



Voter Guide for the 2020 Election: Blanco County

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Texas House District 45: term of office - 2 years

The House of Representatives, together with the State Senate, constitute the Texas Legislature. The duties of the legislature include consideration of proposed laws and resolutions, consideration of proposed constitutional amendments for submission to the voters, and appropriation of all funds for the operation of state government. All bills for raising revenue considered by the legislature must originate in the House of Representatives. Texas House District 45 represents two counties: Blanco and Hays.

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1. What legislative actions would you support to assist individuals and businesses affected by the current pandemic?

Isaac: Prior to COVID-19, Texas was the envy of the nation because of our predictable regulatory environment and low tax burden created a booming economy with record job growth year after year. As your next state representative, I will work hard to ensure Texas not only maintains this model but improves it. We must do more to lower the tax burden on our citizens (especially property taxes) so they have the resources necessary to create more jobs and stimulate our economy.

Zwiener: For economic recovery to occur we must help the public be confident in our response to COVID-19. We must provide transparent information about the state of the pandemic, widespread access to free testing, prompt contact tracing, and financial support for individuals who need to isolate. We are still falling short on all counts. Holding our agencies accountable and improving the response will be my first priority next session. In addition, I will work to fund infrastructure investments (which will create jobs), allow quarterly payment of property taxes, and provide extended food assistance.

2. What are your legislative priorities and how do you plan to address them?

Isaac: 1. Lower Property Taxes. Property owners have no control over what surrounds their homes and increases their valuations. I have a plan that will lead to lower property taxes every year. 2. Keep Our Schools and Community Safe. I will fight against radical efforts to defund our police. 3. Education: We need to direct more money into the classroom so that teachers and students have the best chance to excel. I'll also pass school safety laws including suicide prevention measures, increasing the number of security personnel, and building renovations to make schools more secure.

Zwiener: Outside of the priorities addressed in the other questions: The Texas Climate Plan: I will work to establish a comprehensive climate change plan that will set targets for reaching carbon neutrality, help workers transition to the new green economy, and prepare communities and industries for the impacts of climate change. I'll also work to protect the rights of all Texans: Repeal SB 4 which allows racial profiling, strengthen use of force of standards for law enforcement, establish workplace and housing protections for LGBTQ Texans, and strengthen sexual harassment protections.



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3. What measures would you support to address inequities in housing, healthcare, and education in Texas?

Isaac: The best way to make housing more affordable is to reign in soaring property taxes and eliminate burdensome regulations that increase the cost of housing. I will work to end surprise medical billing to increase transparency for patients to ensure they are able to afford their medical care. Our education dollars should be prioritized and spent in the classroom. We should expand merit based pay for high performing teachers. I will support school choice efforts to ensure that all parents have the option to educate their children as they see fit. Curriculum should be objective and not politicized.

Zwiener: Expanding Medicaid will bring back \$6 billion of our federal taxes to Texas every year and cover another 1.5 million of the poorest Texans. This will not only provide better health outcomes for those folks, it will also help drive down health care costs for all Texans. Providing more state funding for public schools would help solve two issues that Texans are facing, as too much of the burden for our public schools falls onto property taxes. This system results in uneven educational resources for different communities and drives up the cost of housing for both homeowners and renters.

BLANCO COUNTY EARLY VOTING IN TWO LOCATIONS WITH CURB-SIDE VOTING AVAILABLE:

VOTE AT EITHER LOCATION FOR EARLY VOTING

Blanco County South Annex 402 Blanco Avenue Blanco
Johnson City Courthouse Annex - Hoppe Room 101 East Cypress Johnson City

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Election Day: Tuesday - November 3 Locations open from 7:00am to 7:00pm

Voter must go to the precinct location on the voter registration card.

Table with 4 columns: Precinct #, Voting Location, Address, City. Lists precincts 102, 201, 302, 303, 304, and 401.

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