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Helpful Information

Websites

Dallas County Elections Department	DallasCountyVotes.org
Texas Secretary of State	VoteTexas.gov
League of Women Voters of Dallas	LWVDallas.org
League of Women Voters of Texas	LWVTexas.org
Dallas County Democratic Party	DallasDemocrats.org
Dallas County Libertarian Party	LPDallas.org
Dallas County Republican Party	DallasGOP.org
Dallas County Green Party	Facebook.com/DallasGreens

Telephone Numbers

Dallas County Elections Department	(469)627-8683
Texas Secretary of State - Elections Division	(800) 252-8683
League of Women Voters of Dallas	(214) 688-4125
League of Women Voters of Texas	(512) 472-1100
League of Women Voters of Irving	(972) 251-3161
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About the Voters Guide

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The Voters Guide lists all candidates who will appear on the ballot in Dallas County. Questionnaires were not sent to write-in or Uncontested candidates. Responses to questionnaires sent to precinct chair candidates are not included herein but can be viewed on Vote411.org. Candidate replies are not edited or verified for accuracy. Candidates appearing with no photo did not submit one.

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Voters Guide: Vote411

An electronic League of Women Voters Guide can be viewed on-line at Vote411.org. In it you can view information on the candidates who will appear on your personal ballot side by side, by contest. The same candidate responses that appear in the printed Voters Guide also appear in Vote411. Information is also available in Spanish on Vote411.org except for precinct chair candidates.

Eligibility for Voting

You must be a citizen of the United States, registered to vote in the county of your residence 30 days prior to election day, and must be at least 18 years old on election day. You cannot vote if you have been declared by a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote or are a convicted felon who has not completed your sentence, probation and/or parole.

Photo ID Requirement

The seven acceptable forms of photo identification for people voting in person are:

- *Texas driver license issued by Texas DPS
- *Texas personal identification card issued by Texas DPS
- *Texas concealed handgun license issued by Texas DPS
- *Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by Texas DPS
- *US military identification card containing the person's photograph
- *US passport
- *US citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph

With the exception of the US citizenship certificate, the identification for voters aged 18-69 must be current or have expired no more than 4 years before being presented. For voters 70 or older, the identification may be expired for any length of time.

The name on the photo ID and the name on the voter record must be the same or substantially similar.

Here are the supporting forms of ID that can be presented if the voter does not possess one of the IDs listed above and cannot obtain one due to a reasonable impediment. After presenting a supporting forum of ID, the voter must execute a Reasonable Impediment Declaration:

- Copy or original of a government document that shows the voter's name and an address, including the voter's voter registration certificate;
- Copy of or original current utility bill;
- Copy of or original bank statement;
- Copy of or original government check;
- Copy of or original paycheck; or
- Copy of or original of (a) a certified domestic (from a US state or territory) birth certificate or (b) a document confirming birth admissible in a court of law which establishes the voter's identity (which may include a foreign birth document).

If a voter does not present the acceptable identification, he or she will still be permitted to vote provisionally. The voter will have six days to present acceptable identification to the Dallas County voter registrar for the voter's ballot to be accepted.

Polling Place Locations

Voters registered in Dallas County may vote in person at any of the Dallas County polling locations during early voting and on election day. For addresses of locations open during early voting and those open on election day, see DallasCountyVotes.org or call the Dallas County Elections Department at (469)627-8683 or email dallascountyvotes@dallascounty.org.

"Dallas County Votes Anywhere"

The Dallas County Elections Department has changed the way voting takes place in Dallas County. Voters now cast their ballots on new voting equipment and can vote at countywide Vote Centers on election day similar to the way they have voted during early voting in the past. On election day, voters now have the option to vote at their neighborhood Voter Center or at a Vote Center near where they work, shop or go to school. This program is called "Dallas County Votes Anywhere".

During early voting, Dallas County voters continue to have the option to vote at any convenient location in Dallas County, as they have in the past.

Early Voting by Mail

If eligible to vote early by mail, you may request either a Republican or a Democratic ballot.

You are eligible to vote early by mail if you are a registered voter who is:

- 65 years of age or older on Election Day
- Out of the county during the entire election including early voting
- Sick or Disabled
- Confined in jail but eligible to vote.

If you are voting early because of an expected absence, you may apply in person for a ballot by mail before the Early Voting in Person period begins.

If you are voting by mail because you are disabled or are 65 years of age or older, you may use a single application to request ballots by mail for all county elections in the calendar year. To do so, simply mark "Annual Application" on your application for a ballot by mail when selecting the election for which you are applying.

For details on writing your own application for a ballot by mail, see DallasCountyVotes.Org or call (469)627-8683.

You can get a formal application for a ballot by mail from:

Mail:
Toni Pippins-Poole - Early Voting Clerk
Dallas County Elections 1520 Round Table Drive
Dallas, Texas 75247

Email:
evapplications@dallascounty.org for regular applications or
earlyvotingmail@dallascounty.org for FPCA applications

Phone or Fax:
(469)627-8683 or fax (214)819-6303.

The completed application must be **RECEIVED** (not postmarked) by Dallas County Elections Department no later than Friday February 21, 2020.

Once you have received and marked your ballot it can be returned. It must be **RECEIVED** (not postmarked) by Dallas County Elections by 7 p.m. on election day (or by the 5th day after election day if it is mailed from outside the United States).

For more information on early voting by mail, contact Dallas County at the above address, email address, phone or Fax number.

Special provision for active-duty military or living overseas

If you or family members are active-duty military or living overseas, you are welcome to use the regular vote by mail process through your home county, but you can also take advantage of special provisions available to you through the Federal Postcard Application (FPCA). Information about FPCA and the required application form can be found on-line at votetexas.gov/military-overseas-voters. The FPCA application must be filled out and received by the County no later than Friday February 21, 2020.

Provisional Voting

Provisional voting is designed to allow a voter whose name does not appear on the list of registered voters due to an administrative error to vote. The provisional voting process involves an affidavit that (1) the voter must complete stating the reasons he or she is qualified to vote; and (2) is used if the voter's registration cannot be verified by the polling place election officials OR if a voter (a) does not possess one of the acceptable forms of photo identification listed above, and a voter can reasonably obtain one of these forms of identification or (b) possesses, but did not bring to the polling place, one of the seven forms of acceptable photo identification listed above, or (c) does not possess one of the seven forms of acceptable photo identification, could otherwise not reasonably obtain one, but did not bring a supporting form of identification to the polling place.

A voter can visit the Voter Registrar's office within six calendar dates of the date of the election to "cure" the reason the ballot cast was provisional and not a regular ballot. Detail on this process can be found at the Texas Secretary of State's website at www.VoteTexas.gov/faq/. If cured, the provisional ballot will count.

The voter-marked provisional ballots are kept separately from the regular ballots, and the voter's records will be reviewed by the provisional voting ballot board (the early voting ballot board), to determine if the ballot is to be counted or rejected. Provisional voters will receive a notice in the mail by the 10th day after the local canvass advising them if their provisional ballots were counted, and if they were not counted, the reason why.

Questions on provisional ballots should be directed to (469)627-8683 or email dallascountyvotes@dallascounty.org.

Limited Ballot Option

If you have moved to a new county and have not re-registered in the new county by the February 3, 2020 deadline, you may be eligible to vote a limited ballot in your new county. A limited ballot means that you would be allowed to vote on any candidates and measures in common between your former and new county. **This procedure is only available during the early voting period at the main early voting polling place (which is the George L. Allen Sr Courts Bldg - Main Lobby, 600 Commerce St in Dallas).** You may NOT vote a limited ballot on election day.

Primary Runoff Election

Early voting for the Primary Runoff Election, if any, will begin Monday May 18, 2020 and end Friday May 22, 2020. Election day will be Tuesday May 26, 2020. Consult DallasCountyVotes.org or call (469)627-8683 for information.

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You may bring this Voters Guide into the voting booth.*

*In 1995, the Texas law prohibiting use of printed materials, such as this Voters Guide, in the polling place was ruled unconstitutional (Texas Election Code, Section 61.011)

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Democratic Races

UNITED STATES PRESIDENT

The President is: the head of state of the United States of America; the Chief Executive Officer; and, the Commander in Chief of all military forces. The powers of the President are prescribed in the Constitution and federal law. The President appoints the members of the Cabinet, ambassadors to other nations and the United Nations, Supreme Court Justices, and federal judges, subject to Senate approval. The President, along with the Cabinet and its agencies, is responsible for carrying out and enforcing the laws of the United States. The President may also recommend legislation to the United States Congress.

Term: Four years. Limit of two terms.

Base Salary: \$400,000 per year.

Note: All candidates who will appear on your state's ballot are listed below but only those that meet the following criteria were invited to respond to the League's questions in this guide.

- 1) The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for her/his Party's nomination for President; and,
- 2) The candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the FEC website.

During the Presidential primary season, voters cast a ballot for candidates in one party. LWVEF is required to have at least two candidates from the same party meet the above criteria before launching a voters' guide covering that party. At this time, only one candidate running for the Republican Party's nomination has met the LWVEF criteria and therefore no Republican candidates have been invited to participate. As soon as two Republican candidates meet the criteria or the party's national nominating convention occurs, LWVEF will begin outreach to the qualified candidates immediately.

Marianne Williamson, Cory Booker, Julian Castro

Withdrawn

Michael Bennet, Tom Steyer, John K Delaney, Deval Patrick, Robby Wells, Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente, Michael R Bloomberg

Not Asked To Participate



Amy Klobuchar (D) **Democratic Presidential Candidate**

rights and democracy reform package, including automatically registering every 18-year-old to vote, ending voter purges, and restoring the Voting Rights Act. She has also led the way in the Senate when it comes to stopping cyber-attacks on our elections and protecting against future foreign interference and will push for security protocols such as backup paper ballots and audits. Read more about Senator Klobuchar's plan to safeguard our elections, strengthen our democracy and restore trust in government here.

Please explain where you see opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to find common ground on the very serious issues facing our country.: A key focus of Senator Klobuchar's campaign is bringing people with her and not shutting them out. That's what she's done her entire career, including in the Senate where she has been the lead Democrat on more than 100 bipartisan bills signed into law. As President, she will continue to work with Republicans on issues like reducing prescription drug prices, passing comprehensive immigration reform, rebuilding our nation's infrastructure, and pushing for action to secure our elections from foreign interference.

What, if any, steps will you take to reform current immigration policies?: Senator Klobuchar believes that comprehensive immigration reform is crucial to moving our economy and our country forward. She supports a comprehensive immigration reform bill that includes the DREAM Act, border security and an accountable pathway to earned citizenship. She is committed to stopping the cruel and inhumane policy where the government is taking kids away from their parents.

Please explain the policies, if any, you support to address gun violence in America. Senator Klobuchar believes that gun violence prevention policies are long overdue. She supports a package of gun violence policies including instituting universal background checks by closing the gun show loophole and banning bump stocks, high capacity ammunition feeding devices and assault weapons. She is also the author of a proposal that would close what is commonly referred to as the 'boyfriend loophole' by preventing people who have abused dating partners from buying or owning firearms. Read more about Senator Klobuchar's gun violence policies here.

What, if any, actions would you work towards in your first 100 days to address the threats facing the US due to climate change?: Senator

U.S. Democratic President Candidate — Continued

Amy Klobuchar (D) — Continued

Democratic Presidential Candidate

Klobuchar is deeply committed to tackling the climate crisis. She is a co-sponsor of a Green New Deal and has signed the No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge. On day one of her presidency she will get us back into the International Climate Change Agreement. On day two and day three, she will bring back and strengthen clean power rules and gas mileage standards that the Obama Administration put into place. And during her first 100 days in office, she will put forward sweeping legislation that provides a landmark investment in clean-energy jobs and infrastructure and puts our country on a path to achieving 100% net-zero emissions no later than 2050. Read more about Senator

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Bernie Sanders (D) Democratic Presidential Candidate

What policies do you support to improve and secure elections and voting in our country: Bernie believes that voting is a fundamental American right. As president, he will:

- Restore & expand the Voting Rights Act.
- Re-enfranchise millions of Americans who have had their right to vote taken away by a felony conviction, including those currently incarcerated.
- Secure automatic voter registration for every American 18+.
- Overturn Citizens United.

- End racist voter suppression & partisan gerrymandering.
- Abolish racist voter ID laws, super PACs, & the Electoral College.
- Make Election Day a national holiday.
- Ensure voting is fully accessible to people with disabilities
- Replace corporate funding & donations from millionaires & billionaires w/ mandatory public funding of elections.
- Expand early voting & make absentee voting easier

Please explain where you see opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to find common ground on the very serious issues facing our country.: Right now we have a president who wants to divide us up by the color of our skin, our country of origin, our gender, our religion and our sexual orientation. Bernie is going to do exactly the opposite. We are going to bring our people together - black, white, Latino, Native American, Asian American, gay and straight, young and old, men and women, native born and immigrant.

Not only is Bernie going to be Commander in Chief, he will be Organizer in Chief. He will rally the American people and stand up to the greed of the corporate elite. We'll build the grassroots movement necessary to enact the transformative change we need on climate change, health care, education, a higher minimum wage, workers' rights, criminal justice, and more.

What, if any, steps will you take to reform current immigration policies?: Bernie will act immediately to overhaul our broken immigration system and enact a humane policy at the border and in the interior that respects human and civil rights. As President, Bernie will:

- Use executive authority to reverse Trump's harmful actions on immigration.
- Place a moratorium on deportations and end ICE raids.
- Restore and expand DACA.
- Push Congress to enact a fair, swift, and inclusive path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.
- Break up ICE and CBP and return their core functions to their previous departments.
- Decriminalize and demilitarize the border, and ensure due process.
- Strengthen and protect immigrant labor rights.
- Lift Trump's draconian refugee caps and taking in those forced from their homes due to climate

Please explain the policies, if any, you support to address gun violence in America.: Bernie will take on the NRA & pass common sense gun safety legislation.

- Expand background checks & end the gun show loophole
- End the "boyfriend" loophole to get guns out of the hands of domestic abusers & stalkers
- Ban the sale & distribution of assault weapons
- Ban high-capacity ammunition magazines
- Enact a voluntary buyback program for assault weapons
- Regulate assault weapons in the same way as fully automatic weapons, essentially making them unlawful to own
- Crack down on "straw purchases," where people buy guns for criminals
- Support "red flag" laws & legislation to keep guns out of the hands of domestic abusers and stalkers
- Ban the 3-D printing of firearms & bump stocks
- Pass Equal Access to Justice for Victims of Gun Violence Act

What, if any, actions would you work towards in your first 100 days to address the threats facing the US due to climate change?: Together, we'll launch the decade of the Green New Deal, a ten-year, nationwide mobilization centered around justice and equity during which climate change will be factored into virtually every area of policy.

As president, Bernie will declare a national emergency on climate change and take immediate, large-scale action to reverse its effects. Bernie will use executive authority to aggressively regulate greenhouse gas emissions, ban fracking, ban offshore drilling, rejoin and strengthen the Paris Climate Agreement, and more. Bernie will work with Congress to pass a comprehensive Green New Deal to create 20 million good-paying union jobs while meeting the IPCC emissions reductions targets and transforming our energy system and our economy

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U.S. Democratic President Candidate – Continued



Tulsi Gabbard (D) Democratic Presidential Candidate

What policies do you support to improve and secure elections and voting in our country?: I support campaign finance reform to reject the influence of corporate donations and PAC money on our elections and I support ending the practice of gerrymandering, which threatens our democracy and fuels corruption and a widening partisan divide. We need to ensure the integrity and security of our nation's election systems and protect our democracy from hacking by adversaries. I introduced the Securing America's Elections Act to require paper ballots or voter-verified paper backups in order to protect our elections from malicious hackers and to make sure that every vote will be accurately counted.

Please explain where you see opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to find common ground on the very serious issues facing our country.: In every issue that faces our nation, there are opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to find common ground. What is lacking is the political will to reach across the aisle, build relationships and find compromise. Throughout my time in office, I have prioritized bipartisan outreach. If our leaders are unable to reach stable agreements based on finding common ground, then they will not be able to deliver. Their promises will ring hollow and they will create a state of permanent disruption. As president, I will listen to the voices of all Americans, lead in the spirit of putting service above self, and upholding our country's original ideals of being of the people, by the people, and for the people.

What, if any, steps will you take to reform current immigration policies?: We need comprehensive immigration reform to address our broken immigration laws and have a serious conversation about the most effective and humane ways to compassionately secure our borders while building bridges and cooperative foreign policy with other countries. We need to ensure we have a clear, enforceable, accessible, and humane pathway to citizenship, fund and equip agencies in charge of processing asylum claim and protect migrants, and pass DACA. We must also end our longstanding policy of military and economic intervention in Central and South America which has contributed to decades of civil war and economic instability which is the root cause of mass immigration.

