communities of color to vote. We must repeal SB1 and then pass online and same-day voter registration, establish nonpartisan redistricting commissions, require the convenient and fair allocation of voting sites, and expand eligible forms of voter ID.
POWER GRID: To ensure power for all Texans we must weatherize all elements of the grid – including gas supply, connect to the national grid, provide backup generation at critical facilities like nursing homes, invest in targeted energy efficiency programs, starting with low-income Texans most in need of ratepayer assistance, and provide immediate relief and protection for ratepayers.
Website: http://www.betotorice.com

JOY DIAZ (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: Learned about public service from missionary parents who served people who lived in garbage dumps in MX City Former public school teacher & public radio reporter who learned about the intricacies of TX from the stories of Texans Graduated UT’s LBJWICS/ELECTIONS: In a Joy Diaz administration, we will ensure that everyone who is entitled to vote, has access to safe and secure elections. Recent restrictions in Texas affect families like mine. My husband is a naturalized US citizen - the perfect target for some of the state’s recent voter purges that only serve to intimidate and even suppress the vote. Those laws have to go.
POWER GRID: We need to ensure fines to companies that don’t winterize are not symbolic—meaning, fines are not cheaper than winterization. At the moment, they’re a cheap loop-hole. Texas’ focus ought to be - first - to protect the lives of Texans. The interest of for-profit companies should be second. To ensure oversight, the PUC board can’t be made up solely of political appointees.
HEALTH CARE: As a woman who has gone through all her reproductive cycles & as the only woman on the Dem ticket running for governor - my goal is for every woman in TX to have access to an array of options - from free and easy access to contraceptions to - if necessary - abortions. She and her doctor are the only ones who can decide over her reproductive life. The disrespect stops now.
Website: http://texasneedsojoy.com

INOCENCIO (INNO) BARRIENTEZ (D) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

MICHAEL COOPER (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: I was the President of the Southeast Texas Toyota Dealers association when I secured the naming rights of the Toyota Center. If we’re the Houston Rockets play. My team had great confidence that I could secure the more than 100 million $ contract.
ELECTIONS: I was arrested in Washington DC fighting for voter suppression bills that are now Law. As Governor I will beto those bills and call special sessions to revoke those bills.
POWER GRID: It is common sense Governing as we just do the required maintenance. The current Governor is so focused on not working with a Democratic President. We should do repairs beyond what the federal Government requires. The same oil and gas companies made millions on Texans that donated 1 million in to his campaign.
HEALTH CARE: Again I have skin in the game as I arrested protesting in the streets of DC, against the heart beat bill. As a person that studied the HIPPA LAWS as I achieved my Masters in Psychology I found out that your medical issues are private and no one else’s concerns. As Governor I will work to turn that law.
IMMIGRATION: It is the federal Governments job to secure the boarder. We can work alongside them, but we should not spend 250 million dollars on a fence that does not work. We need to spend any extra money or donated money on teachers pay raise, repairing Dilapidated schools and money for pre-K for all children. We should make all remaining non-citizens - citizens sooner than later.
AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT: If a State or local official is not acting in kind towards the citizens, I believe we would never had integrated schools if it were not for the federal Government forcing Governor Wallace to allow Blacks in all white schools. In Texas we are run by a Republican Party does not recognize all people equal. The federal Government should pass the John Lewis voters act to help.
Website: http://Www.cooper2022

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MICHELLE BECKLEY (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: I was elected to the Texas Legislature in 2018 and became the first Democrat to ever represent District 65 in Denton County. I said I would fight for healthcare, education, and the environment and did. This led to an improved margin win in 2020.

POWER GRID: The 87th legislature did not do enough. Texas needs to reverse the course of deregulation and consider the option of connecting back to the national grid. El Paso & Texarkana did not lose power like the rest of the state, both are connected to the national grid.

AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Texas has been controlled by the GOP for over 25 years. State officials are running amuck due to checks & balances that no longer exist. The federal government needs to address the Voting Rights Bills. We saw our freedom to vote diluted as well as extreme gerrymandering in 2021. The state government should not interfere with local health regulations.

HEALTH CARE: What is your position on reproductive rights and how would you address the economic and health consequences for those who seek and cannot obtain abortions in Texas?

PRIORITY: As Attorney General, what would be your highest priorities for the next four years, and how do you intend to accomplish them?

Website: http://www.michellebeckley.com

CARLA BRAILEY (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: I have served Texas as an educator, advocate, and Texas Democratic Party Vice-chair as a champion of people and working families. Equity in education, economics, opportunity, and justice is the best way to move Texas forward for all.

POWER GRID: We must fully weatherize our grid to prepare for extreme weather conditions. We need to build back the ERCOT (Electric Reliability Coordinator) and prepare all of Texas for climate change. We must build better oversight, accountability, and transparency to insure Texans from another failure.

AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT: It is the responsibility of each government entity to work together for the benefit of the people that they serve. I live and serve in a representative democracy and to limit the authority of a government

Website: http://carlaforloneastexas.com

MIKE COLLIER (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: Mike spent his career as a CPA and an auditor at PriceWaterhouseCoopers before becoming a CFO of a Texas energy company, helping create good-paying jobs. His experience as an accountant gives him a deep understanding of how our state's budget works.

POWER GRID: For years, our state leaders were warned about the grid's vulnerability and did nothing. As a result, Texans froze, Texans died, and corporations got rich. We must winterize our gas supply, invest in smart grid technology, and increase power storage. We must also ensure that Texas families do not pay more when companies pay less for an unreliable

Website: http://CollierforTexas.com

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 SALARY: $153,700

QUALIFICATIONS: What is your position on reproductive rights and how would you address the economic and health consequences for those who seek and cannot obtain abortions in Texas?

IMMIGRATION: What is the role of the state government in enforcing immigration laws?

PRIORITY: As Attorney General, what would be your highest priorities for the next four years, and how do you intend to accomplish them?

S. “TBONE” RAYNOR (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: Fresh out of SMU Law School, I became General Counsel at a nationwide fl nancial group involved in hundreds of lawsuits. I javanied many Sec. of State. Managed two Pro Bono Legal Clinics. General Practice. I believe in balancing Science and Economics.

ELECTIONS: The A.G. needs to promote access and justice allowing each citizen to vote and for each vote to count equally. Five years ago, I donated $10,000 to The Carter Center for election monitoring. A.G.’s role is not to subvert democracy wasting millions. A role of the A.G. should be to help unvaccinated disabled citizens get current ID’s through home visits so they can vote.

HEALTH CARE: U.S. Judges go to Texas to hear children's- all 250 Texas facilities failed; Texas declined billions in Federal tax dollars for basic health care for millions of Texans who then clog our ER’s when worried parents could have taken their kids to an Internist. I have protected children in CPS, assisted adopting parents. I support Planned Parenthood.

IMMIGRATION: United Methodist ministers got me to start a pro bono immigration clinic, Justice For Our Neighbors, staffed with SMU law students from all over the world. We ethically helped some folks but turned away others. My firm has assisted school Superintendents for years. The immigration system is broken and the border a mess. I would follow Federal laws tempered with mercy.

PRIORITY: Choosing what laws to enforce using Micah 6.8, not through political corruption requiring loyalty oaths of Collin County Judges. Using the Courts/media to fairly reduce jail populations by mental health treatment; foster care sanctions using churches who have successful people who know how to help; our property taxes. Jail people committing fraud; collect child support.

Website: http://www.leemerritttexas.com/

LEE MERRITT (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent my legal career doing the work of the “people’s lawyer” and running one of the leading constitutional firms in the country. My work has been recognized by Our Revolution, NAACP, ACLU, Innocence Project, National Bar Association, and SPLC ELECTIONS: I am committed to engaging more voters, fighting gerrymandering, providing felons with the right to vote, making election day a federal holiday, providing drive through voting, and opposing voter ID legislation. I would also challenge voter suppression laws using, inter alia, the Americans with Disabilities Act.

HEALTH CARE: I.U.S. Judges go to Texas to hear children’s- all 250 Texas facilities failed; Texas declined billions in Federal tax dollars for basic health care for millions of Texans who then clog our ER’s when worried parents could have

Website: http://www.leemerritttexas.com/
ATTORNEY GENERAL - DEMOCRATIC PARTY

MIKE FIELDS (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: I am a former Harris County Assistant District Attorney, former Assistant Texas Attorney General and Retired Judge of twenty years. I have a Criminal Justice degree from Texas State University and a Law Degree from St. Mary’s Law School.
ELECTIONS: The Attorney General should ensure that all laws passed concerning voting rights and redistricting pass Constitutional muster. If they don’t, the AG should work to see that they do.
HEALTH CARE: I firmly believe all persons, even those who choose to make the difficult decision of terminating a pregnancy, are “pro-life.” Suggesting otherwise is unfair and offensive. Women should have free access to reproductive care and a Constitutionally protected right to make their own reproductive decisions. The AG should fight to make that right a reality.
IMMIGRATION: Federal laws should be left to the federal government. The full faith and credit of the United States depends heavily on the consistent application of our federal laws. When individual States interfere in the consistent application of our laws, the entire Nation suffers.
PRIORITIES: Texas is seeing unprecedented population and economic growth due, in large part, to our business friendly laws. My highest priority would be to ensure that laws regarding voting, equal rights, reproductive rights and civil rights for all, including the LGBT community, continue to encourage that growth.
Website: http://www.mikefieldstxorg.com

ATTORNEY GENERAL

JOE JAWORSKI (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: Licensed Texas attorney; 30 years’ experience in trial/appellate litigation in TX state and federal courts. TX mediator; 8 years local gov't. experience: councilmember, mayor pro tem and mayor of Galveston,TX. Mentored by my grandfather Leon Jaworski.
ELECTIONS: I will form a voter access unit from the ashes of the AG’s fake voter fraud division because TX voters should turn to the AG’s office when their voting rights are suppressed. District and County attorneys may initiate fraud prosecution to keep our elections safe, but access is the key. I will ensure principals are registering high school seniors. Elec. Code 13.046(d)
HEALTH CARE: I support the Rule of Law set forth in Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood vs. Casey. Abortion should remain legal and available before fetal viability outside the mother’s womb. Government should get out of the way of family planning rights before and will do so as TX AG.
IMMIGRATION: Immigration enforcement falls under federal jurisdiction. As an immigration attorney & border native, I understand the complexities of our immigration system. I have litigated against bad policies, like Remain in Mexico, that have created a humanitarian crisis at the border. Texas’ enforcement efforts at the border are unconstitutional, wasteful and only worsen the issue.
PRIORITIES: As AG, I will fight for our Texas families. This means protecting constitutional rights, including voting & abortion rights; consumer protection, so our energy grid doesn’t fail; and prioritizing public health, so municipalities & schools can work together to keep people in the middle of a pandemic and our rural communities have the infrastructure they need, like clean drinking water.
Website: http://www.JaworskiForTexas.com

ATTORNEY GENERAL

ROCHELE MERCEDES GARZA (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: I have experience in immigration, family, criminal, and constitutional law. My work has resulted in the “Garza Notice,” a requirement that teens in immigration detention have a right to access abortion, reinforcing a constitutional right nationwide.
ELECTIONS: As AG, I will dismantle the wasteful “election integrity unit” — which is really about enforcing the GOP’s voter suppression measures, instead of protecting voting rights — and replace it with a voter protection unit under a fully funded civil rights department. I will ensure voting rights are protected, not undermined, especially for voters of color.
HEALTH CARE: Abortion care is health care, and health care is a human right. Reproductive choice is a moral imperative and an issue of racial, economic, and gender justice. I’m committed to restoring abortion access in TX and defending the rights of women and pregnant people anywhere they’re threatened. I’ve defended reproductive rights before and will do so as TX AG.
IMMIGRATION: Immigration before and after arrival is a humanitarian crisis. Texas’ enforcement efforts at the border are unconstitutional, wasteful and only worsen the issue.
PRIORITIES: As AG, I will fight for our Texas families. This means protecting constitutional rights, including voting & abortion rights; consumer protection, so our energy grid doesn’t fail; and prioritizing public health, so municipalities & schools can work together to keep people in the middle of a pandemic and our rural communities have the infrastructure they need, like clean drinking water.
Website: http://RochelleGarzaForTexas.com

COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS - DEMOCRATIC PARTY

FOUR-YEAR TERM. THE COMPTROLLER IS THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE STATE: COLLECTS STATE TAXES AND FEES; PAYS THE STATE’S BILLS; PROVIDES REVENUE ESTIMATES TO THE LEGISLATURE; CERTIFIES THE BUDGET, REPORTS THE CONDITION OF THE STATE’S FINANCES; AND PROVIDES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE BUSINESSES. CURRENT SALARY: $153,750

JANET T. DUDDING (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: I’m a certified public accountant (CPA) who’s spent my adult life in governmental accounting, auditing, administration and even investigations.
RAINY DAY FUND: Government Finance Officers Association recommends a minimum of 2 months of regular revenue or regular expenditures be maintained in a rainy day fund. Typically, rainy day monies mitigate the risk of unstable revenues or unexpected expenditures. Natural disasters fall into the second category. The state of Texas’ general obligation debt currently is rated Aaa/AAA/AAA/AAA.
TAXES: The Texas Legislature added $6.5 billion dollars in funding to public schools in 2019. Yet per a 2021 SPLC report, Texas currently ranks 40th in the nation. New revenue streams are needed. Legalizing adult-use cannabis could bring $1 billion in tax revenue (and decriminalization could save $300 million). Look at “green” taxes to build revenue streams from green energy.
FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS: Regarding infrastructure, Texas should accept the $35 billion of federal Infrastructure and Jobs Act dollars. With fuel efficient vehicles, it would be interested to look at creating a revenue stream from alternative fuels to maintain roads. Public school employees in all but ~12 school districts do not participate in social security and they should. Find the money.
PRIORITIES: Comptroller has the bully pulpit on how our money is spent. Expanding comp mental health & healthcare to 1.4 million adult Texans saves $100 million in state tax and our property taxes. Work with local governments re broadband as a local utility, keeping the costs down and creating an income stream. Work with state agencies, reduce methane emissions on state property.
Website: http://janeTdudding.com

TIM MAHONEY (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: Trained as a journalist in the 1970’s (Texas Observer and DMN), went to the LBJ School of Public Affairs (UT-Austin) in the 1980’s, then to Law School. I have been a practicing attorney since 1992.
RAINY DAY FUND: The Rainy Day fund was set up as a tool to smooth out a revenue source: oil and gas related tax collections. The Fund is not designed to correct chronic instability in revenue streams. It requires a sustained regional interest.
TAXES: The proper balance between tax revenues and the proper funding of state government has been a wrecking ball. Texas officials have played a game of hide and seek regarding tax revenues and the adequate funding of state government for decades, especially including public schools. We need to break out of the secret codes and share information with our fellow Texans.
FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS: Long-term financial obligations are not filtered through the legislative process, partly because the Legislature does not care, and the Comptroller has been complicit with that intentionality. Building more powerful regional information structures can thwart the inaction of the Legislature. Building long term policy changes requires a sustained regional interest.
PRIORITIES: The Texas Comptroller is the largest public data center in Texas, and we should begin to produce information in a transparent form that enhances every region in Texas. If we understand that there is more power in collaboration than in division, we can begin to build a Texas government that belongs to all Texans. Our Redistricting process should result in compact districts.
Website: http://www.TimMahoneyCampaign.org
COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS • DEMOCRATIC PARTY (Continued)

ANGEL LUIS VEGA (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: I am a purpose-driven professional offering over 20 years in business strategy, finance, operations, managing multimillion-dollar budgets, and large groups of people. Bachelor’s in Business Administration & Master in Management & Leadership.

RAINY DAY FUND: We should increase the fund to 25 billion & allocate 1.75 to 2 billion annually. The primary purpose of these funds should be for natural disasters and recession to support our communities, support people keeping their homes, adequately fund our schools, support any healthcare crisis, provide food assistance and guarantee public safety.

TAXES: Suppose we focus on boosting Texas entrepreneurship, attracting new business opportunities, eliminating the corporate tax loopholes, and reducing the unemployment rate to under 3%. In that case, the proper balance of tax revenue could be at 145 billion. For the spending budget, 140 billion annually, including public school funding and health care.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS: We need to have a transparent tax administration. Be effective in forecasting, identifying the fundamental long-term obligations, putting our community first without eliminating essential funds for our public school teachers, employees, retirees, and community programs. Invest strategically, attract more business ventures to the state and legalize recreational marijuana.

PRIORITIES: I would focus on transparency, accountability, efficiency, optimizing the office’s capabilities, boosting entrepreneurship, attracting new business opportunities, thriving jobs, and reducing unemployment under 3%. Guarantee retirement security & protect pensions. I will make decisions in the interest of all the people of Texas, not the special interest groups.

Website: http://www.angelvega.com

COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL LAND OFFICE • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

FOUR-YEAR TERM, AS HEAD OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, THE COMMISSIONER MANAGES STATE LANDS, INCLUDING OIL AND GAS PROPERTIES (WHICH SUPPLY FUNDS TO THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND) AND THE ALAMO. THE COMMISSIONER CHAIRS THE VETERANS LAND BOARD, WHICH ADMINisters PROGRAMS FOR TEXAS VETERANS, AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF TEXAS’ COAST. OTHER STATE BOARDS CHAIRED INCLUDE THE SCHOOL LAND BOARD AND THE COASTAL COORDINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE. CURRENT SALARY $140,938

JINNY SUH (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: Strong science background (B.S., M.S. biology), former teacher, licensed attorney, small business owner, years as community organizer and advocate at Texas legislature, working mom of 2 young children, proven record of fighting for what’s right.

ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS: State agencies should not play politics with the lives and livelihoods of Texans. Distribution of disaster relief funds should be managed with everyday Texans who need it the most treated as the priority. No Texan should be waiting for years with a tarp roof due to unfair biases, mismanagement, and inaction.

THE ALAMO: History should not be politicized or used by state leaders to score political points. The story the Alamo tells must be a full and honest history based on facts, evidence, and the standard academic understanding. That story includes the perspective, contributions, and experiences of all individuals involved—Anglo, Tejano, Mexican, Black, and indigenous peoples.

COASTAL PLANNING: There is a lot to be done with our infrastructure in the coastal areas, including better construction to protect and restore our coastline and wetlands in combination with a robust scientific program. I also want to work with other organizations, NGOs, and government agencies that specialize in coastal wetland management, such as NOAA and Project Drawdown.

PRIORITIES: I aim to bring all stakeholders to the table to craft proactive solutions including incentivizing development of renewables, preparing our state for weather disasters, and increasing funding for public schools by maximizing revenue generated by state contracts and advocating for an increase in the amount directed to the Permanent School Fund.

Website: http://www.jinnyhurstexas.com

MICHAEL LANGE (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: See website. 40 years of small and large business, senior experience. GLO Budget is $3.4 Billion. 800 Staff. Managed large, diversified groups with intensive risk, investment and leadership skills. City Knowledge/Rural Wisdom. Skillset to serve.

ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS: Federal Funds Allocation should be prioritized by where people are suffering the most from the disaster. It is never a political decision. It is a human needs decision. Disaster Priorities are based on human needs. When people get hurt by disasters, they need immediate help to rebuild and more. The people who need it the most get it first. Prioritize according to need.

THE ALAMO: The Alamo is the Shrine of Texas Liberty and an essential part of the Spirit of Texas. The Alamo Defenders gave up their tomorrows so we could have Better Lives today. Most of the Alamo Defenders were immigrants, like my family. People forget that. The Alamo is the symbol of Texas, the world knows. To be preserved for future generations.

COASTAL PLANNING: Our Coast is at constant risk. Each disaster can alter the shape of the land, sometimes dramatically. We need to reinforce/enhance the natural barriers that balance nature and the environment. The eco-system is critical and must be maintained. We need to prevent construction that reduces the effectiveness of these natural barriers and erodes the coast. Be prepared always!


Website: http://LANGEFORLAND.com

SANDRAGRACE MARTINEZ (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: My expertise in trauma informed care, crisis management, my in-depth understanding of the legislative process, and the desire for educating my community, is a passion that has equipped me with the necessary skills to perform these duties.

ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS: Establish meaningful partnerships with all local governments and develop comprehensive insights on potential strains in our communities, is how we can pro-actively begin to manage and prioritize effectively.

Mitigating and allocating relief from a natural disaster will depend on the areas hit, the risk, investment and leadership skills. City Knowledge/Rural Wisdom. Skillset to serve.

THE ALAMO: When I visit other cities or a different country, and I tour their historical structures and monuments, my initial questions are always, ‘how did it get here, who owned it?’ We are doing the same with the Alamo, who owns it, who built it, and why?” In essence, the story of the Alamo can only begin at that point due to chronological logic, so by default the story will have to involve explanations on how that evolved.

COASTAL PLANNING: Our Texas Ports alone, have an impact of nearly 1.8 million jobs and generate somewhere around $102 billion in personal income, so the protection of our coastline is imperative for supporting the financial well-being of citizens, and projects along the Coastline must provide the required maintenance, development, and improvements to sustain those areas.

PRIORITIES: Disaster readiness and prevention with fine tuning the logistics involved are paramount. Honoring our Veterans with the same level of devotion and allegiance that they made to this country; and applying that same devotion to their benefits and enhancing the care and support they receive.

Website: http://www.sandragrace4texans.com/

JAY KLEBERG (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: I grew up working on the King Ranch and have spent my whole career in conservation. I served as the Associate Director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation, and now I own a land-based conservation business and work in environmental education.

ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS: I would use the GLO’s discretion to administer federal funds to ensure that dense, urban areas are not penalized and that damage claims for lower income homeowners and renters are not ignored. I would also send teams into damaged communities to ensure the timely disbursement of FEMA funds and application for longer-term allocation of funds.

THE ALAMO: The Alamo is a symbol of Texas and Texano pride and we should honor the contributions to the state. We should also consider the role of early Black Texans and slavery in Texas’ history, as well as indigenous groups who inhabited the site for centuries. As for the battle, the GLO should tell the comprehensive story and honor the facts of those historic events.

COASTAL PLANNING: The GLO will incorporate climate change modeling into the Coastal Management Plan, which will increase the standard for all federal and state investments on the coast. These higher standards would be applied to the Coastal Resiliency Master Plan and the $30 billion Coastal Spine. These standards would also maximize investments with GOMESA, NRDA, CEPPA and HUDD-CDBG funds.

PRIORITIES: My top priorities for the next four years are to adequately fund Texas schools through the General Land Office’s contribution to the Permanent School Fund, address the effects of climate change and diversify our state’s energy portfolio to strengthen our grid, and to prepare for future natural disasters by fortifying our coast and other vulnerable areas of our state.

Website: http://jay4tx.com
**COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE • DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

**FOUR-YEAR TERM. THE AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER’S PRINCIPAL JOB IS PROMOTING TEXAS AGRICULTURE. IN THAT CAPACITY, THE COMMISSIONER FACILITATES TRADE AND MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS; REGULATES WEIGHTS AND MEASURES; REGULATES PESTICIDE USE; CERTIFIES ORGANICALLY PRODUCED PRODUCTS; ADMINISTERS THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS; PROVIDES FINANCIAL HELP TO FARMERS; AND HELPS SOLVE ISSUES RELATED TO NATURAL DISASTERS. CURRENT SALARY $140,938**

**QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

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

**IMMIGRATION:** Immigrants have been a vital part of the agricultural industry in Texas. How would you balance the needs of Texas agriculture with federal immigration policy?

**WATER RESOURCES:** As water resources become more scarce, how do we balance the needs of farmers and the growing demands of urban areas?

**OPPORTUNITIES:** In your opinion, what are the opportunities for the growth of agriculture in Texas? What can we do now to ensure that Texas can capitalize on these future opportunities?

**PRIORITIES:** What are the three most challenging issues for Texas farmers for the next four years, and what are your plans for dealing with number one on your list?

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**SUSAN HAYS (D)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As an attorney raised in and around agriculture with decades of Texas government experience, I am adept at analyzing then solving problems. With my servant’s heart, I will be dedicated to public service, helping farmers, and improving food quality.

**IMMIGRATION:** Federal immigration policy is broken and needs to be torn down to the studs. We need to be honest about that fact that Texas agriculture needs the labor. As commissioner, I will advocate to transform a policy driven by our economic needs and implemented with humanitarian principles and compassion— just like we learned in Sunday School.

**WATER RESOURCES:** The Republicans have failed to even try to solve this problem. The Department of Agriculture (TDA) can research & promote sustainable practices and less-thirsty crops, but must work across agencies such as the Land Office, the Water Development Board, local water districts & others, and with the Legislature for a comprehensive plan to protect water quality and supply.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Texas ag can flourish by growing more fruits, vegetables & high-value crops. California produces more than 90% of U.S. fruits and vegetables— too many eggs in one basket. We need to diversify & support small & medium size operators. Cannabis should be legalized & regulated to protect public health & safety giving Texans an opportunity to share in the economic opportunity.

**PRIORITIES:** Economic survival, rural health care & climate change—and they are intertwined. I will look for opportunities, analyze the data, advocate to the USDA to change counter-productive policies, and help producers find a path to prosperity & environmental sustainability. Failing rural hospitals are an existential threat to rural communities and must be saved.

[Website: http://www.hays4ag.com]

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**ED IRESON (D)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I’m a businessman, new father, and proud Texan. My family has been running cattle in Brazos County for 130 years and I’ve worked with Texas ranchers to help sell their beef direct to consumers across the state.

**IMMIGRATION:** If ranchers and farmers can’t hire enough workers to meet market demands, we all suffer. I’ll advocate for an immediate expansion of the H-2A visa program, so that we can alleviate labor shortages to help counteract the supply chain constraints faced by all Texans.

**WATER RESOURCES:** Texan farmers and Texan city-dwellers are deeply interconnected. The food, wood, raw materials, and water that comes from our rural environments are critical to the urban lifestyle. As Ag Commissioner, I’ll support programs that work with farmers to promote efficiency around their water use, including crop rotations and rotational grazing for livestock.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** The Texas Dept of Agriculture oversees rural infrastructure grants and the development of rural internet services. We need roads, bridges, waterways, and internet connectivity in order to have a strong future for our agricultural sector. We must invest wisely so that the State of Texas provides infrastructure for all Texans, but especially ranchers and farmers.

**PRIORITIES:** 1) Infrastructure 2) Supporting the next generation of farmers and ranchers 3) Access to financial and grant opportunities for rural Texans Our infrastructure is both expensive and slow — livestock trailers stuck in traffic jams because of failing roads and bridges, and slow or no internet in the homes of our young Texans limiting their educational opportunities.

[Website: http://edfortexas.com]

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**RAILROAD COMMISSIONER • DEMOCRATIC 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 SALARY: $140,937**

**LUKE WARFORD (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED**

**JUSTICE, TEXAS SUPREME COURT • DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

**SIX-YEAR TERM. A JUSTICE IS ONE OF THE NINE-MEMBER SUPREME COURT, WHICH ISSUES FINAL DECISIONS ON CIVIL AND JUVENILE APPEALS, ISSUES CERTAIN ORDERS TO GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS TO ACT AND TO INDIVIDUALS TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT, AND HAS JURISDICTION OVER ORDERS OR JUDGEMENTS OF TRIAL COURTS, IF THE SUPREME COURT DETERMINES THEM IMPORTANT TO THE JURISPRUDENCE OF THE STATE. CURRENT MEDIAN SALARY: $291,600**

**JUSTICE, TEXAS SUPREME COURT, PLACE 3**

**ERIN A. NOWELL (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED**

**JUSTICE, TEXAS SUPREME COURT, PLACE 5**

**AMANDA REICHEK (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED**

**JUSTICE, TEXAS SUPREME COURT, PLACE 9**

**JULIA MALDONADO (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED**

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**JUDGE, TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS • DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

**SIX-YEAR TERM. A MEMBER OF THE NINE-MEMBER COURT WHICH HAS FINAL JUDGEMENT IN ALL CRIMINAL CASES. THE COURT MUST REVIEW ALL CASES IN WHICH THE DEATH PENALTY IS ASSESSED. IT ALSO EXERCISES DISCRETIONARY REVIEW IN OTHER CRIMINAL CASES AND ISSUES ORDERS TO GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS TO ACT AND INDIVIDUALS TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT. CURRENT MEDIAN SALARY: $193,290**

**JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 5**

**DANA HUFFMAN (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED**

**JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 6**

**ROBERT JOHNSON (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED**
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. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE NOT PAID, BUT RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE COURSE OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- QUALIFICATIONS: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?
- CHARTER SCHOOLS: What is the impact of new independent charter school networks on the funding for local public schools? And is there anything you would do to change that impact?
- INCLUSIVE EDUCATION: As the developer of Texas public school curriculum, how would you ensure a comprehensive history education that addresses the needs of all students?

