



# Nonpartisan VOTERS GUIDE

Published by the League of Women Voters-Corpus Christi Area

## March 3, 2020, Joint Primary Election



### Races Featured in This Guide

**Only the candidates with  
opposition in their respective  
races in the Democratic or  
Republican Primary are featured  
in this Voters Guide.**

**US Representative, District 27**  
**District Judge, 347th**  
**Judicial District**  
**District Attorney, 105th**  
**Judicial District**  
**Nueces County Attorney**  
**Nueces County Commissioner,**  
**Precinct 3**  
**Nueces County Constable, Pct. 1**  
**Nueces County Constable, Pct. 2**  
**Nueces County Constable, Pct. 4**



### Early Voting Locations: February 18 - February 29, 2020

Tuesday - Friday, February 18 - 21: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, February 22: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Sunday, February 23: 12 noon - 5 p.m.

Monday - Friday, February 24 - 28: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

#### **BISHOP COMMUNITY CENTER**

102 West Joyce St., Bishop, TX; *Closed February 22 & 23*

#### **CALALLEN ISD**

Administration Building Board Room  
4205 Wildcat Dr.; *Closed February 22 & 23*

#### **DEAF & HARD OF HEARING CENTER**

5151 McArdle Rd.; *Closed February 23*

#### **DEL MAR COLLEGE**

Hendenfels Administration Building  
101 Baldwin Blvd.; *Closed February 22 & 23*

#### **ELLIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

700 W. Avenue A, Port Aransas; *Closed February 22 & 23*

#### **ETHEL EYERLY SENIOR CENTER**

654 Graham Rd.; *Closed February 22 & 23*

#### **GREENWOOD SENIOR CENTER**

4040 Greenwood Dr.; *Closed February 22 & 23*

#### **HILLTOP COMMUNITY CENTER**

South Wing #1 Back of Building  
11425 Leopard St.; *Closed February 23*

#### Main Early Voting Location

**NUECES COUNTY COURTHOUSE**  
901 Leopard St., Corpus Christi, TX 78401

#### **JOHNNY CALDERON BUILDING**

710 East Main St., Robstown; *Closed February 23*

#### **NUECES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4**

5781 FM 666, Robstown; *Closed February 22 & 23*

#### **PADRE ISLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**

14253 S. Padre Island Dr.; *Closed February 23*

#### **PETRONILA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

2391 Co. Rd. 67, Robstown, TX; *Closed February 22 & 23*

#### **TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CC**

Carlos F. Truan Natural Resources Center (Rm. 1009)  
6300 Ocean Dr.; *Closed February 22 & 23*

#### **THE VALENCIA**

2nd Floor Conference Room  
6110 Ayers St.; *Closed February 23*

#### **VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Auditorium  
3750 Cimarron Blvd.; *Closed February 22 & 23*

**Curbside voting will be available  
at all locations. Call (361) 888-0303.**

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## What Voter Photo IDs Are Accepted at the Polls?

Voters are required to use one of seven (7) forms of photo ID listed below. **IDs may be expired up to four years.**

- Texas Driver License
- Texas Election Identification Certificate (EIC) issued by the Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Personal Identification Card issued by the Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas license to carry a handgun issued by the Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- US military identification card containing the person's photograph
- US passport
- US citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph

ADDITIONALLY, registered voters without a photo ID may sign a one-page form titled "Voter's Declaration of Reasonable Impediment or Difficulty" and present it with one of the following documents to vote a regular ballot: Valid voter registration certificate (card), Certified birth certificate, Current utility bill, Bank statement, Government check, Paycheck, any other government document with the individual's name and address



### MISSION STATEMENT OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, political organization encouraging informed and active participation in government. It works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and to influence public policy through education and advocacy. The League does not support or oppose candidates or political parties.



## All About VOTE411.org, online Voters Guide

Readers, you may have noticed that this printed Voters Guide only contains information about candidates in local and Nueces County races.

You can find information about all the other Texas candidates seeking election in Texas by accessing [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org).

Launched by the League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF) more than 10 years ago, VOTE411.org is a "one-stop-shop" for election-related information.

The League of Women Voters-Corpus Christi has populated the VOTE411.org site for Nueces County with candidates' responses to the League's questions, candidate photos, and other information that will be valuable to voters seeking additional information. The text and printed responses from candidates found in this Voters Guide, in fact, come directly from the VOTE411.org file.

Additional questions posed to candidates and their responses can be found in VOTE411.org.

In addition, both general and state-specific information on various aspects of the election process can be accessed in VOTE411.com., including

- Early voting and mail-in ballot information
- Important dates to remember during the election cycle
- General information on such topics as how to watch debates with a critical eye
- ID requirements
- Polling place locations and voter registration deadlines, plus voter qualifications, voter registration forms, and voting machine details.

Voters throughout the nation are encouraged to utilize this resource to become more informed about the voting process and candidates' opinions.



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# CANDIDATES WHO ARE UNOPPOSED IN THE MARCH 3, 2020, PRIMARY

The following candidates listed on the March 3, 2020, Ballot are unopposed in their respective Primary election and are not featured in this Voters Guide. However, these candidates were invited to answer questions in the VOTE411.org online voters guide.