Please explain the policies, if any, you support to address gun violence in America.: I have long called for reinstating a federal ban on military-style assault weapons and high capacity magazines, requiring comprehensive pre-purchase background checks for every gun sale, preventing domestic abusers from acquiring a gun, closing the gun-show loophole, and making sure that terrorists are not allowed to buy guns. I am focused on building bipartisan solutions that can actually be passed into law. As President, I would work with Congress to pass common sense gun safety legislation. The stakes are too high to allow politics to get in the way of taking bipartisan action on this. While I strongly support the second amendment, we can all agree that we need sensible gun laws to keep our us and our children safe.

What, if any, actions would you work towards in your first 100 days to address the threats facing the US due to climate change?: As president, I will tackle climate change by ushering in a Green Century - a century that harnesses technology and innovation to create jobs in renewable energy, revitalize our communities, and protect our environment. We must end taxpayer subsidies for big oil, fossil fuels and nuclear power, and instead invest in 100% renewable and safe energy sources like wind, solar, and geothermal. We must address the national security threat of climate change, end wasteful wars for oil, and address vulnerabilities to attacks/hacks into our electrical grids that can be eliminated by decentralizing power sources and investing in renewable energy storage.

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Pete Buttigieg (D) Democratic Presidential Candidate

What policies do you support to improve and secure elections and voting in our country?: My Douglass Plan proposes a 21st Century Voting Rights Act to end voter suppression, expand access to the ballot box, and create a democracy where the rights of each citizen no longer depend on the color of their skin, where they live, or their political party. My administration will make registration easier by automatically registering eligible voters and allowing online and same-day registration. I will allow early voting and vote-by-mail and make Election Day a national holiday. I will ensure that we have a nonpartisan and fully resourced election administration to prevent unfair partisan skewing of our elections. I support a paper trail for every vote, so Americans can ensure their votes are counted.

Please explain where you see opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to find common ground on the very serious issues facing our country.: I believe in the American values of freedom, security and democracy, which can bring Democrats and Republicans together. We can work together to bring affordable health care to all Americans while preserving choice and lowering costs through my Medicare for All Who Want It plan. We can find common ground in managing the federal budget responsibly, so that we are not leaving future generations to pay our bills. The climate crisis requires everyone—Democrats, Republicans, rural Americans, the private sector, and nonprofits—work in an inclusive effort that transcends political parties. By focusing on the values and priorities that unite us, we can find solutions to our toughest challenges and build coalitions big enough to get things done.

What, if any, steps will you take to reform current immigration policies?: I will work with Congress to create a path to citizenship for the approximately 11 million undocumented people, including Dreamers, TPS and DED holders. The vast majority of Americans agree on this, but Washington has not delivered. I will take executive action to protect immigrants in America and reinstate a humane border policy. I will end family separation, unify separated families, and end for-profit detention. In addition, I will send asylum seekers and other migrants at the border to facilities run by HHS, not CBP, so we can prioritize migrants' safety. We must end metering, MPP, and the so-called Safe Third Country agreements that are all meant to discourage asylum seekers. We should protect people seeking refuge, not turn them away.

Please explain the policies, if any, you support to address gun violence in America.: To prevent dangerous individuals from getting guns, as described in my gun control policy, I will make background checks universal and close the "boyfriend", "Charleston", and "hate" loopholes. I will ban assault weapons and high capacity magazines, support red flag laws, and create a national gun licensing system. We must also combat the domestic extremism and white nationalism that has motivated shooters to target communities of color. I will dedicate \$1 billion to prevent and combat violent extremism, empower law enforcement with greater resources for preventing domestic terrorist attacks, and work with social media platforms to identify and limit the spread of hateful ideology.

What, if any, actions would you work towards in your first 100 days to address the threats facing the US due to climate change?: We need immediate and bold action on the climate crisis and my climate change plan will ensure we reach zero emissions by 2035 and reach net-zero emissions by 2050. On Day 1, I will rejoin the Paris Agreement. Within my first 100 days, I will work with Congress to pass a carbon tax rebated back to Americans. I will call for the federal government to quadruple investment in clean energy research, invest \$550 billion in deploying clean energy technologies and \$200 billion to help displaced fossil fuel workers retrain. I will also set higher standards for clean fuel emissions and electricity and mandate that new materials the federal government uses or pays for to construct infrastructure must be under a specified level of carbon emissions.

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U.S. Democratic President Candidate – Continued


Elizabeth Warren (D)
 Democratic Presidential Candidate

What policies do you support to improve and secure elections and voting in our country?: My plan to strengthen our democracy will establish uniform federal rules to make voting easy, including by expanding same-day and automatic registration and early voting, making election day a holiday, ending voter purges, and requiring independent redistricting commissions to end partisan gerrymandering. We will also replace every voting machine in the country with state-of-the-art equipment and lock all federal voting technology systems behind a security firewall like it's Fort Knox. States will have a strong financial incentive to follow these rules in their state and local elections, and we will pass the Voting Rights Advancement Act and the Native American Voting Rights Act to shut down a host of festering discriminatory practices.

Please explain where you see opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to find common ground on the very serious issues facing our country.: In 2019, 5 out of every 6 Americans do not trust their government to do the right thing. That's because our government works great for the wealthy and well-connected, but not for everyone else. Universal child care. Criminal justice reform. Gun reform. On issue after issue, widely popular policies are stymied because giant corporations and billionaires use their money and influence to stand in the way of big, structural change. That's corruption, plain and simple, and it's why I've proposed the biggest set of anti-corruption reforms since Watergate. My plan slams shut the revolving door between government and industry, ends lobbying as we know it, and more - so we can root out corruption and make government work for everyone.

What, if any, steps will you take to reform current immigration policies?: I have a plan to create a fair immigration system that preserves our security, grows our economy, and reflects our values. I will reduce the family reunification backlog and remove the bars that make it harder to apply for legal status. I will also reinstate and expand DACA and protections for our Dreamers and their families. And I'll extend the individual exercise of discretion to offer deferred action protections to immigrants who have contributed to our country for years and have built careers and families here, while pushing for a far-reaching legislative fix that provides a fair but achievable path to citizenship for them. I'll also raise the refugee cap, reaffirm asylum protections, and rescind Trump's bigoted Muslim Ban.

Please explain the policies, if any, you support to address gun violence in America.: My administration will set a goal to reduce gun deaths by 80% and take executive and legislative action to meet it. As president, I will restrict gun movement across borders and extend reporting requirements, background checks, and minimum age restrictions to cover the vast majority of gun sales. Those who break the law, like gun traffickers and gun dealers who repeatedly violate the rules, will face prosecution and license revocation. Criminals convicted of hate crimes and domestic abuse will also be restricted from owning a gun. And in my first 100 days, I'll send Congress legislation to establish a federal licensing system, universal background checks, and other common sense reforms to reduce gun deaths in America.

What, if any, actions would you work towards in your first 100 days to address the threats facing the US due to climate change?: From day one, I will fight for a Green New Deal, using all the tools of the federal government. I'll immediately issue a sweeping climate executive order to show Americans and the rest of the world that defeating the climate crisis is a top priority. I will ban all new fossil fuel leases offshore and on public lands, rejoin the Paris Agreement, reinstate Obama era environmental protections, and beef up enforcement of the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts. I plan to bring the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council to the White House for a summit. And I will send Congress my plan for 100% clean energy, which is fully paid for and leverages additional trillions in private investment to create 10.6 million good union jobs.

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Andrew Yang (D)
 Democratic Presidential Candidate

What policies do you support to improve and secure elections and voting in our country?: Our democracy is broken, and Andrew has one of the most ambitious plans to rewrite the rules of our country so that it works for us. Andrew plans to address campaign finance through a public financing plan - Democracy Dollars - where every eligible voter will receive \$100 per election to donate to any federal or local candidate. This will drown out the current dark money that plagues campaign finance. Andrew will also restore voting rights to most current and previously incarcerated individuals, end partisan gerrymandering, implement automatic voter registration, and make election day a federal holiday. He will also push to update and restore the Voting Rights Act.

Please explain where you see opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to find common ground on the very serious issues facing our country.: Andrew's flagship proposal, the Freedom Dividend of \$1,000 a month for all citizens over the age of 18, addresses serious issues seen by both Democrats and Republicans. As more jobs are lost to automation, we must propose powerful solutions to rewrite the rules of the 21st century economy to put humanity first. By creating a basic income as a right of citizenship, it eliminates stigma, reminding each of us that we're owners and stakeholders in the country. In conservative Alaska, the oil dividend has bipartisan support, in part because of its universality. The Freedom Dividend addresses serious issues like economic inequality and poverty, while also reducing reliance on welfare and bureaucracy by producing economic freedom.

What, if any, steps will you take to reform current immigration policies?: As the son of immigrants, Andrew is proof of the positive power of immigration. Almost half of Fortune 500 companies were started by immigrants or children of immigrants. Immigrants make our economy stronger and more dynamic, but they are being scapegoated by the current administration. If you go to a factory in Michigan, it's not wall-to-wall immigrants; it's wall-to-wall robots and industrial machines. Andrew is committed to supporting DACA, the DREAM Act, expanding TPS, eliminating private prisons and detention centers, and ending the use of law enforcement as ICE Detainers. He will fully fund the immigration and asylum court system ensuring speedy hearings, provide counsel to anyone seeking asylum, and keep families together.

Please explain the policies, if any, you support to address gun violence in America.: Andrew recognizes that gun ownership is a serious responsibility. He supports better gun safety measures. The Yang administration would enact universal background checks and promote a stringent licensing system. He would work to ban assault weapons. Andrew also supports a federal buyback program for individuals who want to give up their firearms. He would also work to repeal shield laws to ensure that the gun manufacturers have an economic motivation to ensure their weapons don't end up in the wrong hands. Finally, he'd invest in technology that would ensure only authorized users could fire a weapon.

What, if any, actions would you work towards in your first 100 days to address the threats facing the US due to climate change?: Climate change is an existential threat, and we need to leave all options on the table. Andrew's plan will immediately cut all subsidies for fossil fuel companies and new leases on public lands. He will invest in the development of new, safer nuclear reactors to generate immense amounts of carbon-free power. Andrew will invest heavily in renewable energy and carbon capture technologies to slow and reverse the damage already done to our climate. He will direct the EPA to enforce the CAA and set a net-zero target for new buildings and cars. And he will provide resources to communities that need to be relocated due to the impact of climate change, which too often falls on communities that are already struggling economically.

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U.S. Democratic President Candidate – Continued


Joe Biden (D)
 Democratic Presidential Candidate

What policies do you support to improve and secure elections and voting in our country?: I've fought for voting rights since I first got involved in politics, helping to secure several extensions of the Voting Rights Act. But in 2013, the Supreme Court ripped the heart out of those voter protections. As president, I'll enact legislation to restore the full force of the Voting Rights Act, and my Justice Department will challenge every one of the new Jim Crow laws that are now curtailing people's right to vote. I'll also boost state funding for secure voting with a paper record, and for better information-sharing. I'll fight for automatic and same-day voter registration. And I'll make sure that any country or group that seeks to interfere in our elections faces real and serious consequences.

Please explain where you see opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to find common ground on the very serious issues facing our country.: The next president will inherit a divided nation and a world in disarray. They'll need to hit the ground running to fix Trump's mess, restore our global standing, and bring people together to get things done. Our next president will need to be a president for ALL Americans. I refuse to accept that we can't work together to solve tough problems. It's what democracy is all about. We can rebuild the middle class with historic investments in infrastructure, tackle prescription drug companies' profiteering, build on Obamacare with a public option - and so much more. I know how to find common ground without compromising my values.

What, if any, steps will you take to reform current immigration policies?: We're a nation that values immigrants - it's how we've constantly been able to renew our democracy. As president, I'll reverse Trump's assault on our values on day one, ending his cruel asylum policies, especially his Migrant Protection Protocols, family separation, and public charge rule. I'll address the root causes pushing people to flee Central America. I'll act immediately to protect Dreamers and their families. Then, I'll invest real political capital to finally deliver legislative immigration reform to modernize our system, giving nearly 11 million undocumented people a path to citizenship, updating our visa system to sharpen our economic competitive edge, and preserving family unification and diversity as cornerstones of our system

Please explain the policies, if any, you support to address gun violence in America.: Gun violence is a public health epidemic. We need courage to stand up to the NRA and fix our broken gun laws. I've beaten it before - twice. As president, I'll do it again. I'll ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines and require background checks for all gun sales. I'll fight for red-flag laws and close the Charleston and boyfriend loopholes, to get guns out of dangerous hands. I'll invest in smart gun technology and new strategies to reduce daily gun violence in cities. I'll work to heal trauma that outlasts shootings, starting by doubling the number of school mental health professionals. And I'll address the deadly nexus of gun violence and domestic violence, starting by signing into law the Violence Against Women Act of 2019.

What, if any, actions would you work towards in your first 100 days to address the threats facing the US due to climate change?: Climate change is our most urgent threat. Beating Trump won't end it, but it's key to all progress. In 1986, I introduced one of the first climate bills; PolitiFact says I'm a "climate change pioneer." Now, I've outlined a bold plan to match today's crisis - putting us on a path to a 100% clean-energy economy and net-zero emissions by 2050. On day one, I'll rejoin the Paris Accord, restore American leadership, and push the world to do more. I'll invest \$1.7 trillion in clean energy research and development, and in transforming our infrastructure - from electric vehicle charging stations to high-speed rail - reducing emissions and withstanding the impacts of a changing climate, and creating 10 million good-paying jobs, that can be union jobs

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UNITED STATES SENATOR

6-year term. Must be at least 30 years old, a resident of the United States for at least nine years and a resident of Texas. One of 100 members of the U.S. Senate which has specific powers to advise and consent to presidential appointments and treaties and to try impeachments. Powers the Senate shares with U.S House of Representatives include the power to levy taxes, borrow money, regulate interstate commerce, and declare war. Current annual salary: \$174,000.

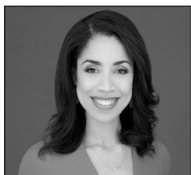
BACKGROUND: What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?

IMMIGRATION: What are your recommendations to improve the immigration system?

HEALTH CARE: What legislation would you support to address access to and cost of healthcare?

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

OTHER ISSUES: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of Congress, and what are your positions on these issues?


Amanda K. Edwards (D)
 United States Senator

BACKGROUND: For the last four years I have represented 2.3 million Texans as a Houston City Council Member, where I spearheaded efforts on Hurricane Harvey recovery and technology & innovation, and oversaw a multi-billion dollar budget. Prior to public service I practiced as a municipal finance lawyer, and was involved in numerous non-profit activities. My focus is achieving results.

IMMIGRATION: Comprehensive immigration reform is long overdue. We can have a secure border, treat people with dignity and respect, keep families together and reduce the years-long backlog of those waiting to lawfully enter. Enforcement should focus on serious criminal activity like drug and human trafficking, and the US should work to stabilize nations that are sources of immigration.

HEALTH CARE: Health care is a life or death issue for many. We should strengthen the ACA to cover more people. The federal government should offer an affordable public option and lower costs of premiums & prescription drugs. Texas should expand Medicaid, which would cover more than 1 million uninsured residents. Those who are satisfied with their current coverage should keep it

GUN VIOLENCE: Universal background checks and nationwide "red flag" laws are crucial first steps. Limiting the availability of high capacity weapons and ammunition also should be considered. While mass shootings receive a great deal of attention, most gun deaths occur in less high profile ways, and a majority are suicides. A comprehensive approach must proceed with that in mind.

OTHER ISSUES: Growing income and wealth inequality are huge concerns. With Texas being number 1 for rural hospital closures and number 1 for uninsured Americans, we must ensure that sustainable wage jobs with benefits are available in urban centers, suburbs and rural communities across America. We must also make available portable job training credits for those in manufacturing.

U.S. Senator (D) — Continued

Amanda K. Edwards (D) — Continued

U.S. Senator

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Royce West (D) United States Senator

BACKGROUND: I have been a practicing attorney for more than 40 years and I've owned my own practice for 25 years. I know what it takes to own and operate a business. I have also served in the Texas Senate since 1993 which gives me an unmatched depth of knowledge about the legislative process.

IMMIGRATION: First, we have to dramatically increase the number of judges available to hear asylum cases. Second, we need to pass DACA and get the Dreamers back on solid ground. Third, we need comprehensive immigration reform to simplify the process and give everyone here without citizenship a path to it if they want it.

HEALTH CARE: I would support strengthening the ACA with a public option. I do not believe nationalizing insurance is the best path forward. We need competition on standard products so that people can decide for themselves. I am looking at a number of ways of removing politics from this to stop future Administrations from gutting the ACA.

GUN VIOLENCE: I am for restoring the ban on assault rifles and instituting a ban on magazines that hold more than 8 rounds. I support a national background check system that closes all loopholes, even individual sales.