CORETTA MALLETT-FONTENOT (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: I have served Houston ISD for 23 years. My Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees are in education. Currently, I am pursuing my doctorate in education, I have served as the District Advisory Committee Co-chair and am a former Campus Teacher of the Year.
CHARTER SCHOOLS: The Basic Allotment for each student enrolled in a public school is $6,160. I would limit new charter applications. Charter schools received an additional $1,058 per student. This means students in need of additional support may not have access to it. For example, my classes can differ between the full-time speech therapist and contracting limited services.
INCLUSIVE EDUCATION: As the developer of Texas public school curriculum, how would you ensure a comprehensive history education that addresses the needs of all students?

Website: http://corettaforsboe.com

THELDON BRANCH (D) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

MARVIN JOHNSON (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: I am a college professor and certified mathematics teacher with 20 years experience in industry and service in the U.S. Army. Viewing education at two levels has given me the tools to provide innovation, efficiency and productivity in education.
CHARTER SCHOOLS: What I believe to be true is that charter school networks should work in tandem with public schools to ensure that all children are receiving high quality education. I would work to make sure public schools get adequate funding to address the needs of their students by making sure the public schools in my district have the tools they need to be equally successful.
INCLUSIVE EDUCATION: I believe history is extremely important to me. I think to ensure history education is implemented properly, a panel of current educators and practitioners must be created that will help develop this curriculum so that our students are experiencing inclusive education. The panel should be comprised of persons from every creed, race, gender, and lived experience.

Website: http://statafortexas.com

STACI CHILDS (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: I run for this position having experience as a 4th and 5th grade English, Social Studies, and ESL educator, a Theatre Arts educator, Interventionist, Summer School Principal, Founder and CEO of an education-based non-profit, and now a defense attorney.
CHARTER SCHOOLS: What I believe to be true is that charter school networks should work in tandem with public schools to ensure that all children are receiving high quality education. I would work to make sure public schools get adequate funding to address the needs of their students by making sure the public schools in my district have the tools they need to be equally successful.
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ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES WERE ASKED THE SAME TWO QUESTIONS:

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

2. 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 BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 6
MICHÈLLE PALMER (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 7
DAN HOCHMAN (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

STATE SENATOR - DEMOCRATIC PARTY

MEMBER OF UPPER HOUSE IN TEXAS LEGISLATURE. ADVOCATES FOR HOME DISTRICT. WITNESSES THE TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LEGISLATES, CONFRMS GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL POSTS, PARTICIPATES IN THE INITIATION OF PROPOSALS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, AND TRIES OFFICIALS IMPEACHED BY THE TEXAS HOUSE. 4-YEAR TERM.

MOLLY COOK (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: I earned a Bachelors of Science in nursing from the University of Texas at Austin and a Masters of Public Health from Johns Hopkins Schools of Public Health and Public Health. I have worked for eight years as a bedside nurse in medical/surgical and emergency departments. During my graduate education, I focused on health policy. I am a lead organizer with the grassroots organization Stop TxDOT I-45, which is made up of community members and advocates across Harris County.
ISSUES: We must fix the grid. Lower the cap on wholesale prices. Weatherize in a time-limited fashion by closing the $120 loophole. Plug Texas into neighboring grids while maintaining some autonomy. Continue to transition to renewable energy sources. Harris County and Houstonians need the State of Texas to help mitigate flooding disasters. Protect wetlands and prairies. Outlaw construction in floodways. Allow vegetative growth in floodways. Instate penalties for large tree removal. For new construction, provide financial incentives for more natural detention and retention areas rather than large holes that ultimately worsen flooding. Require all surface parking lots to be permeable. Mass transit and coordinated emergency messaging for evacuation.

Occupation: Emergency Room Nurse | Education: Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Texas at Austin 2013 Master of Science in Nursing/Master of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University | Website: http://www.mollyfortexas.com
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JOHN WHITMIRE (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: I spent 10 years in the Texas House of Representatives and 38 years in the Texas Senate. I know how the House and the Senate work, I have built relationships throughout all 48 years with state officials, legislator and university and agency administration. I am the only Democrat in the Senate who holds a Chairmanship - Chairman of Criminal Justice Committee & one of only 3 Democrats on the Senate Finance Committee. As the longest serving member of the Senate, I serve as Dean of the Texas Senate.
ISSUES: 1. Voter Rights. We can have safe and secure elections while expanding access to voting through online voter registration; expanded voting locations, days, and hours; increased voting by mail and expanded drive-by voting. 2. Increased access to healthcare and mental health services. We must pass Medicaid expansion and restore women’s reproductive choice.

Occupation: State Senator - District 15 | Education: Attended Whitmire High School. Earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Houston and attended the Bates College of Law. | Website: http://www.johnwhitmire.com
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TITUS BENTON (D) | QUALIFICATIONS: For me, politics is not about positional power, but about public service -- something I’ve been doing my entire life. As a former pastor, a nonprofit founder, and current COO of a Houston-based anti-trafficking agency, my whole career has been devoted to improving the lives of individuals, families, and communities. If we want a different kind of politics in our society, we need to start electing a different kind of person. I think I’m that kind of person.

ISSUES: Number one for me is economic justice. Economic justice means a minimum wage that is a living wage. Throughout my district and certainly my state, that living wage needs to be at least $15/hour. Economic justice also means corporations and the super wealthy paying more taxes, relieving the burden of the working class. Lastly, all people should receive the same pay for doing the same work, regardless of their racial or gender identity. Second is healthcare. Everyone deserves access to affordable, quality healthcare. It’s time for Texas to expand Medicaid, providing benefits to over a million of our neighbors without raising taxes. We can legalize marijuana and use the tax revenue to help pave the way to universal health care in Texas.

MIGUEL GONZALEZ (D) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT 131
JOSH TUTT (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

DISTRICT 132
CHARLES "CHUCK" CREWS (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

CRYSTAL DILLARD (D) | QUALIFICATIONS: As a teacher in the Houston area for the past 15 years, and a life-long Houston resident, I have witnessed significant challenges faced by students, teachers, parents, and the community in relation to equity in employment opportunity, livable safe communities, and a sense of safety within our city. Honoring the groundwork that has been laid by those who have come before me in this role, I recognize that there is much ground to be gained in these areas and know that I will get the work done!

ISSUES: I believe the core of the profound challenges affecting our community today is the demise of the family structure. The solution to this problem has many layers, the most important being for the entire community to acknowledge that we will have to begin acting as surrogates to the missing components in these families. Filling those gaps comes in the form of informal well-vetted mentorships of children. Another challenge in the community that can be addressed in a free but very impactful way is a community effort to stress the importance of 21st education in a way that is meaningful to students today. Just as society changes, so should the way that we teach students in and out of the classroom.

JAMES GUILLORY (D) | QUALIFICATIONS: For 46 years, my family and I have been business owners in District 131 in Houston, Texas. I am the First African American Hotel Franchisee with Hilton Hotels in 1999 and have since successfully developed and operated hotels and housing developments. I have attended Public Schools since Elementary to High Schools in District 131. I am a Glass Ceiling Breaker, a father, Husband and Entrepreneur, and I want to give back to my community as they have done so much in molding and encouraging my life.

ISSUES: Criminal & Restorative Justice Reform: Our current system is not allowing for ex-offenders who have done their time to restore their lives and qualify for jobs, housing, etc. to give them a chance to be productive members of our community. My initial action will be to bring together law enforcement leadership, attorneys, judges and criminal justice activist groups to discuss the changes we can make. Education: Within District 131, the high school graduation rate is below 75% and the college readiness rate is below 25%. My initial plan is to request a meeting with the HISD leadership to identify where we stand now and what we can do as a state legislator. Our youth deserve better preparation for adulthood, which will improve our community.

ALMA A. ALLEN (D) | 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.

ISSUES: Education and air quality are the most important issues in the district. Despite the constant need to address lack of resources for students and teachers, the state requires districts to fight for funding every session. Additionally, The punitive nature of the current accountability system stifles our teachers’ creativity, in exchange for using class time to teach test taking skills. Despite the obstacles, we have some of the best teachers in the nation. 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.

CHASE WEST (D) | QUALIFICATIONS: I have always had a passion for public service. Whether it be tutoring ESL students or participating in food or clothing drives, I’ve been there. In terms of money, I am not a wealthy person. I have always earned an average salary, sometimes working multiple jobs at the same time to provide for my family. I understand the needs of the community when it comes to education, gun control and healthcare. I’ve lived in this Community for most of my life, and it’s time for me to stand up to protect it.

ISSUES: We have to repeal the “Heartbeat Bill”. For any government entity to not only claim sovereign right over a person’s bodily choices, but to award a bounty to anyone who turns in a woman for making those difficult choices, is unconscionable and I will fight for women’s rights when elected to the legislature with my colleagues. My second issue of great concern is the state of public education. Right now, we rank 46th in what we spend per student on a state level (tied with Alabama). I intend to increase teacher pay by 10% over the next 4 years, provide qualified teacher’s aides in overcrowded classrooms, and devise a plan to vet schools that would benefit from an ESL Pre-K program so that no one is left behind due to socioeconomic status.
DISTRICT 133
Mohamed Maarouf (D) | Running Unopposed

QUALIFICATIONS: I serve as the active President of the Aldine AFT Local 6345 and have been an educator for 17 years. I interphase with the legislature through my advocacy work with Texas AFT. I have participated in lobby days and most recently worked against regressive voter suppression laws being crafted by our Republican dominated legislature. I am poised to serve my community in a higher capacity and to address systemic issues and build a better and more inclusive HD-142 and Texas for all.

ISSUES: I am running because the constituents of House District 142 deserve a true advocate in Austin who will be a voice for all communities. I have demonstrated that in the classroom, in my labor union and in my respective community by using my platform to protect our most vulnerable populations. I cannot sit idle while our voting rights are being stripped, Texans are being denied access to basic healthcare services and our public school systems remain underfunded. I plan to advocate for more funding for our public schools, support the expansion of Medicaid, repeal open carry laws and challenge regressive voter suppression laws that infringe on our access to the ballot.

Occupation: President, Aldine AFT Local 6345 | Education: University of Texas-Tyler BBA; Prairie View A&M M.Ed | Website: http://www.candishouston.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/CandisHoustonHD142 | Twitter: twitter.com/Choustic11

DISTRICT 142
Candis Houston (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have served as the active President of the Aldine AFT Local 6345 and have been an educator for 17 years. I interphase with the legislature through my advocacy work with Texas AFT. I have participated in lobby days and most recently worked against regressive voter suppression laws being crafted by our Republican dominated legislature. I am poised to serve my community in a higher capacity and to address systemic issues and build a better and more inclusive HD-142 and Texas for all.

ISSUES: I am running because the constituents of House District 142 deserve a true advocate in Austin who will be a voice for all communities. I have demonstrated that in the classroom, in my labor union and in my respective community by using my platform to protect our most vulnerable populations. I cannot sit idle while our voting rights are being stripped, Texans are being denied access to basic healthcare services and our public school systems remain underfunded. I plan to advocate for more funding for our public schools, support the expansion of Medicaid, repeal open carry laws and challenge regressive voter suppression laws that infringe on our access to the ballot.

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DISTRICT 137
Gene Wu (D) | Running Unopposed

QUALIFICATIONS: I am the best qualified candidate to be the Democratic party’s nominee for District 147. I have three degrees that are pertinent to the office. I am the only candidate on the ballot with actual Texas Legislative experience. I have worked at both local and state levels of government in Texas. I am a policy expert in comparison to the other candidates. For eight years, I worked at various state agencies and non-profits in Texas, which has given me a unique insight into the Texas Legislature.

ISSUES: Voting Rights: I watched first hand as Texans were disenfranchised at the 87th legislature. Increase access to voting. Same day voter’s registration

DISTRICT 146
Gwendolyn Walle (D) | Running Unopposed

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a member who has held this seat for 38 years and knows the legislative process better than most and currently serve as the first African American to Chair the House Public Education Committee.

ISSUES: The greatest problem in my district is too many failing schools and students whose education has been negatively affected. I plan to sponsor a bill that raises development.

DISTRICT 141
Armindo L. Walle (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: My longstanding fight and experience to get our neighborhood schools improved and getting student outcomes raised. I am the 3rd most senior member who has held this seat for 38 years and knows the legislative process better than most and currently serve as the first African American to Chair the House Public Education Committee.

ISSUES: The greatest problem in my district is too many failing schools and students whose education has been negatively affected. I plan to sponsor a bill that raises development.

DISTRICT 144
Anna Johnson (D) | Running Unopposed

QUALIFICATIONS: I am the active President of the Aldine AFT Local 6345 and have been an educator for 17 years. I interphase with the legislature through my advocacy work with Texas AFT. I have participated in lobby days and most recently worked against regressive voter suppression laws being crafted by our Republican dominated legislature. I am poised to serve my community in a higher capacity and to address systemic issues and build a better and more inclusive HD-142 and Texas for all.

ISSUES: I am running because the constituents of House District 142 deserve a true advocate in Austin who will be a voice for all communities. I have demonstrated that in the classroom, in my labor union and in my respective community by using my platform to protect our most vulnerable populations. I cannot sit idle while our voting rights are being stripped, Texans are being denied access to basic healthcare services and our public school systems remain underfunded. I plan to advocate for more funding for our public schools, support the expansion of Medicaid, repeal open carry laws and challenge regressive voter suppression laws that infringe on our access to the ballot.

Occupation: President, Aldine AFT Local 6345 | Education: University of Texas-Tyler BBA; Prairie View A&M M.Ed | Website: http://www.candishouston.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/CandisHoustonHD142 | Twitter: twitter.com/Choustic11

DISTRICT 138
Stephanie Morales (D) | Running Unopposed

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a member who has held this seat for 38 years and knows the legislative process better than most and currently serve as the first African American to Chair the House Public Education Committee.

ISSUES: The greatest problem in my district is too many failing schools and students whose education has been negatively affected. I plan to sponsor a bill that raises development.

DISTRICT 140
Amariya Jones (D) | Running Unopposed

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a member who has held this seat for 38 years and knows the legislative process better than most and currently serve as the first African American to Chair the House Public Education Committee.

ISSUES: The greatest problem in my district is too many failing schools and students whose education has been negatively affected. I plan to sponsor a bill that raises development.

DISTRICT 139
Jarvis D. Johnson (D) | Running Unopposed

QUALIFICATIONS: I am the best qualified candidate to be the Democratic party’s nominee for District 147. I have three degrees that are pertinent to the office. I am the only candidate on the ballot with actual Texas Legislative experience. I have worked at both local and state levels of government in Texas. I am a policy expert in comparison to the other candidates. For eight years, I worked at various state agencies and non-profits in Texas, which has given me a unique insight into the Texas Legislature.

ISSUES: Voting Rights: I watched first hand as Texans were disenfranchised at the 87th legislature. Increase access to voting. Same day voter’s registration

DISTRICT 145
Reagan Denise Flowers (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have served as a Teacher, teacher administrator, and STEM education leader. My background as a teacher, school administrator, and STEM education leader have offered me extensive insight on public education policy. Additionally, I have successfully operated multiple small businesses over the last two decades, and worked with large national and global organizations on a range of workforce development initiatives. In my role as a community college trustee, I have provided oversight for nearly a $400 million budget and have chaired the audit committee.

ISSUES: The predominant issue is full funding of education with an emphasis on all day Pre-K for every child, and better pay for teachers; long-term incentives to retain high quality teachers including a built-in annual cost of living adjustment for retirees. We can fully fund our education priorities by rerouting the $3 billion being diverted to an ineffective border patrol stunt and ending other diversions of education funding. The other issue is comprehensive healthcare reform including Medicaid expansion, lowering the cost of healthcare for small businesses, and expanding access to abortion care and mental health care. Texas needs to enroll in the federal health exchange, which will allow Medicaid expansion and lower healthcare costs for all.

Occupation: Non-Profit Executive | Education: BS - Biology, Texas Southern University, MA - Counseling, Prairie View A&M University; Ph.D. - Education Leadership | Website: http://www.reaganflowers.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/drreaganflowers Twitter: twitter.com/DrReaganFlowers | Email: info@reaganflowers.com | Phone: (713) 819-6582 | Address: 2418 Elgin St Houston, TX 77004
PENNY MORALES SHAW (D) FOR RAISING MONEY MUST ORIGINATE IN THE HOUSE. MONEY GOES WITHIN THE STATE GOVERNMENT, SERVE ON COMMITTEES SUCH AS AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, ELECTIONS, HIGHER EDUCATION, ENERGY RESOURCES, ETC. BILLS

CANDIDATES:

NAMRATA "NAM" SUBRAMANIAN (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: Nam is a public school educator who serves 200+ students and their families every day. Her investment in the future of Houston is a daily practice. Nam’s work goes well beyond the 8-hour school day, lesson planning, connecting with parents, and serving in extracurricular roles during after school hours. Over the school year, Nam not only gets a keen insight into what our students and their families need most, but how the systems in place need to change to best support them as well.

ISSUES: Economic Justice: The current minimum wage in Texas is $7.25/hour while the living wage in Houston is close to $20/hour. In addition, housing costs have shot up over the past decade. I will fight to raise the minimum wage in Texas to at least $15/hour so that Texans are able to provide for themselves and their families without working more than 40 hours a week. Environmental Justice: We are increasingly seeing the effects of climate change in Texas, from the winter storms to tropical storms/hurricanes. I will work to invest in renewable energy sources like wind energy and focus on reducing our carbon footprint so we can preserve our environment for future generations.

occupation: Teacher | Education: B.A. in Economics, B.A. in Public Health from the University of California, Berkeley
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JOLANDA JONES (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: As Councilmember, I fought for Houstonians’ fair treatment and receipt of needed services. As HISD Trustee, my concern was for our students and fighting for their interests. As Texas Democratic Party SD13 Committee woman, I worked to diversify Party leadership, register voters and elect qualified Democratic candidates. As a lawyer and social justice advocate, I understand issues of the disfranchised and how to fight them legally and from a community perspective. I’m bilingual in Spanish.

ISSUES: There are many pressing issues. Health care, including women’s health care,

occupation: Attorney | Education: University of Houston - graduated Magna Cum Laude. University of Houston Law Center - Juris Doctorate
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DISTRICT 149
GINNY BROWN DANIEL (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

CHIEF JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEALS • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SIX-YEAR TERM. COURTS OF APPEALS HEAR APPEALS ON CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES FROM LOWER COURTS IN THEIR DISTRICTS. CURRENT SALARY FOR CHIEF JUSTICE: $187,800. CURRENT SALARY FOR JUSTICE: $164,800.

CHIEF JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEALS

JULIE COUTTIS (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEALS • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SIX-YEAR TERM. COURTS OF APPEALS HEAR APPEALS ON CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES FROM LOWER COURTS IN THEIR DISTRICTS. CURRENT SALARY FOR CHIEF JUSTICE: $187,800. CURRENT SALARY FOR JUSTICE: $164,800.

JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEALS

KYLE CARTER (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a District Judge in Harris County, Texas for the past 13 years. I have won awards for my work both on the bench and in the community. As a judicial leader I was twice elected President of the Texas Association of District Judges.

STANDARDS: I believe that the people of Texas should be able to elect their judges. The positive result of this new law is that judicial candidates will be required to have more legal experience before they can run for office. The negative impact is that otherwise qualified individuals will not be able to seek office until they have gained the required years of experience.

EQUITY: As a judge I make sure to treat everyone with equality, dignity, and respect. Additionally, I recognize that those with the most financial means often have better access to counsel and an ability to bear the expense of litigation. Courts should provide information to litigants about the various programs and legal clinics available to assist them.

ETHICS: Judges must avoid the appearance of impropriety and should not accept a contribution from anyone who has a case pending in their court. Judges must also report and disclose all campaign contributions to the Texas Ethics Commission as required by law.

COURT SYSTEM: I am in favor of the current system and against any attempts to change the system that would benefit political parties rather than the people of the state of Texas.

occupation: District Judge| Website: http://Carterforjustice.com

CHERI C. THOMAS (D)
QUALIFICATIONS: My background includes civil litigation and appeals at a leading international law firm and a boutique firm. I’ve also worked on criminal appeals in private practice and as a staff attorney for the 14th Court of Appeals. See my website for details.

STANDARDS: Candidates for this court were already required to have 10 years’ experience. While not all suspensions result from disciplinary issues, this amendment precludes lawyers who have had serious disciplinary issues from becoming judges. It also precludes experienced lawyers who have recently moved to, and become licensed in, Texas from running for this position.

EQUITY: To improve access to justice, we need to provide additional legal resources and representation for underserved individuals. We also need better systems for connecting individuals with existing resources. A central database or search engine of pro bono resources and organizations would improve access to justice for all.

ETHICS: The independence of the judiciary is critical to justice and the rule of law. Judges are governed by the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct, which requires judges to comply with the law and act with integrity and impartiality. In accordance with the Code and my own personal code, I have maintained, and will continue to maintain, high ethical standards.

COURT SYSTEM: I wouldn’t change the basic organization of the courts. Chief Justice of Texas’s 3rd COA said it well: “[s]tability is important for the judicial system.” Creating a new statewide court and gerrymandering appellate courts is “fiscally imprudent and counterproductive.” Justices from both parties testified before the Legislature on the negatives of the proposed bills.

occupation: District Judge | Website: http://www.cherithomastjd.com

JUSTICE, 1ST COURT OF APPEALS, DISTRICT 4

MIKE ENGELHART (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

JUSTICE, 1ST COURT OF APPEALS, DISTRICT 4

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**DISTRICT COURTS ARE THE TRIAL COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION OF TEXAS. THEY HAVE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION IN FELONY CRIMINAL CASES, DIVORCE CASES, CASES INVOLVING TITLE TO LAND, ELECTION COURT 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.**

**COURT SYSTEM:**

1. The 189th Judicial District - Civil
2. The 270th Judicial District - Civil
3. The 113th Judicial District - Civil
4. The 269th Judicial District - Civil
5. The 117th Judicial District - Civil

**ISSUES:**

- Legal and equitable representation of the law and fostering a more inclusive and representative dynamic behind the bench.
- Improving access to justice for all.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Experienced criminal attorney with over 15 years of experience.
- Proven record of representing clients in various cases, including high-profile cases.
- Strong litigation skills and courtroom presence.

**EQUITY:**

- Ensuring justice for all, especially those who have been historically underserved.
- Promoting diversity and inclusion in the legal profession.

**EDUCATION:**

- Bachelor's degree in Political Science.
- Juris Doctorate from a renowned law school.

**ETHICS:**

- Committed to upholding the highest ethical standards.
- Upholding the rule of law and the public interest.

**STANDARDS:**

- Adhering to the standards set forth by the American Bar Association and the Texas Bar Foundation.

**EQUITY:**

- Promoting access to justice for all, regardless of socioeconomic status.
- Advocating for minority and marginalized communities.

**EDUCATION:**

- Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.
- Juris Doctorate from a leading law school.

**ETHICS:**

- Committed to maintaining the highest ethical standards.
- Upholding the rule of law and professional misconduct.

**STANDARDS:**

- Adhering to the standards set forth by the Texas Bar Association.

**EQUITY:**

- Promoting access to justice for all, regardless of socioeconomic status.
- Advocating for minority and marginalized communities.

**EDUCATION:**

- Bachelor's degree in Psychology.
- Juris Doctorate from a renowned law school.

**ETHICS:**

- Committed to maintaining the highest ethical standards.
- Upholding the rule of law and professional misconduct.

**STANDARDS:**

- Adhering to the standards set forth by the Texas Bar Association.

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- Advocating for minority and marginalized communities.

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**EQUITY:**

- Promoting access to justice for all, regardless of socioeconomic status.
- Advocating for minority and marginalized communities.
GEMAYEL L. HAYNES (D)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I’m the most qualified candidate because the incumbent never practiced criminal law before he took the bench in 2019. I have dedicated my entire career to the criminal justice system, first as a prosecutor and now as a public defender. I have 14 years of criminal trial experience on every type of case including murder. I represent indigent clients charged with first and second degree felonies, I supervise and mentor attorneys in my office and I teach criminal law CLEs to other lawyers across the state.

**ISSUES:** The biggest issue facing the courts is bail reform. Misinformation has led to the false belief that dangerous criminals are being let out of jail for free. If elected, I will educate the community about how the bail system works. I will also hold hearings and allow both sides to present evidence so bail decisions are made on credible info, not predetermined numbers or fear of media attention. The next issue is the length of time to resolve cases. Now, it takes more than a year to resolve most cases. If elected, I believe that unemployment and job readiness is a barrier in our community. I support program that train and connect individuals with trade and career development opportunities. We must also increase civic participation and continue to educate the community on the judicial system and how it works.

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CHUCK SILVERMAN (D)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have practiced law for over 36 years. I have tried routine and complex civil cases in both State and Federal Courts in the United States. I have practiced criminal law since my election to the bench and have resolved innumerable contested hearings since then. While on the bench, I have tried into 4th Amendment cases. I am the most qualified candidate in the race and have demonstrated that through my record and service to the community on and off of the bench.

**ISSUES:** I am passionate about the law and how it should be applied equally and fairly to all, regardless of race, religion, or financial situation. I ran for Judge at a time when children are abused and murdered. I am the only person in this felony court race that has worked as a District Court Chief and/or has capital litigation experience. I am committed to end the crisis of bail reform.

**Occupation:** President Judge - 183rd District Criminal Court | **Education:** I hold M.B.A. and undergraduate degrees from Tulane University. I grew up in Texas and have lived in Houston for more than three decades. Serving this community is my passion. Website: http://www.chuck4judge.com | **Facebook:** http://www.facebook.com/judgechucksilverman | **Twitter:** twitter.com/Chuck4Judge2022 | Email: contact@chucksilverman.com | Phone: (832) 779-104 | Address: 1302 Waugh Dr. #153 Houston, TX 77019

KATHERINE “KAT” THOMAS (D)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** First, I am a daughter of Houston. As an Assistant District Attorney, I handle and try cases. On average, I have handled a caseload of over 2,000 cases. That means on a day-to-day basis I walk hand in hand with victims of crime to better understand how to advocate for them. In that role, I also ensure that defendant’s rights are protected. I have tried the most serious cases that our county sees, including Murder, Sexual Assault and Child Abuse cases. That means on a day-to-day basis I walk hand in hand with victims of crime to better understand how to advocate for them. In that role, I also ensure that defendant’s rights are protected. I have tried the most serious cases that our county sees, including Murder, Sexual Assault and Child Abuse cases. I am passionate about the law and how it should be applied equally and fairly to all, regardless of race, religion, or financial situation. I ran for Judge at a time when children are abused and murdered. I am the only person in this felony court race that has worked as a District Court Chief and/or has capital litigation experience. I am committed to end the crisis of bail reform.

**ISSUES:** I believe a challenge that is facing the community is an unbalanced system that limits access to resources for young men and women. Young men and women are facing unique issues and simply do not have the access to resources to address recidivism. They face a system layered against them that breeds a lack of compassion and diligence to help them survive this moment in their life and get on to recover from its consequences. If I am elected Judge, I plan to start a youth court in the 184th to address these issues with young men and women and get them connected to mental health/drug treatment, leadership courses, job opportunities and training, and other resources to help shift the trajectory of their lives and correct course.

**Occupation:** Attorney | **Education:** Spelman College (Bachelor of Arts); Howard University School of Law (J.D.)

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ABIGAIL ANASTASIO (D)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am approaching two decades of public service as a Judge, indigent defender, prosecutor and a high school teacher. I have handled thousands of cases between the three roles. I have extensive trial, capital murder and appellate experience. I have won statewide awards and scored one of the highest of my peers. My opponent has only been licensed for 4 years, has only tried/assisted on 20 trials, and has not had capital murder, federal, appellate, defense or judicial experience.

**ISSUES:** Community Safety and Incojustice: Access to justice and eliminating any backlog are key to safety. I disposed of the most cases of felony courts during the past year and have one of the lowest number of individuals on bond and in pretrial detention. I have presided over one of the highest number of felony trials. I have the lowest average age of case. This means I have one of the most efficient and productive courts, all maintained in a fair and balanced way. We work harder to deliver justice. I also head the committee whose actions led to the highest case clearance rates in over a decade, an order that resolves cases faster, and more trials. Keeping me on the bench ensures increased community safety and improved access to justice.

**Occupation:** Judge - 184th District Court | **Education:** South Texas College of Law - Juris Doctorate; University of Houston with Honors - B.A. English Lit/Creative Writing/French Lit; St. Thomas University - Education | Website: http://www.JudgeAnastasio.com

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KATE FERRELL (D)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a背景下 nonprofit work with at-risk youth. I am an Adjunct Law Professor and a Police Academy Instructor training 4th Amendment citizens. I work for Harris County as a Child Fatality Prosecutor, handling cases when children are abused and murdered. I am the only person in this felony court race who has worked as a District Court Chief and/or has capital litigation experience. I am the only person in my race who is a part of the HCOP Coordinated Campaign.

**ISSUES:** The case backlog is high in this court, causing cases to take longer to reach a resolution, which causes victims of crime and the accused to languish in the criminal justice system. My opponent has only ever presided over 10 trials and the backlog has increased from approximately 900 to over 2600 cases. The law requires that child abuse cases be prioritized, but my opponent has never presided over a child abuse trial, which has denied child rape victims the right to have closure. I will increase the number of trials that occur in the court and prioritize serious cases such as these. I will create a specialty program in the 185th to provide a more individualized path to rehabilitation for 17–25 year-olds, the largest recidivist group.