## UNOPPOSED REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Michael Cloud (R), US Representative, District 27  
Judy Cutright (R), Texas Senate, District 20  
Todd Hunter (R), State Representative, District 32  
James Hernandez (R), State Representative, District 34  
Greg Perkes (R), District Judge, 29th Judicial District  
Inna Klein (R), District Judge, 214th Judicial District  
Jenny P. Dorsey (R), Nueces County Attorney  
JC Hooper (R), Nueces County Sheriff  
Kevin Kieschnick (R), Nueces County Tax Assessor/Collector  
Carolyn Vaughn (R), Nueces County Commissioner, Precinct 1  
Richard H. Mitchell (R), Nueces County Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Manuel (Manny) Rangel (R), Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 1  
Jo Woolsey (R), Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Place 1  
James Robertson (R), Nueces County Constable, Precinct 1  
Oscar Mendoza (R), Nueces County Constable, Precinct 5

## UNOPPOSED DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa (D), State Senator, District 20  
Eric Holguin (D), State Representative, District 32  
Abel Herrero (D), State Representative, District 34  
Nanette Hasette (D), District Judge, 28th Judicial District  
Deborah Rios (D), District Judge, 347th Judicial District  
Mark A. Gonzalez (D), District Attorney, 105th Judicial District  
David Torres (D), Nueces County Sheriff  
Robert Hernandez (D), Nueces County Commissioner, Precinct 1  
Joe Benavides (D), Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Place 1  
David "Matt" Farias (D), Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, Place 1  
Robert (Bobby) Gonzalez (D), Justice of the Peace Precinct 5, Place 1  
Dwayne Sada (D), Nueces County Constable, Precinct 2  
Jimmy Rivera (D), Nueces County Constable, Precinct 3  
Frank Flores, III (D), Nueces County Constable, Precinct 5

## "Celebrating 100 Years of Women Winning the Vote"

**JOIN US! Saturday, March 7, 2020, at 10 a.m.**  
**at the Nueces County Courthouse, 901 Leopard,**  
**to view an historical exhibit focusing on events**  
**and suffragists instrumental to the success of**  
**achieving the final passage of the 19th Amendment**  
**AND for a spirited rally with special remarks.**  
**This gathering will be followed by a march (just**  
**over 1/2 mile) from the courthouse to Artesian**  
**Park and another spirited rally to celebrate 100**  
**years of Women Winning the Vote.**



**Call 361-876-4321 for more information about  
this special event on Saturday, March 7, 2020.**



# US Representative, District 27

Candidate responses to the questions posed by LWV-CC are reprinted verbatim and are not edited except to show // if the responses exceed the space allowed.

What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?

What are your recommendations to improve the immigration system?

What legislation would you support to address access to and the cost of healthcare?

What are your recommendations to curb gun violence in our country?



No response was received from this candidate.

Ricardo de la Fuente (D)



Charlie Jackson (D)

Progressive CC business leader, advocate for working families, and voice for change. Seventh-generation Texan, raised in Victoria then moved to Baytown. Worked on Congress' Energy and Commerce Committee. BA in Government, MS in Technology from UT. Led economic development groups, founded three businesses. Served in Rotary, chambers of commerce, and startup incubators.

Trade with Mexico is critical to Texas' economy, creating \$500 billion one million Texas jobs. Immigration is vital to our region and anti-immigrant ideology not only doesn't make sense in economic terms ... it's also unkind. I'll work to reverse family separation and seizures of public property, while passing immigration reform and sensible border and security policies.

We live in the richest nation on earth, yet nearly 5 million Texans live without health insurance and rising costs are hurting small businesses. I'll expand Medicare access for Texans, address prescription drugs, keep the beneficial provisions of the ACA, and make sure we have clinics and services to provide critical care to women, especially in rural areas.

Gun violence is a tragedy that has gripped our country for too long. Addressing the issue will require practical solutions that everyone can agree on, such as registration, testing, and insurance much like we require for cars. We also need safe storage in the home and criminal liability for adults who leave firearms accessible to children without supervision.

## EVERY VOTE COUNTS. YOUR VOTE COUNTS.



Be an informed voter and learn about the candidates who are seeking elected office and the issues important to them. If you need more information, visit candidates' websites or Facebook pages. Check out [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) or this publication to see candidate responses to questions posed by the League of Women Voters. (Because of space constraints, some questions and responses may appear only in [VOTE 411.org](http://VOTE411.org).)

Encourage every registered voter you know to vote in this election and in every election.  
**YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**

# District Judge, 347th Judicial District

Candidate responses to the questions posed by LWV-CC are reprinted verbatim and are not edited except to show // if the responses exceed the space allowed.

What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?

What personal strengths do you possess that make you the best choice for this judgeship?

What do you believe are the primary responsibilities of the District Judge's office?

Describe two of the most pressing issues facing our District Courts and how you would resolve them.



**Missy Medary (R)**

For the last 8 1/2 years I have served my community as the Judge of the 347th District Court. I was licensed as an attorney in 1989 and have been a practicing attorney for thirty years. I was an Assistant DA, Municipal Court Judge and now a District Judge since 2011. I have tried hundreds of cases and disposed of 1000s of cases every year. I ask for your continued support.

A judge should possess good judicial temperament and be patient, open minded and have good common sense. A judge must be able to listen to every case with an open mind and critical reasoning skills. These qualities help a judge to serve fairly and honorably. Justice should always be sought in court but justice should also be tempered with mercy where it is appropriate.

The main responsibility of a Judge is to uphold the law and to above all else, ensure that justice is made. A Judge presides over the Courtroom, makes decisions on motions, instructs juries on the application of the law and is responsible for assuring the law is followed and carried out in every case. A Judge should also be invested in the community and her citizens.

Recidivism is an issue facing the District Courts. I have worked with and will continue to work with the different entities that have programs to change the behavior of individuals before the Court in order to enhance the supervision of offenders, reduce recidivism and improve public safety.