OTHER ISSUES: I believe criminal justice reform, a woman's right to choose, equal pay for women, student debt relief, and employment non-discrimination will be key issues in the next session. I favor a multitude of criminal justice reforms, favor a woman's right to choose, support equal pay for women, support a comprehensive student debt relief program, and will vote to pass ENDA.

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Victor Hugo Harris (D) — no response

U.S. Senator



Adrian Ocegueda (D) United States Senator

BACKGROUND: My professional background is both in local government and in private equity. The issues that we face today are exceedingly complex and an honest assessment of these issues suggests that collaboration beyond one person will be required. My candidacy places a premium on the approach to policy development rather than simply advocating for one position over another.

IMMIGRATION: A limited view of improving our immigration system would simply be to improve our system for processing requests for asylum. However long-term concerns should also be addressed, this requires an evaluation of our foreign policy, from support for emerging economies, to supporting international agencies eradicating corruption or addressing regional climate change impacts.

HEALTH CARE: I believe there is an opportunity to build bi-partisan support for initiatives to reduce costs, as many in both the public and private sector have come to the realization that we are at a tipping point on healthcare costs. Expanding coverage, through some form of public sponsored insurance may help promote cost changes more swiftly, but the impacts will vary.

GUN VIOLENCE: Most of the discussion related to this issue has been to impose some restriction or added regulation to reduce access to & the number of weapons. I believe we can also adopt a public-health approach that seeks ways to de-couple the availability of arms from circumstances where the use of firearms leads to lethal violence, such as safety modifications & data-driven alerts.

OTHER ISSUES: Two additional issues that will face our nation in future legislative cycles is the inequality of our economy and climate change. Both of these issues are highly complex, interrelated, and face trend & structural headwinds that that will require a collaborative and constructive political environment, that depresses mis-information and places a premium on facts.

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Annie 'Mama' Garcia (D) United States Senator

BACKGROUND: I'm not a politician. I have built 2 small businesses and a non-profit, all profitable. Our family relies on all our paychecks to live. I speak 3 languages & have lived in 3 other countries. I am a 'fed-up mama' with 3 small kiddos. I'm running because we are running out of time. I have the moral clarity, political courage & work ethic to do what no politician will.

IMMIGRATION: This is personal. My husband is a naturalized citizen, we have Cuban family & I practice immigration law. Politicians lack the courage to fix it & now we separate families & kids die in our care. The irony is that our success is a direct product of our diversity. We must rebuild the system so we honor our values & benefit our economy. More @ www.runannierun.com.

HEALTH CARE: My daughter nearly died from a heart defect. We didn't have insurance. She lived thanks to \$1,500,000 in treatment. Here, we would be bankrupt, but she was born in Spain, where healthcare is a right. Americans deserve the same. Here it costs 2xs as much, doesn't cover 1/3 of Americans & up to 400,000 patients die annually from medical error. Read more @ www.runannierun.com.

GUN VIOLENCE: More Americans die every WEEK from guns than most countries experience in a YEAR. This Is Not Normal. It's a trade-off between the GOP & NRA- GOP power for gunman profits, paid for yearly in the blood of 40,000. We must do it all & more. Gunowners must carry gun liability insurance, like we do for cars. Let insurance companies access risk. More @ www.runannierun.com.

OTHER ISSUES: There are so many existential threats that have been made worse by this administration, I can't pick one. Poverty. Crappy healthcare. Domestic terrorism. Climate change. Security. Voter suppression. What I know is that we can overcome all of this, if we have the moral clarity, political courage & work ethic. Email me at annie@runannierun.com.

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U.S. Senator (D) — Continued


Chris Bell (D)
 United States Senator

BACKGROUND: The only candidate in this race with experience in Congress and running statewide - Served 5 years on Houston City Council (1997-2001), chairing the Ethics Committee and Customer Service and Initiatives. - Served as US Congressman (TX-25) as a member of the Whip Team. -

Earned the 2006 Democratic Nomination for Governor, coming the closest any Dem since Gov. Ann Richards

IMMIGRATION: - Pass the DREAM Act and create a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants and DREAMers. - End family separation and border detention facilities - Decriminalized unauthorized border crossings and migration. - Reform CBP and ICE in order to best protect our borders while treating immigrants with dignity and integrity.

HEALTH CARE: - Create an automatic enrollment public option, otherwise known as access to Medicare for All. - Lower prescription drug prices by making generic drugs more accessible and mandating the government to negotiate directly with pharmaceutical manufacturers. - Protect access to women's health providers. Texas is the number one state in maternal mortality. This must end.

GUN VIOLENCE: - I support universal background checks and red flag laws that 90% of Americans fully support. - I would close the Charleston and Gun Show Loopholes. - Would take a step further and support a ban on assault weapons and a mandatory buyback program that would allow citizens to give up their weapons of war, otherwise under civil penalties.

OTHER ISSUES: - Reforming the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. We must make a more equitable tax system that requires the ultra-rich to pay their fair share. - Establish a \$15 minimum wage indexed to inflation. - Rejoin the Paris Climate Accord and enact measures to fight Climate Change. - Invest in Education and make college debt dischargeable.

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Cristina Tzintzun Ramirez (D)
 United States Senator

BACKGROUND: I have spent over a decade leading some of Texas' most important labor and voting rights organizations. I have helped change laws at the local and state level for workers and have traveled across the state registering and mobilizing young voters in our

state, empowering them to tackle the problems that we face. I will continue to advocate for everyday Texans in the Senate.

IMMIGRATION: I support extending citizenship to DREAMers, but I also believe that we need to legalize the status of the millions of hardworking immigrants that have been part of our communities for years. We need an immigration system that allows future generations to come here safely and legally, that fills our labor needs, and that empowers all immigrants to live their full lives.

HEALTH CARE: I want to ensure that Texas families are healthy. I support Medicare for All because it is the most efficient and cost effective way to make sure every American has quality healthcare, and it will allow small businesses and entrepreneurs to accelerate their growth instead of trying to worry about how to cover the cost of healthcare for themselves and their employees.

GUN VIOLENCE: Every 3 hours, we lose a Texan to gun violence. I have endorsed the March for Our Lives Peace Plan and I will advocate for gun legislation that the majority of Americans support, including universal background checks, banning and buying back assault weapons like AR-15s and AK-47s, and holding the gun lobby accountable for the harm they have done to our communities.

OTHER ISSUES: Climate Change: I support the Green New Deal because it will create millions of new jobs, and will support oil and gas workers as we transition from fossil fuels to cleaner energy sources.

Education: I support funding our education system from kindergarten through college, and investing in our greatest asset: our people. This means universal Pre-K and free public college.

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Michael Cooper (D)
 United States Senator

BACKGROUND: I have been a servant leader for 30 years in the automotive business and held the position of Southeast Texas Toyota automotive dealers President. I think outside the box and come up with ways to balance the budget and get massive things done, as I signed the first check in the naming of the TOYOTA CENTER, the home of the Rockets. I am also a Pastor and Psychologist.

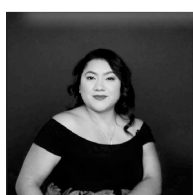
IMMIGRATION: First of all we need to stop caging children. We need to stop separating children from their parents. It should not be illegal to seek refuge. We need to appoint more judges to get through the court cases. Use lawyers for magistrate.

HEALTH CARE: As we work toward Medicare for all, I will have my team fix and repair affordable care act so that people like my son have insurance as a 26 year college student. I push education and when we fix it, healthcare fix itself. When we bring vocations back in the 6-12 grade and the youth graduate job ready. When we have more people paying in the system we have Medicare for all

GUN VIOLENCE: We need better background checks. As a psychologist I want to look at conduct grades of 21 year olds and younger. One of the last shootings the young man was expelled from school with a bad conduct rating for 4 years. The info only came out after the shootings. We need to stop private seller loop holes. No, to bump stocks.

OTHER ISSUES: Education is a major issue in the State of Texas. I say, no to standardize testing. I say no to charter Schools as a way to water down teaching by using the SB 1882 bill. We can use charter schools to assist and improve not to water down. As Lt. Gov. candidate I pushed for pay raises for teachers., let's tax businesses in Texas like Amazon and ExxonMobil to build schools.

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D. R. Hunter (D) — No response
U.S. Senator

Sema Hernandez (D)
 United States Senator

BACKGROUND: I've been a community advocate & organizer for over 12 years. I'm a fenceline community resident in a sacrifice zone, exposed daily to the hazards and risks posed by the fossil fuel industries. I am a co-founder of the Texas Poor People's Campaign & co-founder of an environmental justice coalition working with local & statewide organizations to enforce regulations.

IMMIGRATION: I will introduce and/or co-sponsor legislation that will provide permanent resident status to all DACA & TPS registrants, as well as for their family members & extend permanent resident status to persons who were denied DACA status due to registration deadlines. I will introduce legislation to abolish ICE and restore immigration enforcement to the Department of Justice.

HEALTH CARE: I support Medicare For All, US Senate Bill S.1129. This is the direct way to provide full healthcare benefits for everyone and raising the standard of healthcare. The bill provides everyone with the same coverage, regardless of gender, socioeconomic status, race, religion, and

U.S. Senator (D) — Continued

other demographic status, while eliminating premiums, copays, deductibles, and the Donut Hole.

GUN VIOLENCE: I will use the Commerce Clause to regulate gun sales and manufacturing, introduce and/or support legislation which will require mandatory universal background checks, close gun-show loopholes, outlaw the sale of assault weapons, end the manufacturing of ammunition for assault weapons, and protect the rights of gun owners, while offering voluntary buy-backs of weapons.

OTHER ISSUES: Voting Rights: I will introduce legislation to create uniform requirements for voting, in order to ensure equal protection of voting rights under the laws. Indigenous Rights: Honor all treaties and tribal sovereignty.

Criminal Justice Reform: I will vote to repeal the 1994 Crime Act and de-fund states which maintain sentencing mandates that were enacted in response to it.

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Jack Daniel Foster, Jr (D) United States Senator

BACKGROUND: Article 1, Section 3, Clause 3; States you must be 30 years of age and a nine year resident of the state you live. There is no real experience that prepares a person to be an elected official at any level, but I have waited all my life for our “experienced politicians” to come up with big ideas for us all and they have failed us. So, I ask, “What has experience did for us?”

IMMIGRATION: While a person awaits their asylum claim, a property-homeowners should be able to invest in immigrants, within Texas Counties, for skilled vocational trades- welding, plumbing, wind turbine technology, water technology, solar panel technology, etc. Whether asylum is granted or not, an immigrant will have the ability to take care of themselves. My economic model bears this.

HEALTH CARE: I support ACA Medicaid expansion, but I have other big ideas about access and cost. The most expensive aspect of healthcare is hospitalization; we address this by allowing counties to team up and negotiate in their regions, these are their neighbors, not Washington. I also want to use the IRS codes for exclusionary income, so people can obtain insurance for the uninsured.

GUN VIOLENCE: I do not want to encroach on anyone’s Second Amendment rights, I know it’s not right for criminals to be armed better than law enforcement, therefore I would press hard for manufactures to begin putting fingerprint technology on all weapons. We also need federal legislation for background checks on all purchases, assembled weapons bought on-line as well, “air tight” laws.

OTHER ISSUES: The three pillars of our society are education, healthcare, and retirement; nothing will ever be more pressing than these issues in any session of Congress. My economic model addresses these issues through incentives, allowing property-homeowners to invest in people, who live in their county, for skilled vocational trades. Creating personal security is paramount for all.

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Mary ‘MJ’ Hegar (D) United States Senator

BACKGROUND: I’m a combat veteran and working mom who understands the challenges facing Texas families and has never backed down from standing up for what’s right. I served 3 tours in Afghanistan as a medevac pilot, receiving the Purple Heart and Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor, and built a bipartisan coalition to open hundreds of thousands of jobs to women in the military.

IMMIGRATION: We need to permanently end child separation, ensure asylum claims are properly processed, secure the border with effective procedures and technologies instead of robbing our military and seizing land from Texans to waste billions on an ineffective wall, and build a path to citizenship for undocumented residents that reflects our core values as Americans.

HEALTH CARE: Texas has the highest uninsured rate in the nation, and that’s unacceptable. We must protect the progress made by the Affordable Care Act while making much-needed improvements, including a public option to make Medicare available for all who want it. We should also lower the cost of prescription drugs by allowing Medicare to negotiate prices with pharmaceutical companies.

GUN VIOLENCE: We must pass common-sense gun safety legislation to require background checks on every single gun sale, stop the sale of assault weapons, pass red flag laws and close the “boyfriend loophole” to block access to firearms for domestic abusers, and strengthen laws preventing gun trafficking. I am also calling for state and local officials to end open carry.

OTHER ISSUES: I believe climate change is the greatest threat to my children’s future, and will advocate for aggressive action and investment in new clean energy production, infrastructure and manufacturing to address the climate crisis. I will also make it a priority to protect reproductive rights and pass comprehensive campaign finance, voting rights and ethics reforms.

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

2 year term. Must be 25 years or older, a US citizen and a resident of Texas. Responsible for representing the citizens of his/her district in the US House of Representatives.

IMMIGRATION: Do you support legislation to maintain the DACA program?

CLIMATE CHANGE: Do you believe Congress should adopt policies to combat climate change? If so, what would you propose?

INFRASTRUCTURE: How would you address the nation’s documented infrastructure needs, including roads and bridges? How should we pay for repairing infrastructure?

HEALTHCARE: What legislation would you support, if any, to ensure

comprehensive, affordable healthcare for all?

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: How should we proceed to both protect U.S. interests at home and abroad and at the same time promote long term stability and peace in the world?

OTHER ISSUES: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of Congress, and what is your position on these issues?

United States Representative, District 5

Carolyn Salter (D) — Uncontested

United States Representative, District 5

United States Representative, District 24

Crystal Fletcher (D) — Withdrew from contest

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Kim Olson (D)
United States Representative, District 24

IMMIGRATION (SUPPORT DACA?): Yes. Our current immigration system is broken. Congress must act immediately to address its downfalls and pass comprehensive immigration reform. Putting children in cages is not the solution--full stop. We have to discourage illegal immigration and people crossing our border illegally by investing foreign aid into their countries of origin. Second, we must provide a path to earned citizenship for those who are working hard and obeying the law, including DACA residents. Far-reaching ICE raids do not keep us safer; they instill fear in our Latin communities and make it harder for law enforcement to do their jobs.

CLIMATE CHANGE: The world's leading scientists, along with America's oil companies all agree that climate change is 1) real, and 2) being accelerated by man-made carbon emissions. The effects of climate change are being felt with the increase in the severity of natural disasters like hurricanes, storms, and forest fires. I strongly disagree with the President's decision to pull out of the Paris Climate Accord. As one of the world's largest polluters, we should not be revoking our commitment to reduce carbon emissions and grow our clean energy economy--we should be leading the charge.

INFRASTRUCTURE: It is often said that a budget is a moral document that demonstrates your priorities. Unfortunately, the current congress believes that corporations and the wealthiest people in our nation deserve a tax break, not hard-working Texans trying to keep the bills paid. When I'm in Congress, I'll make sure Texan's hard-earned tax dollars get spent on rebuilding our crumbling infrastructure.

HEALTHCARE: The next Congress must make healthcare their top priority. The ACA was a major step forward for expanding access to healthcare and reigning in bad actors in the system. However, there are common-sense reforms we can and should make immediately to expand on the underlying goals of the ACA. For instance, we must allow Medicare to negotiate directly with pharmaceutical companies on drug prices. I get all my healthcare through the VA system. There's no logical reason why the VA can negotiate prices, but Medicare cannot. Further, we can lower the eligibility age for Medicare in order to bring healthier people into the system and save on costs down the road. Lastly, we protect and expand Medicaid.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: I am proud to have a son who wears a uniform, who like my husband and me signed a blank check to the United States Government up to and including his life. Like my son, one point two million others have signed that same check. They deserve a commander in chief worthy of that sacrifice. President Trump's MO is to provoke world leaders to help himself in the polls. Not only did I serve in Iraq, I got two masters in National Security from our war colleges, and worked as the Iran desk officer at the Pentagon. I would work to rebuild our economic and diplomatic leverage in order to reign in Trump's reckless foreign policy.

OTHER ISSUES: The next Congress must take long-overdue action on gun safety reform. As a 25 year Air Force veteran, I understand that weapons of war don't belong on our streets. But, we won't pass gun safety reform until we elect leaders in Washington with the courage to stand up for what is right. It's time to close the background check loophole, ban high capacity magazines, and take steps (such as Red Flag laws) to ensure that guns do not fall into the hands of people with criminal intent or domestic abusers.