**Occupation:** Assistant District Attorney - District Court Chief in Child Fatality Division | **Education:** I have a BA in Political Science from Baylor University, a MA in International Development with an emphasis on Urban Planning and Development from Eastern University, and a JD from South Texas College of Law, where I graduated Magna Cum Laude. Website: http://www.AndreaBeallforJudge.com | **Facebook:** http://www.facebook.com/AndreaforJudge | **Twitter:** twitter.com/BeallforJudge | Email: AndreaBeallforJudge@gmail.com

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ANDREA BEALL (D)

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JASON LUONG (D)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have over 21 years of legal experience —three times as much as my opponents. I am the only candidate with experience as a prosecutor, defense attorney, and judge. I navigated this court through the challenges of Hurricane Harvey and COVID while still having jury trials and expanding public access to our courts. I served as Judge of Felony Veterans Treatment Court helping veterans suffering service-related PTSD or addiction. I am the 1st elected Asian American district court judge in our county.

**ISSUES:** The priority of all courts must be to address the case backlog caused by COVID. I work hard every day to clear our docket, often working after hours. We have also added associate judges and more court staff to help. I also believe in expanding mental health and substance abuse treatment for non-violent offenses as an alternative to prison and to break the cycle of repeat offenders. Next, we need to continue bail bond reform. As the new Chair of the District Courts Bail Bond Committee, I make sure that bonds are set according to the law while giving judges the tools necessary to make violent offenders comply with their bond conditions (for example GPS monitors) and to immediately remedy bond violations to keep our communities safe.

**Occupation:** Judge, 185th Criminal District Court & Presiding Judge of Harris County’s Felony Veterans Treatment Court | **Education:** Rice University, B.A. Political Science & Economics, 1997 (summa laude). University of Texas School of Law, J.D. 2000, with honors (Texas Law Review). Website: http://www.JasonLuongforJudge.com | **Facebook:** http://www.facebook.com/jasonluong | **Twitter:** twitter.com/JasonforJudge | Email: JasonforJudge@gmail.com

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**DISTRICT COURT - CRIMINAL**

**180TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CRIMINAL**

**DASEAN JONES (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** 24 yrs practicing law, 15 yrs as a prosecutor, 3 yrs as Court Chief, last 3 yrs as 1st Assistant. 1,000+ criminal cases, ranging from murder to misdemeanor theft, includes jury and bench trials, revocation and sentencing hearings. I've written multiple appeal briefs and successfully argued before the 9th Court of Appeals. I consistently exceed the annual hours of CLE required by the State Bar of Texas, and recently served as a faculty advisor at the January Prosecutor Trials Advocacy Course. 4-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE. 4-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE.

**ISSUES:** 1. Case backlog - Hold trials. Use Zoom technology for status and pre-trial settings. Dedicate days/times for hearings. Require discovery meetings to prevent trial resets. Prioritize child sex assault trials. 2. Bond issue - Review the totality of circumstances to a) protect the community from aggressive and violent defendants and b) ensure non-violent defendants are not held under oppressive bail amounts. To hold violent defendants more accountable, I'll be lenient on lowering bonds and I'll use strict bond conditions such as weekly reporting, ankle monitors, random drug testing (when applicable), mental health evaluations (when applicable), and house arrest. When conditions are not met, forfeiture of bond will be granted.

**Occupation:** Prosecutor | Education: received my Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Prairie View A&M University, and my law degree from South Texas College of Law | Website: http://www.daseanjones4judge.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/daseanjones4judge | Email: votejones4judge@gmail.com | Phone: (832) 731-6825 | Address: 12712 W. Lake Houston Pkwy, Suite B, #108 Houston, TX 77044

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**120TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CRIMINAL**

**DANIEL "DANNY" LACAYO (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am currently a chief prosecutor at the Harris County District Attorney's Office. I have tried everything from a traffic ticket to a murder. Now, I am in our post-conviction writing division where I investigate post-conviction claims. I investigate claims of either ineffective assistance of counsel or actual innocence. I am the only candidate in the 230th with this post-conviction experience. I literally determine whether someone received a fair trial or not.

**ISSUES:** (1) The Trial Backlog. I have developed a plan that would allow me to pick up trials previously set on trial dockets. Judges could not try cases until we were able to set up Voir Dire at NRG, and even then we were limited. The second is proceeding to jury trials because of Covid and attendant health concerns of both prosecutors and defense attorneys. These same concerns apply to jurors and potential jurors. Further, the 230th District Courtroom has had no jury room available until very recently due to the on-going construction of outside elevators at the CJC, requiring me to use other felony courts' jury rooms in order to try cases when available.

**Occupation:** Judge - 230th District Criminal Court | Education: B.A., University of Texas at Arlington (1970); J.D., University of Texas at Austin (1973) | Website: http://www.gregglass4judge.com | Email: gregglass4judge@att.net | Phone: (713) 972-5688 | Address: 1744 Norfolk St Houston, TX 77009

**129TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CRIMINAL**

**BEVERLY ARMSTRONG (D)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am running to restore fairness to the courtroom and to build trust with the community. Professionally, I have handled thousands of felony cases in Harris County, both as a prosecutor and currently as a criminal defense attorney. I am a first-generation college student and was homeless as a child. As such, I have dedicated my life to service. My experiences have afforded me the work ethic, compassion, and resourcefulness needed to restore fairness and efficiency in our courtrooms.

**ISSUES:** 1. Courtroom Efficiency: utilize Zoom and digital options to promote efficiency and public health, eliminate unnecessary court appearances, implement docket management procedures that will allow the court to try cases in a more efficient and effective way.

**Occupation:** Attorney | Education: Belmont University College of Law; BA, Western KY University | Website: http://www.beverlyarmstrongforjudge.com | Email: beverlyarmstrong209@gmail.com | Phone: (832) 731-6825 | Address: 12712 W. Lake Houston Pkwy, Suite B, #108 Houston, TX 77044

**120TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CRIMINAL**

**SAMUEL “SAM” MILLEDGE II (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been practicing criminal law for my entire career. I pride myself on being a true Criminal Defense Trial Lawyer. I have handled a considerable amount of cases, not just in Harris County, but all over the State of Texas (State and Federal) and in other States. I believe it’s my wealth of trial experience and keen ability to connect with and respect people that makes me the best candidate for the Democratic nominee for the 228th District Court. 4-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE.

**ISSUES:** A) Blated Docket - Without a doubt, an issue I will have to tackle is the backlogged docket. We have people, particularly in the 228th, who have been sitting in county jail well over two (2) years waiting to go to trial or have their case resolved. That’s ridiculous. My plan is to have a uniform schedule order for all cases. This simple tool, not only makes a court run more efficient, but it forces both the State and Defense Counsel into action, whether that be trial or some other fair resolution. B) Bail Reform - This is a hot button topic for us in Harris County. I believe in bail reform. Constitutionally speaking, bail is not to be punitive, but simply to ensure a person’s appearance in court. I plan on following the law.

**Occupation:** Attorney | Education: B.A. Alabama State University, 2004; J.D. Southern University Law Center, 2009 | Email: smilledge2@gmail.com | Phone: (713) 812-1409 | Address: 2500 East TC Jester Suite 510 Houston, TX 77008

**209TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CRIMINAL**

**CHRIS MORTON (D)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I was licensed as an attorney here in Harris County Texas in 2008. I served at the Harris County District Attorney’s Office as a prosecutor until the summer of 2013 and saw firsthand how judges would use the criminal justice system to force pleas and move cases in a way that was extremely oppressive to the poor. From 2013 until I took office in 2019, I worked as a criminal defense attorney primarily defending the indigent. I have been the judge of the 230th District Court since January 1, 2019. **ISSUES:** The bail process is the most pressing issue. I review bail/bond conditions for violation and presumption of innocence regarding bail. A second pressing issue is to have a uniform schedule order for all cases. This simple tool not only makes a court run more efficient, but it forces both the State and Defense Counsel into action, whether that be trial or some other fair resolution. B) Bail Reform - This is a hot button topic for us in Harris County. I believe in bail reform. Constitutionally speaking, bail is not to be punitive, but simply to ensure a person’s appearance in court. I plan on following the law.

**Occupation:** Judge - 230th District Criminal Court | Education: B.B.A University of North Carolina - Charlotte; J.D - University of Houston | Website: http://www.chrismortonforjudge.org | Email: cmorton1116@gmail.com | Phone: (713) 812-1409 | Address: 2107 Cheshire Lane Houston, TX 77018

**JOSEPH MATTHEW SANCHEZ (D)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am currently a chief prosecutor at the Harris County District Attorney's Office. I have tried everything from a traffic ticket to a murder. Now, I am in our post-conviction writing division where I investigate post-conviction claims. I investigate claims of either ineffective assistance of counsel or actual innocence. I am the only candidate in the 230th with this post-conviction experience. I literally determine whether someone received a fair trial or not.

**ISSUES:** (1) The Trial Backlog. I have developed a plan that would allow me to pick up to 3 juries per month by picking the juries all at the beginning of the month. This way, the parties involved would have a date-certain for when their trial would be heard later in the month. In 2021, the 230th only tried 2 cases the entire year. This is unacceptable and contributes to the backlog. (2) Restorative Justice. The 230th currently does not participate in restorative justice programs, such as Veterans’ Court. I believe it should be mandatory for every sitting judge to participate in such programs. If elected, I would volunteer my time and my court to participate in such programs.
LINDA MAZZAGATTI (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: 7 years as Harris County ADA with 32 years experience both criminal & civil courts in County, State & Federal on both sides of docket; wealth of experience. Democrat running in 248th Harris County District Court because CRIME shot up during term of sitting 248 Judge & current judiciary. Multiple felony bonds issued to violent offenders resulting in no ramifications for violent offenders released who continue to be charged, laughing at victims & police. I’ve run my own practice for the entirety of qualifying for bonds with murder on bond in 248th.

ISSUES: Escalating Crime & Bonded felons charged with 156 dead. Running to make Harris County streets safer from felons issued multiple bonds with no ramifications. Murder is tip of iceberg with Agg Robbery & Burg of Habitation skyrocketing with release of violent offenders charged with multiple felonies, continuously returned to Harris County streets by sitting judiciary who swept in unopposed in Democratic primaries in 2018/19. 17,000 motions to revoke bond filed by State/DA’s office, completely ignored by current judiciary, all of which have drawn opponents in current Dem primaries; unprecedented. Vote out incumbent & replace ADA candidate who will follow law & protect citizens. Watch Behind Breaking Bond interview Linda Mazzagatti.

HILARY UNGER (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: As former prosecutor and defense attorney in 2 large cities, I am able to critically assess all aspects of criminal cases. Handling mental health commitment hearings gave me perspective into how mental illness can affect criminal behavior. CPS work helped me to understand how criminal behavior can affect families. These insights have allowed me to more effectively craft bond & sentencing conditions & to empathize with crime victims who have been traumatized by the crimes committed against them.

ISSUES: 1) Setting bond is an important mechanism for safeguarding public safety, but in our adversarial system of justice, each party must meet its legal burdens, as set forth by statute and the Constitution. This requires more than conclusory statements. Evidence must be provided in the proper form, as I am bound by law, I will hold the parties to those burdens. 2) The fair administration of justice also requires that cases should be tested on their merit as soon as possible. Sometimes the system boggs down through circumstances beyond a judge’s control; for example, after Hurricane Harvey and during the pandemic. In my court, we strive to set cases for trial as soon as possible. This serves to bring cases to a faster resolution on their merit.

LORI CHAMBERS GRAY (D) • RUNNING UNOPPOSED

326TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CRIMINAL

QUALIFICATIONS: I’ve practiced practical law for over sixteen years (2 years at a Public Defender’s Office as an intern and 14+ years in Harris County) and have over 700 criminal trials ranging from class B sentences to non-death Capital cases. I’ve tried it all, from being present at crime scenes, to preparing for trial, trying cases, and handling post-conviction issues. The cases I try are the ones you hear about in the news; I seek justice for the victims of Harris County’s most violent and complex offenses.

ISSUES: The two most pressing issues that I will face is a back logged docket and trying cases, within the parameters of public safety and hold both the State and Defense attorneys accountable for effectively litigating the cases on docket. Further, I intend to join my colleagues on the Judiciary who are proponents of bail reform in Harris County to clear the county jail of defendants who are detained solely on their inability to pay.

AMY MARTIN (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: Despite Harvey & Covid, I’ve taken the 263rd from having the largest caseload of 22 courts to being among the smallest in the state. Through tailored probation conditions I have increased successful completion of probations more than 20%. I’m actively involved with the Board of Judges and serve on many committees. Each year I exceed the required amount of education for judges. I have 19 years of criminal law experience including both the criminal and death penalty phases. Through my work I’ve practiced in all areas of criminal law, especially defending the underserved. I have run my own practice for the entirety of qualifying for bonds with murder on bond in 248th.

ISSUES: People lingering in the system risk becoming repeat offenders. I’ve gone beyond standard bond conditions to help defendants start to remake their lives. I’ve required defendants to attend classes such as parenting or GED classes and to find and keep employment. I’ve facilitated defendants’ access to mental health treatment, and have helped defendants who are veterans link up with VA-sponsored services. To combat inefficiencies, I’ve modified the management of court appearances. With defendants who are compliant with bond, I waive their appearance for administrative settings to avoid disrupting work & family obligations. I’ve eliminated needless settings and require attorneys to get more work accomplished out of court.

MELISSA MARIE MORRIS (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have run my own practice for the entirety of my career, and therefore have experience in docket and personnel management. My passion for criminal defense is homegrown, as my father struggled with a substance addiction that landed him in prison and ultimately caused his death while I was in grade school. I am the mother to a beautiful twelve-year-old daughter.

ISSUES: The two most pressing issues I will face is a backlogged docket and mismanagement of appointed counsel to indigent defendants. I intend to follow the law and prioritize the appointment of the Public Defender’s office and then to fairly distribute cases to private attorneys who are qualified and competent. I intend to set and try cases, within the parameters of public safety and hold both the State and Defense attorneys accountable for effectively litigating the cases on docket. Further, I intend to join my colleagues on the Judiciary who are proponents of bail reform in Harris County to clear the county jail of defendants who are detained solely on their inability to pay.

VERONICA MONIQUE NELSON (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: I’ve practiced criminal law for over sixteen years (2 years at a Public Defender’s Office as an intern and 14+ years in Harris County) and have over 700 criminal trials ranging from class B sentences to non-death Capital cases. I’ve tried it all, from being present at crime scenes, to preparing for trial, trying cases, and handling post-conviction issues. The cases I try are the ones you hear about in the news; I seek justice for the victims of Harris County’s most violent and complex offenses.

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ALYcia HARVEY (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: For the last 20 years, I have practiced exclusively criminal law. I became Board Certified in Criminal Law in 2018 after passing the screening process and rigorous exam. Over my career, I have handled every single stage of a criminal case: from being present at crime scenes, to preparing for trial, trying cases, and handling post-conviction issues. The cases I try are the ones you hear about in the news; I seek justice for the victims of Harris County’s most violent and complex offenses.

ISSUES: The two most pressing issues are docket management and the appropriate supervision of those on bond. My court will have transparent communication with pre-trial services when it comes to the supervision of those on bond. No longer will litigants need a court order to obtain necessary records, I will have a standing order ensuring access.

SHERLENE CRUZ (D) • NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

DISTRICT JUDGE - CRIMINAL • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

DISTRICT JUDGE - JUVENILE AND FAMILY • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

GLENDA DURU (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: For more than 10 years, I have worked on the ground to support surviving families through social work and legal advocacy. For the last 4 years, I have been particularly focused on child welfare law. As an experienced trial attorney, with over 150 trials (jury and bench), I have developed an expertise in advocating on behalf of a child or family, in service of the best interest of my client. I am an adjunct trial advocacy professor.

ISSUES: 1) Juvenile Rehabilitation: Lead an evaluation of all current juvenile programs
NATALLA OAKES (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: I practiced law in Juvenile Court for 18 years before being elected Judge in 2016, handling both juvenile delinquencies and child welfare cases. I was a secondary school teacher, a mother of a teenage boy and trained to establish rapport with youth. I have institutional knowledge and have good working relationships with the many entities comprising juvenile justice: CJCC, Juvenile Board, Advisory Board of TJJD, Redefining Youth Justice Coalition and I am Administrative Judge of Juvenile Section.

ISSUES: Many juveniles have easy access to firearms. Resolving this issue calls for a coordinated effort involving all levels of government and schools. We require the offending juveniles to do rehabilitative services according to their assessments. The goals in juvenile court are the rehabilitation of the offender and the protection of society. If we can eliminate juvenile access to firearms, we are progressing in achieving both goals. There are myriad issues besetting abused children. Finding permanent homes for those in long term custody is most pressing. In the 313th we speak to them about their dreams, provide trauma based therapy to help with healing emotional scars and provide services they need to lead a happy and productive life as adults.

Leana Shapiro (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: Through my 15+ years of public service as a judge, public defender, and prosecutor, I understand that a better justice system creates safer and stronger communities. As Judge of the 319th, I ended indiscriminate shackling and enhanced representation for youth and families. Prior to taking the bench, I was a litigator in the inaugural Juvenile Division at the Harris County Public Defender’s Office (2011-2018) and in the Harris County District Attorney’s Office (2006-2011).

ISSUES: I will continue to improve representation and access to justice, with priority for “dually involved youth” and child without placements (CWOP) in custody of the State.

IESHIA CHAMPS (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: As a Child Welfare Attorney, I have litigated hundreds of cases where the best interest of the child is always the number one priority. I have engaged in several mediations, statutory hearings, and have mentored and trained new attorneys in the child welfare field. I have attended trainings and CLEs with appellate attorneys regarding child welfare, and have prepared for several jury trials. I have sharpened my skills by taking CLEs and working with seasoned mentors.

ISSUES: 1. As a Child Welfare Attorney, I know first hand that not all families that end up in the courtroom deserve to be there. I plan on doing my due diligence to ensure that CPS has done its job in each case. I also plan to provide resources to help more families advocate for themselves. 2. Juvenile rehabilitation is also a pressing issue. I plan to assess each juvenile matter that is presented by selecting a starting point of rehabilitation with the families as a whole, depending upon the family environment at home. Sometimes rehabilitating a juvenile isn’t enough, when the entire family struggles to meet its daily needs.

LEAH SHAPIRO (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a Family Law trial practitioner with 28 years of public service throughout Harris and contiguous counties. I have litigated and mediated cases to establish and enforce child support orders in Texas including the UIFSA statutes, pursued unpaid child support in cases related to asset forfeiture (foreclosure suits), probate matters, tax lien disputes, CPS litigation, contested Bankruptcy issues in the Southern, Northern and Eastern Bankruptcy District Courts.

ISSUES: 1. The Court’s Covid-19 policy only allows in-person appearances for jury trials. The pandemic continues to be disruptive. I will continue to ensure litigants are able to have an attorney appointed to represent them in PO cases. 2. Expanding our pro bono attorney program to all indigent Respondents in the PO cases. It is imperative that those involuntarily put through the PO process have access to the best possible resource. 3. The majority of the litigants who enter the courtroom deserve to be there. I plan on doing my due diligence to ensure that CPS has done its job in each case. I also plan to provide resources to help more families advocate for themselves. 2. Juvenile rehabilitation is also a pressing issue. I plan to assess each juvenile matter that is presented by selecting a starting point of rehabilitation with the families as a whole, depending upon the family environment at home. Sometimes rehabilitating a juvenile isn’t enough, when the entire family struggles to meet its daily needs.

ANGELA LANCELIN (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a Family Law trial practitioner with 28 years of public service throughout Harris and contiguous counties. I have litigated and mediated cases to establish and enforce child support orders in Texas including the UIFSA statutes, pursued unpaid child support in cases related to asset forfeiture (foreclosure suits), probate matters, tax lien disputes, CPS litigation, contested Bankruptcy issues in the Southern, Northern and Eastern Bankruptcy District Courts.

ISSUES: 1. The pandemic continues to be disruptive. I will continue to ensure litigants are able to have an attorney appointed to represent them in PO cases. 2. Expanding our pro bono attorney program to all indigent Respondents in the PO cases. It is imperative that those involuntarily put through the PO process have access to the best possible resource. 3. The majority of the litigants who enter the courtroom deserve to be there. I plan on doing my due diligence to ensure that CPS has done its job in each case. I also plan to provide resources to help more families advocate for themselves. 2. Juvenile rehabilitation is also a pressing issue. I plan to assess each juvenile matter that is presented by selecting a starting point of rehabilitation with the families as a whole, depending upon the family environment at home. Sometimes rehabilitating a juvenile isn’t enough, when the entire family struggles to meet its daily needs.

TRISTAN HARRIS LONGINO (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: 1. I’m Board Certified in Family Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization - fewer than 1% of attorneys in Texas hold this certification. 2. 2nd highest rated family judge by the Houston Bar Association in 2021. 3. I work hard - my court had the highest case clearance rate in 2021. 4. I implemented online scheduling to bring court into the 21st century. 5. I am the only judge in a in a courtroom that handles child custody matters in the 319th.

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ANGELA GRAVES-HARRINGTON (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: 1. Providing low cost or no cost social services for those applicants and respondents who need additional assistance such as mental health and substance abuse treatment. Assessments are not usually covered by insurance and there are currently no low cost or no cost assessments being done by private providers. We need to find a mechanism for providers to assist the Court in providing quality assessments so the Court is able to refer litigants to the best possible resource. 2. Expanding our pro bono attorney program to all indigent Respondents in the PO cases. It is imperative that we make sure that Respondents who are at or below the Federal Poverty Guidelines are able to have an attorney appointed to represent them in PO cases.

24TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - FAMILY JUDGE

Janice Berg (N) | Running Unopposed

QUALIFICATIONS: 30 years experience in family violence issues. Former law professor at UH Law Center who taught family violence topics. Former mediator who mediated high conflict/family violence cases. I am the only candidate who is Board Certified in Family Law. I am a presenter at local, state & national conferences on family violence topics. I also serve on several national judicial committees involving FV. I have represented both sides in FV cases as well as children. I have been an expert consultant in FV.

ISSUES: 1. Providing low cost or no cost social services for those applicants and respondents who need additional assistance such as mental health and substance abuse treatment. Assessments are not usually covered by insurance and there are currently no low cost or no cost assessments being done by private providers. We need to find a mechanism for providers to assist the Court in providing quality assessments so the Court is able to refer litigants to the best possible resource. 2. Expanding our pro bono attorney program to all indigent Respondents in the PO cases. It is imperative that we make sure that Respondents who are at or below the Federal Poverty Guidelines are able to have an attorney appointed to represent them in PO cases.
DISTRICT JUDGE - JUVENILE AND FAMILY - DEMOCRATIC PARTY

309TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - FAMILY
Gloria Lopez (D)  Running Unopposed

Teresa J. Waldrop (D)  Running Unopposed

Qualifications: Private law practice 30+ yrs; Board certified in family law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 2009. The only board certified candidate in this race; Member, Texas Bar College; I have handled all phases of litigation from intake to trial, both jury and bench trial, and post-trial matters, including a few appeals. Past President of Houston Women Attorneys for Justice; Honor Board of Hispanic Federation of Houston Professional Women “Woman of Excellence” Honoree. Graduate of Leadership Houston (Class of XXII).

Issues: 1) Access to Justice - implement flexible court hours and allow virtual court appearances in certain matters. 2) Divorce and Family Matters: Colleges and universities will lose money.

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Clintond “Chip” Wells (D)  Running Unopposed

Qualifications: I am the presiding incumbent and Judge in the 312TH Family District Court. I have been active in democratic judicial politics since 2009. At the time of my election in November 2018, I had 42 years of legal experience. I am the most qualified candidate in this race. I am the only candidate with 42 years of legal experience and the only candidate who has served as an elected state district court judge. I was rated by lawyers and litigants as the most qualified candidate in this race; I was the only candidate who has served as an elected state district court judge. My work experience over the past decade, it has been an honor to serve the community and the residents of the 312TH Family District Court. I have been active in democratic judicial politics since 2009. At the time of my election in November 2018, I had 42 years of legal experience. I am the most qualified candidate in this race. I am the only candidate with 42 years of legal experience and the only candidate who has served as an elected state district court judge. I was rated by lawyers and litigants as the most qualified candidate in this race; I was the only candidate who has served as an elected state district court judge. My work experience over the past decade. It has been an honor to serve the community and the residents of the Harris County as your County Judge.

Issues: 1) Access to Justice - implement flexible court hours and allow virtual court appearances in certain matters. 2) Divorce and Family Matters - implement flexible court hours and allow virtual court appearances in certain matters. 3) I will stagger the docket to allow social distancing in in-person appearances.


George D. Provost (D)  Running Unopposed

Qualifications: I am a business owner for over 35 years. I was a Field Operation Manager with a staff of 32 for Gulf Coast Community Service serving the entire Harris County. I served on the Harris County Appraisal District ARB for six years. I am a community activist & volunteer who participates in the business, cultural, educational, humanitarian, political and religious/spiritual sectors of Houston. Harris County. I am part of the dynamic fundraising team of Hoffman/Provost. TSU Grad, retired HSD

Issues: 1) Access to Justice - implement flexible court hours and allow virtual court appearances in certain matters. 2) Divorce and Family Matters - implement flexible court hours and allow virtual court appearances in certain matters. 3) I will stagger the docket to allow social distancing in in-person appearances.

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Erica Davis (D)  Running Unopposed

Qualifications: I grew up in Harris County and graduated from the University of Texas and Columbia-NY. Over the past decade, it has been an honor to serve the residents of Harris County with a grassroots approach to keep people safe as a civilian Chief of Staff of a law enforcement agency. In 2020, I was elected countywide as your Harris County Department of Education School Board Trustee. My work experience over the past decade. It has been an honor to serve the community and the residents of the Harris County as your County Judge.

Issues: 1) Access to Justice - implement flexible court hours and allow virtual court appearances in certain matters. 2) Divorce and Family Matters - implement flexible court hours and allow virtual court appearances in certain matters. 3) I will stagger the docket to allow social distancing in in-person appearances.

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Lina Hidalgo (D)  Running Unopposed

Qualifications: I’ve steered Harris County through a winter storm, chemical fires, floods, hurricanes, and the COVID-19 pandemic. All that while making bold changes to how our government operates - from metric-based budgeting to early childhood education, smarter flood control, voting access, homelessness, and everything else. I’ve done all of this without taking a cent from county contractors, focusing only on our community’s needs. If elected to a second term, I will continue to get up every day and work as hard as I can.

Issues: Public Safety. The crime wave facing the nation is impacting us. We must address crime without reining in failed 80s-era policies. We’ve invested more in public safety than prior administrations - nearly $1 billion. But we’re investing in smart programs; precision policing, violence interruption, mental health, and more. I plan to continue that work. Flooding. Flood projects too often left very impacted but poorer communities behind. We shifted to a ‘worst-first’ model. We made developers follow the strictest water detention rules so that as the county grows it doesn’t flood more. I will continue to see the bond projects through as fast as possible, while asking “what will it take for us to be truly flood resilient?” And get it done.

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Kevin Howard (D)  No Response Received

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COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.1
M. K. MONICA SINGH (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: My extensive litigation experience will be an invaluable perspective to help parties resolve disputes and access justice. In my 20 year legal career, I have tried over 100 cases. I teach Continuing Legal Education courses & HPD sensitivity trainings. I’ve completed several leadership programs including Leadership Houston, Harvard Leadership & FBI Citizens Academy. Equally important, I am a community activist who fights for civil rights and equality.

ISSUES: The most pressing issues are providing greater access to the court and ensuring equal treatment under the law. I will address them by: educating the public about the legal system; supporting efforts to provide information and pro bono resources online and in the court; ensuring litigants have their cases heard, without unnecessary delay; expediting older cases and monitoring the docket to ensure cases do not linger unresolved; communicating the order of priority on my trial docket and seeking transparency from the parties about their intention to proceed to trial; treating both sides with respect and equally enforcing courtroom rules; allowing the facts & law to determine my rulings, rather than preconceived notions about the dispute.

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COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.2
JIM F. KOVACH (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: As a Judge. I receive consistently high ratings from the HBA Judicial Qualification polls, served 6 years on the Texas Judicial Council, diversified my staff to reflect the populace of Harris County, taught judges and clerks for 25 years, served for the last 6 1/2 years as a member of the Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct, and was named Texas Judge of the Year in 2019 by the TPCJA. I am uniquely qualified for this bench because this court hears appeals from Justice Courts.

ISSUES: I want to reduce eviction appeals resulting in final judgment for possession by using the tools of rental assistance & rental diversion to battle housing insecurity.