**Guy Williams (R)**

United States Marine, Combat Vietnam Veteran, Purple Heart Medal; 8 yrs as District Court Judge; 22 yrs trial and appellate attorney; 5 yrs Special Agent NCIS; 2 yrs Special Agent IRSCID; worked through high school, college and law school; Graduate A&M Corpus Christi with high honors; Graduate Honor Agent NCIS Agent School; First Veterans Court Presiding Judge in Nueces.

Honor; Courage; Commitment; Ability to listen to parties and make rulings consistent with the facts and law; the least overturned District Judge during 8 years on the bench; saved Nueces County over \$200K by running efficient court and returning budgeted money back to county; required attorneys to be prepared to minimize days in court by jurors; all persons respected.

Showing up for court on time and being prepared; knowing the law and making correct legal rulings; insuring cases are resolved timely by running an efficient docket and requiring attorneys to meet required deadlines; making sure parties are heard in court and treated with respect; to act as a gatekeeper to prevent improper and illegal evidence to be presented in court

The most pressing issue is the increasing number of cases each court receives yearly; more cases means parties take longer to get their day in court running up attorneys fees; more inmates are held in jail longer, costing county taxpayers more money; the solution would be to get another District Court but until that happens judges need to run efficient court dockets.



# District Attorney, 105th Judicial District

Candidate responses to the questions posed by LWV-CC are reprinted verbatim and are not edited except to show // if the responses exceed the space allowed.

What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?

What leadership skills are most needed in the District Attorney's office?

What do you believe are the primary responsibilities of the District Attorney's office?

Describe two of the most pressing issues facing the District Attorney's office and how you would resolve them.



James O. Gardner  
(R)

I have been a prosecutor for almost nine years, a criminal defense attorney for almost eight years. I have the trial experience on both sides of a criminal case. I know first hand the issues that plague the district attorney's office having worked there for five years. I know the people that work at the court house and together we can solve every problem we face.

Leading by example and getting into the trenches with those you lead are very important skills a leader of attorneys must have. Simply issuing policies and directives, without doing the same work, leads to inefficiency and animosity towards supervisors. A leader must arrive at work early, be visible, and do more than make excuses for failures.

Pursue justice while being fair, honest, and respecting the voices of victims of crime. The pursuit of Justice can be a very long journey in some cases. Being respectful to EVERYONE, even the accused, is part of being a professional, ethical, prosecutor. Victims of crime want you to be honest, hard working, talented, and tenacious. They also want you to talk to them.

The case intake process is broken. It takes far too long to process a case. Having prosecutors working nights and weekends will help eliminate the backlog of cases and also help reduce over crowding in the jail. Also, there are not enough talented prosecutors to take on the big cases while ensuring compliance with the law and preserving jury verdicts on appeal.



Jon West  
(R)

For over 20 years, I've been entrusted to prosecute felonies throughout South Texas. I've worked for four area District Attorneys and have strong support from each. I have the endorsement of former Nueces County Sheriff Jim Kaelin and other area sheriffs because they understand that what happens in Nueces county affects their communities. I am qualified because I care.

Training is the most immediate skill needed. Specialized training will allow staff to be more effective and efficient in handling the case load. Motivation and recruiting are the next most immediate skills needed. Focusing on what we can OFFER attorneys, instead of what we can PAY will allow us to recruit top prosecutors. But, the most important leadership skill is wisdom.

Identifying and addressing issues that present threats to our community, and making our community better and safer. The Code of Criminal Procedure directs that laws are to be interpreted to discourage criminal conduct and to "exclude [an] offender from all hope of escape." Thus, doing nothing is not a solution. If we ignore criminal conduct, we encourage criminal conduct.

Philosophy and Employee turnover: These issues are resolved through leadership and training. We want ethical prosecutors, not "paycheck prosecutors." We do the right thing, because it's the right thing to do. We handle each case so the victim is protected and the community is safer. We need to know when counseling is appropriate and how to avoid creating repeat offenders.



## POLITICAL PARTY CONTACTS

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Corpus Christi, TX 78411  
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### The Libertarian Party of Texas

111 Congress, Ste. 400  
Austin, TX 78701  
www.lptexas.org

# Nueces County Attorney

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What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?

What leadership skills are most needed in the County Attorney's office?

What do you believe are the primary responsibilities of the County Attorney's office?

Describe two of the most pressing issues facing the County Attorney's office and how you would resolve them.



**Rene Flores**  
(D)

I was the County Attorney's Chief of Litigation, successfully defending the County in many lawsuits & saving the taxpayers potentially millions of dollars. That is why the present County Attorney, Laura Jimenez, has endorsed me. I also have extensive legal experience as a private & public attorney of 28 years & I am a graduate of Princeton University & Berkeley Law School

Familiarity with the office & its function is important & essential to providing effective leadership; the office must be properly organized & staffed. Having supervised the County Attorney employees as Chief of Litigation, I know what it takes to lead the office & to serve & protect the county & its citizens well & save the taxpayers in the long run.

The County Attorney represents the County in all legal matters, CPS in removal of children from homes where they are abused & neglected, & victims of family violence by securing protective orders. I have experience as Chief of Litigation in all the responsibilities of the County Attorney, having successfully represented the County, CPS, and domestic violence victims.

The County Attorney has a hard time keeping and recruiting attorneys who seek higher pay. Employee turnover costs the county in recruitment & training. I would determine the adequacy of pay at the County Attorney's Office compared to other counties & work with the Commissioner's Court to assure employees receive adequate pay and thereby attract and keep good employees.