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Jan McDowell (D)
United States Representative, District 24

IMMIGRATION (SUPPORT DACA?): I absolutely support maintaining the DACA program. It protects Dreamers, the people who were brought here many years ago as children. Beyond the fact that it's just the right thing to do, our nation has invested for years in their education, and it would be foolish to deport them now, when they are able to fully contribute to our economy. And they are indeed contributing, many by serving in our military or by getting professional degrees and then working and paying taxes. They have already been fully vetted, and they should have a clear path to citizenship.

CLIMATE CHANGE: Yes. We must act to preserve our planet. People say that we shouldn't be extreme...we should be reasonable. So, what is reasonable? Should we remove all the "pesky regulations" that keep corporations from maximizing their profits, even at the expense of destroying our planet? Or would it be more reasonable to uphold and strengthen protections to keep the planet and its people safe? We must rapidly transition to renewable energy sources. Fuel economy standards for cars and equipment must be strengthened. There should be tax incentives for clean energy, and negative tax effects, not subsidies, for fossil fuel companies.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Our budget must prioritize the need to repair and rebuild our crumbling infrastructure. It will be critically important for detailed procedures to be in place before any contracts are awarded. First step is to draw up a prioritized list of needed projects. Next, recognized business standards for competitive bidding must be established and strictly followed. With trillions of dollars at stake, there must not be even the appearance that sweetheart deals and scams are fraudulently and wastefully exhausting those funds. Contracts must be structured and audited to ensure quality control and timely progress.

HEALTHCARE: Everyone needs affordable healthcare as a right for all, not a privilege for those who can afford it. I favor keeping and improving the Affordable Care Act until a smooth transition can be made to Medicare For All. Prescription drug prices must be reduced and made negotiable within Medicare, just as they are through private insurers. The Cadillac tax on high-cost insurance policies, scheduled to go into effect in 2022, should be cancelled. Until Medicare For All provides an even playing field, there should not be a penalty for union workers who have agreed to lower wages in exchange for better insurance benefits.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Our most glaring weakness seems to be the devastation that has been brought upon our State Department by the current administration. We must fully staff both the State Department and our embassies around the world with professional, competent diplomats. Militarily, we need a commander-in-chief who listens to his or her generals and uses solid information from knowledgeable people to make decisions that are in the best interests of our nation. By respecting our long-time allies, we can hopefully re-establish the trust needed to allow the United States to again be a trusted leader on the world stage.

OTHER ISSUES: The economic inequality gap is a threat to every aspect of our society. There should be equal opportunity for each person in America to achieve their potential and their dreams. The zip code where a person is born should not determine the level of success that he or she can expect to achieve. I favor an "income is income" approach. That would treat capital gains income from investments under the same set of rules currently in place for ordinary income, the money earned through paychecks. It is inherently unfair to give beneficial treatment to the income of the wealthy over that of working people.

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John Biggan (D)
United States Representative, District 24

IMMIGRATION (SUPPORT DACA?): Yes, I support the immediate passage of the DREAM Act, with a pathway to citizenship. Similarly, I support a pathway to citizenship for individuals who came to this country through Temporary Protected Status, but who have been unable to return home for extensive periods of time, some for many decades. These two groups are part of our community and we should make it official. Furthermore, I also support returning immigration enforcement to the Department of Justice, where it was prior to the reorganization that occurred after 9/11.

CLIMATE CHANGE: The scientific evidence is clear: anthropogenic climate change is real. Not only does this affect terrestrial weather systems, but the increase in CO2 has affected coral growth and, thereby reduced habitats for fish and other marine

fauna. The good news is that we can fix this. As a scientist, I support the Green New Deal. We must rise to the occasion. Coupling this with investments in green infrastructure and jobs, as well as next generation nuclear power (Thorium/Molten Salt Reactors), I am confident that we can have a bright and prosperous future with clean air and water.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Repair and new construction not only maintain the safety of our infrastructure, they provide immediate jobs, support businesses, and help people move about. We need to assess and repair our levees, dams, waterways, electric grids, airports, and seaports, as well as our “C” rated roads and bridges. We must also invest in more public transport options including High Speed Rail. Furthermore, we must increase access to affordable and reliable High Speed Internet. The boost to local economy will return dividends on this investment, and it will pay for itself.

HEALTHCARE: Millions of Americans are still without health insurance and access to the care that they need, even after the expansion under the ACA. There are many options that I support, from adding a traditional public option that increases competition, to Medicare for All, and Medicare for America. Any one of these are better than the current system because they increase access and I support any of them over the current system. Additionally, getting to universal healthcare will require that we address the high cost of prescription medications and the tremendous amount of student debt among all students, including healthcare professionals.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: A new president would help international relations immensely. On top of that, re-entering the Paris Climate Agreement, providing adequate funding for USAID, going back to the negotiating table with Iran, and investing in non-fissionable nuclear technologies (e.g. Thorium/Molten Salt Reactors) would all provide avenues to regain our standing in the world and, overall, make it a safer place.

OTHER ISSUES: As the only teacher in this race, I would have to say that ensuring that all Americans can access the education that they need is a top priority. I have taught for more than a decade, much of which has been at community colleges. Many of my students struggle to find affordable childcare. This delays or even prevents them from completing their degrees. I am proposing to expand Early Head Start to provide universal on-campus childcare, first at community colleges and then public universities. Not only will this benefit the students and their children, but also the broader economy.

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Sam Vega (D)
United States Representative, District 24

IMMIGRATION (SUPPORT DACA?): Yes. I would also like to expand it to make a pathway to citizenship quicker.

with this crisis before it is too late.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Infrastructure needs to be prioritized and I think there are ways to address it that are smart and take climate change into account. For example there have been steps toward making roads and sidewalks that generate electricity. We should support efforts like these. The way to pay for them is through a wealth tax.

HEALTHCARE: I support Medicare for All. It is time that we have a single payer system and eliminate private health insurance.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Putting a stop to endless wars has to be the priority. We can make efforts to scale back the needless parts of our military and form stronger alliances with our allies. I think most of the world wants peace, but there needs to be unwavering efforts to promoting human rights across all borders and providing a unified front against human rights violators. Continuing to allow greed to dictate policy needs to stop immediately. It is killing us.

OTHER ISSUES: Healthcare, the Climate Crisis, and wealth inequality are some of the most pressing issues. To deal with them we need Medicare for All, the Green New Deal, and a wealth tax. These things absolutely need to be priorities for Congress and we can no longer allow half measures. It is killing us.

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Candace Valenzuela (D)
United States Representative, District 24

IMMIGRATION (SUPPORT DACA?): Yes, I fully support DACA. More broadly, we need to break through the partisan gridlock in Washington to pass comprehensive immigration reform that honors our nation's history as a nation of immigrants. My great-grandparents immigrated to the United States from Mexico and my great-grandfather fought in World War I. For generations, my family has been committed to serving our country and many other immigrant families do the same. In Texas 24, immigrants have more than \$5 billion in spending power per year and contribute nearly \$2 billion in local, state and federal taxes. Immigrants provide tremendous value both culturally and economically, and these contributions will only increase if Congress provides a path to citizenship.

CLIMATE CHANGE: Yes. Climate change is real and we need to do everything we can to combat it while we still have the chance. We need to focus on investing in renewable energy options, such as solar, wind, and geothermal, while massively reducing our dependence on coal, gas, and oil. Yes, even in Texas we can provide strong incentives for the business community to help combat climate change, alongside investments from the federal government. Part of this investment must establish programs to train and retrain workers for jobs in the renewable energy industry. While critics often site the high cost of dealing with climate change, the cost of inaction will be even greater.

INFRASTRUCTURE: North Texas is experiencing some of the fastest population growth in the country and our infrastructure has not kept up. We need significant investments in fixing our roads, bridges, water infrastructure, and additional investment in affordable housing. Not only will this improve the quality of all of our lives, but it will create thousands of jobs for the people in TX-24. Creating a tax code that works for all Americans can help pay for infrastructure investments. Last year, 91 Fortune 500 companies did not pay any federal income tax. We need to ask these large corporations to give back to the infrastructure that has led to their success. I would roll back the Trump tax bill and crack down on tax loopholes.

HEALTHCARE: I would support a strong public option. As someone who struggles with a pre-existing condition and has had to work a second and third job to afford health care, I understand well the need to ensure affordable health care for every American. A public option would take the profit

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motive out of health care, cut down on administrative costs and allow the public to negotiate prescription drug prices, the single largest driver in health care cost increases. I refuse to live in a country in which, last year, 36 million Americans did not fill a prescription they needed because they could not afford it. Investing in our people means investing in their health, and I am committed to doing that as one of my top priorities.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Protecting our interests at home and abroad begins with ensuring that the American economy is prosperous for all Americans. We need further investment in health care, education and affordable housing to ensure that all Americans are being prepared for a 21st century economy and are able to support their families. Our current underinvestment threatens our security because if it continues, we will no longer have the greatest workforce and most successful economy in the world, which is the single biggest strength protecting us from foreign threats. In dealing with foreign nations, I will always support diplomacy first.

OTHER ISSUES: Campaign Finance Reform - We need comprehensive campaign finance reform that takes power away from special interests and lobbyists and returns it to the people, where it belongs. Our government has become corrupted by corporate and special interests, leading to gridlock on important issues like health care, gun violence prevention and more. Gun Violence prevention - I will push for universal background checks, fight to end the gun show loophole, pass red flag laws, stand up to the gun lobby by pushing for comprehensive campaign finance reform and fight to make our schools safer from gun violence, as I did as a school board trustee. Criminal Justice Reform - Ending our system of mass incarceration.

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Richard Fleming (D) United States Representative, District 24

IMMIGRATION (SUPPORT DACA?): Our next Congress should pursue a human immigration policy that upholds our American values, strengthens our economy, and secures our borders. The Pew Hispanic Center indicate that there

are more than 11 million undocumented immigrants in the US. It's no secret that our immigration system is broken, and for years, we have lacked the political will to fix it. We can secure our border and enforce our laws without tossing aside our values, our principles, and our humanity. Putting people in cages and tearing children away from their parents isn't the answer. We have got to address the root causes of migration that push people to leave behind their homes and everything they know to undertake a dangerous journey to the US.

CLIMATE CHANGE: Yes, there must be a two-prong approach: 1. MITIGATION • Impose a price on carbon, • Incentivize corporations to bring carbon emissions down • Carbon scrubbing at the industrial and residential level (pulling CO2 out of the atmosphere) • Investing in renewable energy solutions and battery technologies • Continue to invest in natural carbon sinks (reforestation, industrial hemp) 2. ADAPTATION • Need to be prepared to deal with the effects of climate change • Need more money for federal flood insurance program • Need more money to fight wildfires and deal with effects of stronger, more frequent hurricanes and storms.

INFRASTRUCTURE: There are 3 ways to pay for new infrastructure investments They are a. Raise revenue b. borrow, or c. pretend or mask that it is been borrowed. Transportation infrastructure is paid for by user fees: the federal and state excise taxes on fuel that are dedicated to roads. Infrastructure projects in the US should be assessed and prioritized by state and local governments. State and local government officials when surveyed put transportation (roads, bridges and tunnels) at the top 75.2% of their list of needs. To pay for the infrastructure cost the federal government should pay half with state and local governments paying 39%; and the private sector picking up the remaining tab 13%.

HEALTHCARE: I would build upon the Affordable Care Act as it is our current base. It also is the answer to helping people who don't get insurance through their employer be able to afford coverage in an individual market. I would allow the 150 Million Americans that are satisfied with their insurance to keep it. I would allow a public option plan available to the uninsured. I would allow people to buy a non-profit public option because it will force insurance companies to compete on cost more than they are now. I think we need to focus our efforts on the folks that face the highest health costs, and the older Americans not yet eligible for Medicare and the middle-income people just over the threshold.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: One of the ways is the globalization of Free trade, it creates the most efficient outcomes between countries. When countries are more joined economically, they tend to be more aligned at the same time. Trade allows the US to project soft power around the world due to being linked economically there by creating an ally. America should end endless wars, review our country's military commitment around the world, continue to invest in America's infrastructure with educational job training policies to produce skilled workers, encourage entrepreneurship and grow our talent base. Lastly, a robust immigration policy.

OTHER ISSUES: We need address the greatest threat to American Security which is Russia. Russia is the greatest threat to America, given the hot and cold strategy that Russia used to insert its election interference, hacking, and other threats. The US needs a bipartisan agreement in terms of rhetorically standing up to Russia, we need to continue to put pressure on Russia via sanctions, invest in security upgrades, defense department and intelligence, need better cyber security.

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United States Representative, District 30



Eddie Bernice Johnson (D) United States Representative, District 30

IMMIGRATION (SUPPORT DACA?): I am a supporter of legislation that wouldn't just maintain the current DACA program, but also provide these high achieving young individuals a pathway to citizenship. The House of Representatives passed the American Dream and Promise Act on June 4, 2019, with my support. The measure is in the Senate awaiting for further action in that chamber. To be eligible for DACA, you either must be working or currently enrolled in school. I have met many DACA recipients from my district over the years and I firmly believe that our country is stronger because of hard-working people like them.

CLIMATE CHANGE: As the Chairwoman of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, we have taken a largely bipartisan approach to addressing climate change this Congress. Our first hearing this Congress was on the state of climate science, which touched upon the impacts of climate change on public health. We have moved multiple pieces of bipartisan legislation out of our Committee that seek to mitigate climate change as well as address its impacts. We need to be "all-in" to achieve this extremely challenging goal. I will continue

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to, advocate for increased investments in research and development for technologies that would help prevent and adapt to the challenges.

INFRASTRUCTURE: As a senior member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I am working to rebuild our nation's infrastructure. It is critical we rebuild our nation's roads, bridges, highways and entire transportation infrastructure. Resiliency must be a major consideration and we must include new technology and creative ways of making these infrastructure investments last. Both traditional and new ways of paying for rebuilding and strengthening our nation's infrastructure needs must be considered.

HEALTHCARE: As the first registered nurse elected to Congress, I know how the Affordable Care Act has improved our country's health care, especially for the 133 million Americans and 11.5 million Texans living with pre-existing conditions. The health and well-being of our community should be our highest priority, which is why the ACA was such a significant victory for all Americans, regardless of age or financial standing. I will continue to support legislation that protects the achievements of the Affordable Care Act to ensure comprehensive and affordable health care for the betterment of my constituents.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: I am a strong believer of the United States peace and diplomacy efforts around the world. Our relationships with our allies like NATO and the EU, along with the respect we have from other countries around the world serve as the primary tool we have to protect our interests at home and abroad. Sadly the current administration's efforts to cut funding from foreign aid programs, cut the number of diplomatic and embassy personnel, and their efforts to remove the United States from multilateral agreements such as the Iran nuclear deal and the Paris Climate Change agreement goes directly against this belief and jeopardizes

OTHER ISSUES: Protecting our democracy will be a critical issue in the coming months. Given this current administration, it has become more important to uphold our basic values as Americans and promote our democratic institutions. I will continue the fight to ensure that every American has equal access to the ballot box and that no foreign entities interfere in our elections.

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Shenita "Shae" Cleveland (D) United States Representative, District 30

and hopefully will be ruled as unlawful. While it's good that more than half a million DACA recipients renewed their protections, it is concerning about why Dreamers are waiting longer to apply for renewals. To ease their burdens, I would propose legislation that will bring ease in providing updated personal information, lower the renewal fee, extend renewals to 6-year periods and eventually bring stability to the future of DACA by offering permanent protection.

CLIMATE CHANGE: Yes, Congress should adopt policies to combat climate change. I believe that humans are responsible for climate change and humans can solve climate change. Without the natural occurrence of greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide, we would freeze to death. I also believe the explosion of the Industrial Revolution has some big consequences. I propose to rollback EPA protections in the areas of air pollution and emissions, drilling and extraction, infrastructure and planning, endangered species, toxic substances, and water pollution as a start. It's clear that we need to transition to clean, reliable sources of energy like solar and wind. It's simply better.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We should rethink and redesign current laws that are outdated, like the regulatory review process and the fossil fuel tax. Pavement and bridges in poor condition directly impact the lives of everyday working people. Policies to be addressed are transportation, water & telecommunications. These areas consist of unequal local road quality including pothole-stricken roads, crumbling bridges and highways, funding local/state projects, rising water rates, persistent broadband gaps, delivering internet, limited environmental monitoring, data privacy and access issues. We must develop policies that are long lasting in advancing equity and resilience for our future generations which will pay for themselves.