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COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.3
LASHAWN A. WILLIAMS (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: I want to reduce eviction appeals resulting in final judgment for possession by using the tools of rental assistance & rental diversion to battle housing insecurity. The eviction matters we hear are of grave concern, as we determine whether someone may be left homeless. I’ve been proactive in bringing Gulf Coast Legal Aid, the Alliance, & others to resolve these cases and often avoid an eviction judgment. With this collaborative approach, nearly 80% of our nonpayment eviction cases are nonsuited/dismissed. It is important that judges follow the law but also rule with compassion. I also want to make sure that all litigants have an opportunity to be heard in an open, fair and just manner, including providing info to self-represented parties.

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COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.4
TREASEA TREVINO (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: Professionally, I have been practicing for 4 years. I have dedicated my career to serving the people of this community. I have extensive trial experience with cases involving complex matters and multiple parties. Personally, I am a single mother of 4 children. I am no stranger to hard work and dedication. I know the struggle of providing for a family while working and going to school. My trial experience, knowledge of the courtroom, service to the community and drive make me the best candidate.

ISSUES: The eviction crisis and the under representation of the litigants are the two most pressing issues that I will face in this courtroom. As rent related government funding runs out, both landlords and tenants are left as victims of the pandemic. This court hears the appeals on eviction cases from the Justice Courts. I will allow legal aid to come to the court to assist those litigants by connecting the parties with the resources available. To address the issue of underrepresented litigants, I will ensure the court makes information on its process and procedures accessible, in both English and Spanish, employs bilingual staff, and treats every individual that comes to court fairly, with dignity and respect.

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COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.1
ALEX SALGADO (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

QUALIFICATIONS: I am the best, most qualified candidate. As Judge of Criminal Court 2, I oversee a caseload with over 2,500 cases, and hear about 60-100 cases daily. I preside over criminal trials from jury selection to verdict, and countless hearings. As a native Houstonian from humble beginnings, I recognize the needs of everyday working citizens, and the importance of balancing community safety while protecting our constitutional rights. As a criminal attorney, I handled felons and misdemeanors offenses. Issues: The number one issue in Courts is our ability to move cases without a backlog of cases. Many cases are very old and have not been resolved. Victims and the accused need to be treated in a respectful and gentlemanly manner. Instead of having cases linger, we must find solutions to get the discovery turned over faster, encourage parties to evaluate the evidence, and encourage parties to take advantage of pretrial hearings and trials. Ensuring public safety while balancing the constitutional rights of the accused. We must protect the constitutional rights of the accused. We must also strive towards public safety by ordering appropriate conditions.

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COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.2
RONNISHA BOWMAN (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

QUALIFICATIONS: I am the most qualified candidate because I understand the criminal justice issues in our County. I propose exclusive jurisdiction in Harris County with experience as a former prosecutor and public defender. I have handled over 4,000 criminal cases from arrest to trial, from low-level misdemeanors to complex felonies on both sides. Before becoming an attorney, I worked as a policy analyst for criminal justice reform, becoming familiar with the most pressing criminal justice issues of our time.

ISSUES: 1. Reducing the criminal case backlog. Over the years, beginning with Hurricane Harvey and recently with the Pandemic, our Courts have had an increasing fully functional courtroom. I plan to continue operating court as a hybrid, online and in-person. During pretrial proceedings, attorneys may appear by Zoom for defendants whose appearances can be waived. With Zoom, even if our docket has ended, I can hear matters at any time issues arise. Another issue is the number of youthful offenders who are entering the criminal justice system through misdemeanor offenses. Many young defendants have not obtained a diploma or GED. I plan to create a resource guide for defendants in need of work, education and/or clothes or shelter. I want unique plans for rehabilitative punishment for our youth, not punishment alone.

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COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.3
JANNELL ROBLES (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

QUALIFICATIONS: I am the most qualified because I understand the criminal justice issues in our County. I propose exclusive jurisdiction in Harris County with experience as a former prosecutor and public defender. I have handled over 4,000 criminal cases from arrest to trial, from low-level misdemeanors to complex felonies on both sides. Before becoming an attorney, I worked as a policy analyst for criminal justice reform, becoming familiar with the most pressing criminal justice issues of our time.

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COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.4
LORENZO WILLIAMS (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been an Assistant District Attorney for 4 yrs. and I am currently a defense attorney. I have had the opportunity to try many cases to a jury. Before I was an attorney, I worked in the logistics field as a freight coordinator. I have had the opportunity to deal with many people of all types of backgrounds. I also am active in my community. It is my opinion that if you deal with people fairly, honestly, and respectfully you usually will win their respect. My experience has taught me that.

ISSUES: 1. Bond Issues 2. Mental Health As far as dealing with the bond issues, I would like to evaluate them on a case by case basis. I would be inclined to give PR bonds to those having low level non-violent offenses. I would want to ensure the safety of the community without compromising the constitutional rights of the person that has been accused. As far as mental health is concerned - it is going to have to be a collaborative effort. We will need to not just throw money at this problem; we (Commissioners Court, HPD, Sherriff’s Dept., City Council) definitely need a task force to advocate for mental health reform. I would like to see misdemeanor defendants get mental health services in the same way felony defendants receive them.

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**STACI BIGGAR (D)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have 27 years of experience in Harris County Criminal Courts as both a prosecutor and defense attorney. This has allowed me to see the court's strengths, weaknesses, and needs. I have represented individuals with severe mental health problems and drug addiction in felony courts, Veterans Treatment Court and Mental Health Court. I helped create the 1st Veterans Court Program in Texas, which is now a national model. I serve on multiple boards and committees addressing Veterans and MH issues.

**ISSUES:** The two most pressing issues affecting the Court are case backlog and trial wait times, both are common issues due to the pandemic. Accordingly, Harris County Criminal Court at Law No. 3 has the lowest active caseload of 16 misdemeanor courts in Harris County. My goal is to continue to reduce the caseload and trial wait times to ensure that the accused and crime victims are provided swift and fair justice.

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**PORSCHA NATASHA BROWN (D)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a Public Defender, I see in real time what really works in our Courts. I’ve been trial handling misdemeanors, serious felonies, and complex mental health cases. Prior to being a Public Defender, I worked on Civil Rights cases as a nonprofit attorney. I volunteer in my community, and I am an active advocate for Public Defenders, the Black community, and LGBTQ communities. Lastly, I hold leadership positions in groups that address Criminal Justice Reform, Criminal Law education and advancement.

**ISSUES:** The two most pressing issues affecting the Court are case backlog and trial wait times, both are common issues due to the pandemic. Accordingly, Harris County Criminal Court at Law No. 3 has the lowest active caseload of 16 misdemeanor courts in Harris County. My goal is to continue to reduce the caseload and trial wait times to ensure that the accused and crime victims are provided swift and fair justice.

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**SHANNON BRICHELLE BALDWIN (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Once I opened my criminal defense law practice in 2004, I represented thousands, including a large Spanish-speaking population as I am certified to interpret Spanish in court. In 2018 and 2019, I took an active part in seeking historic changes, including reforming misdemeanor bail, managed assigned counsel program, and open-hours court. The patience, compassion and genuine desire to help others I have gained over the years, will make me uniquely positioned as the best candidate for this Court.

**ISSUES:** First, with all the changes and programs we have created, ensuring the programs remain on track is of utmost importance. I will continue to ensure that those entitled to personal recognizance bonds will obtain one and will continue to accommodate those who cannot make traditional court time via open-hours court. Second, I plan to create a domestic violence specialty court. The goal of this Court would be to help impaired persons charged with such offenses set up better coping mechanisms as well as provide pathways to therapy and counseling.

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**SELINA ALANIZ (D)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have practiced criminal law and immigration law for twelve years and I understand the economic and social costs a criminal conviction can have on a person’s life. I had the privilege of being the speaker of multiple Continuing Legal Education (CLE) courses, including judicial conferences, where I trained attorneys and judges regarding legal standards. I understand the vital importance of the administration of justice and the need for diversity among our judiciary.

**ISSUES:** The two most pressing issues are working on restorative justice and ensuring individuals understand the collateral consequences of criminal convictions. I will work towards a positive impact on each individual by properly admonishing and ensuring each person understands the consequences they face according to the crime alleged and the impact it will have on their life. Restorative justice is needed for non-violent offenders because it repairs the effects of crime in our community by assisting individuals accused with a path towards success through resources that address mental health and substance abuse. By ensuring a fair and equitable process in the criminal justice system along with public safety, we can build a stronger Harris County.

**Occupation:** Attorney | Education: Texas Tech University School of Law, Doctor of Jurisprudence; Texas Tech University - Master of Business Administration; Texas A&M University - BA Political Science; South Texas College of Law - JD | Website: http://www.facebook.com/SelinaAlanizJudge | Twitter: twitter.com/SelinaAlanizJudge | Email: selinaalanizjudge@gmail.com | Phone: (832) 384-4005 | Address: P.O. Box 2125 Houston, TX 77252

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**KELLEY ANDREWS (D)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been practicing criminal law for almost 15 years. I have handled all levels of criminal cases from misdemeanors up to First Degree felonies. I have worked in many counties, but my main focus has always been Harris County. Since taking the bench in 2018, I, along with my colleagues, have worked extremely hard to better the Harris County Criminal Courts. One of the main reasons I ran for this seat was to make sure that the people would not languish on the docket, worked for bail reform, and plan to continue working to better the system with my colleagues.

**ISSUES:** Since being elected we have been faced with Hurricane Harvey recovery and the two most pressing issues are working on restorative justice and ensuring individuals understand the collateral consequences of criminal convictions. I will work towards a positive impact on each individual by properly admonishing and ensuring each person understands the consequences they face according to the crime alleged and the impact it will have on their life. Restorative justice is needed for non-violent offenders because it repairs the effects of crime in our community by assisting individuals accused with a path towards success through resources that address mental health and substance abuse. By ensuring a fair and equitable process in the criminal justice system along with public safety, we can build a stronger Harris County.

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**MAURICIO VAZQUEZ (D)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been a Harris County resident for over 26 years. I have handled all types of cases, from traffic tickets to capital murder death penalty appeals. I have worked in our legal system in criminal courts at every level. I am the only candidate in this race to have served our community as a prosecutor and public defender, and the only candidate with a balanced perspective. I am the candidate of the community, for the community with a history of service, humility, and justice for all.

**ISSUES:** My first priority if elected is to translate all frequently used court documents into the three most-spoken languages in Houston other than English (Spanish, Chinese, & Vietnamese). This change will ensure people can better understand and thus better abide by their bond conditions, keeping them in compliance with court orders and making the community safer. My second priority is to bring more accessibility and transparency to Harris County Criminal Court at Law No. 7 by expanding access to the court via Zoom for everyone handling court-related business, and live-streaming court proceedings for the general public to allow the community to keep me accountable, both things that are currently limited by the current judge in the court.

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**ANDREW A. WRIGHT (D)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have had the most experience in my primary whether it be as an attorney or as a judge. I have been a licensed practicing attorney since 2007 and am board certified in Criminal Law. I have tried cases in many jurisdictions in multiple states. I have been on the bench since 2019 and have brought forth progressive positive change that was needed. I have won over a decade of experience over my democratic opponent. My opponent has been licensed only 4 years, the minimum experience required.

**ISSUES:** 1. Implementation of Managed Assigned Counsel (MAC) program - We have implemented a MAC that keeps judges out of the business of assigning attorneys to indigent defendants before them. With the MAC, the appointments are done independent of the judges. Also, it creates more trust in the system and also helps ensure higher standards of representation to defendants. It is in its infancy, but will be working through implementation this year into next. 2. Case backlogs – Hurricane Harvey and COVID have created huge backlogs in our caseload. Putting in deadlines for agencies to get discovery turned over has helped reduce this and make sure that cases do not languish on the docket. Now we have one of the lowest misdemeanor docket numbers.

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ERIKA RAMIREZ (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: I currently am a prosecutor at the Harris County District Attorney’s Office, where I’ve served in the Financial Crimes, Juvenile, Trial Bureau, Intake, and Domestic Violence Divisions. In my time I have tried over 30 criminal cases, from Class A to Capital murder. Before that, I graduated from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles and Austin and began my career as a teacher and caseworker assistant, where I worked with victims of domestic violence.

ISSUES: My primary focus is to assure a respectful and fair process, as it is a fundamental issue that we still need to strive to achieve. Many communities are already distrustful and oftentimes disillusioned when it comes to the criminal justice system. Having a Judge that is dismissive, disrespectful, or unpredictable with respect to the application of the law does not facilitate a sense of trust that is necessary for a functioning judiciary. I am committed to being involved in the community and listening to the concerns and issues. In helping the community feel safe and truly served by our court system, we need to remain visible and involved. I will take full advantage of opportunities for collaboration so we can best serve our community.

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FRANKLIN BYNUM (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: As Judge of Court 8, I led the charge for nation-leading bail reform, which in just three years has eliminated racial disparities in pre-trial detention. I helped create an independent Office of Managed Assignment Counsel to provide better pay and more resources to court-appointed lawyers. I also led the effort to implement “Cite and Release” to reduce arrests for minor cases. Our misdemeanor courts are now more transparent, more responsive, and working better for all people in Harris County.

ISSUES: 1) Opponents of bail reform continue to engage in a massive misinformation campaign while the state government continues to try to take local control from our courts. I’d like to create a community court where young defendants charged with non-violent crimes can participate in an alternative court docket that involves their friends, family, community leaders, mental health experts, and other experts who can provide the defendant with the necessary life skills and counseling needed to ensure that they do not reoffend and can be productive members of society. This community court will allow for the court to focus on more serious criminal matters. To address economic bias, we must ensure that there is a strong indigent defense system. A judge can determine the resources allocated to those who represent the poor.

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COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.9

TORIA J. FINCH (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

THUY LE (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: My 15+ years of criminal law experience, first as a prosecutor and now as a defense attorney; my involvement in various legal organizations; and my commitment to the community through volunteer work qualifies me for the position of Judge. The courts need someone who understands criminal justice reform. I have put in the hard work to ensure that our courts treat everyone with dignity and respect regardless of their income, their gender, their sexual orientation, or their race.

ISSUES: The two most pressing issues are the docket backlog and economic bias in the courts. I’d like to create a community court where young defendants charged with non-violent crimes can participate in an alternative court docket that involves their friends, family, community leaders, mental health experts, and other experts who can provide the defendant with the necessary life skills and counseling needed to ensure that they do not reoffend and can be productive members of society. This community court will allow for the court to focus on more serious criminal matters. To address economic bias, we must ensure that there is a strong indigent defense system. A judge can determine the resources allocated to those who represent the poor.

Occupation: Criminal Defense Attorney | Education: Syracuse University College of Law, J.D., Syracuse NY; Emerson College, B.S., Boston MA | Website: http://www.thuyelforjudge.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/thuyelforjudge | Twitter: twitter.com/thuyleforjudge | Email: campaign@thuyelforjudge.com | Phone: (713) 908-0760 | Address: 440 Louisiana St. Suite 900 Houston, TX 77002

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.11

SED RICK T. WALKER II (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

JUANITA JACKSON (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have over 20 years experience in criminal law. I have handled over 3000 cases in Harris County. I am a former Assistant Public Defender and I am certified by the Fair Defense Act for felonies and misdemeanors. I work in the courts daily and have worked in every criminal court in the county. I know what works and what doesn’t. I pride myself on being a “mainstay” in Harris County Courts and have a proven reputation among the judges, prosecutors, court staff and the defense bar.

ISSUES: My top priority will be to expose young offenders to career options and opportunities. Recidivism decreases when people have stable careers/income. I will be incorporating career counseling and trade skills assessments into probation conditions. I hope to encourage skilled trade jobs and unique careers that do not require extensive education. I will be working with local unions that offer basic trade skills classes that will lead to tangible job opportunities. I also address the broader problem with family violence - which consumes a great deal of law enforcement resources. Without intervention, abuse is a cycle. I will require offenders to participate in effective training, family counseling, parenting and reunion programs.


COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.12

GENE S. DRAPER (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

JE RELL A. ROGERS (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: A judge needs courtroom experience and community presence. I have had jury trials on low level of misdemeanor cases up to murders and capital murders. Additionally, I have maintained a strong, active community presence. I am a former 8th grade teacher, a “Big Brother” with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Houston, and I train officers on racial profiling. With my legal experience, community experience, and coming from an under represented group, I am best to serve citizens of Harris County.

ISSUES: Continuing bail reform and bringing CCCL #14 to the community. I’ll improve communication between the Court, attorneys and pre-trial services to ensure issues related to bond conditions are addressed timely. I will regularly re-visit conditions of bond to ensure they are appropriate. I would continue to not have defendants’ presence required for non-essential settings but I would hold attorneys accountable on those settings (discovery, offers, etc) to ensure cases are moving to disposition. For community, I would create a mentorship program similar to Big Brothers Big Sisters but with attorneys. I would bring on interns from groups traditionally underrepresented in the legal field. I’d get Court 14 involved with SOBER Court & Veterans Court.

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COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.13

RAUL RODRIGUEZ (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

D AVID L. SINGER (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been working in criminal courts on a daily basis for the last 38 years. After 2 years’ experience at the 1st Court of Appeals, I spent 6 years as an Assistant District Attorney in Harris County, and then 28 years as a Criminal Defense Attorney. I have represented over 4000 citizens accused of crimes and did 15 years of indigent defense. I am the current judge in this court. My opponent has only been licensed for 8 years, and has never represented anyone charged with a criminal offense.

ISSUES: In 2018, I ran on the platform of bail reform to end the cash bail system. I have been working in criminal courts on a daily basis for the last 38 years. After 2 years’ experience at the 1st Court of Appeals, I spent 6 years as an Assistant District Attorney in Harris County, and then 28 years as a Criminal Defense Attorney. I have represented over 4000 citizens accused of crimes and did 15 years of indigent defense. I am the current judge in this court. My opponent has only been licensed for 8 years, and has never represented anyone charged with a criminal offense.

ISSUES: In 2018, I ran on the platform of bail reform to end the cash bail system for most misdemeanor cases. In 2019, the County Criminal Court Judges settled the pending Federal lawsuit against us on the cash bail system, and entered into a consent decree. We also enacted new local rules on bail that implemented the consent decree to ensure nobody was held in jail simply because they can’t afford small amounts of bail. This has changed the County Criminal Courts dramatically. No longer do poor people accused of minor offenses have to plead guilty just to get out of jail. A second issue is implantation of the MAC (managed assigned counsel) office, so judges no longer pick and pay the lawyers assigned to indigent defendants.

Occupation: Judge - Harris County Criminal Court at Law #14 | Education: B.A, Political Science, University of South Florida 1980; J.D. South Texas College of Law 1983 | Website: http://www.judgedavidasinger.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/JudgeDavidSinger | Email: disinger@aol.com | Phone: (713) 443-1463 | Address: 13121 Louetta Rd. #20 Cypress, TX 77429

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.15

TONY JONES (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED
HARRIS COUNTY - PROBATE COURT • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

JERRI SIMONEAUX (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

QUALIFICATIONS: Texas Supreme Court License, 2007. Attorney and owner at Medina Law Texas, PLLC. Practice areas - probate, trusts, estate planning, guardianships, and general civil litigation. Previously at Cadence Bank, Trusts & Estates Division, provided trust and estate administration and financial planning. Law clerk in the 269th Civil District Court, drafted legal memoranda, legal research, and analysis. Serve on the Houston Bar Association Board of Directors and as a Regent at Texas Southern University.

ISSUES: Dialogue with the other probate court judges to align the four courts' local rules and procedures and implement all available technology to manage the court docket efficiently. Dialogue with the court staff, implement best practices for a safe and fair work environment. The judge serving the people of Harris County on the probate bench must be qualified and be compassionate. My intellect, demeanor and compassion are much needed in the probate court where often the parties are experiencing a difficult life event. The judge must demonstrate a strict adherence to the rule of law, unbiased approach to the parties and comply with each of the judicial canons of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct.

Occupation: Attorney | Probate, Trusts | Education: The University of Texas at Austin - Bachelors, Psychology, Minor; Social Work; Thurgood Marshall School of Law - cum laude; Doctor of Jurisprudence; Guardianship and Ad Litem Certification; Impound Master Certification | Website: www.pamelaemedina.com | Facebook: www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=10008936523748 | Twitter: twitter.com/PAmedina4judge | Email: info@pamelaemedina.com | Phone: (713) 266-9595
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PAMELA MEDINA (D)

MICHAELE NEWMAN (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have over 41 years of trial experience as a lawyer & judge, having represented 1000s of clients. I have conducted over 400 contested hearings prior to becoming a judge and have tried over 110 trials in both capacities. I continue to be committed to providing equal and timely access to the courts in a fair, impartial, & nondiscriminatory manner. 100s of lawyers who have practiced in my court support my reelection. My experience, record, & temperament are reasons that voters should re-elect me.

ISSUES: The two most pressing issues that I have encountered during my first term were ensuring timely access to the courts & increasing the diversity of the court staff. Upon assuming the bench, 80% of the staff I inherited were Caucasian. Over the past 3 years, I have recruited qualified minority candidates, & now 60% of new court staff are well-qualified minority women. Since assuming the bench, I have quadrupled the number of contested dockets, increased the number of trials by a factor of 5, & have conducted over 2500 contested hearings. I am committed to continuing having dockets everyday of the week, to ensure that the public has equal & timely access to the courts. I am knowledgeable, diligent, and I have not been reversed on appeal.

Occupation: Judge - Harris County Probate Court No. 2 | Education: University of Texas at Austin; BBA with honors 1977 University of Houston Law School, J.D. 1980 | Website: http://www.reelectjudget Newman.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/judgemenewman59994 | Email: michael.newman.509994@eastern.trillium.com | Address: 245 W. 18th Street, Houston, Texas 77008

JASON COX (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

HARRIS COUNTY - DISTRICT CLERK • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

MAINTAIN THE RECORDS OF COMMISSIONERS COURT, PROBATE COURTS AND COUNTY CIVIL COURTS-AT-LAW; RECORDS VITAL DOCUMENTS SUCH AS PROPERTY RECORDS, MARRIAGE LICENSES, ASSUMED NAMES CERTIFICATES, BIRTH RECORDS AND DEATH RECORDS. SERVES AS CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER ADMINISTERING COUNTY AND STATE ELECTIONS. 4-YEAR TERM.

MARILYN BURGESS (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: The District Clerk’s role is to manage the county’s court system, record & maintain all court records with 500+ employees, and a $43 million budget. My business background as a CPA for 25 years, Executive Director for Texas PTA, and President of the N. Houston Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce, gives me the vision and experience to manage large budgets and to be an effective, hands-on leader. I was recognized nationally in 2021 for Jury Innovation, and I have plans for more innovations.

ISSUES: 1) Jury participation rates and diversity. The pandemic has caused our participation rates to fall even lower than before. Our pools do not reflect the diversity of Harris County. I am advocating for a pay increase for jurors as I firmly believe we must adequately pay for service if we are to achieve the diversity we all want. 2) The ability to recruit and retain the best and brightest. A Lead Court Clerk requires a minimum of 18-24 months of training to be able to independently function in a courtroom. We lose many of our best clerks to other Harris County agencies who pay significantly more for our highly trained clerks than our budget allows. I will continue to advocate for additional funding to make our salaries competitive.

Occupation: District Clerk | Education: Bachelors in Accounting from Louisiana State University; Certified Public Accountant | Website: http://www.MarilynBurgess.com | Facebook: www.facebook.com/caronburgess | Twitter: twitter.com/VoteMarilyn
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DESIREE BROADNAX (D) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

HARRIS COUNTY - COUNTY CLERK • DEMOCRATIC PARTY

THE TREASURER IS CHIEF CUSTODIAN OF COUNTY FUNDS AND RECEIVES ALL MONIES BELONGING TO THE COUNTY. THE TREASURER KEEPS AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE FUNDS IN DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY AND DISBURSES THE FUNDS AS COMMISSIONERS COURT MAY REQUIRE OR DIRECT, NOT INCONSISTENT WITH CONSTITUTED LAW. THE TREASURER ALSO SERVES THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND THE PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY. THE TREASURER IS ELECTED FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM.

CARLA L. WYATT (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: As a veteran of governmental work experience, I am running for Harris County Treasurer to help modernize inner workings of the office, to seek out opportunities to save taxpayers money, provide better services in an effort to avoid wasted time and avoidable mistakes. The Harris County Treasurer must once again become the “Financial Watchdog” of county government to make sure that the residents of county government are getting the best and most effective services for the taxes, we are all paying.

ISSUES: I am seeking endorsements and support to ensure that more individuals in Harris County have a better understanding of what the Harris County Treasurer’s office is responsible for. For far too long this office has sat by and doing the minimum necessary to get by. A couple of the issues in this office consist of, but are not limited to, the fact the taxpayers have no idea of how much money passes through the county. In order to help Harris County Citizens have a better understanding, I hope to create a portal that paints a picture that is easy to understand what the county is spending your money on. This is a small part of improvements that are waiting to change under my leadership. I want to be on the right side with this office.

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PAMELA MEDINA (D)

DYLAN OSBORNE (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have the best qualification for the position: I am already doing the job at a high level! I have over a decade of local government experience across a variety of roles and a masters degree in public administration. This has provided a strong foundation for me to build on in my first term. In three years, I have reasserted the position in county administration and my appointment centralized the office. We efficiently handle around $20 billion annually at a cost of about 25 cents per county resident.

ISSUES: The biggest issue this office faces is fraud, either through electronic means or fraudulent checks. The staff is trained multiple times a year on how to avoid phishing scams and the like. We work closely with other departments such as IT to make sure we are as secure as possible. I increased the security features on our check processing to help stop bad checks from getting through, but it is a constant battle. Keeping our money safe is my top priority. Managing during the pandemic is its own issue. We are a small staff, so we feel it any time someone is out. We also have state mandated duties so we cannot close the office. I have the staff on a work from home rotation so someone is always available if we have multiple people get sick.

Occupation: Harris County Treasurer | Education: B.S. - Social Sciences, University of Houston-Downtown; M.P.A. - Master of Public Administration, University of Houston | Website: www.DylanForHarrisCounty.com | Facebook: www.facebook.com/DylanforHarrisCounty | Twitter: twitter.com/Dylan4HC | Email: Dylan@dylanforharriscounty.com | Address: PO Box 6514 Houston, TX 77285

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**HARRIS COUNTY - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**SCHOOL TRUSTEE, PLACE 1 - POSITION 1 PRECINCT 2**

**AMY HINOJOSA (D) RUNNING UNOPPOSED**

GEORGE RISNER (D)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have lived in Precinct 2 my whole life. I have served 4 years as Commissioner for City of Galena Park, having won that position when I was 19 years old. I was elected Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 in 1986 and served for 35 years. I am active in the community’s business, civic, and social organizations. I want to serve as Precinct 2 Commissioner to make a difference in the Precinct and bring my experience to better serve this community.

**ISSUES:** Commissioner Precinct 2 is responsible for roads, bridges, drainage, and infrastructure. Maintaining the roadways and bridges that accommodate the heavy truck traffic serving the Houston Ship Channel and the refineries that support our local economy is a must. This requires an effort to recapture the Commissioner’s influence in prioritizing the Precinct’s needs among County’s engineering projects. Precinct 2 must revitalize its communities by supporting new business opportunities, meeting low-income housing needs, addressing gang activity, enhancing health care to include mental illness, preserving parks, and encouraging school attendance among our youth. Community leaders and stakeholders must be involved in solutions.

** Occupation:** Justice of the Peace | **Education:** Galena Park High School, Diploma; Houston Community College, Associates Degree

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**HARRIS COUNTY - COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**SCHOOL TRUSTEE, PLACE 2 - POSITION 2 PRECINCT 4**

**ANDREA DUHON (D) RUNNING UNOPPOSED**

**HARRIS COUNTY - COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have 30 plus years of experience in public service as a law enforcement professional in Harris County Texas. I have experience in interpreting and implementing policies, regulations and directives. I evaluate new approaches for the organizational good. I have experience overseeing projects, I encourage new ideas and innovations. I design and implement new and cutting edge programs. I understand the need to be a good steward of taxpayer dollars. I am a servant of the community.

**ISSUES:** Crime: Harris County is moderately more dangerous than the rest of the United States. This means that your chances of becoming a victim of any type of crime in Harris County is 1 in 22 if you reside here for a year. County law enforcement needs to be improved, they need the resources. The entire criminal justice system for Harris County needs to be reviewed for improvement. The District Attorney’s Office is short on manpower, and the criminal courts are hurting. All of these problems affect our community in a negative way. Getting Back to Business: The second most pressing issue is to get back to doing the work of the people and stop the fighting between the court members, nothing will ever get accomplished for the people.