**Carlos Vela**  
(D)

I have built successful businesses by putting in hard work and bringing out the best from the team. I have negotiated contracts alongside demanding medical boards that led to my wife's successful medical practice that helped under-served patients. As an attorney, I have been employed with the county for several years and I am familiar with the current system.

The ability to LEAD, COMMUNICATE, LISTEN and INSPIRE are traits needed to move forward unanimously as ONE COUNTY! Effective communication skills and have a well-rounded background that integrates business, law, and traits that will bring out the best in everyone. Listening and reasoning with county officials will make the county flow smoother with beneficial results.

To represent the public's interest by carefully protecting county resources and the citizens of Nueces County. The County and its officials is by far one of the greatest responsibilities that must be given due diligence in a careful thought out process. Secondly, the County Attorney must be readily available to the office staff, County officials and the public.

Retaining County employees as compared with nearby Counties has proven to be a major challenge. We must offer competitive pay that will retain attorneys to fulfill the office's responsibilities. We must work with county budget alongside the commissioners' court to offer competitive salaries and possibly tweak the office's budget to direct funds where most needed.

# Nueces County Commissioner, Precinct 3

Candidate responses to the questions posed by LWV-CC are reprinted verbatim and are not edited except to show // if the responses exceed the space allowed.

What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?

What is the biggest challenge facing the Nueces County Commissioners Court? Please explain.

How do you balance the priorities of your precinct with those of the county as a whole?

Given that each county commissioner has discretionary funds, how would you prioritize the expenditure of these funds?



**John Marez**  
(D)

I am the County Commissioner, a former city councilman, former school board Vice President. I am trained with the Texas Association of Counties. I have a Master's Degree in Public Administration from TAMUCC, and graduate of DMC & RHS. I represent 90,000 residents of Pct 3 on a daily basis, including weekends and holidays. Each of my decisions impact all 360k residents.

Top priority is managing our \$40 million Capital Improvement Plan we recently approved to fix roads, drainage, & ADA improvements throughout the county. This also includes fixing aging equipment such as courthouse elevators & Air Condition chillers and expanding our jail capacity. A majority of these projects are in Precinct 3 totaling over \$20 million.

As Commissioner I achieve this balance on a daily basis. I balance supporting the entire county's needs along with securing funding for over 300 miles of roads, 4 parks, 4 senior centers, our airport, the Fairgrounds and Keach Library which are ALL in my precinct. This requires key support from Judge Canales and court. What benefits Pct 3 is good for ALL of Nueces County!

I prioritize this funding as directed by state law, county policy, and approved by Commissioner's Court. I select non-profit groups who provide services on the county's behalf to deal with diabetes education, Health Fairs, libraries, local groups (such as) Boys/Girls Club, Police & Sheriff Officer Associations, the Wesley Center, Purple Door, Robstown & CC Economic Dev.



**Joe A. Gonzalez**  
(D)

I do not consider myself a politician. However, I serve as the President of "NCSOA" and have negotiated several collective bargaining agreements with the County. Over the past 12 years I established relationships with County management and elected officials, so I am familiar with County issues and have ideas on how to implement progress from the inside out.

Public safety has been a big concern for Nueces County dating back to 2004; close to 60 Sheriff's Office Deputies were let go due to budget constraints. What has been the plan to get those Deputies back? Unfortunately, there are no plans, so I would propose the County set a goal in the next 4 years to hire 20 more Deputies to help keep Nueces County safe.

Everyone wants to take care of special projects; however, one should be mindful that without resolving the issues of the county as a whole first, issues facing individual precincts cannot be as easily resolved. For example, there needs to be strong public safety and DA's office to keep precincts safe and prosecute crime. As well as a public works office to fix our roads.

Discretionary funds are limited; however, I would focus on: Homelessness, Mental Health, Public Safety, and Economic Growth. I expect other issues to arise overtime and those would be assessed on a case by case basis.



# Nueces County Constable, Precinct 1

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What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?

Why do you want to serve as County Constable?

What do you believe are the primary responsibilities of the Constable's office?

Describe your precinct and identify two unique issues that need to be addressed.



**Randy Balderas**  
(D)

I have been serving in Nueces County Law Enforcement for over 15 years. During my tenure as serving as a Peace Officer I have served in every aspect of Law Enforcement such as a Correctional Officer, a Bailiff and currently serving as a Deputy Constable for Nueces County Constable Office Pct. 4. I have thousands of hours of Continuous Education and Civil Service Training

I have protected and served this community for over 15 years in Law Enforcement and now I want to serve this community at the next level. My personal abilities that I possess are my experience, education and leadership that enhance and enable me to be Constable for Pct.1. I want to make sure that the Office is transparent and readily available to serve the community.

I believe that the Nueces County Constable Pct. 1 office is to serve the citizens of Precinct One professionally while exhibiting integrity, courtesy, and fairness in an ethical manner in all interactions with the public while executing the civil and criminal process to persons and establishments identified by the courts.

Pct 1 consist of varieties of cultural demographics from the high to low income families, to commercial business to refineries row. Pct1 biggest issues that needs to be addressed is Availability and Police presence. If elected I will make myself readily available to the community 24/7. I will implement a policy to have all deputies to interact and address the needs to citizens.



**Robert M. Cisneros**  
(D)

Constable Pct 1–2012/ Current; Chief Deputy / Pct 1–2003/2012; Corpus Christi Police Officer – 1974/2003; Bachelor of Science Degree /Criminal Justice–Corpus Christi State University; Texas Master Peace Officer; United States Navy – 1970 / 74; Current and former Affiliations: Westside Business Association, Knights of Columbus, CC Cathedral Parishioner

To continue the professional courteous demeanor that has been established in the Constable's Office during my tenure and always aspire to be good civil servants in service to our community

Constable has two requisites as set out by the Texas Constitution  
A.) Civil Process  
B.) Attend Justice Court  
The Constable is an officer of the court and it is his responsibility to legally & expeditiously serve & execute all these documents in a timely and courteous professional manner.