HEALTHCARE: We need a system which promotes wellness and healthcare for all. Research shows that medical issues are the number one reason for bankruptcy based on surveys of people who have declared. The real culprit for lack of improvements to our current system is inadequate health care insurance. Especially with low paying jobs that avoid insurance coverage for their employees, do so by adjusting hours to keep them below the threshold. The truth is, current health insurance policies are not enough to protect us. Only 40% of Americans have enough saved to cover a \$1,000 emergency expense. We need a national Universal Health Care program, with a public option that will broaden insurance coverage for all of us.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: I believe Congress has an important role in this, given its representative nature and responsibilities by the Constitution. America's security and prosperity at home are linked to economic and political health abroad. We must strengthen our alliances with other countries, and help advance their economic and political freedoms to tackle global challenges like the need to seek asylum. We should also ensure wasteful spending is eliminated on defense while advancing democracy and peacebuilding. Lastly, a national debate must be started on America's role in the world toward world peace.

OTHER ISSUES: I believe Congress should begin to address income and wealth inequality as a significant threat to American prosperity. The average working family in stuck in one place, while the top 1% is on the rise. The country's wealth-building is increasingly concentrated among the top 1% as they own over 30 trillion of household wealth, as the entire middle class owns just over 18 trillion. I believe we must ease the burden in areas like affordable housing, transportation, water and broadband expenses to address the rising income inequality gap. I believe the hundreds of thousands in student loan debt is most pressing and should be addressed. The weight of student loans debt should be a top priority.

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Barbara Mallory Caraway (D) United States Representative, District 30

IMMIGRATION (SUPPORT DACA?): Yes.
CLIMATE CHANGE: Yes. President Trump withdrew the U.S. from the Paris Agreement a 2015 global initiative that addresses climate change mitigation, in 2017. He said it would "undermine (the U.S.) Economy," and "puts (the U.S.) at a permanent disadvantage". 97 percent of scientists agree that humans are causing global warming and climate change. These are some ways to combat climate change: 1. Recycle and reuse. 2. Reduce car usage and increase mass transportation. 3. Reduce fossil fuel production. 4. Energy conservation by unplugging appliances and other devices when not in use. Use more efficient light bulbs, LED.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Congress must continue the review of the Nation's infrastructure needs and fund them as often as our funding source, The Highway Trust Fund (HTF) allows. The HTF or gas tax is currently used as the main funding source to fund infrastructure cost. Increasing it is controversial. We will continue using the (HTF) as the main funding source but congress should consider more funding as soon as the funding schedule ends, began another.

HEALTHCARE: Protect and improve the Affordable Care Act, better known as "Obamacare" by providing funding that would lower premiums so

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that more families can afford healthcare. Work on a public option while allowing insurer to keep their existing insurance if they choose. Limit out-of-pocket expenses. Lower deductibles. Lower prescription drugs by allowing the negotiation of drug cost.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Re-establish our credibility in on the World stage. The U.S. should exercise diplomacy and dialogue to protect our interest at home and abroad. We should also earn and keep the trust of our allies that partner with us in effort to negotiate long-term world stability and peace.

OTHER ISSUES: Youth and Young Adults: Congress should fund young programs that support youth innovation and creativity in the arts, culture and entrepreneurship. Student Debt: End privatization of student loans and eliminate college debt. Gun Violence: Pass background checks. Ban the sale and transfer of assault weapons. Pay inequities: Pass a living wage that start at \$15.00 per hour. Job training: Congress should allocate funding for job training to assist workers who are displaced due the emerging technology job market.

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**Hasani Burton (D)**

United States Representative, District 30

IMMIGRATION (SUPPORT DACA?): YES.**CLIMATE CHANGE:** Yes. I favor an overhaul of our system like what is proposed in the Green New Deal.**INFRASTRUCTURE:** Taxes in tobacco, liquor and marijuana sales could go towards infrastructure spending.**HEALTHCARE:** #Medicare4All**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:** The US needs to return to using diplomatic solutions as our primary tool to maintain peace. We need to encourage a strong United Nations and not legitimize the actions of oppressive governments or terrorist regimes. We need to think about global resources strategically to make sure that the few don't control resources at the expense of the many.

We need to keep our military strong, yet efficient while developing technology that will deter war instead of instigate it. We need to be brokers of equity instead of Imperialism.

OTHER ISSUES: The most pressing issues to the American people I seek to represent are healthcare, education, human rights and economics. My comprehensive platform, called the #ADOS Agreement, addresses these four issues with real policy proposals. More information about the #ADOS Agreement can be seen at www.Hasani4Progress.com.

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United States Representative, District 32

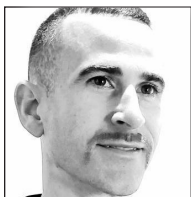
Colin Allred (D) — Uncontested

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United States Representative, District 33

Marc Veasey (D) — No response

United States Representative, District 33

**Sean Paul Segura (D)**

United States Representative, District 33

IMMIGRATION (SUPPORT DACA?): With your vote for Sean Paul Segura you are voting for real Immigration reform that lets good people in and keeps criminals out. Together we will make our country stronger, safer and stay true to who

we are a country. We will stand with our DACA kids and give them the paper work they need to stay in and continue to contribute to our economy and country. This is the land of immigrants. We had to be brave and fight to be free and we fight so others can be free because that's what real Americans do. We are the home of the brave, land of the free & United we stand.

CLIMATE CHANGE: We do not have enough consensus to pass sweeping legislation yet. We do have the ability to pass laws that enable us to reduce the effects of pollution and contamination right now. We need a protocol to swiftly send out crucial help dur-

ing disasters, natural or otherwise that threaten our planets unique and valuable biodiversity and wild life. We can plant more trees, to lower the impact of harmful gasses and protect wildlife ecosystems. We can help clean the oceans, our lakes and other bodies of water. We can develop new products that are better for our planet and our ecosystems. "Pasos cortos vista larga" = take little steps while maintaining the vision.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We can have much better quality infrastructure. We can pay for it by spending less on wasteful projects like the "Trump/Veasey Border Wall" (H.R.1158) unnecessary wars, and handouts to wealthy corporations. We simply need to get our priorities straight.

HEALTHCARE: We need to change our healthcare system to a healthcare for all system that allows everyone to have healthcare, focuses on really helping people, preventative care, on cures and that doesn't create an extreme tax burden on regular Americans. The current U.S. healthcare system focuses on making huge profits by ripping sick people off. One of the realities of the marketplace is that big pharma companies have a monopoly on every non-generic drug they produce. This results in monopoly pricing that allows U.S. companies to artificially inflate medicine prices for astronomical profits and patients either have to pay or not have access to the medicines they need to survive.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Our foreign policy should reflect the same basic decency as our domestic policy. We should have trade deals that encourage fair wages for workers and prosperity for Americans and everyone. We should stand for peace and unity, not war and division, love, not hate. Stand against the abuse, torture, and incarceration of innocent people including children. War is not fun, it's not a game, we will go to war to defend what's right and we owe it to our soldiers and to all Americans to only go to war when it is absolutely necessary, to protect ourselves or take a stand against humanitarian violations.

OTHER ISSUES: We need more unity amongst all people, black, white, or brown. We need better police community relations, I will fight harassment, unjust use of force including deadly force and work to establish a mutual respect between our communities and our police. In my district we have known police community relations to be a real problem we have faced for years and years but now with video and cell phones it is more evident to those that have not personally experienced the trauma. I believe most cops are good people and I know most people in our communities are good people, there is no reason why we can't improve training, accountability and establish a mutual respect between our communities and our police.

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RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

6-year term. Must be at least 25 years old, a Texas resident, and a registered voter. Regulates the energy industry, including preventing pollution, well plugging and site remediation, pipeline safety, and damage prevention, surface mining of coal and uranium, gas utility rates, and alternative fuels.

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

Pipelines: What are your recommendations relating to regulation of pipelines?

Natural Resources: How do you plan to balance oil, gas, and mining interests with protection of natural resources?

Other Issues: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing for the Railroad Commission?



Kelly Stone (D) Railroad Commissioner

BACKGROUND: As an educator, I've implemented harm reduction strategies to improve health, taught capstone college courses regarding policies, laws, & regs affecting individuals & families at local, state, & fed levels. As an environmental activist, I've worked to clean up litter & pollution, encourage waste consciousness, change consumer behavior, & advocated for environmental policy.

PIPELINES: Kinder Morgan & Whitewater Midstream & all pipeline companies must conduct environmental impact studies first. Construction & Operation of these pipelines could impact health at Jacob's Well, Cypress Creek, Blanco River, Barton Springs, San Marcos River and Pecos, Dimmit, Kenedy, Maverick, La Salle, Duval, Jim Wells, Nueces, Gillespie, Blanco, Hays & Caldwell counties.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Balancing interests vs. protections? The RRC's protection of oil & gas interests have far outweighed that of our natural resources. In order to find balance, I'd increase protections of natural resources by denying permits for flaring & committing to the initiatives of the GND, transitioning to healthy outcomes & full employment as we eliminate crude oil export by 2040.

OTHER ISSUES: We must change the name of the Railroad Commission. Comprised of 3-statewide elected officials, the RRC has nothing to do with railroads & everything to do with oil, gas, & pipelines. Until it becomes more transparent to voters, the intentionally confusing name continues to allow the tyranny of Big Oil, regulating itself w/o regard for the climate crisis or our environment

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Chrysta Castaneda (D) Railroad Commissioner

BACKGROUND: I am an engineer, oil and gas attorney, community organizer and mom, with over 30 years of experience working in and around the oil and gas industry. I know both the law and the business of oil and gas and will work tirelessly to get the Railroad Commission back on track in enforcing our environmental protections and safety regulations.

PIPELINES: The Commission oversees pipeline safety for intrastate pipelines and we need to update those regulations to meet today's standards. Laying new pipelines creates challenges beyond the Commission's powers, and addressing those challenges will require the Legislature to act. I'll use my expertise to press for a framework that includes transparency and public input.

NATURAL RESOURCES: We must enforce existing laws prohibiting flaring, the harmful practice of burning natural gas. It wastes our natural resources, takes revenues away from our state and causes environmental and health concerns. I will use my expertise to deploy alternative technologies that will reduce the amount of flaring, convert it to usable electricity and clean up our air.

OTHER ISSUES: We need to reduce harmful methane emissions. Methane escapes through leakage, aging equipment, and intentional venting, which is against the law. I will improve the detection and enforcement programs. We can use drones equipped with infrared cameras to detect leaks. Education can improve prevention and we will need to better enforce existing laws.

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Roberto R. 'Beto' Alonzo (D) Railroad Commissioner

BACKGROUND: As a former State Representative, I know the law, legislative and the budget process which funds the RRC and other state agencies. As an experienced litigator, I can rule on appeals regarding oil and gas, pipeline, utility and environmental issues before the RRC an. Originally from Crystal City, I know the oil and gas issues impacting both rural and urban communities.

PIPELINES: The Legislature should enact laws to ensure that regulation of pipelines is meaningful. An application for a permit should require comprehensive information regarding routes, economic, environmental and historical impact, and not based on a simple form. The exercise of Eminent Domain should be fair to all. Monitor compliance with rules and regulations by industry.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Review and update provisions to allow development, reduction of waste while protecting the environment. Ensure that the public has notice of development and impactful changes in their area and opportunity to submit input on the proposals. Study cost effective methods to reduce flaring in order to reduce waste and increase access to pipelines.

OTHER ISSUES: Monitor the relationship between drilling and seismicity and support innovation in drilling processes including the use of water in fracking. Encourage the use of alternative fuels. Review agency processes for award of contracts, compliance with

Biographical and Contact Information: Education: University of Texas at Austin Thurgood Marshall School of Law; Website: <http://alonzo4txrrcommissioner.com/>; Twitter: twitter.com/alonzo_for HUB and diversity in hiring at all levels. Monitor practices in the field to increase worker safety.



Mark Watson (D) Railroad Commissioner

BACKGROUND: I have directly participated in drilling oil and gas wells in Texas. I have worked for Exxon, J. Ray McDermott, and the EPA. In the last twenty years I have watched the growing influence of the energy industry on the RRC. Texas has a proud history of protecting her natural resources. I will promote smart energy production to help hardworking men and women of Texas.

PIPELINES: Safety first. Pipelines account for 70% of oil transport in the US. I will ensure that companies regularly inspect and maintain pipelines to prevent environmental hazards. Care must be taken to protect property owners from abusive use of eminent domain. Pipelines are absolutely essential to the Texas Oil Economy. Adopt newest pipeline technology and materials.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Protecting Texas energy resources and the environment is a primary objective of the RRC. The intelligent

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and safe production of energy resources overlaps with best practices in the oil patch. I will err on protecting the environment and the health of Texas energy resources. The RRC will ensure that smart energy practices take priority in the Texas Oil and Gas Industry.

OTHER ISSUES: We need smart energy practices. Flaring is the practice of burning unused gas from oil wells causing air pollution in beautiful West Texas skies and elsewhere. Coal mining reclamation decisions by RRC allow mining companies to leave behind toxic material, destroying value and causing dangerous contamination. Today's RRC favors big business over hardworking Texans.

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CHIEF JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT

6-year term. Must be age 35-74 years, a U.S. citizen, a Texas resident, licensed to practice law in Texas, a registered voter, and have at least 10 years of experience as a lawyer or judge. Hears final appeals of decisions on civil cases, juvenile cases, and attorney discipline, issuing writs of mandamus/habeas corpus, and conducting proceedings for removal of judges.

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

Judicial Selection: Texas is one of a few states that elects judges. What changes in the judicial selection process would you recommend, if any?

Standards: What changes, if any, are needed to provide better protection to

the public regarding rules and standards for the legal profession?

Responsibility: Which responsibility of a Texas Supreme Court justice is your highest priority and how do you intend to accomplish it?

Other Issues: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing for the Supreme Court?

JUSTICE, TEXAS SUPREME COURT



Amy Clark Meachum (D) Chief Justice, Supreme Court

BACKGROUND: For almost a decade, I have presided over thousands of proceedings and trials in the types of cases for which the Texas Supreme Court has jurisdiction: civil, family and administrative appeals. I am a guest lecturer with the Texas Center for Legal Ethics, a member of the Administrative Law Council, and before taking the bench, practiced at two of the best firms in Texas.

JUDICIAL SELECTION: The State should help voters by sending an information packet to each voter and providing that information at polling locations. The packet should contain background information, qualifications, and a statement of judicial philosophy for each candidate. That information would assist voters to make an informed selection and would reduce campaign costs for candidates.

STANDARDS: Texas should increase public membership and participation on the Committee on Disciplinary Rules and Referenda, which reviews and recommends proposed changes in Texas lawyer-ethics rules. Currently, under the Texas Government Code, just 2 of 9 are public members. Also, persons who file grievances against lawyers should be allowed to participate throughout the process.

RESPONSIBILITY: The Code of Judicial Conduct requires a judge to perform duties "impartially and diligently" and to be "faithful to the law."

We need to restore a balanced judiciary on the Texas Supreme Court. I am committed to deciding all cases fairly and impartially, rather than on a result-oriented, partisan basis that favors special interests. Texans--and the law--deserve no less.

OTHER ISSUES: The ethics rules governing Texas lawyers are 30 years out of date. That's because the rule-making process overseen by the Texas Supreme Court has failed repeatedly. Texas last adopted major rule changes in 1989. By contrast, the American Bar Association has amended the Model Rules of Professional Conduct almost 100 times since then. The Court must do a better job.

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Jerry Zimmerer (D) Chief Justice, Supreme Court

BACKGROUND: I have a broad legal and business background. BA-Houston Baptist University, JD-South Texas College of Law Houston, LL.M. International Law-UofH, LL.M. Health Law-UofH. Ethics Internship-MD Anderson Cancer Center, Advisory Board - UofH Health Law & Policy Institute, Law firm with broad litigation experience. What others are saying <http://tinyurl.com/JerryZimmererYouTube>

JUDICIAL SELECTION: Texans want balance on the courts. Our founding fathers did not trust lawyers, judges or politicians. The only way to keep judges responsive is to make them accountable to the voters. Today, as Democrats start winning elections, Republicans are seeking to change the selection process to keep themselves in office. I believe Texans see this for what it is.

STANDARDS: The Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct are constantly undergoing changes, including some amendments earlier this year. The intent is to increase protections for the public. As Chief Justice, I will support efforts to protect the public from unscrupulous acts by members of the legal profession.

RESPONSIBILITY: The highest responsibility of the Supreme Court is to ensure fairness and balance in the interpretation and application of law. For far too many years, only Republicans, most appointed by Governor Abbot or Perry, sit on the Texas Supreme Court as this guardian. I will help bring balance to the Texas Supreme Court.

OTHER ISSUES: I believe gerrymandering and public education may come before the Texas Supreme Court.

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Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6, Unexpired Term


Kathy Cheng (D)
 Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6

BACKGROUND: For over nineteen years, I represented clients in complex commercial litigation matters, contested divorce and probate cases, tax matters and real estate cases, which are some of the potential types of cases that the Texas Supreme Court hears. I also served as adjudication officer for the City of Houston for the past six years.