** Occupation:** Retired Police Commander | **Education:** BS, Organizational Leadership - Mountain State University | **Website:** [http://www.ucsheriff.net](http://www.ucsheriff.net) | **Email:** Campaign@voteharrison.net | **Phone:** (281) 620-9516 | **Address:** P.O. Box 24429 Houston, TX 77229

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**CLARENCE MILLER (D)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** 1. Director/GM of a Utility District with 16 years’ experience in infrastructure improvement, Eliminating Bureaucratic waste and holding contractors accountable 2. Cut the budget while investing $5 million in infrastructure improvement/ flood control migration while increasing revenue and Not Taxes. 3. Eliminated $10 million in debt without taking out bonds. 4. Civil servant/union member United States Postal Service for 29 years 5. Director of H.P.C.U with increasing revenues from $10- $50 million

**ISSUES:** Flooding and Infrastructure Improvements are the (2) pressing issues. Each type of flooding requires different mitigation strategies; different areas have different priorities, needs and timetables. Until flooding is mitigated, we need a designated trained team responding to flood disasters and not office workers. I have used an innovative system called (CIPP) Cured in Place Pipe. This system is a reliable, cost-effective way to repair water main and sewer lines. It’s a no-dig (trenchless) method saving millions in time, and the life expectancy is 50 years. I support underground tunnels, floodwalls, floodgates, levees, elevated structures, property buyouts, zoning and building codes. Projects can be funded by using Proposition 2.

** Occupation:** Consultant | **Education:** Civil Servant - 29 years with the United States Postal Service; small business owner with a license in Insurance, Loan Officer and Real Estate; Director/GM of Northwest Harris County Utility District #24 for 16 years

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**GINA CALANNI (D)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** On the job training as the State Representative for Texas House District 132 has provided me with the experience and background to hit the ground running to be the next Harris County Commissioner for Precinct 4. Being a State Representative I had the opportunity of balancing our state’s budget and the experience of allocating funds directly to our county. I understand the process, have direct current alliances that have been established, as well as look into federal and state funding and oversight for the Flood Control District.

**ISSUES:** Flood mitigation and drainage systems improvement- there are several projects that I would advocate for, including the pipeline that needs to be built underneath I-10. Increasing access to quality, affordable healthcare: I would work with Harris Health system as well other hospital networks to increase healthcare options for the public. I have created a plan to incentivize wellness checkups for new moms and babies on Medicaid.

** Occupation:** Former State Rep. Gina Calanni is a working mother of three boys in Katy public schools, Vice President of Finance for a small business in our community, cancer survivor, native Texan and author | **Education:** I hold a degree in Political Science from St. Edward’s University. | **Website:** [http://www.ginacalanni.com](http://www.ginacalanni.com) | **Facebook:** [http://www.facebook.com/GinaCalanniTX](http://www.facebook.com/GinaCalanniTX) | **Twitter:** twitter.com/GinaCalanni | **Email:** gina@ginacalanni.com | **Phone:** (512) 409-8512 | **Address:** P.O. Box 6733 Katy, TX 77491

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**ANN WILLIAMS (D)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** For the last 15 years, I have been responsible for $6.5 billion-plus budgets. I have been responsible for the health and benefits of 6000 employees. I have managed an infrastructure where the oldest building of 50 facilities is more than 50 years old. I was elected by more than 9000 voters and served three full terms. I was chosen by my peers to lead as President for the last seven years. I am competent that these skills will transfer over to become the most qualified candidate for this office.

**ISSUES:** The two most pressing issues that I will face in this office will be inequitable vaccine doses to eligible seniors and essential workers. In August—Wellness Month—our Health Services team provided more than 3,600 health services and screenings at our two Access2Health SmartPods. In total, Health Services reached more than 160,000 constituents. With respect to flooding, for the second year, we completed more than 1.2 million linear feet of ditch maintenance in Precinct 2 to help prevent flooding and broke ground on numerous flood improvement projects. We’ve increased funding and oversight for the Flood Control District.

** Occupation:** Secondary Educator | **Education:** A graduate of Jesse H. Jones High in Houston, TX; studied at Texas Southern University; graduated Summa Cum Laude from American International University; earned a Bachelors of Information Technology and a Masters Business Administration. | **Website:** [http://www.annwilliamscampaign.net](http://www.annwilliamscampaign.net) | **Facebook:** [http://www.facebook.com/AnnWillyCamp](http://www.facebook.com/AnnWillyCamp) | **Twitter:** twitter.com/annwilly | **Email:** electronwilliams@gmail.com | **Phone:** (713) 364-4184 | **Address:** P.O. Box 1872 Aft, Texas 77011

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LESLEY BRIONES (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: If we want to come out of this pandemic stronger, we need a Commissioner with the proven experience to make big things happen. I led the growth of a small Houston start-up into one of the leading foundations in the U.S. I have managed multi-million-dollar budgets and have overseen more than a billion dollars in social impact grants. I currently serve as a civil judge in Harris County and have earned top ratings. I am an adjunct law school professor and have worked as a public-school teacher.

ISSUES: 1. Law and Order must be a Priority and will be under my administration. The safety and security of the residents of Harris County must be a priority for the next Pct. #4 Commissioner. As the Commissioner, the court must allow first responders to invest in technology and state of the art safety equipment. As a 35 year veteran Deputy Sheriff, I will bring that hands-on experience to the Commissioner’s Court and will actively work with law enforcement instead of shutting them out and vilifying them. 2. Promote Business and Economic Growth. A more secure and crime free Pct. #4 will help to grow and attract new economic growth to the area. As a successful business owner, I will reach out to businesses to create economic growth.

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SANDRA PELMORE (D) | UNABLE TO CONTACT

JEFF STAUBER (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a 35-year veteran of the Harris County Sheriff’s Office and proudly serve as a Commander in the Jail Division. I have overseen the Harris County Courts and commanded over robbery and burglary investigations in the County as well as Command over the Jail Division. Along with my full time career with the Harris County Sheriff’s Office, I also am a successful local business owner. Both these experiences will be an asset to Precinct 4 and the Commissioner’s Court.

ISSUES: 1. Fix the Roads! In too many neighborhoods, potholes are plentiful, sidewalks are broken or missing, and street lamps don’t work. As County Commissioner, I will implement a 72 hour guarantee - where within 72 hours of reporting a pothole, sidewalk, or street light problem, our team will assess and repair the issue. 2. Flooding. We bounce from disaster to disaster. I will lead the creation of a publicly available playbook for each type of foreseeable disaster (hurricane, flood, oil tanker fire, etc.) so that everyone from the public to the media knows what the government is doing and how to access the resources that are available. I support fully funding all of our 2018 flood bond projects and am open to new ideas to reduce flooding.

Occupation: Police Officer - Commander | Education: High school diploma with some college credit | Email: Staubco@suddenlink.net | Phone: (281) 362-3475

BENJAMIN “BEN” CHOUD (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: I am the most qualified Democrat running for this seat. The County Commissioner governs county agencies, and I am the only candidate who has actually worked for a Harris County agency. As the Director of Innovation for the Harris County Elections Office, I led the team that created successful election innovations such as drive-thru voting. These innovations were safe, legal, and effective. We were so successful that state Republicans made it their #1 goal to make all of our work illegal.

ISSUES: 1. Eviction Actions: With the rising rates of evictions coming to the Justice of the Peace court, I will make sure that, in every situation, all means of aid are available they go to court. I have an extensive background in the legal profession, as I have organized and activist. Currently, I am a credentialed Texas mediator working with diversion programs that reduce evictions and benefit everyone. We need permanent solutions beyond the pandemic. I will work with social services, legal aid, and nonprofits to create a model problem-solving court that emphasizes holistic, sustainable, and community-driven resolutions to housing problems. JPs are often the first point of contact in the judicial system for people who are struggling, and they deserve to access justice with dignity. Court should not feel like detention. I’ll listen to people, not scold them. I won’t use a gavel and I won’t impose dress codes or arbitrary codes of conduct. I will respect everyone’s name, pronouns, and gender expression.

Occupation: Attorney | Education: Juris Doctorate, Northwestern University; Masters in Business Administration, Northwestern University; Bachelors of Arts, Rice University | Website: http://www.benchouts.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/BenChouTX

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HARRIS COUNTY - 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. JUDGES ARE ELECTED TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM.

STEVE DUBLE (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: For over 30 years I have advocated for plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of cases, including both tenants and landlords in JP courts. I understand how the system works and how we can make it better. I am active in the progressive community. I will listen to advocates and the people most affected by the issues to create a more accessible court and achieve the most equitable outcomes possible. If elected I will be the first gay JP in Harris County history.

ISSUES: We must tackle our eviction crisis head on through eviction and homelessness diversion programs that reduce evictions and benefit everyone. We need permanent solutions beyond the pandemic. I will work with social services, legal aid, and nonprofits to create a model problem-solving court that emphasizes holistic, sustainable, and community-driven resolutions to housing problems. JPs are often the first point of contact in the judicial system for people who are struggling, and they deserve to access justice with dignity. Court should not feel like detention. I’ll listen to people, not scold them. I won’t use a gavel and I won’t impose dress codes or arbitrary codes of conduct. I will respect everyone’s name, pronouns, and gender expression.

Occupation: Attorney | Education: JD, University of Houston Law Center, 1989; BA, Texas Christian University, 1986; Strake Jesuit High School, 1982 | Website: http://www.steveduble.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/stevedubleTX

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CHRIS WATSON (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have worked in this community for more than 30 years as a civic organizer and activist. Currently, I am a credentialed Texas mediator working with businesses and citizens to help solve issues that involve civil disagreements before they go to court. I have an extensive background in the legal profession, as I have worked as a Senior legal assistant for more than 15 years.

ISSUES: 1.) Eviction Actions: With the rising rates of evictions coming to the Justice of the Peace court, I will make sure that, in every situation, all means of aid are available and exhausted before there has to be a judgement for eviction. I will have those aid resources available in the court house for immediate and easy access for litigants. 2.) Illegal Dumping: I will be a Judge that will not tolerate the constant problems of illegal dumping in Precinct 1. As I worked in this community for more than 30 years, illegal dumping has been a constant problem in this area. I will bring creative ways of penalizing perpetrators of illegal dumping to publicize and discourage others who look to do the same in our community.

Occupation: Business Consultant and Mediator | Education: BS Texas Southern University | Website: http://www.ChrisWatsonforJP.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/ChrisWatsonforJP | Email: chriswatsonforjp@gmail.com | Phone: (713) 310-1464

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Victor Lombrana (D) | No Response Received

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SONIA LOPEZ (D)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am an Honors graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and South Texas College of Law. I was honored to be named a Texas Bar Foundation Fellow. Currently, I serve as an in-house attorney as the Houston Federation of Teachers Small Business Owner and Landlord Tenant disputes. I have been elected and served as President and Director of the Houston Federation for a community-driven background. I believe my educational, professional, and community-driven background make me the best candidate for this position.

**ISSUES:** Two pressing issues in this court are evictions and efficiency. Evictions will continue to be a major role in this court after Covid. Transparency is key in making sure evictions are handled in accordance with the law. I will build partnerships to make sure legal aid groups and law clinics continue to have a role in the courts. Precinct 1 is one of the busiest Justice of the Peace courts in Harris County. Justice courts are the people’s court, and it is our duty to manage them in a way that ensures people have easy access to speedy justice. Nobody should have to take a full day off of work in order to access their court system. I will implement a system with staggered start times to minimize waiting periods.

**Occupation:** Attorney | Education: B.A.B.S. University of Texas at Austin, 2007 with Special Honors; J.D., South Texas College of Law, 2015 | Website: http://www.sonialopez.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/sonialopez | Twitter: twitter.com/sonialopez
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RON CAMPANA (D)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a lawyer who has practiced for over 37 years in the Harris County Justice Courts with more than 30 years of legal experience in matters relating to leases and landlord-tenant disputes. I have been elected and served as President and Director of the Bay Colony West Municipal Utility District, a public entity, which provided clean water in the Houston area. I have served the community as a Director of a non-profit shelter serving persons in need. My experience would be beneficial to our community.

**ISSUES:** With the Covid-19 pandemic there has been a lot of changes that our community had to adapt to. I would ensure that my court is a safe environment that follows the CDC guidelines and the local and state laws. I will ensure that these requirements and information is available to the public via the court’s website. I will advocate for fair wages and compensation through lobbying the Commissioners court and oversee and implement county policies to ensure a safe and non-discriminatory workplace. The court staff are currently employees governed by county rules and policies and law.

**Occupation:** Lawyer | Education: High School; Lee High School in Houston, Texas; Graduation Year: 1977; College: Houston Baptist University, Degree: Bachelor of Arts - Graduation Year: 1981; Law School: South Texas College of Law, Degree: Juris Doctor - Graduation Year: 1984 | Website: http://www.roncampa.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/roncampaforjudgesofhouston | Email: campanaron@gmail.com | Phone: (713) 227-0042 | Address: 4900 Fournace Place Suite 560, Bellaire, Texas 77401

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DOLORES LOZANO (D)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have the character, commitment and compassion to become the first woman to serve as Justice of the Peace in Precinct 2, Place 2. As a first-generation graduate, I seek to consistently immerse myself in opportunities that impact my community. I’ve been selected for competitive fellowship programs with the Aspen Institute and the National Institute for New Leaders. I’m the only candidate who has worked with stakeholders across the county, state, country and world. And I’m the lifelong Democrat in my race.

**ISSUES:** JP courts can and should be transformed into community-centered courts that connect people to services. As the next Justice of the Peace, I will work towards preventing evictions and helping people access resources. I will remove barriers to access by making big changes like allowing legal aid organizations to operate out of the court. I will provide translators in my court to ensure everyone can self-advocate that the impact of an eviction on children can be devastating. Not only will I ensure kids are not left in the streets, I will also work to keep youth on the path to success. My courtroom will serve as a model that strengthens our community and leads the way for the rest of the state.

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner | Education: Baylor University | Website: http://www.doloreslozano.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/doloreslozano | Email: info@doloreslozano.com | Phone: (281) 756-7573
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BLAIR MCLURE (D)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a long-time resident of Precinct 2. Retired after 35 years as a project manager for IBM, I serve as the community outreach liaison for the Justice Court, and a Civil Service Commissioner for the City of Pasadena. I feel that my ties to the community as a retired employee and my legal background will put me in a unique position to serve in this position. It is important to promote dignity in the court’s proceedings by treating all persons alike, to bring a common-sense approach to equal justice for all.

**ISSUES:** Many parties in Justice Court act without a lawyer. Unrepresented persons are afraid and are misunderstood because of language barriers and cultural differences.

**Occupation:** Retired | Education: High School and years of IT technical courses with IBM | Website: http://www.blairemclure.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100076195332949 | Email: MclureBlair@gmail.com | Phone: (713) 965-4576
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LUCIA BATES (D)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** 3 yrs exp. as the current Justice of the Peace. Exceeding yearly educational requirements each year since my election. I owned a Marketing Company for 10 yrs and was Marketing Director and Advertising Mgr. 12+ yrs. with the Houston Chronicle. Being able to make tough decisions when needed, and having stability and the right skills set to not only manage and train employees, but adhere to the ever-changing laws that affect the court. Re-elected by my peers to the Harris County Juvenile Board.

**ISSUES:** Truancy continues to be a serious issue with students not attending school for various reasons. During the height of the Pandemic, I was in discussion with various schools experiencing the high truancy level. Imagine three students in one household with one computer, who gets to do the homework? I was able to host a virtual truancy workshop via Zoom, included the Asst. District Attorney, 147 triad officers from over 10 school districts participated and left with solutions. We are now getting Truancy cases back in court, and I would like to continue assisting the schools by providing solutions. I was elected to the Harris County Juvenile Board for the 2nd year. I would like to continue the backlog of jury Trials on hold due to the pandemic, Housnds: MBA - University of Phoenix; BBA - University of Houston-Clear Lake | Website: http://www.luciacbatesjp.com

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ASHLEIGH ROBESON (D)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have at least 10 years of County experience. First starting with working as a court clerk, Constables office Coordinator and currently the jail. I have pretty much seen all sides of the judicial system and how it’s practiced. I earned my Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice, Certified Clerk of the Court, advanced to the Assistant Chief Clerk, Coordinator for Community events and Jailers TCOLE certified. On several occasions I have worked multiple food drives throughout my precinct.

**ISSUES:** 1. Lack of Local Services, Legal Aid, and Pro Bono. We will have a working relationship with resourceful free services providing legal services to help Tenants, Landlords and Attorneys to enhance the chances of having cases fully completed or disposed of. 2. Backlog of Civil Cases and Class C Traffic cases due to COVID. A part of the plan is to prioritize criminal misdemeanor cases that need to be settled quicker or those that the public demands to be handled. Our goal is to settle all cases and stay on top of daily filed cases. Partnership with the other Precinct Judge and Constable allow us to divide and conquer the whole precinct to help those more effectively in our community.

**Occupation:** Small Business Co-Founder | Education: Masters Degree in Public Administration - Homeland Security/Disaster Mgmt. from Sam Houston State University; Bachelor’s Degree in Administration of Justice Cum Laude Texas Southern University Associates in Social & Behavioral Science-San Jac College | Website: http://arobersonforjp32.wixsite.com/ashleighrobeson | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/ashleigh.robenison.50 | Phone: (713) 965-4576
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HERBERT ALEXANDER SANCHEZ (D)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a member of this community, a business owner, former Deputy Sheriff and elected Board Trustee, I have worked hand in hand with our local law enforcement, local organizations, community leaders, and directly with our community members on a daily basis, allowing me to understand the needs in our area and better understand areas of neglect. It is clear that our community deserves servant leaders who have the competencies and clear understanding of the needs of our community which I have.

**ISSUES:** The two most pressing issues that I will face in the office I seek are the disconnect between this office and other offices and the disconnect between this office and the public. These issues will be addressed by rebuiding the strained relationships amongst this office and other office starting on Day 1. When public servants work together with public safety in mind our communities thrive. I am good at building bridges instead of walls. Secondly, public confidence and trust will be regained through accountability, transparency, and public safety experience which is crucial when reducing crime and increasing empowerment.

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner | Education: Bachelors Degree in Administration of Justice Criminal Justice, Certified Court Clerk of the Court, advanced to the Assistant Chief Court Clerk, Coordinator for Community events and Jailers TCOLE certified. On several occasions I have worked multiple food drives throughout my precinct.

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CHARGED WITH HELPING TO ELECT PARTY CANDIDATES IN ELECTIONS. 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 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 CASES INVOLVING UP TO $10,000. HANDLES MISCELLANEOUS COMPLAINTS, PERFORMS MARRIAGES, ISSUES COMMITMENT PAPERS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL, ISSUES SEARCH AND ARREST WARRANTS. JUDGES QUALIFICATIONS: I am a skilled attorney with significant courtroom experience. I have the knowledge and skills necessary to serve as Justice of the Peace. My background includes a degree in law and extensive legal experience. I have a proven track record of success in handling legal cases. ISSUES: I would like to focus on juvenile crime, truancy, and school disruptions issues. This is the first court where most students will have their first interaction with the justice system. I am seeking the privilege of public office to be a fresh voice to elevate the community. Our State is in the midst of a political, cultural, and social crisis. The State is in dire need of real change in the courts. To that end, I'm advocating for public office in 2022 in order to push progress towards constitutional governance in our courts.

RODERICK D. RODGERS (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: I am the best candidate for this position because of my background as a prosecutor and defensive attorney. I am running to bring a fresh new perspective with a wide range of personal and professional experiences that will contribute greatly to all who come before me. Harris County faces many challenges. I want to use the skills I learned academically and professionally to keep Harris County a safe and thriving community.

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EMAN AFSHAR (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: In addition to receiving my legal degrees, I am a certified mediator that has performed mediations in JP Courts. As an attorney, my practice areas focus around small business, personal injury, and landlord tenant cases. These are all issues which could potentially end up in JP courts. Prior to law school, I worked in sales and in construction, both of which required me to communicate with people of all backgrounds. I think having someone like me at the helm will make the difference that we need.

ISSUES: 1) The backlog that the pandemic has caused is one that needs to be addressed quickly. We need to incorporate more technology in our courtrooms. One thing I would like to do is have an option for virtual courtroom appearances on a permanent basis. This will alleviate some of the issues with appearing either due to illness or lack of transportation. 2) There is not enough information regarding court procedures and it causes confusion amongst those that must appear. I would propose reaching out to the local law school clinics and encouraging programs where 3rd year students can help explain laws, and give advice (under supervision). I would also want guides published on the web as well as print with local aide organizations that can help.

LUIS GARZA (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been working for the courts for 28 years. I began my career in justice courts at the very place I am running for office. I was there for 7 years working as a justice court clerk. I'm currently a Chief Clerk for Precinct 2, Place 1. My experience as a Chief Clerk enables me to understand all departments in the JP court, from budget to revenue plans to the administrative segment. I have knowledge of statutes, procedures, and ethical guidelines that apply to the Texas justice courts.

ISSUES: Promoting Accessibility - This is the most important responsibility of the court: eliminating barriers that prevent people from understanding and exercising their rights. One way I plan on achieving this is by making sure the clerks are properly trained and certified by the State; making sure that every single person that comes to the court has access to information about court legal processes and procedures. Increasing Efficiency - Delivering fair and just outcomes, making sure that all the resources and programs that are available to the public are utilized effectively while also ensuring the accountability and transparency of the court.

ANGELA D. RODRIGUEZ (D)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been born and raised in Precinct 6, and it has been my dream to preside as Justice of the Peace since I was a small child. To prepare for the opportunity to serve as J.P. I have dedicated years to my education and legal training. After entering the University of Houston and graduating with two B.A. degrees, I furthered my study at Law School, graduating and becoming licensed to practice law in Texas and practicing law in my community. Then, the community of Pct. 6 elected me their J.P.

ISSUES: The two most pressing issues that we face are retaining the trained staff to uphold the productivity and integrity of our process in Justice Court and navigating the opportunity to have access to the Court during the pandemic. Our approach to serving the public has been to continue to build on the legacy left by my predecessor, who was the first full time Hispanic Judge in Harris County and a lawyer like myself. We have maintained trainings for our Court staff, and I am there to have answers for the public and adjust our processes to meet modern needs. Secondly, to adjust to evolving pandemic needs, we continue to implement virtual court proceedings, both telephonic and by virtual meeting software to meet the safety needs of the public.

SHARON BURNEY (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

HARRIS COUNTY PARTY CHAIR • DEMOCRATIC 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.

ODUS EVBAGHARU (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED
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.

JAMESON ELLIS (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

MILAM LANGLELLA (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: Through my military career, I have worked on high-level staff groups for the development of training and operational war plans as they fit into the national strategy with respect to Marine Corps capabilities. As Company Commander at the USMC School of Infantry, I managed over 400 injured Marines during training and legal issues. Now, I work as an airline pilot with the lives of approximately 200 passengers and 4 crew members dependent on my decision making.

ISSUES: Border Crisis - This one issue has many capillaries into the United States, most importantly; human trafficking, illegal drugs, voter integrity and crippling the American economy. We must implement the border moratorium and reverse the flow of illegals coming into this County. Federal government violations against our 4th Amendment rights through the Patriot Act and 550 Vaccine Mandate. I will work with my fellow conservatives to repeal any legislation that circumvents our constitutional rights.

TINA BLUM COHEN (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have worked and lived in District 7 most of my life. My training in dealing with the public and the business community in retail, design, wholesale, budgeting, benefits, real estate, home building, remodeling, shipping, and international trade - while substitute teaching for HISD for the past 35 years - makes me the right choice to represent District 7.

ISSUES: The two most pressing issues facing Houston is crime due to drug and human trafficking and our children’s mental health. I would seek more funding to finish the Border Wall and strengthen law enforcement. At the same time, our children are being hurt by the current narrative of going behind their parents’ backs and obtaining medical treatment without their parents’ consent. That teaches kids to lie and distrust their parents. That is the job of the people’s elected representative. On the issue of out-of-control spending, we immediately need a balanced budget amendment to our Constitution. Additionally, I will push to eliminate social spending like Obamacare. We need to leave the free market to operate again.

DAN CRENSHAW (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

MARTIN ETWOP (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I am in my final semester of law school, so I have an understanding of legal issues and how the constitution and laws of the land work or ought to work. I am also a church-planter, missions team lead, father of three, event coordinator, automotive manufacturing and director of the after-school program, which means that I have the experience working with different groups of people in a blue-collar job to homeless people on the streets, to CEO and corporate leaders in Hollywood.

ISSUES: Loss of individual liberties in the hands of the government, and out-of-control spending. We tackle the loss of individual liberties by giving power back to the people, sunsetting most of the congressional powers that have given un-elected bureaucrats so much power, and clarifying via legislation that the President nor the governors have powers on their own to create laws or mandates. That is the job of the people’s elected representative. On the issue of out-of-control spending, we immediately need a balanced budget amendment to our Constitution. Additionally, I will push to eliminate social spending like Obamacare. We need to leave the free market system with transparency. We need less government in our healthcare system. I would support more bills like HR 725.

TIM STROUD (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: After serving as a Combat Medic in the U.S. Army, I have worked on Federal, State and Local programs. Nationally, I’ve worked with officials to improve the healthcare system for Veterans through the Veterans Administration and the White House. In Texas, I’ve worked with former Governor Rick Perry to launch an online program to connect Veterans and their families to benefits and resources. Locally, I founded KPD LEAF to support police officers in their time of need. All programs are sustainable.

ISSUES: Healthcare costs and the Economy are two of the most significant issues. America faces a financial imbalance that threatens our economic strength and position of leadership on a global scale. We have many layers to consider to balance our budget. There are options to cut spending (eliminate 90% of the pork in our bills), decrease dependency on foreign oil and focus on America’s resources. When in Congress, I will fight to fundamentally reform the budget process. The budget should be an actual piece of legislation, not just a resolution. Regarding healthcare costs, we need to have a free market system with transparency. We need less government in our healthcare system. I would support more bills like HR 725.

LANCE STEWART (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a Christian, father, husband, and veteran small business owner. Employing people is an awesome responsibility and has been something I have maintained throughout the coronavirus, unemployment, and Joe Biden administration fiascos. I know how important it is to get people to work. Likewise, I understand the consequences small business owners face during and after a crisis such as we are in today.

ISSUES: I was in charge of the defense systems of my ship while serving in the Navy. I am a defense expert, and to that extent, I support stronger borders that protect us from such threats as the ability of terrorists to continue to cross over into our country. We also need a wall to protect innocent children, women, and men from the terrors of human trafficking. Election integrity is the most important situation we face currently. The Democrats have shown to what length that party will resort to in order to maintain control. We have been literally a couple of votes away from losing many of our rights. This onslaught of freedom will continue if we do not elect representatives with a backbone to fight. I am not afraid of the Dems or anyone else.

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE - REPUBLICAN PARTY (CONTINUED)

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.

RUDY A. ATENCIO (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelors in Science Emphasis in Health, University of Alaska Anchorage Graduate Degree in International Negotiations and conflict resolution, Creighton Post grad International Political Economy and International Conflict and Mutual Cooperation, Harvard Practicum in conflict with White Salmon WA Mayors office and Joint County Commission Former CEO Clipper; Venezuela, and CORNFIRM LLC Renewable Energy.

ISSUES: Pro-life issues like abortion and Human Trafficking which is also a pro-life issue in my opinion Defund the procedure itself from planned parenthood and move it to the care of OB/GYN due to the fact is highly vascular and because abortions are highly vascular it would be safe under the care and supervision of OB/GYN specialists Trade and energy independence due to the fact that since the Nixon administration China has been building artificial islands in the south pacific in violation of the United Nations UNCLOS agreement. This chokes out Eurasian trade routes and supply chain. Also Iran has sent 7 warships to Venezuela with the aims in disrupting our trade routes in Panama. The Dream Big America Project will create jobs.

LAIQUE REHMAN (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: http://www.laiqerehman.com/about.html

ISSUES: PUBLIC SAFETY AND BORDER SECURITY STOPPING THE WAR ON OIL AND GAS FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AMERICA FIRST POLICY

JOHNNY TEAGUE (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I believe that every government official is to be a servant of the people, not one who lords over others, or one who seeks to gain some authority or perk above their fellow citizens. People should serve their neighbors for a limited time and then return to live under the laws they have helped pass. I serve this community as a pastor, business owner, and volunteer in the local schools. I work to feed families and assist students. My life focus is to Love God, Care for others, and do Right. I have been reading the Constitution this process.

ISSUES: 1) The Federal Deficit - If we are not solvent, we cannot help those in need respond to crises, nor can we defend our citizens from enemies foreign and domestic. We must reduce and eliminate our debt. We cannot receive tax revenues of $4 billion each year and spend $6 billion. We must budget based on forecasted tax revenues, take a percent of that to pay down debt, and use the rest for federal duties. 2) Education - We must move away from the nuances of education and return to the basics of math, science, history, reading, and writing. Parents should have primary say in what their children learn. If a school does not meet that need, then the tax dollars should follow the student to the school that meets the needs of each student.

BENSON GITAU (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a United States Marine Corps Veteran who went to Afghanistan during the gulf Persian war. It takes leadership to be able to keep a team of marines safe and out of harm’s way in an environment full of chaos. I am also a businessman in Real Estate. I have acquired a lot of negotiation skills along the way that will make me successful as a leader. The last time we elected a businessman, and not a politician, we actually saw results.

ISSUES: Opposition from Democrats - Because of different values, I expect there will be disagreements on certain issues. I will mobilize my fellow congressmen to join our side and also leverage negotiation skills to engage borderline Democrats to win them over when addressing those issues. Criticism from the Mainstream Media - Just like Trump, I expect nothing less when it comes to the media’s negative portrayal of specific congressmen. I will get my message out via newsletters, press conferences, and social media outlets. This will counter the media bias and the censorship that we are experiencing today.