Manpower needs are always an issue, with strategic planning and experienced leadership Pct 1 has continually met and exceeded the public's expectations.

# Nueces County Constable, Precinct 2

Candidate responses to the questions posed by LWV-CC are reprinted verbatim and are not edited except to show // if the responses exceed the space allowed.

What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?

Why do you want to serve as County Constable?

What do you believe are the primary responsibilities of the Constable's office?

Describe your precinct and identify two unique issues that need to be addressed.



**Mitchell Clark  
(R)**

Currently the elected Constable for Pct. 2. 38 years in Nueces County Constable Operations Licensed Attorney in Texas and U.S. Supreme Court. Assoc. degree; Bachelors degree and doctorate from St. Mary's Univ. School of Law. 16 years under former Constable Jerry Boucher as a Captain in administration. U.S. Marine/Military Police Corrections Sgt./E-5 Marine Drill Instructor.

It is something I always wanted to do. I enjoy, as your Constable, getting out and meeting and helping folks. I was Constable Jerry Boucher's hand picked successor. He had a lot of faith in me. At the level of Constable, I can help assist people in need on a personal level. My goal has always been to keep you safe and listen and respond to your questions.

Each Precinct is different. Pct. 2 spends 75% of its time serving civil and criminal papers. This helps to keep the administration of justice flowing smoothly. The rest is spent on traditional law enforcement duties. I have also come in under budget every year and saved the County \$360,000 by detecting and fixing an issue in our civil process system. Savings taxpayers \$!

Pct. 2 has 46% of the county's population. As a result, civil process is ever growing. Increased manpower is needed to handle the load and my continuing efforts to make sure my officers have the needed equipment and technical support to accomplish our mission.



**Zachary King  
(R)**

I have over a decade of experience as a police officer. I have served as a Deputy Constable both in Harris County and now here in Nueces County. I have obtained some of the best police leadership training available from such organizations such as FBI LEEDA, the Texas Police Chiefs Association and have graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Supervision.

I have the training, experience, leadership abilities and people skills to provide maximum efficacy to the citizens of Precinct 2. My wife and I live in Precinct 2, additionally my wife works in Precinct 2 so we have a vested interest in the safety of Precinct 2. I think the citizens deserve the best local representation for their hard-earned money and that person is me.

The main responsibilities of the Constable's office are to serve the civil process of the courts (child support, child custody, evictions, delinquent property taxes, small claims suits, etc AND to provide security for the Justice Courts of which Precinct 2 has two. However, beyond that I'd like to increase neighborhood patrols, traffic enforcement and community engagement.

Precinct 2 is comprised of the city's southside. It reaches from Flour Bluff to 286 and from Ocean Drive to Chapman Ranch. It's a huge chunk of real estate encompassing both residential and business districts. One issue I'd like to address is to increase traffic enforcement. Another issue I'd like to address is to increase patrols in neighborhoods and business districts.

**Additional candidates in this race  
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# Nueces County Constable, Precinct 2 (continued)

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**What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?**

**Why do you want to serve as County Constable?**

**What do you believe are the primary responsibilities of the Constable's office?**

**Describe your precinct and identify two unique issues that need to be addressed.**



**Jason McCahan  
(R)**

Graduated from Del Mar Police Academy in 2016. Hired as a reserve deputy at Pct 2. I served as the assistant airframes division chief in the United States Marine Corp. I also served as branch chief at the Corpus Christi Army Depot with 55 employees and responsible for a budget of over 1 million dollars in man hours, parts and equipment.

I have had 2 goals in my life one was to be a Marine the second was to follow my father into law enforcement. As time past my aspirations to become the Constable slowly developed. I wanted to lead others an be able to influence them to become better officers. Through policies, procedures and by example. I have a strong desire and will help and guide others.

I feel that priority number 1 is to the citizens who elect you. You need to be the person the people can count on when needed. Your officers are a direct reflection of your leadership. If you are not around or available then your officers will do the same. We provide necessary services to the community. We also provide when requested a bailiff to the JP others.

Pct 2 has a large population. With that comes more of paperwork. In turn this has unintended consequences of less law enforcement being done. We try and balance these two issues to best of our availability. To combat this we need to divide and conquer. Set deputies on certain days to do paperwork and other do law enforcement. This way we can provide a better service to all



**Anthony "Tony" Zamora  
(R)**

Master Peace Officer License; 27 yrs ACTIVE law enforcement officer, 19 yrs with Pct 2; 7yrs dual commissioned, Municipal, County, School Resource, Warrant, Courthouse Security, supervisor/ Field Training Officer; 20yrs HVAC/ Plumbing Wholesale Industry Management of operations and proprietor

As my late son would say. "dont let anyone tell you your goals are not reachable" Provide safer community, bridge the gap between the community and police. I want officers to be proactive, take calls, lead the public in the right direction during a crisis who are afraid, clueless or ashamed to ask for help.

Takes responsibility for the publics safety and quality of life. Provide security and serve Civil Process for the Justice Courts. Provide safety educational programs for charter schools, religious organizations and community. Patrol and take calls for service to make it a safer community.

Vast experienced officers with eagerness to serve the community. Inexperienced admin., poor leadership skills, no businss ex-perience in projecting budget to run the department. ALERRT online class graded our depart. poorly. Admin. afraid of empowering officers, letting officers lead forward. Depart. failed in a crisis drill.