JUDICIAL SELECTION: The beauty of democracy is that citizens can vote for individuals who they believe reflect their values, which in the State of Texas includes the election of judges. If that choice turns out to be a bad choice, being able to vote elected officials out of office is a mechanism to hold said officials accountable. As such, I see no need for change at the present time.

STANDARDS: As time evolves, the means of disseminating the rules and standards for the legal profession shall also evolve. With the ease of digital accessibility, there should be more educational information available to the general public by digital means of the rules and standards governing said profession so that the general population are better informed as to their rights.

RESPONSIBILITY: Being an efficient, fair justice who upholds the law and educate our citizens of the significance of the judicial system are my top priorities. By understanding and practicing the true meaning of the phrase, "justice for all" so justice is truly afforded to all regardless of ethnicity, race, gender, faith, age, sexual orientation, etc., I am achieving those priorities.

OTHER ISSUES: With the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision to refrain from hearing challenges of partisan gerrymandering, partisan gerrymandering cases will now go before the Texas Supreme Court, which is an example of how this Court impacts its citizens even though the citizens themselves may never go before this Court.

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Larry Praeger (D)
 Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6

BACKGROUND: I have been practicing law for more than 30 years. I have extensive trial experience and have argued before every civil court in the state. I am A-V rated by Martindale-Hubbell and Board Certified in Family Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. I represented individuals and small business. I have served five years on the grievance committee of the State Bar.

JUDICIAL SELECTION: In the small counties, the current system works well with the voluntary restrictions on campaigns. In the larger counties, where much more money is needed, the current system does not work well. I would recommend that the state publish a listing of all the statewide judicial candidates, their background, and experience, and send it to each registered voter.

STANDARDS: My experience tells me that there should be additional investigative and legal staff to serve the committee. This would shorten the time between when a citizen files a complaint against an attorney and the time that it is adjudicated. I would recommend that the state commission on judicial conduct remove the category of "private reprimand."

RESPONSIBILITY: All of the duties of the Supreme Court Justice are important. The overriding duty of the Supreme Court Justice, however, is to see that an individual trial has been conducted fairly in accordance with the rules and constitutional protections. A Supreme Court Justice is the ultimate guardian of the trial process, and the protector of an individual's liberties.

OTHER ISSUES: The Supreme Court also has the duty to establish and amend rules governing trial procedure in the trial in appellate courts and the rules of evidence. I would use my experience and familiarity with the trial courts to emphasize pre-trial practice and request that trial judges rule on admissibility of exhibits prior to a jury being empaneled.

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Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7


Staci Williams (D)
 Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7

BACKGROUND: I am in my second term as a trial court Judge in the 101st District Court. I have served as an arbitrator for DART, USPS, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, NASD/FINRA, and the Washington Metropolitan Airport Board. My experience includes in-house corporate counsel positions in multiple industries, as well as a trial attorney and administrative judge for the EEOC.

JUDICIAL SELECTION: Ideally, I would like to see the money come out of judicial races and have the State send out materials to registered voters detailing the experience and qualifications of candidates for judicial positions.

STANDARDS: Before proposing any changes it is important that we first identify what the perceived problems are, whether existing rules and standards will address the issue and, if they don't, formulate rules that are narrowly tailored to address the issues.

RESPONSIBILITY: To impartially apply the law to cases that come before the Court, in a way that delivers real justice.

OTHER ISSUES: There are a number of them, but I do not wish to violate the Canon of Judicial Ethics by taking a position on any particular issue.

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Brandy Voss (D)
 Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7

BACKGROUND: I have practiced appellate law for seventeen years. I have been board certified in civil appellate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization for ten years. I spent five years working as a staff attorney at the Texas Supreme Court and at the Thirteenth Court of Appeals. I estimate that I have participated in nearly 1,000 appellate proceedings during my career.

JUDICIAL SELECTION: I believe there is no perfect system for selecting judges. I support a thorough exploration of various methods and the benefits and drawbacks of each before any change to the judicial selection process is made. I do trust our voting public to make the correct choice if that remains as the Texas method for selecting judges.

STANDARDS: Juries are the voice of our communities in the courtroom, and the Constitutional right to a jury trial is the public's last defense against governmental oppression. While I believe the ethical rules prohibit me from speaking publicly about specific proposed rule changes, I believe any rule changes must be geared toward protecting the right to a jury trial.

RESPONSIBILITY: In today's toxic political environment, public confidence in all our civic institutions is falling. I will prioritize strengthening judicial independence—courts should be free from political attacks and intimidation. Also, our state's highest court needs more debate, more diversity, and more dissent before overturning the decisions of juries performing their civic duty.

OTHER ISSUES: The need to fund legal services to ensure our courts are accessible to all, especially the most vulnerable, has been advocated by both parties' jurists and political leaders. This call to action requires a greater sense of urgency, or our courts risk being even further removed from the most vulnerable and undermining trust in the principle of justice of justice for all.

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Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8


Peter Kelly (D)
 Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8

BACKGROUND: My over two decades' experience and training as an appellate advocate uniquely qualify me for the Texas Supreme Court (see my online CV for list of private practice accomplishments). On a nine-person court of discretionary review, simply voting in dissent does not advance the cause of fairness for all; a justice must be able to persuade other justices to join in.

JUDICIAL SELECTION: Until the state can devise an appointment system truly impervious to political pressure, I would leave the system as it is, but perhaps consider term limits.

STANDARDS: More funding for current programs for public education, and continuation of current efforts for more transparency in the State Bar's self-policing function.

RESPONSIBILITY: To render justice equitably and fairly, without regard to the perceived financial or political might of any of the litigants, and in so doing amplify and preserve our common law traditions of fairness.

OTHER ISSUES: Access to justice is a continuing problem for the judicial system, and will be until there is the political will for increased funding for legal services for those who cannot afford them. The Court must also work to accommodate Texas's increasing diversity--devising rules for translators, ensuring open and equal access to facilities, etc.

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Gisela D. Triana (D)
 Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8

BACKGROUND: For over 24 years, I have served as a judge in Texas. I worked my way up from Municipal Court to Justice of the Peace, to County Court, to District Court, and most recently, to the Appellate Court. If elected, I will be the only person on the TX Supreme Court who has served at every level of the judiciary. Most of my 31-year legal career has been devoted to public service.

JUDICIAL SELECTION: A legitimate discussion, if there was a nonpartisan way to select judges that Texans could trust. The problem is the timing: after the party that has been in power for decades (and the beneficiary of partisan elections of judges) begins to lose that power, it makes the concern seem self-interested. Texans have clearly shown a preference for electing judges, I support that.

STANDARDS: I believe the legal profession should emulate the medical profession and prohibit lawyers from becoming romantically involved with their clients while their case is active. There is great risk for conflict of interests and the parties are not in equal positions.

RESPONSIBILITY: Being just and fair. Opinions should be based on the Rule of Law, not on personal or political bias. Texans deserve a level playing field, to be treated equally and to have their constitutional rights protected regardless of race, religion, nationality, gender, age, sexual orientation, disability or economic status. I have striven to do this for 24 years and will continue.

OTHER ISSUES: Restoring balance to the Court. Currently, all members are Republican. 7 of the 9, were initially political appointments by a Republican Governor. Our founders were wise to create a jury system that brought people from different walks of life, with different experiences to judge a case. We need diversity of thought on the Court, as well. It makes for better jurisprudence.

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JUDGE, TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

6-year term. Must be age 35-74 years, a U.S. citizen, a Texas resident, licensed to practice law in Texas, a registered voter and have at least 10 years experience as a lawyer or judge. Reviews all death penalty cases and applications for habeas corpus in felony cases, hears final appeals on criminal cases and administers publicly funded judicial and attorney education..

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

Mental Health: How should the Court of Criminal Appeals address mental health issues of those who come before the court?

Access to Justice: What opportunities are there, if any, to improve the

state's indigent defense system in criminal cases?

Responsibility: Which responsibility of a Court of Criminal Appeals judge is your highest priority and how do you intend to accomplish it?

Other Issues: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing for the Court of Criminal Appeals?

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3


Dan Wood (D)
 Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3

BACKGROUND: Board certified in Criminal Appellate Law. Baylor Law graduate. Practiced law 32 years, including criminal trials, appeals, writ applications, as a prosecutor and defense counsel. Argued cases before TX Court of Criminal Appeals, TX courts of appeal and the U.S. 5th Cir. Filed applications for certiorari and briefing with the U.S. Supreme Court.

MENTAL HEALTH: Mentally disabled person must be protected and afforded adequate opportunity to present evidence and address issues related to mental illness and intellectual disabilities. The Court must provide guidance to practitioners and courts below in its opinions with emphasis that protects persons with mental health issues.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: 1. The Court can and must continue to support training and continuing legal education for attorneys who represent indigent defendants. 2. Indigent defense attorneys must be supported and compensated adequately to ensure effective assistance of counsel to indigent defendants. 3. Cash bail should not be used to incarcerate the poor before trial for no other reason than they cannot raise funds to hire a bonding company. 4. Mass incarceration and the disparity of incarceration rates of minorities and the poor must be reduced by adequate study and implementation of rule changes in partnership with the legislative and executive branches.

RESPONSIBILITY: Treating parties before the Court equally and fairly is a hallmark of the rule of law. The parties must be given the opportunity to develop the record adequately for their issues to be properly addressed. In death penalty cases, the Court must be open to allowing defendants to present their cases in as complete a fashion as possible.

OTHER ISSUES: The Timothy Cole tragedy is an example of wrongful incarceration that has been the subject of a Court commission study. The lessons learned from that study must be implemented fully and the Court must be ever mindful of the damage wrongful incarceration has on

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Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3

people, the rule of law and the justice system.

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Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3



Elizabeth Davis Frizell (D) Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3

• City of Princeton, Municipal Court Judge; • City of Judge; • The Frizell Firm

MENTAL HEALTH: The Court of Criminal Appeals should ensure that trial courts examine mentally ill defendants for their capacity to know the difference between right and wrong as well as whether a mental illness affected their judgement and was properly asserted and applied for sentencing purposes.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: We should require internships similar to internships in the medical field where newly licensed attorneys work for government agencies, firms and solo practitioners doing trial work and appellate work for at least one year prior to becoming licensed. This will give non-profit and pro bono agencies more attorneys to handle an increased case load, while giving indigent defendants and civil respondents much needed legal representation.

RESPONSIBILITY: Death Penalty Cases. My priority is to ensure defendants sentenced to capital punishment, have cases reviewed regardless of the date the death penalty is scheduled to be implemented. Rather than implementing Stays of execution, the sentence should be commuted to life imprisonment until the appellate process is complete.

OTHER ISSUES: Wrongful convictions. We should examine the case law premise that there are many trials which occur at the state court level that have errors, but frequently the errors are not considered to be reversible error. This prevents many defendants from receiving a fair trial.

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William Pieratt Demond (D) Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3

compliance review of subpoenas to doctors); filed 19-676 at the Supreme Court; pierced grand jury secrecy; & CLE instructor regarding constitutional law.

MENTAL HEALTH: The Court should dispense with its unconstitutional “adaptive functioning analysis” in death penalty cases involving mental health issues, follow the medical community’s adaptive-functioning inquiry on adaptive deficits, and voluntarily honor U.S. Supreme Court jurisprudence concerning the death penalty (rather than being repeatedly reversed because it refuses to do so).

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: Monitoring appointments to ensure caseloads do not render appointed counsel ineffective, establishing public defenders’ offices in counties that do not have them (thereby facilitating additional training to the indigent defense community), and providing reliable resources for investigators, scientific testing, and mental health evaluations.

RESPONSIBILITY: Protecting the People’s constitutional rights (especially in death penalty cases and for unrepresented inmates in habeas corpus proceedings); by retraining (or replacing) my staff, by prohibiting the closure of the courthouse to those seeking emergency relief, and by adjusting technological policies to facilitate communication when emergency relief is sought.

OTHER ISSUES: Actual innocence standards, the Court’s 2010 elimination of factual sufficiency review (despite its existence under Texas law since 1837), death penalty jurisprudence, and ineffective assistance of counsel.

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Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4



Tina Clinton (D) Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4

court judge, a criminal defense attorney and a prosecutor specializing in criminal cases in Texas. I have experience with over 400 trials.

MENTAL HEALTH: The Court of Criminal Appeals is an appellate court so issues of mental health raised on appeal are the issues that may be addressed. The Court of Criminal Appeals also funds education programs and grants for judges, lawyers and prosecutors. I believe that expanding that funding for increased mental health education in law would make a vast difference.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: I believe there are two avenues of improvement. First, to review cases of ineffective assistance closely and with a critical eye. One consideration might be outright ineffective assistance for not doing one’s job. The other can possible be because attorneys are carrying too high of a caseload based on assignments. Both instances should be reviewed carefully. Second, the Court of Criminal Appeals funds education, programs and grants for judges, lawyers who work in indigent defense and prosecutors as well as court personnel. I think the administering of these grants, programs and education liberally and requesting more funding from the legislature so we can robustly tackle education throughout the system would improve the state’s criminal justice system on indigent defense.

RESPONSIBILITY: (1) Speak to the Legislature about their attempts at bail reform laws. 2) I believe the Court receives 5000 habeas writs plus per year. This work is tasked to staff attorneys. These cases raise issues of actual innocence, ineffective assistance, and other reviews. We should review the need to increase staff so each case may be given full consideration.

OTHER ISSUES: One of the tasks of the Court is to help provide (1) grants for technical assistance projects to judges and court personnel, and (2) grants for innocence training programs. I believe these areas needs to be aggressively administered and expanded to help access to justice throughout the State. Many areas do not have funds for technical assistance or education otherwise.

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Steven Miears (D)
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4

BACKGROUND: I am Board Certified in Criminal Law and Criminal Appellate Law. For 7 years I have been named a “Super Lawyer” in criminal law by Texas Monthly. I have handled over 125 cases as lead counsel on appeal. I have represented persons at

trial and on appeal in many death penalty cases. My website has a link to watch an oral argument I did, and opinions of my cases on appeal.
MENTAL HEALTH: The Court must address how to define intellectual disability for purposes of the death penalty. It has failed to do this even though directed to by the Supreme Court. The Court fails to make sure that indigent inmates with mental illness are appointed lawyers at every stage of the writ of habeas corpus process. Many of these inmates have no access to attorneys.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: The Texas Indigent Defense Commission has no authority to sanction counties which have failed to implement or follow a proper indigent defense plan. While each county must have a plan, there is no enforcement authority to police these plans. The good ol’ boy system still encourages trial judges to not follow a wheel system for appointments of competent lawyers, especially in death penalty cases. The creation of state-wide standards for the appointment of attorneys in felony cases would assure competent representation and development of competent criminal defense lawyers. A plan’s use of flat fees paid to appointed attorneys and investigators encourages and rewards ineffective assistance of counsel. The development everywhere of online portals for appointed lawyers to access the court’s file and DA discovery is needed. And ability to talk to inmates on webcams would assist communication.

RESPONSIBILITY: The highest priority of a CCA judge is to review cases where the death penalty has been given. This occurs on direct appeal from the trial and on writs of habeas corpus. I will not leave this duty to clerks. I will personally read every record. I will not “go along to get along” with other judges on the CCA who refuse to examine the death penalty under current laws.

OTHER ISSUES: The most pressing issue for the CCA will be processing writs of habeas corpus filed by inmates. Last year the CCA handled over 3,500 writs. Each of these writs deserves personal attention from the Judge it is assigned to. These writs continue to bring to the attention of the CCA pervasive incompetence by appointed lawyers, prosecutorial misconduct, and bad forensic experts.

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Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 9

Brandon Birmingham (D) – Uncontested

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 9

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

This election is to fill the remainder of the term due to incumbent resignation. 2 year term. Must be 21 or older, a US citizen, resident of Texas and the district represented. Responsible for representing the citizens of the district in the Texas House of Representatives.

REDISTRICTING: Are you in favor of a nonpartisan redistricting commission? Aside from the creation of a nonpartisan redistricting commission, how would you ensure that the process is fair and protects communities of interest?

RAINY DAY FUND: What uses are appropriate, in your opinion, for the Rainy Day fund?

GUN SAFETY: Do you support measures to combat gun violence

such as red flag laws and universal background checks?

VOTING: Are you supportive of election modernization measures like online voter registration?

OTHER ISSUES: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of the Texas Legislature and what is your position on these issues?

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James Armstrong III (D) – No response

State Representative, District 100



Jasmine Felicia Crockett (D)
State Representative, District 100

REDISTRICTING: Yes, but we have got to go a little deeper than a nonpartisan commission. We need to make sure our potential commissioners are reflective of the communities we serve. We need people from diverse backgrounds. We must add an element of chance to

this, as well, and vet those that are considered as commissioners to ensure that they have not been political operatives, lobbyists, etc. So for instance if there is a vetted list of potential commissioners that includes 100 names and if the goal is to get to 10 commissioners, we should then draw names. You see, too much is on the line for us not to add as many layers of protection to this process, as possible.