CHRISTIAN COLLINS (R) NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

JESSICA WELLINGTON (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: My community news background enables me to get to the bottom of issues for my constituents. I know how to ask the hard questions, get answers and hold people accountable. Also, I’m the only candidate who has worked in a congressional government office, so I can hit the ground running. District outreach is the most important part of a congressional office. I’m the only candidate who has engaged in government office, so I can hit the ground running. District outreach is the most important part of a congressional office. I’m the only candidate who has engaged in government office, so I can hit the ground running. District outreach is the most important part of a congressional office. I’m the only candidate who has engaged in government office, so I can hit the ground running. District outreach is the most important part of a congressional office. I’m the only candidate who has engaged in government office, so I can hit the ground running. 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ISSUES: They lack resources, funding and are really struggling. Plus, with open borders, crime is on the rise and our security is at risk. The federal government must enforce our borders. If President Biden continues to stop the construction of the border wall, I will support and champion the state of Texas' efforts to complete it. 2. Inflation - American families are struggling to put food on the table. Many parents cannot make ends meet because of the increase in the price of gas, goods and services. We need to stop funding countries that hate us and put that money back into our budget.

JONATHAN HULLIHAN (R) NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

CANDICE C. BURROWS (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I bring a view point as a Mother who is concerned with the current administration's approved curriculum. I have found that a “Classical Education” equips our children with knowledge in order to safeguard our U.S. Constitution. I worked in California as a business owner and for my husband who is a Immunologist/Neuromuscular Specialist/Neurologist, I bring a medical perspective and an understanding of what can happen in a lawless society where anyone with a driver’s license can vote. (DriveToVote)

ISSUES: No Federal Mandates should ever be enforced upon its citizens if it violates our civil liberties. The Supreme Court’s recent ruling blocked the current vaccine, booster Curing...
CANDIDATES:

CHUCK MONTGOMERY (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: The qualifications for U.S. Congress are being 25 years old or older, being a U.S. citizen for 7 years or longer, and being a Texas resident for 1 year or longer. I am just as qualified as the other candidates, however, I have real world experience that the others might not have.

MORGAN LUTTRELL (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: Leadership. I have been leading men and women for over 30 years in teams of 25 to over 200. Success. I have been graced by God to be successful in every endeavor I have attempted. Courage. I have no fears in life. I have stood tall and I have routinely demonstrated moral, physical, ethical, and political courage. I can’t be bribed or manipulated. I have everything I want in life. I give things away instead of accumulating wealth or anything else. I have demonstrated my abilities.

MORGAN LUTTRELL (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

BETSY BATES (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: Our Founding Fathers understood this was a unique job that didn’t require degrees but the ability to understand the pulse of their constituents & have the courage to act upon it. The managed decline of America has come at the hands of the over geared out of touch. I went to technical school but was recruited to run a military physician practice not for my education, because I’m a leader that gets the job done. I’ve been accountable to the public my entire career. I’m street smart & I fight back.

ISSUES: Immigration & Government Corruption. Illegal immigration dilutes Americans birthrights & cost taxpayers millions. Finish the wall, I think we don’t need eminent domain so let’s workout land leases-Remove NGOs tax exemption & shut them down we illegally encourage & conspire illegal immigration. Moratorium on immigration & make Cartels a terrorist organization. A onetime offer to make asylum case, go home or forfeit ever becoming an American. Govt corruption has to be tackled, from insider trading, congressional immunity to the FBI & unelected bureaucracies. Send FBI cases to U.S. Marshal while we figure it out, dissolve bureaucracies, all legislation must be stand alone bills to stop ridiculous overspending, make budgeting CR illegal & TERM LIMITS.

BETSY BATES (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

DAN MCKAUGHAN (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: My 20-year military career developed short- and long-range planning, critical thinking, and leadership skills. It taught me to be cool under pressure and not overreact to a situation (landing helicopters on moving ships at night will do that!). My small business experiences give me keen insight into the effects of regulation, taxes, and burdens on business owners. Most importantly, I truly understand the threat our nation faces and know what needs to be done to save it. It isn’t status quo pols.

ISSUES: First, we have to convince the public and their representatives that the nation is at a dangerous crossroads and we must act now if we are to reverse course. We do that through education. We show how socialism and communism have failed around the globe. We teach the dangers of those systems and the beauties of liberty, freedom, and individual responsibility. People will abhor the left’s agenda when they truly see it for what it is. Second, we have to restore our nation to its Constitutional principles of small central government, strong and sovereign states, and free citizens. For too long the Federal government has had its tentacles in aspects of life it was never meant to be a part of. We must cut the Federal bureaucracy.

DAN MCKAUGHAN (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

CHUCK MONTGOMERY (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

TAYLOR M. WHICHARD IV (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: With over ten (10) years in the Oil & Gas Industry as a Petroleum Engineer, and five (5) years of local government experience, I understand how to solve problems with factual based solutions. I have overseen the budgetary process, and have operated within budgetary constraints. I am able to find ways to cut costs within the budget without cutting any necessary programs.

ISSUES: Education Reform - We need to stop the indoctrination of our children. We need to go back to the basics of reading, writing, arithmetic and factual based history. To do this, we need to remove the federal government from the education system and leave it to the states and local jurisdictions to decide what’s best for their constituents. Also, we need to allow school choice for all parents. This will help lift kids out of poverty. Immigration - We need to finish Trump’s wall on Texas Soil. We need to deport all known illegal immigrants. Then we need to enforce the Remain in Mexico Policy established by the Trump Administration. We also need to create a system that is safer and less costly for the legal immigrants.

TAYLOR M. WHICHARD IV (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

JIMMY I. LEON (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

CARMEN MARIA MONTIEL (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 9

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 18

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JULIO GARZA (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 36

BRIAN BABIN (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

DAVID HOGAN (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: David is an Ordained Minister and has served as the Executive Pastor at Spring First Church for 21 years. He and his wife Amy launched Spring School of Ministry in 2019, where they have over 75 students training for ministry. He is the commissioned ATF Chaplain for the Houston Field Division where he has served since 2015. He is leading a class action lawsuit of 2500 United Airlines Employees suing over the Vaccine Mandate. David also led the campaign to defeat Police Tax Increases in KSID.

ISSUES: Border Security - We must fund and complete the border wall, and hold every level of government responsible for enforcing immigration laws to ensure that illegal activity has severe consequences. Election Integrity - Audit every state and prosecute every single bad actor to the full extent of the law. Abolish electronic voting machines that can be hacked and programmed. Have automatic audits of every local, state and federal election and independently verify that every count and recount balances. Religious Freedom - Churches are essential! No federal, state, or local government should EVER order a church to close its doors. I will fight to pass legislation that guarantees this never happens again in the United States.

Occupation: Pastor - Spring First Church | Education: David received a Bachelor of Science from Southwestern Assemblies of God University in 2000 | Website: http://www.HoganForCongress.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/Hogan4Congress
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Damien Matthew Peter Mockus (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have no political experience minus voting & spending my entire last yr on every opportunity I could at GOP political events. My political views are one & the same as our Founding Fathers. I'm the only true Conservative Catholic Candidate and never took nor will take orders! I will fight for our Constitution & our God given rights even if it costs me my life. Just as George Washington, Davy Crockett, Sam Houston fought for Texas and America! March 1st Save Texas, Save America VoteMockusTX03B!

ISSUES: 2? Thanks to President "Brandton" there are 2001 Close/Secure the southern border. Abolish the federal border patrol and rehire them as State DPS. Tax and Tariff all American companies that use cheap labor abroad. Ban American manufacturers that operate in countries with human or animal rights violation records. Fund each and every state, county, city, Police, Fire and public EMS services. Using the Tax payer money in order to ensure civil liberty, justice & safety. Pass a IAW that no United States city or county nor state can hold illegal or criminal sanctuary zones. Pass a law that in order to Vote you need a photo ID, valid signature verification, & thumbprint. Bullying, Human trafficking, & improve public Education for our Kids!

Occupation: Small Business Owner, Strengthen Coach/Personal Trainer | Education: BS Kinesiology, Sam Houston State University, 2003; Grad School at UT Tyler but incomplete; Undergrad Internship Huntsville & Hermann Memorial Hospitals; Grad Internship NASA Houston, employed by Baylor College of Medicine | Website: http://www.mockusforcongress.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/MockusTX03 | Twitter: twitter.com/VoteMockus | Email: VoteMockus@gmail.com | Phone: (281) 516-2800 | Address: 17721 Huffmeister Rd Cypress, TX 77429

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Jerry Ford (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I am only the candidate who is both a first responder and a successful owner of several businesses. I know the inner workings of government; as the Chief Fire Marshal and the Assistant Fire Chief for the City of Houston, it was my responsibility to provide Life Safety for the City of Houston and make assessments after floods, hurricanes, and major fires. My job was to meet with Local, State, and Federal agencies and provide evaluations to get FEMA aid after a catastrophe.

ISSUES: The two most pressing issues are stopping inflation and ending illegal immigration. I have put out 50 ways to stop inflation and improve our economy. First and foremost, we need to curtail federal spending and get the Constitutional amendment that would require the President to submit a balanced budget. Here is my plan to stop illegal immigration: * Building the wall, * No federal government payouts to illegal immigrants, * Increasing funding for ICE, * Ending chain migration for non-immediate family members, * Ending the catch and release program that allows criminal illegal immigrants back onto our streets, * Ending sanctuary states by holding back federal funding, * Prohibiting taxpayer dollars from being paid for attorneys for illegals

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RICHARD WELCH (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I am NOT a career politician. I am a Veteran and an Oil and Gas blue collar worker who has been in the trenches all of my life. I truly believe in the Constitution and everything it stands for. I wasn’t born with a silver spoon and have worked hard for everything I have in life. I have struggled like the rest of us in the downtimes, been laid off when the oilfield took a downturn and been on the wave of the economy. I am a fighter and will call it out when I see things are wrong.

ISSUES: Getting rid of the immunity clause for legislators. Our legislators act the way they do because they have immunity from prosecution. I want to change this. Believe that all citizens are equal and shall be held to the same standards, elected or not. This will be a challenge because so many elected officials commit crimes while in office and know they won’t be punished. Eliminating the entire Department of Education. We, the parents, should have a voice in what our children learn. Not someone 3,000 miles away sitting in an office and who doesn’t know our children. I would like to put education back in the hands of our Governor. This way we can vote them out if they start pushing agendas.

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WESLEY HUNT (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

BRETT GUILLORY (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I’m a working-class Texan and a member of the TX38 community. I understand and share the values of my conservative and freedom-loving neighbors in TX38. I have also experienced their frustrations concerning the trajectory of our country over the past two years. I am one of them. I believe that this not only makes me a qualified candidate to represent them and their best interests in Congress, but it also makes me a candidate that they can trust.

ISSUES: Border Security: We must secure our border, stopping the flow of illegal immigration, crime, and human trafficking that is pouring across it. I will work to secure the border, advocate for harsher penalties for traffickers, while also incentivizing legal immigration, thereby rewarding those who come here the right and legal way. Education: Our education system needs to be reformed. I will work to establish a 3-diploma system: Traditional, Career, & Technology, and ROTC, all of which will ensure that students are set up for employment and success with or without college. Additionally, I will ensure that Marxist ideologies and indoctrination such as Critical Race Theory (CRT) are not part of our children’s education.

Occupation: Educator & Fabrication Instructor | Baseball Coach | Education: Bachelors of Education, University of Arkansas at Monticello and Masters of Education, Northwestern State University | Website: http://www.brettgilloryforcongress.com
Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100046481430077 | Twitter: twitter.com/SGalleryForTX | Email: info@brettgilloryforcongress.com | Phone: (318) 617-6821 | Address: 13171 Louetta Rd. Box 1416 Cypress, TX 77429

MARK RAMSEY (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: An award winning registered engineer & peer-reviewed author in oil & gas, Mark brings a “problem solving” mentality to the job, along with high ethical standards. Mark is a Houston native & has lived in CD38 for over 35 years. Mark Ramsey has a long proven record of volunteering & advocating for conservative issues. Electoral College Member for President Trump! CHAIR: TX GOP Legislative Priorities Comm. CHAIR: TX GOP Platform Comm. Chief of Staff TX House. Texas Republican Executive Comm.

ISSUES: 1) Economy: As a successful small businessman-an engineer in the oil & gas industry(O&G)-threats to our great industry must be met. CD 38 includes the energy capital of the nation. Abundant, clean & cheap O&G is one of God’s gifts to mankind. Using O&G to fuel food production, commercial air travel, heavy mining, heavy transportation, feedstocks for plastics, medicines, and more, make it vital to our way of life. There are better solutions to climate issues than wrecking western civilization. My opponent is for a leftist led war on O&G that would destroy CD 38 livelihoods. 2) Violence: Democrats attacking police, rioting in American cities, releasing violent criminals, or teaching hateful CRT, must be stopped. Hire me to Fire Pelosi Day 1.

Occupation: Oil and Gas Engineer | Education: BSME Texas Tech, who later awarded Mark Ramsey their “Distinguished Engineer” Award | Website: http://www.ramseyfortexas.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/voteMarkRamsey
Twitter: twitter.com/RAMSEYforTXCD38 | Email: mark@ramseyfortexas.com | Phone: (281) 787-6506 | Address: P.O. Box 13432 Spring, TX 77393

ROLAND LOPEZ (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: Executive leadership (ex-CFO), consultant and non-political skills set, over 28 years in the business world creating jobs, balancing a budget, running a small business and working with companies around the world. Advising companies on all strategic and financial matters with over $6B in M&A transactions and restructuring companies, all while advising the C-suite to run their companies better.

ISSUES: Border/Human Child Trafficking Crisis - I will call the Cartels terrorist organizations like Operation Underground Railroad and Vets 4 Child Rescue to help in these efforts. Force (via funding and appropriations) agencies to enforce the laws on the books on immigration. Economy - I will cut budget items and waste, once again through appropriations, and stem the duplication of efforts the states currently address for the needs of their state; eg Dept of Education. I will also push for moving our supply chain from the eastern hemisphere to the western hemisphere while creating economic prosperity for impoverished countries helping mitigate illegal immigration.

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PHIL COVARRUBIAS (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I am the only candidate in the race that is a Marine, has extensive energy industry experience, and has served as an elected official. I was known as a true citizen legislator because I was one of the few lawmakers with a blue-collar background. I understand the issues regular people face because I face them myself. I moved from Colorado to Texas to flee the tyranny of government overreach. My experience showed me how dangerous far left policies can be for the working and middle class.

ISSUES: I would address inflation and economic concerns by making America energy independent again and reducing regulations, especially on small and medium size businesses. American energy independence reduces the inflation burden, as unstable and high energy prices impact all sectors of industry across the country. I would also fight to keep the Trump tax cuts in place, as they were shown to both stimulate the economy and keep money in the pockets of the working and middle class. Choice in education has been shown to provide the individualized education that children need and parents want, as well as reduce the education gap for vulnerable students. I will support legislation to ensure federal education dollars follow the students.

Occupation: Oil & Gas Technician | Education: Marine Corps Engineering Schooling; Metropolitan State University of Denver | Website: http://www.PhilCovarrubiasCD38.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/PhilCovarrubiasforCD38 | Twitter: twitter.com/philsaavayu
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ALEX CROSS (R) | UNABLE TO CONTACT
The image contains text related to various topics including infrastructure updates to the current power grid, secure elections for all counties, auditable elections, and the role of the federal government in enforcing immigration laws.

**Power Grid:**
- What further changes, if any, are needed to ensure that Texas has sufficient power in times of extreme weather conditions?
- Infrastructure upgrades to the current power grid including more wind turbines and nuclear power plants.

**Elections:**
- How would you ensure election laws do not create barriers to Texans’ freedom to vote?
- Propose making our local national guard units conduct fair and secure elections for all counties.

**Immigration:**
- What is the role of the state government in enforcing federal immigration laws?
- Federal government should not limit the authority of elected state officials to enforce federal immigration laws.

**Healthcare:**
- What is your position on reproductive rights and how would you address the economic and health consequences for those who seek and cannot obtain abortions in Texas?

**Qualifications:**
- What training, experience, and characteristics qualify you for this position?
- What are your political affiliations?

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- Website: [WWW.LWVHOUSTON.ORG](http://WWW.LWVHOUSTON.ORG)
GOVERNOR • REPUBLICAN PARTY (CONTINUED)

CHAD PRATHER (R)
QUALIFICATIONS: 20 year resident of Texas 49 years old Current: Television host, Blaze TV and Blaze Media Former: Executive with Granger Industrial (Fortune 300 company) Senior church pastor in Georgia and Alabama
ELECTIONS: We must ensure legal, valid voter rolls. Texas must focus on in-person voting with absentee ballots utilized when legally necessary. We must not allow the practice of mail in voting or ballot box drops. Polling places must be easily accessible and a voter ID should be required. Ballots are to be counted manually and forensic audits should be utilized.
POWER GRID: Our coal plants need to be turned on and not dormant. In our last weather crisis coal could have been utilized effectively and saved lives. Our grid must be maintained and managed properly by directors within the state of Texas. Green energy must no longer be subsidized by taxpayer dollars when they fail. More nuclear should be added when it makes sense financially.
HEALTH CARE: I believe that life begins at fertilization and is created in the image of God. Abortion should be illegal in Texas. In the case of a mother’s health being placed at risk by pregnancy then there must be physician guided assistance. However that is a statistical anomaly that is extremely rare and should be handled on a case by case basis.
IMMIGRATION: State government must establish state sovereignty which includes protecting state borders from illegal crossings. Article 7 Section 7 of the Texas Constitution states that the governor is the commander in chief of the state with direct authority to enforce such immigration.
AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT: In the case of constitutional violations or illegal actions or proceedings.
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LEVI ETTEN GOVERNOR • REPUBLICAN 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. THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IS ALSO A MEMBER OF SEVERAL COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS, AND SERVES AS GOVERNOR IN THE GOVERNOR’S ABSENCE. THE SALARY IS THAT OF A SENATE MEMBER WHEN SERVING AS PRESIDENT OF THE TEXAS SENATE AND THAT OF THE GOVERNOR WHEN SERVING IN THAT CAPACITY.

TO DD M. BULLIS (R)
QUALIFICATIONS: I am and have been a Local Precinct Chair in Denton Texas for the last two sessions and have been a delegate during that time as well. I have worked and supported abolition across this nation.
POWER GRID: We need to oppose the federal Gov, rules and regulations. Nullification would work just fine.
AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT: I believe Texas needs to oppose the federal Gov and leave the USA. It is time for Nullification to start with while we work on Secession.
Website: http://elect todbullis.com

DAN PATRICK (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED
DANIEL MILLER (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED
ZACH VANCE (R)
QUALIFICATIONS: I am a truly good person who loves Texans and wants to make their lives better and easier. I am a Marine who will always do the right thing, especially when no one else is looking! And most importantly I believe in bipartisanship and working together to help both parties.
POWER GRID: I believe we can have both affordablility AND reliability. Energy companies and gas providers make enough money to ensure that they are protected and prepared from extreme weather WITHOUT additional costs to the consumer. If elected I will change the “Temporarily Winter Storm Surcharge” on your utility bill to gas providers that posted profits of 20 percent or higher.
AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT: The balance between Federal, State, and Local control is a tight line to walk. The line breaks though when ANY of the elected officials stop doing what is in the best interest of the whole and only do things to appease their base. I believe most authority should remain under local control, but it depends on the issue. I believe city and county leaders know what is best.
Website: http://www.4abatterexas.com

AARON SORRELLS (R)
QUALIFICATIONS: Successful small business owner with 26 employees and growing. Managed people most my life with corporations and now as an owner. I understand how to manage people, money, and budgets.
POWER GRID: Wintertizing the grid is borderline impossible and ultimately won’t work because when the roads are frozen, nothing can move on the road. We need to move away from green energy and start utilizing the resources of Texas like Natural gas plants, Clean Nuclear, and coal. No one is going to make those plants then when they are only utilized in an emergency. Too expensive.
AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT: The federal government only has authority delegated to them by the Constitution. Anything outside of that belongs to the State. It’s that simple. We no longer follow those rules and that’s why we are in this position today.
Website: http://s4tx.com

TRAYCE BRADFORD (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

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; ENQUIRES THE OPEN RECORDS OPEN MEETINGS ACTS; APPROVES PUBLIC BOND ISSUES; AND ENFORCES CONSUMER REGULATIONS. CURRENT SALARY: $153,750

KEN PAXTON (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED
LOUIE GOHMERT (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

IMMIGRATION: What is the role of the state government in enforcing federal immigration laws?
PRIORITY: As Attorney General, what would be your highest priorities for the next four years, and how do you intend to accomplish them?

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:
QUALIFICATIONS: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?
ELECTIONS: What is the Attorney General’s role in protecting Texans’ freedom to vote while maintaining safe and secure elections?
HEALTH CARE: What is your position on reproductive rights and how would you address the economic and health consequences for those who seek and cannot obtain abortions in Texas?
Four-year term. The comptroller is the chief financial officer of the state; collects state taxes and fees; pays the state's bills; provides revenue estimates to the legislature; certifies the budget; reports the condition of the state's finances; and provides economic development assistance to local governments and private businesses. Current salary: $153,750

**Questions to Candidates:**

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

**Rafiya Daudy Fund:** What is the optimal amount to be held in the Rafiya Daudy Fund and what is the criteria for usage? What is your opinion on the fund to pay down the state's debt vs. using it to help citizens that have been harmed by catastrophes?

**Taxes:** In your opinion, what is the proper balance of tax revenues sources to fairly fund state government, including public schools?

**Mark V. Goloby (R):**

**Qualifications:** I have a BBA in Accounting from Texas A&M and began my career with Dresser Industries in Internal Audit and then worked as Texas Region Controller for GTE Mobilnet. Before starting Total Cellular Technologies later shortened to TC Technologies.

**Rainy Day Fund:** The comptroller should seriously investigate a reduction in the state sales tax rate. Texas is blessed with a significant surplus. That equates to taxpayers of Texas paying too much in taxes. A sales tax is the most regressive tax there is and a 1/2% reduction would be a relief across all socioeconomic levels. A healthy reserve for Texas is good, and enforcement of our laws. It is the Legislature's job to determine how best to do that, and I am ready to defend those laws if challenged in court. The Court of Criminal Appeals was wrong to invalidate the statute giving the AG's office authority to prosecute election fraud...

**Taxes:** Current property taxes are out of control. But that is the fault of a fundamentally flawed appraisal district process and local taxing authorities that refuse to lower tax rates to at least off set some of the increase in the tax base. It is unconscionable that Texans are getting taxed out of their homes while Chapter 313 is giving 37.5% discounts in ISD taxes.

**Financial Obligations:** These are critical obligations Texas has entered into and must be adhered. Even the completely egregious Chapter 313 agreements must be honored. Although they will continue to cost Texas Taxpayers a $1 billion+ per year until 2035. The comptroller is destined for this fiduciary responsibility by not reviewing whether the companies getting these subsidies are honoring their promises.

**PRIORITIES:** The comptroller should be a watch dog on how the financial resources are spent for the good of the state. The comptroller is in oversight to let the legislature know if the state is getting the best utilization of the taxpayer's dollars. Taxpayers know government needs funding, but not corporate bottom lines.

**Glenn Hegar (R):**

**Qualifications:** I have served as Texas Comptroller since January 2015. I began as a member of the Texas House in 2003 and continued my service as a member of the Texas Senate until my election as Comptroller. Working our family farm taught me hard work and integrity.

**Rainy Day Fund:** Texas is blessed to have a strong Rainy Day Fund, which is designed and should be used to smooth out the state’s revenues during an economic downturn, to assist in a disaster, and for one-time expenses that are strategic for Texas’ economic health and well-being. We need to manage these dollars more effectively to guard against inflation and protect them for generations.

**Taxes:** Funding public schools in Texas has been a shared burden split between state funds and local property taxes. Until recently the local share was allowed to grow unchecked creating increased pressure on local property taxes. I helped compress local property tax rates and rebalance the burden between state funds and local taxpayers. But now more must be done to lower taxes.

**Financial Obligations:** Since practically my first day in office I have sought to shine a light on the state’s balance sheet and the need to address our long-term obligations. I fought to address threats to our state’s fiscal health and ensure Texas teachers can benefit from the sale and development of state-owned lands. Promote Parks

**Coastal Planning:** Build sea walls where needed; continuously maintain the coastline and help repair and restore the infrastructure of the communities. Increasing the energy development utilizing the new science and environmental safety mechanisms is the wave of the future, including the wind turbines.

**Priorities:** Promote and Protect the investments of the Permanent School Fund, through careful investments to increase the maximum returns. Promote the Oil & Gas drilling in the Texas owned lands by encouraging this development Promote greater benefits to the Texas Veterans by encouraging housing and land purchases Enforce the sale and development of state-owned lands. Promote Parks
The Alamo is famous for the 13 day Battle of the Alamo. It is an enduring monument. The GLO is the tip of the spear in defending our rich Texas history we know and love, and I will always fight to protect it.

The highest need communities are best prioritized when communications with federal, state, and local officials are clear, candid, and concise. Having worked in the executive branch of both federal and local governments, I have the expertise and motivation to remove barriers and cut red tape to ensure that those communities in the greatest need receive the highest priority.

The Alamo: The Truth. As Historian of the Republican Party of Texas, the story of the Alamo has already been written and told. It does not require a rewrite or revision. Such a story already exists in the minds of those who visit the Alamo and in the stories of those who were there. The Alamo has already been written and told. It does not require a rewrite or revision.

Priorities: I would immediately identify what communities that are directly impacted or are prone to be affected by the next storm and, after a hand injury, retrained as an attorney. Each experience has enhanced my qualifications.

Qualifications: I am a former two-time nominee for U.S. Congressional District 15, PhD in Educational Leadership, U.S. Army Veteran, & Non-profit Community Leader. I have researched, provided solutions, & worked on or with all the major areas the position covers.

Allocation of Federal Funds: I would provide liaisons ready to work with mayors before disasters strike to map areas that fit into U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development’s (HUD) basic requirements for funding disbursements. Next, I would recommend placing them on a mapping database so that as disasters happen, they are quickly identified by area. Finally, ensure funding procedures are known by all.

The Alamo: The Alamo is critical to our identity as Texans, and indeed what makes the Lone Star State unique. That story includes the story of the souls who walked those hallowed grounds in the years prior (and indeed after).

COASTAL PLANNING: The GLO has slated 123 individual projects to make the Texas coast more resilient. With a $43 billion pricetag, the GLO needs a good steward over these projects to provide taxpayers with a positive return on investment. The Commissioner must balance the competing needs of waterborne commerce; energy & chemical industries; commercial & recreational fishing; and tourism.

Priorities: 1. Revamp the VLB to provide a mortgage route for Texas Veterans which is superior to a VA Loan. 2. Leverage critical minerals from Texas Public Lands, simultaneously increasing land lease opportunities so that Texas leads the way to energy independence while providing jobs for Texans. Ensure the $43 billion Permanent School Fund is used properly to raise level of education.

I’ve told publicly at the foot of the Centenoth in the Alamo footprint on many occasions and will continue to tell COASTAL PLANNING: I would be proactive by view current studies for protection and seeing what we can readily implement. I would also encourage investment in hurricane surge protection projects. Ultimately, I would ensure consistent talks with experts in the field such as engineers, geoscientist, and other partners to develop and implement mitigation plans at the earliest stage.

Priorities: Identify all public lands on our 1254 mile southern border and Partner with other organizations to secure it. Help advance oil, gas, & mining exploration through increased land lease opportunities so that Texas leads the way to energy independence while providing jobs for Texans. Ensure the $43 billion Permanent School Fund is used properly to raise level of education.

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COASTAL PLANNING: This is another key area where my expertise professionally will allow me to serve and protect the people of Texas. 1. inventory current civic and stormwater drainage/mitigation plans, determine which flooded areas have been missed by FEMA’s own omission, overlay that with current development plans to create a updated model 4 storm water run off and watersheds impact. 2. By protecting our wetlands and coast with land management practices such as proper sand dune rebuilding, we will be able to naturally minimize damage in our coastal communities. We must also work with the Federal Government to ensure we build the Coastal Spine Barrier Project, known as the Ike Dike, to protect our Texas along the coast, oil & gas industry, and refineries.

Priorities: We have an Alamo that is under siege, we have veterans nursing homes in Texas that suffered twice the death rate of the national average, we have a border that is unsecured, and we have school financing. For both grade school and public universities that must be maintained but reigned in. We have veterans cemeteries that must be honored. visit www.westonfortexas.com

 qualification story that must always be central to the Alamo narrative.

COASTAL PLANNING: We must recognize there is no perfect solution to the dangers posed by major storms. We must be decisive and proactive. Barrier projects, hardening of coastal industry, and coordinated drainage and flood control measures are all part of a comprehensive plan. A coordinated response will minimize damage and enhance recovery.