**IT'S THE LAW!** Employers must grant their employees paid leave to vote on Election Day, unless polls are open two hours before or two hours after the employees' regular working shift.

**VOTE CENTERS OPEN TO ALL--**Nueces County now uses VOTE CENTERS (see pages 15-16 for the listing) rather than precinct voting locations. Voters may stop at **any** Vote Center to cast their ballot, regardless of where they live. Review the list to see which VOTE CENTER is closest to where you live or work. Be sure to VOTE in the upcoming Primary election on March 3.

## LWVTX STATE VOTERS GUIDE IS ONLINE

The League of Women Voters of Texas has produced a 24-page Voters Guide that can be downloaded from its website, [www.lwvtx.org](http://www.lwvtx.org); read online; or viewed on VOTE411. The guide has valuable information for voters and features questions and responses from candidates seeking election to statewide office. Candidates on the March Primary ballot include:

- US Senator
- Railroad Commissioner
- Justices of the Supreme Court of Texas
- Judges of the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas
- State Board of Education
- Judges of the Court of Appeals of Texas

# Nueces County Constable, Precinct 4

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What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?

Why do you want to serve as County Constable?

What do you believe are the primary responsibilities of the Constable's office?

Describe your precinct and identify two unique issues that need to be addressed.



**Monty Allen  
(R)**

My 20+ years of Law Enforcement experience (18 of those at the Pct 4 Constable's office), and 12 yrs experience as Chief Deputy. I hold a Master Peace Officer Certification, Mental Health Certification, and am Civil Process Certified. I have intimate knowledge of County Procedure and Processes and existing relationships within the County infrastructure. I am ready to work.

I have stepped up to run for office after coming to realize that the department is not functioning as it should for the people and the safety of it's officers. I will work to implement policy and procedures, and better equip and train our deputies to serve Islanders. My goal is to ensure that we are accountable, and best prepared to fulfill ALL of our duties to them.

The Constable is responsible for civil process, law enforcement, and Justice Court security. The Constable should use all resources available to him to ensure his constituents are safe, his deputies are well equipped and well trained. A Constable should be accessible and accountable to the public. He/she should advocate on behalf of his Precinct to the Commissioners Court.

Precinct 4 includes all of Padre Island and Port Aransas. We are comprised of a unique blend of residents and second home owners, business owners, fishermen, and families. Currently the department is not transparent or accountable to YOU. This MUST change. currently deputies are not designated to Padre Island, or school zones- this MUST change as well.



**John Bowers  
(R)**

31 yrs. with the San Antonio Police. 26 yrs. as a Detective in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Unit, Gang Unit, Property Crimes and Auto Theft. 20 yrs. ReACT Task Force. Training: Leadership in Police Org. Course developed by the Intl. Assn. of Chiefs of Police; Active Shooter, Family Violence & Mental Health, Rifle, Nat Assn. Crime Bureau, FBI Surveillance Training.

I live in Pct. 4 and am committed to making it safer for all who live and visit here. I have the integrity, knowledge, experience and innovation skills that the citizens of PCT. 4 need and deserve to have representing them.

The primary duty of the Constables office is to be a licensed Peace Officer that will serve and protect the community. The Constable is a civil processor that will serve warrants and papers of the courts. The Constable will also serve as bailiff for Justice of the Peace .

PCT. 4 - Port Aransas & North Padre Island. North Padre needs increased Constable patrol and deputy presence in the community. Port Aransas is plagued with a drug problem. The Constables are licensed peace officers that can make drug arrests to help combat this problem.

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**Robert Sherwood  
(R)**

I have 41 years of Law Enforcement experience. I have been the Constable for 7 terms (28 years) after serving as a Deputy Constable for 12 years under the prior Constable. I have a Masters Peace officers license which I have held since 1999. I have a Civil Process Proficiency Certificate since 2005 which can only be obtained with intense training and testing.

To serve the citizens with the most efficient and budget minded office. To treat all citizens and visitors to my area the same and give the best service possible with the assets we are given.

The service of Civil and Criminal process in which many of these are time sensitive and do diligence is necessary in order to serve the process. To be observant and aware of all problems of the Pct 4 area and assist in all criminal investigation with all other departments in the area.

This is a unique area to work. There is a lot of transient traffic with tens of thousand of tourist visiting this area at any given time. We need to continue addressing the traffic situation as well as serving the civil papers that are time sensitive to give the citizens the best possible service.

## Applications for Ballot by Mail Must Be Received by February 21

Eligible voters may request to have an application for Ballot-by-Mail mailed to them by emailing [VoteByMail@nuecesco.com](mailto:VoteByMail@nuecesco.com) or by calling (361) 888-0865. Ballot-by-Mail is available in English and Spanish, and the caller may specify which is needed.

Texas voters may vote by mail if the voter is 65 years or age or older; disabled; expected to be absent from the county on Election Day; or confined in jail.

### DEADLINES:

- Applications for Ballot by Mail must be received no later than the close of business on the 11th day before Election Day. This year's deadline is Friday, February 21.
- Domestic Ballots by Mail must be received by Election Day (March 3) at 7 p.m., or by 5 p.m. the next business day if postmarked by 7 p.m. on Election Day.
- Overseas Ballots by Mail must be received no later than the 5th business day after Election Day (March 8). The ballot must be postmarked by 7 p.m. on Election Day (March 3).
- Military (domestic or overseas) Ballots by Mail using FPCA must be received no later than the 6th business day after Election Day.