RAINY DAY FUND: Texas’ Rainy Day Fund is in excess of \$11Billion today. Originally set up in 1987 to support our state in times of economic hardship Republican lawmakers have routinely refused to access its billions on behalf of their constituents. Innovative programs to benefit public education, utilizing the leadership of Teach for America and its findings to create positive outcomes, in addition to investing in more trade programs for those that don’t want to attend college, as well as these programs and apprenticeships for those that have been incarcerated and need to reintegrate into society in a meaningful way.

GUN SAFETY: To feel fully free, a citizenry must feel safe. Gone are carefree school days and snuggling on a date safely in a theater. As a representative serving HD 100 we must gather as legislators to enact laws that make it clear our goal is to protect families and children. Red Flag laws and background checks are just the beginning. Like gerrymandering we must find common ground and work effectively in a bipartisan manner to create these protections. We must have courageous people in Austin. One specific piece of legislation that is not as widely discussed that I also plan to push for, is a requirement that everyone that owns a gun, be licensed to own it. This would allow us to have a tracking mechanism and at least know who has guns. Finally, one of our main campaign themes is that “we can’t do this alone.” It is my intention to assist other candidates that are seeking to flip the house, in November.

VOTING: While online voter registration is an interesting alternative, it needs to be well researched and secure. Overall, It is anti-democratic not

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to support measures that allow for additional access to the ballot box. Unfortunately, every legislative session, in Texas, I have to hold my breath and pray that they don't pass another wave of voter suppression laws. In fact, this past legislative session, I testified against yet another bill which sought to keep minorities, the elderly, the disabled, college students, etc. from the ballot box. These games cannot be tolerated. People's everyday lives are effected by their elected officials and we must ensure that their voices are heard. We live in a democracy, but sometimes, I scratch my head and ask if those in power understand the definition of democracy. My testimony can be viewed by clicking the youtube link above.

OTHER ISSUES: Criminal Justice - I plan on immediately working on legislation that increases the age of majority to 18 instead of 17, deleting the conflicts that exists between Texas laws and Federal laws, in criminal justice. I plan to push for options that will improve the economic opportunities for those that have been incarcerated so that recidivism will be decreased. I also plan to push for more rehabilitative efforts for those charged in low level drug offenses so that our prisons are full with people that present a danger to our communities. Bail reform legislation is another top priority as we don't have a "debtor's prison" in this country, but so many times, now a days, it is apparent that we definitely have some iteration of a debtor's prison. Mental Health - More money must be set aside for mental health. Property Tax Relief - Property tax relief has to be given as people across my entire district are stressed about if they will lose their homes.

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Sandra Jonelle Crenshaw (D)
State Representative, District 100

REDISTRICTING: Yes, I am very much in favor of a nonpartisan redistricting committee. I am an active member of former US Attorney Eric Holder's and former President Barack Obama's efforts to move the country to drawing political boundaries, with a commission. I have met with the California redistricting committee, and I found very few problems. I began drawing political lines during the 1991 lawsuit against the 14-1 City of Dallas single-member districts. From there, I have been on our state legislative committee to help draw house and Congressional lines in Dallas. The State of congressional races are single members, but the City of Dallas has led me to believe that the nonpartisan committee selected by the city council is fruitless, when their appointees are given dictates as to how the lines should be drawn. Therefore, I believe that there should be no communication with appointees, during these deliberations.

RAINY DAY FUND: Education and facilities for the mental ill.

GUN SAFETY: No crime, not even gun violence, can be addressed until we rid the communities of illegal drugs. The presence of illegal drugs alters the minds of individuals. We must protect our selves against persons who are mentally impaired by drugs. I met with a committee of the NRA, while in Dallas. Many veterans, who are members of the NRA, do not want the mental illness stigma associated with them. Therefore, they go undiagnosed. Our education, in Texas, is very good about combating school bullying. More should be done about that where adults are concerned. We also need to address financing facilities, for the mentally ill.

VOTING: Technology is convenient, I would not be opposed to online voter registration. However, I believe that an uninformed voter is a danger to democracy. I do not support straight ticket by either party. Education and civic involvement is key to our democratic process.

OTHER ISSUES: Again, funding for education is imperative, if we want to compete in the world market. It is time that we finance mental illness facilities. Either this, or we continue to pay through the burden on housing, convention business, crime, and health issues. I, personally, sought mental health assistance for depression, in 2008. I fight, each day, against the stigma. I run, each year, to bring about awareness to our communities. For many years, Houston state representative, Garnet Coleman, chaired the Health and Human Services committee. He is diagnosed with a mental illness, yet he is nationally known through the country. And we benefit from the contributions, via his expertise.

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Lorraine Birabil (D)
State Representative, District 100

REDISTRICTING: Yes. Fairly drawn districts are vital to ensuring that every vote is represented and counted. Texans deserve representatives who embody their values. I am proud to have been a fierce advocate for voting rights. I have served as an Intervenor in the Texas Voter ID lawsuit that prevented an intentionally discriminatory law from being implemented. I also assisted in efforts to fight Texas' discriminatory redistricting plans. Next session, it is important that maps are drawn in a manner that is fair. As a state representative, I will continue to fight against discriminatory efforts in redistricting and work towards fair maps. A nonpartisan redistricting commission would be a step in the right direction to ensure that everyone's vote is fairly represented.

RAINY DAY FUND: It is important to have the Rainy Day fund in case of emergencies, but I do believe that the fund is now at a level that it can be used minimally to help fund necessary measures in our state. Our schools are underfunded leading to rising property taxes. While the Legislature made strides to address this last session, there is still work to be done. I believe that dollars from the Rainy Day fund could be used to better fund our public schools and ensure that every child receives a good education. Additionally, this could alleviate the burden on local taxpayers.

GUN SAFETY: In the wake of recent mass shootings, we must prioritize sensible gun violence prevention legislation next session. I support upholding the Constitution and the right to bear arms, but we must enact new laws to limit the type of firearms on our streets and ensure only responsible gun owners have access. I am in support of enacting "red flag" laws and universal background checks. Following the tragic shooting in Orlando, Florida acted and as a result passed "red flag" laws. It is now our turn to act following our recent tragedies. Additionally, I am in support of banning assault weapons and imposing magazine limits.

VOTING: I have been very active in the voting rights fight. I believe that we must all do our part to ensure that everyone has their constitutional right to vote and are not discriminated against. Implementing measures like online voter registration, automatic voter registration and same-day registration are measures I would support and be vocal about. If given the chance to serve, I will be a fierce advocate for voting rights.

OTHER ISSUES: As a product of public schools, I know how important it is for each child to have the opportunity to attend good public schools. We must do our part and properly fund our public schools. Education should be a pathway to realizing potential, not a pipeline to poverty or prison. Second, it is long past due for the State to expand Medicaid. If we were to expand Medicaid today, over one million Texans would immediately gain the healthcare coverage they need and deserve. My daughter never had the chance to meet her grandmother but had Texas expanded Medicaid, her grandmother would have had the critical healthcare coverage she needed as she fought cancer, and my daughter may have had that chance. And finally, we must ensure that every eligible voter has the right to vote and that their vote counts. At all levels, our voting rights are under attack, and I will continue fighting discrimination and voter suppression. The ability to vote is central to addressing all issues of importance in our state.

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Paul K Stafford (D)
State Representative, District 100

REDISTRICTING: Your vote is your voice. Our republic requires it, and our democracy depends upon it. Texas needs to ensure that Texans are not denied the right to vote, and the right to have every vote matter. I am in favor of a nonpartisan redistricting commission; however, any redistricting commission in a primarily two-party state such as Texas will by its very nature be partisan or have partisan results - such as the selection of commission members, redistricting views advocated by commission members, and actionable recommendations of commission members and the commission. Communities and voters in Texas HD100 deserve fairness and demand a voice, and as the HD100 Representative I would ensure that any redistricting commission would prioritize principles over politics, and would require strict adherence to federal (Voting Rights Acts), state, and local laws intended to protect the right of every Texan to have their vote counted in the selection of their representatives

RAINY DAY FUND: The Texas Economic Stabilization ("Rainy Day") Fund is a reserve fund intended for use to address the needs of Texans in times of need. According to 2019 estimates, the Rainy Day Fund could total \$15 Billion by the beginning of the 87th Legislative Session in January 2021. That's a lot of money not to be using. There are many key issues and needs which must be addressed in HD100 and throughout Texas - proper funding and resources for public education, health care access and affordability, public safety and reduction in gun violence, economic opportunity and development - and these issues have a significant impact on the lives of every Texan. I have listened to HD100. They want a representative who understands that it's "raining" right now, and they deserve a representative who has the courage to act and govern. I am that representative.

GUN SAFETY: After each gun violence tragedy, I, along with a caring community yearning for change, send out "thoughts and prayers" to the victims and their families; however, I also pray for our government officials who have the power to reduce gun violence, but lack the political courage to do so. With over 200 homicides in 2019 (40 occurring in May) Dallas must address the epidemic of gun violence that it is experiencing. Our public safety must be a priority. I support proper background checks, red-flag laws, and limitations or bans on assault weapons or certain types of ammunition. In addition, our criminal justice system and bail system need continued reform. Based upon my professional and personal experience (as both a criminal prosecutor and defense attorney, as well as a civil litigator), I have an extensive understanding of the importance of public safety and protecting victims' rights, as well as protecting civil liberties and the rights of the accused.

VOTING: Voting is a right and a privilege, and it is critical to a functioning democracy and a healthy republic. We must ensure that our election infrastructure is efficient, effective, and consistent with modern society. As the representative of HD100, I would support online voter registration as well as providing additional opportunities for voters to register when applying for or utilizing government services. I would encourage voter participation through increased notice of elections. I would also support implementation of a 24-hour voting day, that would extend the voting day by 12 hours to permit voters who are unable to vote between 7a-7p to vote between 7a on one day and 7a on the following day. I would also support expanding the number of polling places as well as an investment in modernizing voting machines and voting lists to optimize efficiency and accuracy.

OTHER ISSUES: Our state and legislature must reaffirm that education is the key to opportunity and the continued vitality of our state. I support the 86th Legislature's House Bill 3 as a step in the right direction for public education, but more is needed. Education is a large part of who I am. I grew-up in Prairie View, where my parents taught at Prairie View A&M University. I attended public schools, I have taught at public schools, and I have three daughters who attended DISD public schools. Every child should have access to quality properly funded public schools, with proper resources, and the chance that I had to succeed. In addition, every Texan should have access to affordable quality health care. It is unacceptable that approximately 18% of Texans are uninsured - one of the highest percentages of uninsured adults and children in the nation. We must not only expand Medicaid, but expand access to affordable health care through funding of public health solutions, especially for the homeless and veterans.

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Daniel Davis Clayton (D)
State Representative, District 100

REDISTRICTING: To better govern the redistricting process, Texas should take up fair, non-discriminatory redistricting rules that adopt practices preventing discriminatory maps and place them before the voting public as amendments to the Texas Constitution. Those rules should also guard against partisan gerrymandering, which can no longer be blocked by federal judges as recently ruled by the supreme court. The common problem with a "nonpartisan" commission lies in the fact that participants are appointed by partisan officeholders, namely the Offices of the Governor and Lt. Governor. This configuration gives the appearance of nonpartisanship while appointees act strictly on behalf of their partisan sponsors. While there are typically a few truly non-partisan participants who inform and impact the process, namely subject matter experts, those voices are often overruled by

the voting majority on commissions constructed in this fashion.

RAINY DAY FUND: The Rainy Day Fund has historically been used to address one-time-cost budget shortfalls caused by swings in the economy, natural disasters such as tornadoes and hurricanes, or to prepare the state against future natural disasters such as flooding. I believe that one-time-costs should remain the focus of our rainy-day funds, otherwise we risk making the fund another arm of the state budget. I believe a portion of the fund can also be used to create infrastructure that protects water and further guards against drought. We should create a small business micro-lending program for individuals who are unemployable due to a criminal background as an effort to combat recidivism and increase public safety. I would like to see Texas create a one-time grant to further research renewable energy technologies at public universities.

GUN SAFETY: Guns are the 2nd leading cause of death among children and teens in Texas, between 2008 - 2017 gun deaths increased 14% in Texas, and from 2013 - 2017, 399 Texas women were fatally shot by an intimate partner. I support universal background checks, red flag laws, and a ban on military assault weapons to prevent urban gun violence, curb the suicide rate, and to prevent mass shootings in public spaces, schools, and places of worship. I also believe in hands-on leadership. In District 100 I've worked with the Dallas Police Department gang unit to help organize the Enough is Enough Stop the Gun Violence event late this summer. I also partnered with them for smaller more frequent community events to foster conversations with DPD and State Troopers to bridge the communications gap amongst residents. As a board member of the Ferguson Road Initiative, I worked with Weed and Seed and law enforcement in East Dallas to keep our neighborhoods safe.

VOTING: I believe in increasing access to the ballot box through on-line voter registration as well as same-day voter registration, a measure that has been passed in 17 states. Texas should take it a step further and make election day a state holiday. I also believe that laws regarding Deputy Voter Registrars are too restrictive and are designed to limit the ability of civic organizations to create state-wide voter registration programs. As a member of the Dallas County Vote Center Advisory Committee, I'm proud to have worked to allow county-wide voting on election day. As a private citizen, I served as a litigant in the lawsuit to stop the Texas Voter ID bill. I have managed voter protection programs across Texas through my role as the former state-wide field director for the Texas Democratic Party. Texas has a long history of limiting access to the ballot and we must remain vigilant.

OTHER ISSUES: HEALTHCARE: I served as the North Texas Regional Director for Enroll America, working with federal, state, and local governments to enroll over 400,000 North Texans into Obamacare over the course of two years. Our work is not done. Today there are still one million uninsured Texans and to close the gap, I will propose Medicaid Expansion as my top legislative priority. EDUCATION: While retaining all tools for teachers to control their classrooms, I will propose that Texas replace punishment at the elementary and middle school level with social emotional learning that

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builds the child's identity while teaching them to manage their emotions and relationships. I believe such a proposal would go far in dismantling the school to prison pipeline in Texas and create more safe environments in our public schools. CASH BAIL: I will propose legislation to reform the cash bail system in Texas. MARIJUANA REFORM: Texas should deregulate marijuana and develop a regulatory and tax system similar to alcohol.

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Ana-Maria Ramos (D) – Uncontested

State Representative, District 102

State Representative, District 103

Rafael M Anchia (D) – Uncontested

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State Representative, District 104

Jessica Gonzalez (D) – Uncontested

State Representative, District 104

State Representative, District 105

Terry Meza (D) – Uncontested

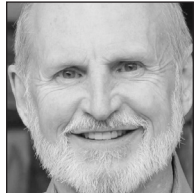
State Representative, District 105

State Representative, District 107

Victoria Neave (D) – Uncontested

State Representative, District 107

State Representative, District 108



Tom Ervin (D)

State Representative, District 108

REDISTRICTING: Yes - district maps should be fair, and adhere to the rules set for them. Republicans as well as Democrats should not be able to draw districts that favor their parties, and ensuring fair maps will allow for competitive elections that will keep elected

officials honest and active within their districts.

RAINY DAY FUND: Natural or other catastrophic events - since many of the catastrophic events have been influenced by the climate crisis, it is time to discuss using a portion of the annual revenue received by the Rainy Day Fund to provide investment capital for green energy sources. The allocation to the State Highway Fund expires in December 2024. State pensions for employees and teachers must remain solvent, foster care, and health benefits associated with the pension plans are also appropriate uses for the RDF.

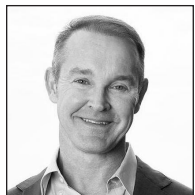
GUN SAFETY: Yes - I support universal background checks, extreme risk/red flag laws, and other measures such as closing the gun show loophole that allows people to acquire guns while circumventing the law. I also will work to enact laws that prohibit people with domestic abuse convictions from acquiring weapons, as the data shows that they put others -- especially women -- at risk of gun violence. While I support the second amendment, I refuse to support the second amendment that has been bought and paid for by the NRA. Weapons of war should not be allowed on our streets, in our schools, our shopping malls or places of worship. I do not support efforts to arm teachers or school administrators.

VOTING: Yes - we should make every effort to make voting easier, not harder. I support online voter registration as well as overturning restrictive Voter ID laws that disenfranchise people of color, the poor, and the elderly and the disabled. I support mobile voting centers that allow college students and the elderly to vote at locations that are closest and most accessible to them. I will OPPOSE any efforts to disenfranchise ex-felons, young people, and the elderly as well as any other at risk population.