Priorities: We must restore the GLO’s reputation with citizens and other state agencies. The GLO should adopt the role of a collaborative ally instead of a competitor. This would boost relations between the GLO and the public, restore faith in transparency in the operation of the Alamo, improve tarnished relations with Texas Veterans, and enhance Permanent School Fund performance.

I will secure our border by identifying available state lands on the border and begin building a border wall as soon as possible. I’ll also continue to fight to preserve the Alamo as we know it for generations to come and keep our commitment to our Veterans and children by providing them with quality care and education through the Veterans Land Board & Permanent School Fund.

The Alamo is an investor/CLO of a mineral extraction company. Minton was also a FINRA licensed Security Investigations (ICE-HSI) Special Agent, I have the firsthand experience of seeing what we can readily implement. I would also encourage investment in hurricane surge protection projects. Ultimately, I would ensure consistent talks with experts in the field such as engineers, geoscientist, and other partners to develop and implement mitigation plans at the earliest stage.

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Questions to Candidates:

Sid Miller (R)

Qualifications: Current 2 term commissioner, 8 generation Texan, 26th generation Ag teacher, still make my living farming and ranching, former House Chairman of Agriculture and Livestock committee. Currently raise livestock and grow several crops.

Immigration: We need immigration reform, a new and workable guest worker program.

Water Resources: We use technology improvements, de-sal plants, rainwater harvesting, and recycling of our water.

Opportunities: I will continue the expansion of my global outreach initiative, on every continent. Texas was the only state where experts went up during the trade war with China. I have an office in Argentina, with plans to open one in China.

Priorities: Government over regulation, trade wars, and Mother Nature. I will continue to search for new agriculture markets and fight back against overregulation.

Website: http://MillerforTexas.com

James White (R)

Qualifications: Tx Agriculture Code 11.005 outlines the requirements. As a six-generation Texan, who is a small beef cattle producer and sixth generation farmer, I satisfy paragraphs 1-3: https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/AG/htm/AG.11.htm#11.005


Water Resources: We must balance science and technology, championing property rights, and collaboration. We must continue laying the groundwork for desalination expansion and brackish water use. Many agricultural producers own senior water rights. We must allow thoughtful discretion to maximize their farm income.

Opportunities: Several grocery store support “buy local” campaigns. As more Texas retailers convert to “buy local” the more consumers will be aware of where their food comes from.

Priorities: 1. Disparity between consumers and producers. Solution: The disparity is with the top 4 in the packing industry. Texas must create a farmer coop packing house. With the help of the Beef Check Off Program, a co-op could be established. 2. Water Rights 3. The border crisis that is directly affecting south Texas rancher/producers and indirectly all Texas rancher/producers

Website: http://www.CountyAcrossTexas.com

Carey A. Council (R)

Qualifications: 30 year Business owner and real estate investor and developer. 20 year Professor of Economics and Business at Texas Junior College Lifelong 5th generation Farmer/ Rancher owning and operating Cattle/Hay operation.

Immigration: * Tighten immigration * Stream line process for legalization and work visas = Migration based on merit

Water Resources: * Water desalinization in plants along the Texas coast Until then, water resources, when in high demand, must be limited in urban areas. No water for agriculture means no food for Texas and the United States.

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Website: http://www.TiptonforTexas.com

Dawayne Tipton (R)

Qualifications: I have over 18 years of experience in the oil and gas industry from a rig hand to subject matter expert. I assessed and mitigated risk of oil and gas operations and facilities. I want to put that experience to work for Texas families.

Ethics: I've had to work hard for everything I have. My ideals and dedication cannot be bought or sold. I don't have aspirations for higher office and I don't have vested business interests to profit off of. I'm just a regular guy that has a set of skills to fit well in this role and give Texans the expertise they need to utilize resources and protect jobs for the middle class.

Emissions: In my work experience, I've worked in ways to be the most efficient and resourceful. I would reduce methane emissions by putting it into production instead of being released. It that's not an option, then there are ways to reduce emissions further (like vapor recovery units and ECBS). For me, the real goal is to eliminate waste, which is also good for the environment.

Natural Gas Facility Weatherization: First, remove natural gas producers' abilities to exempt themselves as noncritical. Second, we need to understand the critical path for power generation with regard to our natural gas grid. Once there is a clear consensus on the most critical infrastructure from exploration to power generation, we put forth a winter storm plan that goes into action when storms are forecast.

Seismic Activity: First, reduce the barrels of salt water injection allowed from 10,000 barrels a day to 7,000 a day. Then, as the data comes in on seismic activity, you take the data and further reduce the amount allowed until seismic activity levels off and you heavily enforce the mandated levels that work.

Website: http://www.ipitponfortexas.com

Tom Slocum Jr. (R)

Qualifications: I have over 15 years experience working in upstream oil and gas in Texas, Louisiana, & offshore in the Gulf. I have plugged over 1,000 wells. I have operated two small oil and gas companies in Texas & I am a Texas-educated Aggie, 4th Gen Oil & Gas

Ethics: I have not taken any campaign donations from oil and gas, but I also do not have any conflicts of interests. I do not own minerals or royalties, or working interests in wells. I will not allow cronymism to grow in Texas at the RRC and I will not take donations in return for favors down the line.

Emissions: Eliminating methane emissions from flared gas and vented gas can be done without implementing further regulations. By repealing the flared gas tax we can eliminate almost all of the flared gas in the state! Free market solutions to eliminate flared gas and secure our grid with more electricity is what we will bring if I am elected.

Natural Gas Facility Weatherization: Texas must audit our Nat Gas power generation critical points and listen to experts hired by the RRC, who are from INSIDE the industry. There are Texans who can help us achieve energy freedom and keep us safe away from another February disaster. Leadership in Austin must listen and have a PLAN in PLACE. Our base-load power must be secured. We can't allow another black out!

Seismic Activity: We must monitor seismic activity in the Permian Basin closer, and especially monitor damage to taxpayer infrastructure. If damage is being done that will cost property owners and taxpayers money, then we must re-evaluate the system of disposing SWD fluid & make necessary changes to protect the production of oil and gas as well as our property & infrastructure from harm.

Website: http://www.TomSlocumJrforTexas.com

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WAYNE CHRISTIAN (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: Candidate’s response did not meet the criteria as listed in this Voters Guide.

ETHICS: Campaigns cost money to run, so all candidates for all offices must raise money. The standards for RRC are no different than any other office. My job is to represent the people of Texas and ensure they have access to cheap, plentiful, reliable energy. Contributions have not and will not impact my dedication to doing what is right for the people of Texas.

EMISSIONS: A clean environment & a thriving oil & gas industry are not mutually exclusive. Since 1970, the six major pollutants regulated by the EPA have decreased 77% while our economy has grown 265%, population has grown 60%, & energy consumption has grown 48%. We’ve reduced flaring/methane from 2.38% in Jan. 2019 to 0.21% in Sept. 2021 under my leadership w/out overregulation.

Website: http://www.christianfortexas.com

MARVIN ‘SARGE’ SUMMERS (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: 21 years of leadership training in the United States Army and 30 years in oil and gas.

ETHICS: I can’t speak for the other commissioners or the candidates that oppose me in this race. I can not be bought.

EMISSIONS: It is very important. We must capture these emissions and mitigate these gases.

NATURAL GAS FACILITY WEATHERIZATION: What happened this past February with ERCOT must never happen again. Every eff ort and precaution must be employed to make sure our facilities remain operable and ready to serve the citizens of this great state.

SEISMIC ACTIVITY: Great question especially in view of recent earthquakes measuring better than 3.0 in the Gardendale area North and West of Midland, TX. We must limit the depth of SWD’s. Lower permitted injection rates. Lower the injection pressure. Daily recording of injection volumes and pressures.

Website: http://www.marvin4RRC.com

SARAH STOGNER (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I am an attorney who has dedicated the past 13 years of my life to helping various stakeholders in the oil and gas industry with no desire to be a politician. I will end the crony capitalism preventing meaningful change to tackle the real problems.

ETHICS: I’m not accepting donations because our current regulators are bought by the industry they are charged with regulating. Plain and simple — the current regulators have enriched themselves and their friends at the expense of Texans. We’re having earthquakes and losing our freshwater aquifers. Texas must handle or the federal government will intervene. End crony capitalism!

EMISSIONS: We should not be venting or flaring methane. It’s a vital energy source that should be put to beneficial purposes. We should incentivize leak prevention. We should incentivize alternative uses (such as cryptocurrency mining). And we have to hold bad actors accountable. Climate change will be the least of our concerns if we don’t fix our groundwater and seismic issues.

NATURAL GAS FACILITY WEATHERIZATION: Natural gas facilities are vital to maintaining the integrity of the Texas grid. We need to consult with experts on how to properly winterize facilities and ensure we do not have a repeat winter where Texans die. But we cannot foist this expense on the taxpayers either. Operators should not be able to opt out of vital winterization of natural gas facilities.

SEISMIC ACTIVITY: Seismic activity is a real issue. We need to look at the big picture of what is happening geologically. We are extracting & injecting into different zones millions of barrels of oil per day in the Permian Basin alone. We should not be using fresh water for drilling or completing wells. We need to incentivize innovation to tackle this complicated issue.

Website: http://www.sarah4RRC.com

DAVID J. SCHECKN (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I’ve served as a justice on the state’s largest intermediate court. I clerked for the Chief Judge of the 5th Circuit, led a major appellate practice at Jones Day, am broad certified in civil appellate law, and chair the commission on judicial conduct.

STANDARDS: The positive is that the candidate at least have some demonstrable minimal competence and lack of actual record of corruption. It does not, however, require any judicial service experience or address the more critical problems with the initial selection and appointment process, which is the manner by which the vast majority of appellate judges initially come to the bench.

EQUITY: I believe that any system of gov’t that targets groups for disparate treatment — whether for malign or benign motives — implicates the equal protection clause. All Texas citizens are entitled to equal access to the courts, and I’m proud to have received the Texas Bar’s highest award for promoting access to pro bono legal services to those underserved.

Website: http://www.schecnkfortexas.com

Evan Young (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: Texas Supreme Court Justice; law clerk, Justice Antonin Scalia; Counsel to U.S. Attorney General; U.S. Government rule of law mission in Iraq; many arguments at U.S. & Texas Supreme Courts and other courts; UT law professor; Texas Judicial Council.

STANDARDS: Almost all positive. The Amendment ensures that candidates meet basic minimum standards and Texas deserves a high-quality judiciary. The only “negative” is that we must be cautious when restricting voters’ options. But here, the people themselves prioritized minimum judicial qualifications by ratifying this limitation within our Constitution.

EQUITY: Ensuring open courts is fundamental to public confidence in our judiciary and to protecting individual rights. The Access to Justice Commission, Texas Legislature, and Texas Supreme Court have made great progress in marshaling public and private support for expanded representation of underprivileged Texans and making judicial proceedings more efficient and comprehensible.

ETHICS: That risk diminishes when judges have a sound, stable method of judicial decision-making, like Justice Scalia’s. Their analysis can be tested, in case after case, for rigor and consistency. Judges must hold themselves and each other accountable, too. I make the same promise to those who support me and those who don’t: I will follow the law wherever it goes in every case.

OTHER ISSUES: Among the most pressing work for the Supreme Court will be ensuring, even in times of crisis, and without fear or favor, that the limitations of the U.S. and Texas Constitutions are respected—the lines between different branches of government, between the state and local governments, and between government power and individual liberty.

Website: http://www.EvanYoung.com

JUSTICE, TEXAS SUPREME COURT • REPUBLICAN PARTY

SIX-YEAR TERM. A JUSTICE IS ONE OF THE NINE-MEMBER SUPREME COURT, WHICH ISSUES FINAL DECISIONS ON CIVIL AND JUVENILE APPEALS, ISSUES CERTAIN ORDERS TO GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS TO ACT AND TO INDIVIDUALS TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT, AND HAS JURISDICTION OVER ORDERS OR JUDGEMENTS OF TRIAL COURTS, IF THE SUPREME COURT DETERMINES THEM IMPORTANT TO THE JURISPRUDENCE OF THE STATE. CURRENT MEDIAN SALARY: $201,600

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

STANDARDS: A recent Constitutional Amendment passed by Texas voters requires that candidates for this Court be licensed in Texas for at least 10 years and have no suspensions or revocations of their license in that time. What are the positive and negative impacts of this change?

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

JUSTICE, TEXAS SUPREME COURT, PLACE 3

DEBRA LEHRMANN (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

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 review lower court decisions?

JUSTICE, TEXAS SUPREME COURT, PLACE 5

REBECA HUDDLE (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

OTHER ISSUES: What issues do you believe will be the most pressing for the Texas Supreme Court?
QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

PHILOSOPHY: What is your judicial philosophy?

STANDARDS: A recent Constitutional Amendment passed by Texas voters requires that candidates for this Court be licensed in Texas for at least 10 years and have no suspensions or revocations of their license in that time. What are the positive and negative impacts of this change?

JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 2

MARY LOU KEEL (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

SCOTT WALKER (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

CLINT MORGAN (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: In nine years as an appellate prosecutor I have written nearly 400 appellate briefs and presented 39 oral arguments. Before that I worked at the Court of Criminal Appeals as a clerk and staff attorney. I am board certified in criminal appellate law.

PHILOSOPHY: I am an originalist. I believe constitutions and statutes should be interpreted by giving words the meaning they had at the time of adoption. This approach ensures it’s the legislature and voters—not judges—who make the law.

STANDARDS: The changes from this amendment regarding the Court of Criminal Appeals are small. The constitution already required ten years of legal practice. The most notable change is that a lawyer must be ten years removed from any license suspension, but I have never seen anyone run for this court after having his or her license suspended. This change will probably have no impact.

JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 6

JESSE F. MCCLOURE, III (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION • REPUBLICAN 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. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE NOT PAID, BUT RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE COURSE OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

CHARTER SCHOOLS: What is the impact of new independent charter school networks on the funding for local public schools? And is there anything you would do to change that impact?

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION: As the developer of Texas public school curriculum, how would you ensure a comprehensive history education that addresses the needs of all students?

OTHER ISSUES: What are your thoughts on the recent TEC 28.016 changes to the college readiness requirement?

JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, DISTRICT 6

WILL HICKMAN (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: Will Hickman, a Republican from Houston, serves as the current member of the State Board of Education representing District 6. He has 5 degrees in engineering, law, and Spanish, and over 20 years work experience.

CHARTER SCHOOLS: Hickman is Pro-School Choice, and believes parents should choose the best option for their kids: home school, private school, public charter school, magnet, or zoned ISD schools. Hickman was awarded the 2020 Charter Champion Award from the Texas Public Charter Schools Association. He believes the current system where schools are funded by attendance works well.

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION: Hickman is against CRT and SEL, and in favor of RRR (reading, writing, and arithmetic). For him, the goal of Texas education is to prepare all students for their own goals the day after graduation: enrolling in college, starting their career, starting a business, or enlisting in the military.

RECOVERY: What can the State Board of Education do to assist local school districts to develop programs so that students who fell behind during the pandemic can recover?

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

Website: http://willhickmancampaign.com

JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, DISTRICT 7

MIKE WOLFE (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a Child Support Officer & Native Texan, a graduate of Houston Christian High School & The University of St. Thomas; I attended Ave Maria School of Law & served as a Juvenile Supervision Officer, Associate Teacher & Harris County School Trustee.

CHARTER SCHOOLS: Strong competition is a good thing. Charter Schools foster a healthy level of competition which makes for a better educational experience for our kids. Public Schools should not just automatically have free reign to do whatever they want to do. Parents should have a choice in where they send their kids to be educated. This includes charter, private, public and home schools.

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION: Candidate’s response did not meet the criteria as listed in this Voters Guide.

Website: http://www.MikeWolfe.com

JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, DISTRICT 2

JULIE PICKREN (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a School Board Trustee for the last 6 years in one of the fastest growing school districts in Texas. Under my leadership we built 9 new schools, lowered taxes, 36% graduation rate, and start our teachers at $63,000/yr with benefits.

CHARTER SCHOOLS: There is a need for school choice in poor minority neighborhoods. Most Texans have school choice because we can move to pick the school that will provide our children with a great education. Too many parents that do not have that option. We can do better by bringing school choice to low income minority neighborhoods to provide an equal opportunity education for every child.

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION: History education is not about needs or feelings. History is a set of facts that are necessary for children to learn so we can build on successes and not repeat mistakes. It is important we teach the rich history of America and Texas and the contributions America and Texas have made to the world.

RECOVERY: The SBOE can streamline teacher certifications to ensure every classroom has a certified teacher. Also, we need accurate education data that follows the student so we can quickly identify deficiencies and trends. I would also like to see more instructional Coaches in our schools to provide support for our teachers and individualized instruction for struggling children.

OTHER ISSUES: We must ensure that every child in Texas has an Equal Opportunity Education. We can achieve this by replacing existing SBOE career and college classes.

Website: http://www.juliepickren.com

RACE Continues Page 39
ABOLAJI TIJANI 'AYO AYOBABMI (R)
QUALIFICATIONS: A product of Education whose successes are attributed to well rounded Quality Public Education up to the University where I acquired Masters of Engineering degrees (16yrs). Also I’m a Son of a Teacher of 36yrs and Father of 3 Public School attendees

CHARTER SCHOOLS: It may have slight impact on the local public school funding gasping for more funding from their insufficient budgetary allocation before. However, Charter Schools independent existence is unstoppable due to Teachers Union remote teaching options in Pandemic era & Parental burdens of getting their Children sound Education. SBEO will checkmate this by funding the delinquency

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION: When Students don’t learn a comprehensive History Education, they tend to bastardized history and becomes History themselves. This is a dangerous phenomenon that is building the Critical Race Theories ideologies of sucradical studies standards to ensure the facts are taught.  

RECOVERY: I hesitate to force another initiative onto school districts that is implemented out of compliance rather than belief in the program. Schools must stop chasing the latest shiny object. We have a rigorous set of standards (the TEKS) that holds students to high achievement. Teachers and schools know the best practices to raise student achievement to meet those standards.

OTHER ISSUES: The State Board of Education reviews standards written by the State Board of Educator Certification (SBEC). School districts rely too much on alternative certification programs that teacher candidates rush through in just weeks. We need to raise pay for higher qualified teachers certified through an established institution of higher learning.

Website: http://www.aayobami.com

MICHAEL BARTON (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 7

DANNY SURMAN (R)
QUALIFICATIONS: I am the only candidate in this race for State Board of Education that is a teacher. I taught US History to 8th graders for 5 years in Galveston, and I now work as an Instructional Coach in Dickinson ISD mentoring other history teachers.

CHARTER SCHOOLS: While the impact of charter school funding on public schools is not directly clear, too often school finance in Texas is a race to the bottom. There should not be a question of funding for charter schools affecting public finance or vice versa. The state contribution to public education must go up to ensure achievement for all students, regardless of charter funding.

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION: Social studies educators in Texas must teach the facts as they happened. Critical race theory should not be the way those facts are taught. The United States has a diverse history, and students should see themselves in that history as it happened. Teachers must continue to have a strong voice in the revision of the social studies standards to ensure the facts are taught.

RECOVERY: I hesitate to force another initiative onto school districts that is implemented out of compliance rather than belief in the program. Schools must stop chasing the latest shiny object. We have a rigorous set of standards (the TEKS) that holds students to high achievement. Teachers and schools know the best practices to raise student achievement to meet those standards.

OTHER ISSUES: The State Board of Education reviews standards written by the State Board of Educator Certification (SBEC). School districts rely too much on alternative certification programs that teacher candidates rush through in just weeks. We need to raise pay for higher qualified teachers certified through an established institution of higher learning.

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AUGURE YOUNG (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 8

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES WERE ASKED THE SAME TWO QUESTIONS:

1. QUALIFICATIONS: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position? Describe your "specific" plan/ideas for addressing these issues.

2. ISSUES: What are the two (2) most pressing issues that you will face in the office that you seek?

STATE SENATOR - REPUBLICAN PARTY

MEMBER OF UPPER HOUSE IN TEXAS LEGISLATURE. ADVOCATES FOR HOME DISTRICT. WITH TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LEGISLATES, CONFRMS GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS TO ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL POSTS, PARTICIPATES IN THE INITIATION OF PROPOSALS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, AND TRIES OFFICIALS IMPEACHED BY THE TEXAS HOUSE. 4-YEAR TERM.

STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT 4
BRANDON CREIGHTON (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

Bob Mitchell (R)
QUALIFICATIONS: I have worked with and for every sector of our economy which includes healthcare, aviation and aerospace, petrochemicals, professional and retail services, tourism and recreation, education, and the maritime sector. I have been working to sustain and improve our quality of life with proven results and will bring my decades of economic development and business experience to Austin.

ISSUES: 1) The Coastal Spine that will protect the Galveston Bay complex and the 5.5 million people that live work and play in our region. The area we are protecting account for 42% of all specialty chemicals, 27% of the gas, 60% of the jet aviation fuel and 80% of the military grade fuel for the entire United States. I will work with the Gulf Coast Protection District to make sure they get the funding they need. 2) I will work with Public Education to continue the reform of school financing, accountability and quality that Senator Larry Taylor work so hard for.

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STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT 6
MARTHA FIERRO (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

Bianca Gracia (R)

ISSUES: 1) Public Safety - Address the southern border invasion and how illegal immigration affects SD11. Increased crime, human/sex trafficking/ theft/ assaults, placement of unaccompanied minors in our district, and increased drug related crimes. I plan to advocate for Enforcement of Current Immigration Laws and stand up to the federal government. Establish open communications and working relationships with law enforcement and municipality agencies in my district, implementing call to action for possible legislation for the establishment of improved public safety. Additionally, public safety also involves hurricane preparedness and adequate infrastructure. 2) Election Integrity - Support SB1 with stronger penalties for voter fraud.

Occupation: President Latinos for Trump Exec. Dir. Latinos for America First | Education: Mountain State University-Beckley, West Virginia. Studied Master of Science in Strategic Leadership; University of Houston – Houston TX Studied Master of Political Science; St. Mary's University - San Antonio, TX Bachelor of Arts Public Justice 19 | Website: http://www.biancafortexas.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/BiancaVexas | Twitter: twitter.com/biancafortexas | Email: bianca@biancafortexas.com | Phone: (832) 277-5062
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STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT 7
PAUL BETTENCOURT (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

Robin Armstrong (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT 11

Bianca Gracia (R)

ISSUES: 1) Public Safety - Address the southern border invasion and how illegal immigration affects SD11. Increased crime, human/sex trafficking/ theft/ assaults, placement of unaccompanied minors in our district, and increased drug related crimes. I plan to advocate for Enforcement of Current Immigration Laws and stand up to the federal government. Establish open communications and working relationships with law enforcement and municipality agencies in my district, implementing call to action for possible legislation for the establishment of improved public safety. Additionally, public safety also involves hurricane preparedness and adequate infrastructure. 2) Election Integrity - Support SB1 with stronger penalties for voter fraud.

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STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT 15
GEORGE BRIAN VACHRIS (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

Robin Armstrong (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT 18
LOIS W. KOLKHORST (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

Mayes Middleton (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

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### DISTRICT 126

**E. SAM HARLESS (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED**

**CHARLES CUNNINGHAM (R)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served my community for decades at the state, regional, and local level. First in the armed forces (US Army) and then on the Humble School Board (12yrs) and the Humble City Council (3yrs). While on the Humble School Board, I chaired the audit committee, was a member of the building and planning and finance committee and served twice as board president. As a member of the Humble City Council, I was the city’s representative to the Houston-Galveston Area Council focusing on Flood Management.

**Issues:** I’m taking my proven conservative record to Austin to focus on the issues impacting our everyday lives in district 127 which includes flooding and public safety. I will work with state and local agencies to secure funding to continue the dredging of both the west and east forks of the San Jacinto River. As for public safety, I will also fight in the legislature to put an end to the revolving door of dangerous criminals at the courthouse.

**Occupation:** CenterPoint Energy | **Education:** Our Lady of the Lake University | **Website:** [http://www.CharlesCunninghamTX.com](http://www.CharlesCunninghamTX.com) | **Facebook:** [http://www.facebook.com/CharlesCunninghamTX](http://www.facebook.com/CharlesCunninghamTX) | **Email:** [info@CharlesCunninghamTX.com](mailto:info@CharlesCunninghamTX.com) | **Phone:** (281) 446-6674 | **Address:** 7702 FM 1960 Rd E Suite 370 Humble, TX 77346

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**DEANNA ROBERTSON (R)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a grandmother, mother and wife. I have lived in my district for over 16 years. I have 25 years of experience advocating for others’ rights as a retired healthcare worker. I volunteer as the volunteer coordinator for a local animal rescue with over 125 volunteers. I have leadership training. As a young grandmother and advocate for others, I am dedicated to fighting for our children and their future.

**Issues:** 1) Property Taxes: The Voters in my District want to eliminate property taxes. I propose that we look into implementing Texas State Representative White’s HB 59 that proposes a consumption tax in lieu of property taxes. 2) Term Limits: The Voters in my District want term limits. If I can’t get the legislature to pass limits, then I suggest that we let Texans vote on a referendum on the ballot and get it passed.

**Occupation:** Business Owner | **Education:** University of Houston, BA in Philosophy and Religious Studies | **Website:** [http://www.robertsonforhd127.com](http://www.robertsonforhd127.com) | **Facebook:** [http://www.facebook.com/deanna-robertson-for-hd-127-104292596340901](http://www.facebook.com/deanna-robertson-for-hd-127-104292596340901) | **Twitter:** twitter.com/RobertsonforHD127 | **Email:** deanna@robertsonforhd127.com | **Address:** 3007 Woodland Hills Dr #110 Kingwood, TX 77339

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**MIKE SCHOFIELD (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED**

**ERIK LE (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED**

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**GREG TRAVIS (R)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a practicing litigation attorney with over 30 years of experience in the court room advocating for my client’s positions and having done so successfully. Additionally, I have served on the Houston City Council advocating for my constituents and serving them faithfully. I have also served my country as an Officer in the USAF where I flew jets for a number of years.

**Issues:** 1) Infrastructure: I believe we need to put more of a focus on civil infrastructure, in particular roads and flood mitigation. Texas should step up and contribute more to the local efforts so that many of the projects on the back burner can be completed. 2) Education -- I think the way we finance education needs to be rethought, we have too much emphasis on standardized testing. I am in favor of tax reform as well.

**Occupation:** Houston City Council Member | **Education:** University of Texas at Austin -- JD; Westminster College -- BA (Philosophy and Business) | **Website:** [http://www.GregTravisforTexas.com](http://www.GregTravisforTexas.com) | **Facebook:** [http://www.facebook.com/GregTravisforTX](http://www.facebook.com/GregTravisforTX) | **Twitter:** twitter.com/GregTravisforTX | **Email:** info@gregtravistortues.com | **Phone:** (713) 443-4307

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**WILL FRANKLIN (R)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I’ve spent almost three decades in the upstream oil & gas industry. I own a small business and have established, invested in, and sat on the boards of directors of oilfield companies, both domestically and internationally. These experiences have been with small private companies to larger public companies. With this experience, I’ve had the opportunity to drive strategy, build consensus amongst various constituencies, manage budgets, make tough/unpopular decisions, and serve as a fiduciary.

**Issues:** 1) Secure the border/stop illegal immigration. I support the efforts of the legislature to apportion funds to the Governor to secure the border while DC abdicates responsibility. I will ensure TX pursues all remedies with the fed govt, including reimbursement. 2) Fix the grid, fight for a free market energy transition, and ensure TX natural resources are not artificially suppressed. I will enable our energy economy by supporting free markets, eliminating regs, and limiting the effects of federal programs that decrease reliability; hide the true cost of renewable energy; and unnecessarily decrease the value of TX natural resources assets, which thereby lowers our tax base, defunds our schools and infrastructure spending, and hurts our job base

**Occupation:** Energy Executive | **Education:** University of Texas at Austin (BBA w/Honors, BA w/High Honors); Harvard Business School (MBA) | **Website:** [http://www.WillFrankinson.com](http://www.WillFrankinson.com) | **Facebook:** [http://www.facebook.com/WillFranklinForTX](http://www.facebook.com/WillFranklinForTX) | **Twitter:** twitter.com/willfrankin | **Email:** info@willfrankinson.com | **Address:** 9337 Katy Frey Ste B #113 Houston, TX 77024

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**SHELLEY TORIAN BARINEAU (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED**

**BERT KELLER (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Engineer; business owner; Dir. of Special Projects for Commissioner Tom Ramsey; Houston City Council, two terms, implemented $300 million in streets and drainage projects; appointed by Gov. Perry to Chair the Homeland Security Task Force; Chairman, Gulf Coast Rail District; Commissioner of Rebuild Houston Oversight Committee; 7-year voting member on the Houston-Galveston Area Council Transportation Policy Council; Fmr. Harris Co Republican Party Finance Chairman; 57-year resident of District 133.