Texas voters may submit their application for Ballot by Mail to the Nueces County Clerk's office at PO Box 2627, Corpus Christi, TX 78403, or they can scan their completed and signed application and email it to [VoteByMail@nuecescol.com](mailto:VoteByMail@nuecescol.com) or fax it to 361-888-0329.



## Are You Registered to Vote?

Not sure if you are registered to vote? *Am I Registered?* is an online search tool for the Texas statewide voter registration database. Accessing the webpage is easy.

1. Use this link to the *Am I Registered?* webpage:  
<https://teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/mvp.do>.
2. Use the drop-down menu to choose the Selection Criteria you want to use: VUID (Voter Unique Identifier that appears on your voter registration card) & Date of Birth; TDL (Texas Driver License) & Date of Birth; or Name, County, & Date of Birth.
3. If you are registered to vote, you will see a screen with your personal information listed.
4. If you are NOT registered to vote, a pop-up window will state that your voter registration was not found. In some cases, the response might be incorrect. In that case, call the County Clerk's office to confirm your voter registration status. As the webpage states, the website is NOT your official voter registration record.





## ALL VOTERS HAVE RIGHTS!

As a registered voter in Texas, you have the right to:

- A ballot with written instructions on how to cast a ballot.
- Ask the polling place official for instructions on how to cast a ballot (but not suggestions on how to vote).
- Cast your vote in secret and free from intimidation.
- Receive up to two more ballots if you make a mistake while marking the ballot and cast a provisional ballot if your name does not appear on the list of registered voters.
- Bring an interpreter to assist you as you qualify to vote if you do not understand the English language.
- Help to cast your ballot if you cannot write, see the ballot, or understand the language in which it is written.
- Report a possible voting rights abuse to the Secretary of State (1.800.252.8683) or to our [local election official](#).
- Vote once at any early voting location during the early voting period (see Page 1 for the Early Voting locations)

### **CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF WOMEN WINNING THE VOTE**

**“Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it.”**

*--Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906), Suffragette*

**“The vote is the emblem of your equality, women of America, the guaranty of your liberty. That vote of yours has cost millions of dollars and the lives of thousands of women. Women have suffered agony of soul which you never can comprehend, that you and your daughters might inherit political freedom. That vote has been costly. Prize it! The vote is a power, a weapon of offense and defense, a prayer. Use it intelligently, conscientiously, prayerfully. Progress is calling to you to make no pause. Act!**

*--Carrie Chapman Catt (1859-1947), women's rights activist and key figure in the passing of the 19th Amendment; also founder of the League of Women Voters*

## SERVICES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS VOTERS

**Polling places should support voters, not hinder them.** When voters with special needs or disabilities go to the polls in Texas, they can expect:

- Their polling place will meet strict accessibility standards, including a location on the ground floor that can be entered from the street or via an elevator, with doors that open at least 36 inches; any curb next to the main entrance to the polling place must have curb-cuts or temporary non-slip ramps; stairs necessary to enter or leave the polling place must have handrails on each side and a non-slip ramp.
- Each polling place will offer at least one type of accessible voting equipment or Direct Record Electronic (DRE) device. Depending on the type of system, voters with disabilities may use headphones or other assistive devices to help them vote independently and secretly.
- Tell the election official if you are a voter who needs help to vote. You do not have to provide proof of your disability. Voters are entitled to receive assistance if they cannot read or write; or have a physical disability that prevents them from reading or marking the ballot; or cannot speak English, or communicating only with sign language; and want assistance in communicating with election officials. They may also use an interpreter.

More information to assist voters with disabilities with voting is available at the **Disability Rights Texas** website.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS VOTERS

“Pursuant to Section 63.0013, Election Code, an election officer may give voting order priority to individuals with a mobility problem that substantially impairs the person's ability to move around. A person assisting an individual with a mobility problem may also, at the individual's request, be given voting order priority.

Disabilities and conditions that may qualify you for voting order priority include paralysis, lung disease, the use of portable oxygen, cardiac deficiency, severe limitation in the ability to walk due to arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition, wheelchair confinement, arthritis, foot disorder, the inability to walk 200 feet without stopping to rest, or use of a brace, cane, crutch, or other assistive device.”

**VOTE CENTERS** (Nueces County voters can vote at any one of these  
**84 Vote Centers on Election Day, March 3, 2020, regardless of where they reside.)**  
**Curbside voting will be available at all locations. Call 361-888-0303 for more information.**



Antonio Garcia Arts & Education Center--2021 Agnes  
 Baker Middle School--1540 Casa Grande  
 Banquete ISD (Board Room) --4339 Fourth St. - BANQUETE  
 Bishop Community Center--102 West Joyce DSt. - BISHOP  
 Blanche Moore Elementary (Fine Arts Area)--6121 Durant Dr.  
 Brooks AME Worship Center--2101 North Port Ave.  
 Calallen Middle School (Maintenance)--4602 Cornett Rd.  
 Cimarron Senior Apartments (Community Room) --  
 2802 Cimarron Blvd.  
 Club Estates Elementary (Room 37)--5222 Merganser Dr.  
 Cunningham Middle School at South Park (Front Lobby)--  
 2901 McArdle Road  
 David Berlanga Community Center (Headstart Room) --  
 1513 2nd St – AGUA DULCE  
 Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center--5151 McArdle Rd.  
 Del Mar College (Heldenfels Admin. Building--  
 101 Baldwin Blvd.  
 Driscoll I.S.D. (Guadalupe Hernandez Complex)--  
 315 West Dragon Street - DRISCOLL  
 Ella Barnes Elementary (Room 122)--2829 Oso Parkway  
 Ellis Memorial Library, 700 West Avenue A.--PORT ARANSAS  
 Ethel Eyerly Senior Center (Social Hall)--654 Graham Rd.  
 Galvan Elementary (Lobby)--3126 Masterson Dr.  
 Gibson Elementary (Room 26)--5723 Hampshire Rd.  
 Gloria Hicks Elementary (Lobby)--3602 McArdle Rd.  
 Grace Presbyterian Church (Multipurpose Room)--  
 6301 Yorktown Blvd.  
 Grant Middle School (Orchestra Room)--4350 Aaron Dr.  
 Greenwood Senior Center (Activity Center)--4040 Greenwood Dr.  
 Hamlin Middle School (Room 1)--3900 Hamlin Dr.  
 Harold T. Branch Academy (Room 114)--3902 Morgan Ave.