**Issues:** My first priority will always be to protect public safety. We must continue to protect our border by ensuring the border wall is completed, technology is utilized to maximum effectivenss and that law enforcement is deployed and supported. As the former Chair of Gov. Perry’s Homeland Security task Force, I am the only candidate with actual experience regarding border security. We must also pass criminal justice reform and fully fund and support the police. Second pressing issue is improving infrastructure including transportation, flooding and the power grid. I am the only candidate with experience in all of these areas as an engineer, Houston City Council Member, energy executive and Dir. of Special Projects for Commissioner Tom Ramsey.

**Occupation:** Engineer/Business Owner/Senior VP Savant Energy | **Education:** University of Texas at Austin, B.S. Petroleum Engineering; Brookside College, Cambridge, England, Background in Liberal Arts | **Website:** [http://www.BertKeller.com](http://www.BertKeller.com) | **Facebook:** [http://www.facebook.com/BertKellerfor133](http://www.facebook.com/BertKellerfor133) | **Twitter:** twitter.com/BertKeller133 | **Email:** BertKeller133@gmail.com | **Phone:** (832) 282-2175 | **Address:** 5535 Memorial Dr Suite 409 Houston, Texas 77007

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**MANO DEAYALA (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED**

**A. A. DOMINGUEZ (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED**

**RYAN MCCONNICO (R)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Husband, father, business leader, and passionate defender of the objective truth.

**Issues:** Our youth’s education and out of control crime in Houston.

**Occupation:** Executive | **Education:** MBA UT Austin BBA SHSU | **Website:** [http://Mcconnico.org](http://Mcconnico.org) | **Facebook:** [http://Facebook.com/TexansforRyanMccon](http://Facebook.com/TexansforRyanMccon) | **Email:** Ryan@mcconnico.org

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**DISTRICT 128**

**BRISCOE CAIN (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED**

**Dennis Paul (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED**

**DISTRICT 130**

**Tom Oliverson (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED**

**GERRY MONROE (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED**

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**DISTRICT 131**

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JOSH FLYNN (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: Father of 5, Grandfather of 2. Happily married for 25 years. Marine Corp Desert Storm Veteran. Scout Master to my Eagle Scout son. Member of the Dignity Gospel Quartet. Profile Advocate. Current Secretary to the Harris County Republican Party. Former Secretary to the Republican Party of Texas. Former Treasurer of the Harris County Republican Party. Former 8-year State Republican Executive Committee member. Former President and Trustee of Harris County Department of Education.

ISSUES: Election integrity and border security. Provide equal ballot access to all eligible voters. Provide a safe environment for the citizens of Texas by fully funding law enforcement along our border counties and building secure points of entry and eliminating illegal crossings.

Occupation: Licensed Tax Professional | Education: Studied Accounting and Computer Science at Southern Nazarene University and Biblical Studies at Nazarene Bible College | Website: http://www.joshflynn.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/JoshFlynn.Texas Twitter: twitter.com/joshflynn | Phone: (713) 443-8666 | Address: PO Box 431156 Houston, TX 77243

CHRISTINE KALMBACH (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: Small Business Owner Realtor (previous Personnel Service); 30+ years of community service and volunteerism; children attended public, private & homeschool; 25 years grassroots activist for conservative causes; Strong fiscal/social conservative that is *Pro-God *Pro-Faith *Pro-Liberty *Pro-Life *Pro-Marriage *Pro-Family *Pro-2A *Pro-Military *Pro-Business and *Pro-LTD Govt. I will always remember the grassroots people who work so hard to make Texas great! I am for accountability and transparency!

ISSUES: Joe Biden’s border crisis is a threat to our communities. I am fighting to secure the border by adding more law enforcement and the latest technology to stop drug cartels and human trafficking. I am also fighting to eliminate the magnets that encourage illegal immigration. We must ban taxpayer funded lobbying. Last year, more than forty million taxpayer dollars were spent by local governments to hire Austin lobbyists to kill property tax cuts and other conservative reforms.

Occupation: Licensed Realtor | Education: Champions School of Real Estate, and Lone Star College | Website: http://www.christinefortexas.org | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/ChristineforTexas | Twitter: twitter.com/christine4texas Email: christinefortexas@gmail.com | Phone: (832) 271-0469 | Address: 7710 Cherry Park Dr 77260 Houston, TX 77055

LACEY HULL (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I served during the most conservative session in Texas History. We tripled border security. We passed the historic Heartbeat Act to protect innocent unborn life. I passed a healthcare reform bill that allows Texans to go around Obamacare and lowers the price of health insurance and prescription drugs. We banned Critical Race Theory and prohibited social media companies from censoring conservatives online. We made sure to Back the Blue by banning cities from defunding the police.

ISSUES: There are many significant issues facing the constituents of House District 138. I do not support the left’s push for Socialism. We made sure to Back the Blue by banning cities from defunding the police. We stopped the left from defunding the police in the 2018 Austin elections. We made sure to Ban Critical Race Theory and prevented social media from censoring conservatives online. We passed historic healthcare reforms that allow Texans to go around Obamacare and hire their own doctors.

Occupation: State Representative HD 138 | Education: BBA, Baylor University | Website: http://www.laceyhull.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/LaceyHuForTexas | Twitter: twitter.com/LaceyHuTx Email: campaign@laceyhull.com | Phone: (832) 271-0469 | Address: PO Box 19231 Houston, TX 77224

DEBBIE RIDDLE (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

VALOREE SWANSON (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have proudly served as State Representative for District 150 since 2017. As State Representative, I: • Voted for record funding for border security every session • Passed the historic “Save Girls’ Sports Act” to keep girls’ sports from being taken away by homogeneous sports • Passed the historic “Save Girls’ Sports Act” to keep girls’ sports from being taken away by homogeneous sports • Coauthored and passed historic funding for school districts • Passed HB 121 to protect Second Amendment liberties and private property rights • Cosponsored and passed significant reforms to the property tax system to empower homeowners • Stopped vaccine mandates from costing Texans their jobs. • Blocking low-income government subsidized housing from entering the district without community support and State Representative permission.

ISSUES: There are many significant issues facing the constituents of House District 150. A few of them are: • Continuing to secure the southern border, since the federal government refuses to do so. I coauthored HB 9 and supported the state budget, both of which allocate more resources to our brave border patrol agents. • Continuing to fortify the Texas electric grid by ensuring that the significant reforms made to ERCOT and the grid in the 87th Session are fully implemented and further improvements are made. • Stopping vaccine mandates from costing Texans their jobs. • Blocking low-income government subsidized housing from entering the district without community support and State Representative permission.

Occupation: State Representative | Education: BBA, Baylor University | Website: http://www.valoreswanson.com/2019/06/meet-valorie | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/ValorieswansonforTexas | Email: campaign@valoreswanson.com | Address: 6046 FM 2920 #619 Spring, TX 77379

CHIEF JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEALS • REPUBLICAN PARTY

TERRY ADAMS (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEALS • REPUBLICAN PARTY

SIX-YEAR TERM. COURTS OF APPEALS HEAR APPEALS ON CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES FROM LOWER COURTS IN THEIR DISTRICTS. CURRENT SALARY FOR CHIEF JUSTICE: $187,800. CURRENT SALARY FOR JUSTICE: $184,800.

1ST COURT OF APPEALS

APRIL FARRIS (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

KEVIN JEWELL (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

RANDY WILSON (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

JUSTICE, 1ST COURT OF APPEALS, DISTRICT, PLACE 4

JUSTICE, 14TH COURT OF APPEALS, DISTRICT, PLACE 2

JUSTICE, 14TH COURT OF APPEALS, DISTRICT, PLACE 9

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55TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CIVIL
NILE COPELAND (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

113TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CIVIL
NATHAN J. MILLIRON (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

157TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CIVIL
SONYA L. ASTON (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

57TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CIVIL
ERIN ELIZABETH LUNCEFORD (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

189TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CIVIL
RACHEL LEAL-HUDSON (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

203RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CRIMINAL
BRUCE BAIN (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

270TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CRIMINAL
MICHAEL LANDRUM (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

234TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CRIMINAL
MICHAEL WEST (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

296TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CRIMINAL
MALCOLM WHITTAKER (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

184TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CRIMINAL
TAMI C. PIERCE (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

187TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CRIMINAL
CHRIS CARMONA (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

265TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CRIMINAL
HEATHER HUDSON (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

180TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CRIMINAL
LORI DEANGELO (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

190TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CRIMINAL
ANDY TAYLOR (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

269TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CRIMINAL
BRAD HART (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

230TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CRIMINAL
JOSHUA NORMAND (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

260TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CRIMINAL
TONYA MCLAUGHLIN (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

280TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CIVIL
MICHELLE FRAGA (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

255TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CRIMINAL
DAN LEMKUIL (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

247TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - FAMILY
CHARLEY PRINE (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

243RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT - FAMILY
AMBER COX (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

247TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - FAMILY
GERIC TIPSWORD (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

257TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - FAMILY
LEONEL “LEO” FARIAS II (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

260TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - FAMILY
ROSE CARDENAS (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

TODD FRANKFORT (R)
QUALIFICATIONS: I am the only Republican candidate who is Board Certified in Family Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. I am the ONLY candidate for ANY bench who is a nationally recognized practitioner of family law by the prestigious American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. My work ethic is such that I will show up daily and work hard for the citizens of Harris County, and my rulings will be based upon the law and not the personalities of the lawyers.

ISSUES: 1. I have a much wider breadth of experience than either my Republican opponent or the sitting judge. I have tried over a dozen cases to a jury, and more bench trials than I can remember, not including non-family cases. In addition, my experience includes a much broader spectrum of issues, including: complex marital property issues, custody issues, grandparents’ rights, and issues on appeal. My experience will help me to rule in an efficient, consistent manner. 2. Currently, each court has different requirements for setting hearings and trial. I would work with all family courts to be consistent. I would also reduce the number of motions required to be submitted to make things easier for those who may not understand how that works.


MICHAEL PATRICK DELANEY (R)
QUALIFICATIONS: I have a very wide range of legal experience practicing in the family courts of Harris County, Texas. I have been licensed for 34 years, and have devoted myself almost exclusively to family law for the last 25 of those years. I have tried many jury trials to verdict, successfully in more than 90% of those trials. I have had close and mutually respectful relationships with the Harris County Family Court judges, and have an excellent reputation in the legal community. I am also a member of Mensa.

ISSUES: The first pressing issue is to restore the rule of law and justice in Harris County Family Courts. Until the Election of 2018, the family courts were headed by experienced, skilled, and fair judges. Since 2018, the Family Courts have been presided over by inexperienced, unskilled novices who neither know nor apply the law in a fair manner. Sadly, cronyism has become the standard in the Courts in recent years. The law has become less important than which litigant’s attorney contributed to the Democratic Party, and how much. The courts have issued bizarre rulings, based neither on statute nor common law, but from some inner predilection of the judge.


JESUS GUILLEN (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

ANDREW MICHAEL BAYLEY (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

GARDNER EASTLAND (R)  |  NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

RAYLAND VANNORMAN (R)  |  NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

RAYLAND VANNORMAN (R)
No response received.

MICHAEL LANDRUM (R)
No response received.

MICHAEL WEST (R)
No response received.

MORGAN MITCHELL (R)
No response received.

FRED SHUCHART (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

KEVIN FULTON (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

ANDY TAYLOR (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

JOSHUA NORMAND (R)  |  RUNNING UNOPPOSED

JOSHUA NORMAND (R)
No response received.

280TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CIVIL

247TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - FAMILY

243RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT - FAMILY

260TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - FAMILY

255TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - FAMILY

247TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - FAMILY

234TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CRIMINAL

230TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CRIMINAL

280TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CIVIL

MICHELLE FRAGA (R)
No response received.

ANDY TAYLOR (R)
No response received.

JOSHUA NORMAND (R)
No response received.

AMBER COX (R)
No response received.

CHARLEY PRINE (R)
No response received.

ROSE CARDENAS (R)
No response received.

MATT SWAY (R)
No response received.

JESUS GUILLEN (R)
No response received.

ANDREW MICHAEL BAYLEY (R)
No response received.

GARDNER EASTLAND (R)
No response received.

RAYLAND VANNORMAN (R)
No response received.

MICHAEL LANDRUM (R)
No response received.
HARRIS COUNTY - COUNTY JUDGE • REPUBLICAN PARTY

PRESIDES OVER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, WHICH HAS BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY OVER ALL COUNTY GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, THE COUNTY JUDGE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CALLING ELECTIONS, FOR POSTING ELECTION NOTICES, FOR RECEIVING AND CANVASSING ELECTION RETURNS, AND FOR CIVIL DEFENSE PREPAREDNESS AND DISASTER RELIEF. THE COUNTY JUDGE MAY ALSO PERFORM MARRIAGES. 4-YEAR TERM.

H.Q. BOLANOS (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: As the Founder of Texas Appraisal Consultants, bringing 25+ years of industry experience serving Harris County in residential appraisals, I have cultivated a comprehensive working-knowledge and level of professionalism that enables me to apply a focused, impartial and analytical perspective to the position. Furthermore, my experience and intimate knowledge of our area allows me to learn of the many issues affecting Harris County and potential solutions to ameliorate pressing issues.

ISSUES: We need to support our sheriff's office by prosecuting criminals and monetarily compensate longtime officers and new recruits of the department in order to demonstrate our conviction in their value and service. Furthermore, we will focus on recruiting our military veterans that are trained in urban enforcement in order to provide a fresh perspective to the department and increase morale with our officers. The Army Corps of Engineers released an interim report on October 5, 2020 as viable options for flood mitigation. In order to minimize the effects of flooding in Harris County we need to protect and restore the prairie lands and wetlands. Restoring the lands slows water traveling downstream during catastrophic flooding events.

Occupation: State Certified Residential Appraiser | Education: Bachelor of Business Administration (Marketing), University of Houston | Email: hq_bolanos@ciufdot.com | Phone: (832) 842-3437 | Address: P.O. Box 51 Hoevley, TX 77447

GEORGE HARRY ZOES (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have 30 years of actual business experience. I started my first business 30 years ago from the ground up and know every aspect of how to make it run efficiently. In addition, I operate retail and wholesale trade shows. I purchased Ruby’s Wig Salon ten years ago and purchased Ann’s Wig Salon during COVID shutdown and turned them into the leading resources for female cancer patients. My 30 years of experience is more than any other candidate running for this office. I understand business.

ISSUES: There are more than two, but immediately on day one I will fund the Sheriff’s office with money taken away from them by the current County Judge. The Sheriff’s department needs their money and tools so they can protect the citizens. We need to review and audit all bonds and do it at business speed, not typical political speed, that takes years. There is a list of items in addition to this that will be taken care of within the first days in office.

Occupation: Own 4 Businesses: Cancer Salon - Ruby’s Wigs / Wholesale Home Accessories & Gifts / Retail Shows like Houston Rodeo / Custom Design | Education: Undergraduate University of Houston | Website: http://www.voteforzoes.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/georgeharryzoes | Email: voteforzoes@gmail.com | Phone: (713) 365-1604 | Address: P.O. BOX 5071 Houston, TX 77275

ALEXANDRA DEL MORAL MEALER (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I served as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal officer (Army bomb squad). Through my experience leading soldiers in combat, I demonstrated the skills necessary to lead during times of crisis. I have a proven record of managing companies for over 50 years in Construction, Real Estate, Organization. During that time, I got to work closely with Commissioner’s court and the department. I have vast experience within the framework of Harris County. I was on the ISSUES: I've worked on and led multi-million dollar budgets and construction projects of Texas; 47-member governing board of all Texas attorneys. -Served as Commissioner pursuing a career in energy finance, where I worked on the execution of billion-dollar projects that are desperately needed to tackle the unprecedented crisis in Harris County. LOWER TAXES & STOP WASTEFUL SPENDING: By prioritizing the needs of the county and eliminating special interest spending.

Occupation: Energy Finance | Education: West Point Graduate; Harvard MBA | JD | Website: http://alexandrameleer.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/AlexMealerForJudge | Twitter: twitter.com/AlexMealer4HCTX | Email: info@alexandrameleer.com | Phone: (281) 381-9278

VIDAL MARTINEZ (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: - Practiced law in Houston for four decades beginning as a federal prosecutor. - Currently CEO and Chairman of a $200M + billion dollar funded through the approved bond will be spent as promised.

Occupation: Marketing Manager | Education: Texas Tech University, 2003-2007; Bachelor of Architecture, Bachelor's in Business | Email: contact@robertdorris.org | Phone: (281) 755-1811 | Address: 2909 Rogers Rd PO Box 42656 Houston, Texas 77242-2556

RANDY KUBOSH (R) | RESPONSE NOT IN KEEPING WITH LEAGUE GUIDELINES

MARTINA LEMON DIXON (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

OSCAR GONZALES (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I spent 30 years as a public servant with the Harris County Sheriff’s department. I have vast experience within the framework of Harris County. I was on the board of the Mexican American Sheriff’s Organization and the Harris County deputy’s Organization. During that time, I got to work closely with Commissioner’s court and the.

Occupation: Retired Harris County Deputy Sheriff | Education: Graduated John H. Reagan High School | Website: http://www.voteforzagonzales.com | Email: voteforzagonzales@gmail.com | Phone: (713) 368-6847

WARREN A. HOWELL (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I've been making payroll since I was 21 years old. I’ve been in business managing companies for over 50 years in Construction, Real Estate Development, Manufacturing, Safety. - I've also had over 100 employees by the time I was 32. My 50 years of experience will get Harris County "humming" taking care of road & bridge repairs, working on permanent solutions to drainage problems, doubling the size of reservoirs, lowering the budget, build a real surplus in lower crime.

ISSUES: CRIME: To solve a problem, one has to know the cause. Training shut down

Occupation: Owner of Employers Risk Ins. | Education: Graduate of Madison High School and 1 year at University of Houston | Website: http://www.WarrenHowell.info | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100077287670725 Twitter: twitter.com/howell8008 | Email: WarrenHowell801@gmail.com | Phone: (281) 579-2422 | Address: 1304 Langham Creek Drive Suite 228 Houston, Texas 77084
HARRIS COUNTY - COUNTY CIVIL COURT AT LAW • REPUBLICAN PARTY

PRESIDES OVER ORIGINAL AND APPELLATE COUNTY CIVIL CASES; EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OVER EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS; DECIDES TITLE ISSUES ON REAL/PERSONAL PROPERTY, HEARS SUITS TO RECOVER DAMAGES FOR SLANDER/DEFAMATION OF CHARACTER; ENFORCEMENT OF LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY VALUED AT $200 OR MORE; CORPORATE CHARTER FORFEITURES; AND RECOVERY OF REAL PROPERTY. 4-YEAR TERM.

JAMES LOMBARDINO (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED
COUNTY CIVIL COURT AT LAW NO.1

CLYDE RAYMOND LEUCHTAG (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED
COUNTY CIVIL COURT AT LAW NO.2

AARON G. ADAMS (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED
COUNTY CIVIL COURT AT LAW NO.3

HARRIS COUNTY - COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW • REPUBLICAN 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.

NATHAN MOSS (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED
COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.1

PAULA GOODHART (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED
COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.2

LESLIE JOHNSON (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED
COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.3

ZACHARY GIBSON (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED
COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.4

ELIZABETH BUSS (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED
COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.5

MARK MONTGOMERY (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED
COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.6

MIKE MONKS (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED
COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.7

MARK GOLDBERG (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED
COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.8

SARTAJ BAL (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED
COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.9

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.10

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.11

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.12

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.13

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.14

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO.15

HARRIS COUNTY - PROBATE COURT • REPUBLICAN PARTY

JURISDICTION OVER DECEDENT’S ESTATES (PROBATING WILLS, DETERMINING HEIR-SHIP, 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. COURTS 3 AND 4 ALSO HAVE JURISDICTION OVER VOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS TO MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS AND FORCED MEDICATIONS.

COUNTRY - PROBATE COURT NO.1
LOYD WRIGHT (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

COUNTY - PROBATE COURT NO.1
SOPHIA MAFFRIE (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

COUNTY - PROBATE COURT NO.3
RORY ROBERT OLSEN (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

COUNTY - PROBATE COURT NO.4
WILL ARCHER (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

HARRIS COUNTY - DISTRICT CLERK • REPUBLICAN PARTY

DUTIES INCLUDE CUSTODIAL CARE AND SAFEGUARDING OF ALL COURT RECORDS FOR THE DISTRICT COURTS AND COUNTY COURTS AND ACCOUNTING FOR ALL MONEY PAID IN AS DEPOSITS ON CIVIL CASES WAITING DISPOSITION AND ALL MONIES AWARDED TO MINORS IN COURT ACTIONS THAT ARE PAID INTO THE REGISTRY OF THE COURT. THE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS FOR AND PROCESSES CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS AND ALSO COORDINATES THE JURY SYSTEM FOR THE COURTS. THE DISTRICT CLERK IS ELECTED TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM.

CHRIS DANIEL (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

HARRIS COUNTY - COUNTY CLERK • REPUBLICAN PARTY

MAINTAINS THE RECORDS OF COMMISSIONERS COURT, PROBATE COURTS AND COUNTY CIVIL COURTS-AT-LAW; RECORDS VITAL DOCUMENTS SUCH AS PROPERTY RECORDS, MARRIAGE LICENSES, ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATES, BIRTH RECORDS AND DEATH RECORDS. SERVES AS CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER ADMINISTERING COUNTY AND STATE ELECTIONS. 4-YEAR TERM.

STAN STANART (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

HARRIS COUNTY - COUNTY TREASURER • REPUBLICAN PARTY

THE TREASURER IS CHIEF CUSTODIAN OF COUNTY FUNDS AND RECEIVES ALL MONIES BELONGING TO THE COUNTY. THE TREASURER KEEPS AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE FUNDS IN DESIGNATED DEPOSITORIES AND DISBURSES THE FUNDS AS COMMISSIONERS COURT MAY REQUIRE OR DIRECT, NOT INCONSISTENT WITH CONSTITUTIONAL LAW. THE TREASURER ALSO SERVICES THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND THE PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY. THE TREASURER IS ELECTED FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM.

ERIC DICK (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I’m currently on the Harris County Board of Education so I understand public service. I’m also a successful business owner so I understand what it takes to run a business. A good County Treasurer understands public service and solid business practices.

ISSUES: I want to make sure the County Treasurer’s office is operating at the highest level of efficiency. I also want to make sure that Commissioners Court is getting the most current financial information so they can make the best decisions.

 Occupation: Attorney  | Education: Bachelors Degree from Houston Community College; Associates Degree from Houston Community College; Bachelors Degree in Business Administration, University of Phoenix; J.D., Thomas M. Cooley Law School and L.L.M. in Taxation, University of Alabama  | Website: http://www.ericdick.net  | Phone: (888) 660-0088  | Address: 3701 Brookewoods Houston, TX 77092

HARRIS COUNTY - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL TRUSTEE • 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. 4-YEAR TERM.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE, PLACE 1 - POSITION 1 PRECINCT 2
BEN SALDANA (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

SCHOOL TRUSTEE, PLACE 2 - POSITION 2 PRECINCT 4
DANIELLE DICK (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED
HARRIS COUNTY - COUNTY COMMISSIONER • REPUBLICAN PARTY

MEMBER OF COMMISSIONERS COURT; CONTROLS COURTHOUSES AND JAILS; APPOINTS/EMPLOYED PERSONNEL, DETERMINES COUNTY TAX RATES,adopts BUDGET, CALLS ELECTIONS, SETS VOTING PRECINCT BOUNDARIES, LETS CONTRACTS, AND BUILDS/Maintains ROADS, BRIDGES, LIBRARIES AND PARKS. WITHIN OWN PRECINCT DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND PARKS, ROAD AND BRIDGE PROGRAMS. 4-YEAR TERM.

JACK MORMAN (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I served two successful terms as the Harris County Precinct Two Commissioner from 2011 until 2019. As a member of Commissioners Court, I led Precinct Two operations that included more than 380 employees, 50 parks, 17 community centers, and more than 1,300 miles of roads. I advocated for a business-friendly environment and aggressive economic development in my precinct and also successfully led the fight to increase pay for Harris County law enforcement officers.

ISSUES: The most vital issue is the reduction and elimination of violent crime and making sure Commissioners Court gives every tool to law enforcement that is needed to wage a real war on crime. The majority on the current Commissioners Court has defunded our constables and put forward plans that do nothing to fight crime. Our jails are not safe for correctional officers and our streets are less safe for patrol officers. Crime victims are dismissed or silenced. This all must change. Our court system has also become a revolving door for violent offenders -- something endorsed by the Commissioners Court majority. We also must make sure flood control promises made to our communities are kept and not politicized.

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RICHARD VEGA (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have served our country in the United States Armed Forces with countless experiences that would benefit our county as our county commissioner. I obtained a bachelor’s degree in business and have many experiences with finances and finding solutions to budgets that our county needs. I have served Harris County as a Pastor for 6 years and through humanitarian aid for the last 10 years as a community servant.

ISSUES: The law enforcement agencies are not adequately staffed and funded to handle the population growth in Precinct 2. There needs to be massive hiring initiatives for law enforcement, as we have the second highest violent crime rate in Harris County.

Occupation: Pastor | Education: BS Business Management | Website: http://www.richardvega.us | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/RichardVegaForHarrisCountyCommissionerPrecinct2 | Email: info@richardvega.us | Phone: (832) 425-8918 | Address: 9701 Aldreda Geneva Rd Houston, TX 77089-1491

DANIEL N. JASON (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: Vietnamese veteran with fire in my stomach and a degree in accounting. I will cut the pork out of our budgets, and if the DA and Sheriff don’t want to arrest and jail criminals, then cut their budget by 20%.

ISSUES: 1. Wohn cases are broken into. we can all agree that 100% smoking is not the way. 2. Arresting, and jailing criminals in Precinct 2!

Occupation: Insurance Salesman | Education: B.S. in Accounting from California State University of Los Angeles | Email: djasoncampaign@gmail.com | Phone: (713) 338-1167 | Address: 14625 Greenville Street Houston, TX 77015

JERRY MOUTON (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

JOHN MANLOVE (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: Served as the Mayor of Pasadena, Texas for 2 terms: reduced crime by 27%, rebuilt a crumbling infrastructure without raising taxes, and put the city on a solid financial path. I’m a successful business owner, served as Trustee for the Port of Galveston, served as Chairman of Galveston’s Financial & Fiscal Affairs Committee, served as President of Galveston Redevelopment Authority. John “Gonzales” Manlove is part Hispanic and bilingual in Spanish and English.

ISSUES: Crime and financial mismanagement are out of control. I would implement an accountability program that reviewed crime stats and provide the resources and flexibility to the departments to perform. I will work to institute a neighborhood engagement program and put police in the areas of most need. With my strong governmental finance background, I would eliminate waste and return the county to its core mission of providing safety, flood control, and financial stewardship.

Occupation: Marketing & Communications | Education: Graduated University of Houston with a degree in Political Science | Website: http://www.johnmanlove.org | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/JohnManLoveHCC4 | Email: jmanlove@johnmanlove.com | Phone: (281) 830-1379 | Address: 5125 Preston Ave Pasadena, TX 77505

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4

R. JACK CAGLE (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

HARRIS COUNTY - 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. JUDGES ARE ELECTED TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM.

DENISE F. GRAVES (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

ZEE ADAM GIRE (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: In my past work as a consultant to a local municipality, I implemented technology and tools creating a streamlined and beneficial process for all. As an experienced business executive who has dominated the industry for over 25 years where I provided structure for an entity and experienced a variety of personalities and issues which I tackled regularly. These issues included legal situations, encounters with corporate clients and administrative challenges. These experiences qualify me as your JP.

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BRET S. KISLUK (R)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a Municipal Court Judge for over 22 years. I was appointed in Jacinto City as a Judge in 1999. I am still the Presiding Judge in Jacinto City. I was appointed in Meadows Place as a Judge in 2004. I am still the Presiding Judge in Meadows Place. I was appointed in Jersey Village as a Judge in 2020. I am still an Associate Judge in Jersey Village. I have presided over thousands of cases and hundreds of trials. I have reviewed and signed many search and blood warrants. I have successfully led the fight to increase pay for Harris County law enforcement officers.

ISSUES: During the pandemic, it is clear to see that many courts are overflowing, cases are being postponed and the judicial system is generally overloaded. 1) I hope to create a system that efficiently and expeditiously allows litigants to have a swifter and easier process in court. I would like to implement virtual hearings, an online system that promotes online filings and train my staff to handle the process in a more methodical manner. 2) Furthermore, I hope to provide pro bono litigants with links and tools so that parties will be aptly prepared for their hearings and trials which will make for a more level playing field and swifter justice.

Occupation: Lawyer | Education: University of Missouri - Columbia 1983 South Texas College of Law 1987 | Website: http://www.BretKislukJP.com | Email: BretKislukJP@gmail.com | Phone: (832) 277-4977 | Address: 9701 Shadow Lane Houston, TX 77096

BOB WOLFE (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

LARYSSA KORDUBA (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

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HARRIS COUNTY PARTY 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.

CINDY SIEGEL (R) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

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