Hilltop Community Center (South Wing #1, Back Bldg.--  
 11425 Leopard St.  
 Island Presbyterian Church--14030 Fortuna Bay Dr.  
 John F. Kennedy Elementary (Hallway6)--1102 Villarreal Rd.  
 Johnny Calderon Building -- 710 E. Main St. -- ROBSTOWN  
 King High School (1st Floor Locker Area)--5225 Gollihar Rd.  
 Kiwanis Recreation Center--3933 Timon Blvd.  
 Kolda Elementary (Lobby)--3730 Rodd Field Rd.  
 Korean Presbyterian Church (Fellowship Hall)--4326 McArdle Rd.  
 Kostoryz Elementary (Fine Arts Rm.)--3602 Panama Dr.  
 La Retama Central Library (La Retama Rm)—805 Comanche St.  
 Lindale Senior Center--3135 Swantner Dr.  
 London ISD Middle/High School (Library)--1306 FM 43  
 Lotspeich Elementary--1000 Ruben Chavez Rd. - ROBSTOWN  
 Luther Jones Elementary (Front Lobby)--7533 Lipes Blvd.  
 Magee Elementary (Star Annex) --4201 Calallen Dr.  
 Menger Elementary (Portable 138)--2401 S. Alameda St.  
 Metro E Elementary (Front Lobby)--1707 Ayers St.  
 Mireles Elementary--7658 Cimarron Blvd.  
 Montclair Elementary (Art Room)--5241 Kentner St.  
 Moody High School (Front Lobby)--1818 Trojan Dr.  
 Nueces County ESD #4 (Meeting Room)-5781 FM 666 -  
 ROBSTOWN  
 Oak Park Recreation Center (Social Hall)--842 Erwin Ave.  
 Oveal Williams Senior Center (Room 2)--1414 Martin Luther  
 King Dr.

(VOTE CENTER list continues on Page 16)



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## VOTE CENTERS (Continued from Page 15)

Padre Island Baptist Church--14253 S. Padre Island Dr.

Parkway Presbyterian Church (Fellowship Hall)--3707 Santa Fe

Petronila Elementary (Hallway)--2391 County Rd. 67 - ROBSTOWN

River Hills Baptist Church (Fellowship Hall)--16318 FM 624-  
ROBSTOWN

Robert Driscoll Elementary (Library) --122 W. Ave. H - ROBSTOWN

Ronnie H. Polston County Bldg. -- 10110 Compton Rd.

Rose Shaw Elementary--2920 Soledad St.

San Pedro Elementary--800 W. Ave. D - ROBSTOWN

Schanen Estates Elementary (Front Lobby)--5717 Killarmet Dr.

Smith Elementary (Front Lobby)--6902 Williams Dr.

St. Anthony Catholic Church-Violet (Parish Hall) --3918 County Rd.  
61 - ROBSTOWN

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (Natural Resources Ctr.  
Rm. 1009)--6300 Ocean Dr.

T. G. Allen Elementary (Room 106)--1414 18th. St.

The Valencia (Conference Rm/Second Floor)--6110 Ayers St.

Tom Browne Middle School (Left Foyer)--4301 Schanen Blvd.

Tuloso-Midway High School (Front Office)--2653 McKinzie Rd.

Tuloso-Midway Middle School--9768 La Branch Dr.

Veterans Memorial High School (Auditorium)--3750 Cimarron

Villa of Corpus Christi South (Front Area)--4834 Yorktown Blvd.

West Oso Junior High School (Front Lobby)--5202 Bear Lane

Woodlawn Elementary--1110 Woodlawn Dr.

Yeager Elementary (Cafeteria Stage)--5414 Tripoli Dr.

Zavala Senior Center (Computer Rm)--510 Osage St.

*Polling Sites Selected by Democratic  
and Republican Party Chairs*



*For more information, visit the Nueces County  
website at [www.nuecesco.com/county-services/  
county-clerk/elections-department](http://www.nuecesco.com/county-services/county-clerk/elections-department).  
If questions, call (361) 888-0865.*

### LWV MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

*Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.*

The League of Women Voters of Corpus Christi (LWV-CC) was formed in 1945-46 and is celebrating its 74th year.

Open to men and women 16 years of age and older, LWV-CC provides opportunities to participate in voter services projects; study local, state, and national issues; become better informed about public policy issues; and partner with individuals and organizations who believe in making democracy work.

Annual dues (June 1-May 31) are \$60 for an individual; \$90 for two individuals residing in the same household; \$100 for an individual sustaining member; and \$5 for a student. Another membership category is "Friend of the League" (\$30). Your check or money order, made payable to LWV-CC, is gladly accepted. Online payment through Pay Pal also is available at the League's website: [www.lwv-cc.org](http://www.lwv-cc.org).

( ) YES, I would like additional information about the League.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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