OTHER ISSUES: As always, Medicaid Expansion will be an important issue. I support Medicaid Expansion, and support efforts to put the measure on the ballot to allow for Texans to vote on it rather than wait for partisan politics to continue to hurt our neighbors. Increasing funding for public education will also be a priority. I will work to ensure the state pays 50% of public education funding from independent state funds, and work to remove the commercial property tax loophole that continues to rob our schools of more funding and burden homeowners with rising property taxes. Rising homelessness, especially among LGBTQ youth, the elderly, and the disabled, is a pressing issue that must be addressed in Texas and HD108. Increasing our stock of affordable housing and removing commercial property tax loopholes will alleviate property tax burden on homeowners.

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State Representative, District 108



Shawn D Terry (D)

State Representative, District 108

REDISTRICTING: I'm in support of an independent, non-partisan commission for redistricting. First, we would need to require a thorough application process that ensured applicants were qualified and had valuable expertise. Second, the commission would need to look like Texas; diverse not only in ethnicity but by region and partisanship. By having a commission that wasn't centered around the political or regional interests of a few big places, we could ensure checks and balances on the commission. I believe a nonpartisan commission would ensure that communities of a interest are represented unlike our current, hyper partisan model where the only objective is maximizing partisan representation for whatever party controls the process.

RAINY DAY FUND: I believe the primary purpose of our "Rainy Day" fund is to protect vital state services against budget cuts in the event of

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an economic downturn and to fund disaster recovery efforts. During the last recession, we did not use the fund to protect our schools against devastating cuts and I believe that was a mistake - and is one reason the fund is very large today. In limited cases, I would use a portion of the fund to help with costly reforms to state agencies that have been chronically underfunded and whose functions have been outsourced to private companies. Unfortunately, our state is ignoring the effects of climate change and this will likely require more emergency spending to deal with weather events.

GUN SAFETY: Yes. I support all of the major gun safety reforms that have been researched and advanced by groups like Everytown, Giffords and Moms Demand Action. While I support increased background checks, there is much more that can be done to keep guns out of the hands of those who would harm others or themselves. I support a ban on assault style weapons, bump stocks and high capacity magazines. Given the current composition of the legislature, passage of this type of bill will be challenging. However, I will work aggressively to seek bipartisan support to raise the minimum age to purchase assault weapons and accessories to 21. It's not a coincidence that many mass killings occur at the hands of very young men. I'm hopeful my colleagues from both parties will at least support these reforms.

VOTING: I would support bills like HB361, the online voter registration legislation championed by Rep. Celia Israel. I am concerned that our state refuses to adhere to federal law which mandates that states allow voting updates as drivers update their address through their local DPS. Our state refuses to make it easy for its citizens to update their voter information electronically, costing millions of Texas the ability to vote. I would support any and all efforts to make these processes easier for Texans.

OTHER ISSUES: Efforts to improve our public schools will again be on the agenda. I seek to increase teacher pay across our state and expand early learning to all three year old and four year old children. Texas leads the country in the number of uninsured children. Every child in our state must have access to quality pediatric care and no parent should have to worry about the cost of caring for a sick child. Texans should demand a review of all outsourced state services next session. We send tens of billions of dollars every year to private companies across a range of functions. Those businesses often operate without signed contracts, performance standards and accountability. Every dollar of taxpayer money sent to the private sector should be governed under legal contracts and with clear performance standards.

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Joanna Cattanach (D)
State Representative, District 108

REDISTRICTING: Redistricting should be the number one priority of every representative this next session. I am in favor of an independent redistricting committee and have taken steps to become more informed on how other states have handled redistricting especially those facing a changing legislature and those with growing populations similar to ours. More importantly, I have followed closely the work of non-partisan organizations such as Clean Elections. The ongoing litigation across the country to address the "stacking, packing and cracking" that has happened as a result of redistricting, including cases in Texas, is also something I have striven to stay informed on as our district is also gerrymandered. There must be transparency for the redistricting process to be fair and honest. I pledge to be an advocate for communities of interest and communities of color and to fight the tired partisan self-interest of incumbents drawing district lines to survive at any cost.

RAINY DAY FUND: Climatic emergencies including catastrophic flooding similar to the kind we have seen in Houston as well as environmental emergencies should qualify for rainy day funds. I have said before and will reiterate that the state's ongoing maternal mortality crisis, frustrated further by the state's refusal to expand Medicaid, deserves our investment and assistance. One has to question what the purpose of a multi-billion dollar tax-payer funded "rainy day" fund is when transportation and infrastructure projects are constant, health care remains a top priority for voters as well as sustained public education funding and yet our state leadership refuses to invest where the needs are greatest.

GUN SAFETY: I am in favor of universal background checks and have been an advocate for common sense gun laws since I first ran for this seat in 2018. Before running for office, I opposed campus carry legislation that endangers my life and the lives of my students. I stood with my community and opposed expansion of the marshal program that allows firearms on public school campuses. I am a Moms Demand Action Gun Sense member and was proudly endorsed in 2018. I support red flag laws and domestic violence courts. My campus was the site of a deadly school shooting, and I am one of the few candidates with a long-standing record of fighting for our families and the safety of children and staff on campuses. My little ones go through active shooter drills as do all public school and public college students across Texas. This is not the Texas I recognize and while we want our children safe, the laws must change in Texas not just the locks on door.

VOTING: In my 2018 campaign I petitioned for a formal recount because I wanted to make sure that every vote was counted. Many were not as a result of provisional ballots, and I lost by 220 votes out of 78,000 cast. I am again seeking to represent one of the fastest growing areas in Texas with an increasingly younger and modern population. We need online voter registration. We need mobile voting stations. We need same day voter registration. We need to eliminate what has become a Voter ID poll tax for seniors who may not have a driver's license and who are then forced to pay travel, make copies and cover miscellaneous expenses to get a state issued ID just to vote. Election modernization can't come fast enough for Texas. Frankly, we should be leading this effort as one of the fastest growing states in the country.

OTHER ISSUES: Health care is one of the most pressing issues this next session as the state's population continues to increase as well as the number of uninsured. Texas is among the highest uninsured states in the country including the most uninsured children. The state has an ongoing maternal mortality crisis. The highest repeat teen pregnancy rate. The highest health care markup rate in the country, and the rural areas of Texas are suffering with hospital closures and lack of access to a physician. The stubborn refusal to expand Medicaid strictly on partisan lines is costing lives. As a former foster child, I was a Medicaid recipient. I was a Planned Parenthood patient. I know what it's like to have health insurance and access to health care and what it is like when you do not have access. It's time we make health care a pressing priority in the legislature.

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State Representative, District 109



Carl O Sherman Sr (D)
State Representative, District 109

REDISTRICTING: Yes, I am in favor of a nonpartisan commission. Representatives should not choose their voters; Voters should choose their representatives. We need to also stop racially motivated gerrymandering, and hold elected officials accountable when they resort to such unconstitutional tactics. Finally, we should not have snake-like districts that meander all over the place trying to pick up favorable voters and cut out voters who don't fit a certain demographic. I believe we must establish a baseline of rules that must be followed so that we don't continue down the same road of unfair redistricting. One person, one vote is a constitutional right that is fundamental to our existence as Americans. We must protect this right at all costs.

RAINY DAY FUND: Education and healthcare are appropriate uses for the Rainy Day Fund. The Texas economy is strong and fueled by a vibrant business environment and thriving energy industry. When tough times hit our economy, we must never waiver in our commitment to fully fund our public schools and to provide access to quality healthcare for all Texas families. Our Rainy Day Fund is strong and we must have confidence that the greatest State in the Nation with the hardest working people will be able to replenish that reserve fund in due time.

GUN SAFETY: We need to tighten the background check laws and we need to stand up to the NRA lobby. The 2nd Amendment is a constitutional right, but this right is not unlimited. The consequences of gun violence have terrorized our communities, which serves as a reminder that life is fragile, and our time here is limited and precious. Therefore, Texas must focus effective enforcement of existing laws, especially strengthening our background check system, and we can work together to enact commonsense improvements, such as reinstating the assault weapons ban and closing the gun show loophole. Texas must become a leader in reducing the chances that guns fall into the hands of those irresponsible, law-breaking few.

VOTING: Yes, I absolutely support online voter registration and other progressive measure to increase voter participation in our country. The right to vote is the most fundamental right we have as Americans. My ancestors fought and died in order to ensure that women and people of color have the right to vote. The Republican efforts to suppress voter turnout with photo IDs and discriminatory gerrymandering are shameful. Republican efforts are a fake solution in search of a problem. We should advocate for laws that increase voter turnout because the more Texans and Americans who participate in our democracy, the stronger we will be as a State and as a Nation. I will also support restoration of voting privileges for Texans who have served their time and paid their debts to society.

OTHER ISSUES: My top priorities are: 1. Education A. Student Debt - tuition cost B. Sustaining the commitments of HB3 C. Retired teachers- pay increase to keep up with inflation. 2. Livable Wages & Benefits A. Equal pay for women B. Family leave pay C. Increase the minimum wage 3. Criminal Justice Reform A. Sentencing disparities B. Technical Revocation C. Prison reform (body cameras, A/C units and livable conditions, decriminalize small amounts of marijuana) Please visit ShermanForTexas.com for more detailed plans.

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Christopher L Graham (D)
State Representative, District 109

REDISTRICTING: I would advocate a process that does not exclude or seek to minimize the African-American or Latino vote. I will speak with election consultants in order to consider how to address this issue in the most equitable way.

RAINY DAY FUND: 1) Investment in business and high tech jobs of the future for the 109 district of Southern Dallas County. 2) Making good on promises made to our Senior Citizens, of exemplary medical care and being able to retire with dignity. 3) Criminal justice reform: implementing programs so that inmates and nonviolent offenders can be reintroduced into society and make a positive contribution. Also the fund can be used to contribute to the implementation of programs that provide alternatives to prison. 4) Modernizing our roads, trains and infrastructure to make southern Dallas county a desirable place for multinationals to relocate and do business. 5) As the Voice of the People I would consult with my constituents to determine what other issues are important to them to be implemented with the Rainy Day Fund.

GUN SAFETY: The framers of the US constitution did not impose restrictions on the types of guns that a citizen can own. Gun rights need to be liberalized. People need to have access to weapons as long as they can use those weapons responsibly and as long as they have the appropriate permission and licensing to do so. Guns don't kill people, people kill people. There are numerous incidents around the country involving shootings of unarmed people. If people were armed, they could defuse the carnage before it even gets started. Licensed gun owners should be able to carry their weapons in virtually any location: churches, schools, and amusement parks. It has become too difficult for gun owners remember all of the locations where they cannot bring their gun under present law. The framers intended the citizenry be armed in order to protect themselves from the abuses of government. This is needed now more than ever.

VOTING: Yes, registering to vote has become and complicated process that discourages many from voting. They say sometimes that you cannot vote in this district or that you must vote in another. They say that you have to have specific documentation in order to vote. These are all subterfuge in dissuade people from voting. I seek to pass measures that will make it simple for all to register to vote and to vote.

OTHER ISSUES: 1) Recreational Marijuana legalization: I support such measures. They have brought in much needed revenue to states that have legalized the drug. 2) Property Taxes: Residents are being taxed enough. I am going to propose legislation that reduces, caps or eliminates property taxes and the arbitrary system localities have for appraisal of properties. 3) infrastructure: More infrastructure is needed in the 109th district to make it more desirable for multinationals to invest in this area. 4) Justice Reform: DNA exonerations exemplify just one of the serious structural problems that exist in the criminal justice system. And there are others such as prosecutors concealing evidence, judges not approving funding so that court appointed attorneys have the tools necessary to represent defendant's adequately to name a few. Just one case of an innocent person held in jail on false charges necessitates an overhaul of the criminal justice system.

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State Representative, District 110

Toni Rose (D) — Uncontested

State Representative, District 110

State Representative, District 111

Yvonne Davis (D) — Uncontested

State Representative, District 111

State Representative, District 112

Brandy K Chambers (D) — Uncontested

State Representative, District 112

State Representative, District 113

Rhett Andrews Bowers (D) — Uncontested

State Representative, District 113

State Representative, District 114

John Turner (D) — Uncontested

State Representative, District 114

State Representative, District 115

Julia Johnson (D) — Uncontested

State Representative, District 115

5TH COURT OF APPEALS

6-year term. Must be age 35-74 years, a U.S. Citizen, a Texas resident, licensed to practice law in Texas, a registered voter, and have at least 10 years of experience as a lawyer or judge. Has intermediate appellate jurisdiction in both civil and criminal cases appealed from district or county courts. Each court of appeals has jurisdiction in a specific geographical region of the state.

Justice, 5th Court of Appeals District, Place 3

Bonnie Lee Goldstein (D) — Uncontested

Justice, 5th Court of Appeals District, Place 3

Justice, 5th Court of Appeals District, Place 6

Craig Smith (D) — Uncontested

Justice, 5th Court of Appeals District, Place 6

Justice, 5th Court of Appeals District, Place 8

Denise Garcia (D) — Uncontested

Justice, 5th Court of Appeals District, Place 8

CIVIL DISTRICT JUDGE

Civil cases heard by District Courts include personal injury and property damage suits, landlord-tenant matters, contractual and other business disputes. Must be a US citizen and Texas resident between 25 and 74 years old, a practicing lawyer or judge, or both combined for at least 4 years. 4 year term.

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

PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE: Please outline your legal experience, including any specializations. Describe any public reprimands or suspensions you have received.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: What, if anything, should be done to improve

access to justice for low income residents?

RESPONSIBILITIES: Which responsibility of this position is your highest priority and how do you intend to accomplish it?

OTHER ISSUES: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in this court and how would you address them?

District Judge, 14th Judicial District

Eric V Moye (D) — Uncontested

District Judge, 14th Judicial District

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District Judge, 95th Judicial District

Monica Purdy (D) — Uncontested

District Judge, 95th Judicial District

District Judge, 162nd Judicial District

Marilynn Mayse (D) — No response

District Judge, 162nd Judicial District



Maricela Moore (D)
District Judge, 162nd Judicial District

BACKGROUND: During my first term as the Presiding Judge of the 162nd District Court, I have proven to be a hard-working, fair, and impartial jurist. For almost twenty years as a judge and as an attorney, I have litigated and presided over the kinds

of complex civil cases that are filed in the 162nd District Court. My knowledge of the law and my fair-minded decision-making have been recognized by the legal community. In 2019, I received one of the highest bar poll ratings by the Dallas Bar Association based on the opinion of attorneys who appear in my court. In 2019, I was also named the ABOTA Dallas Judge of the Year. I was

PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE: I currently serve as the Presiding Judge of the 162nd District Court in Dallas County, Texas. Prior to serving in my current judicial capacity, I practiced commercial and employment litigation with an emphasis on contract, trade

secret, and non-competition agreement issues. I am board certified in labor and employment law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Prior to serving as the Presiding Judge of the 162nd District Court, I received numerous awards for my work as a leader in the legal community. I was named to the list of "BestLawyers" in the area of labor and employment for the years 2014 to 2016. I w

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: I frequently have low income individuals appear before me who cannot afford to obtain legal services to assist them with enforcing their rights in court. We need to find creative ways to partner attorneys who need experience in court with these individuals. One program that I support is the Dallas Bar Association Entrepreneurship in the Law Program. This program provides training to lawyers who are interested in opening their own legal practice. In exchange, the program participants agree to provide 200 hours of pro bono or "low bono" legal services. I have partnered individuals who cannot afford legal services.

RESPONSIBILITIES: One of the most important responsibilities of the judge is to preside over all cases in a fair and impartial manner. The litigants and counsel who appear in my court need to trust that when they appear before me, I will be prepared and ready to listen to the matters presented to me for my determination. I fulfill my responsibility to be a fair and impartial judge by studying the pleadings and caselaw that are submitted to me before the hearing so that I can engage with counsel in a thoughtful and fair-minded manner.

OTHER ISSUES: Of the most pressing issues that I see in the civil district court system is our jury summons process. Currently, only 18% of those who are summoned to serve on a jury in Dallas County appear for service. The failure of people to appear jeopardizes our commitment to the Seventh Amendment of the Constitution, which guarantees the right to a jury of our peers. The process we currently use to summons jurors and to communicate with them once they receive a summons is outdated and needs to be replaced. As the Presiding Judge over Civil Jury Services, I am working to find a better system that we can employ in Dallas.

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District Judge, 254th Judicial District



Kim Brown (D)
District Judge, 254th Judicial District

BACKGROUND: I have devoted my career to serving families in Dallas County and worked hard to be the best attorney one can be in the area of Family Law. After more than 25 yrs of service in a variety of roles, I am ready to apply my skills and motiva-

tion to serving as a family court judge. I am a certified mediator in family and civil law. I have already served on the bench as a visiting judge. Also being a wife and mother of two children, I understand the compassion and fairness needed to be a judge for our families.

PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE: After law school, I worked for the now Texas Department of Family and Protective Services where I developed policies and procedures and assisted in advocating for children who were abused and neglected. I also worked with

Lawyers Against Domestic Violence representing survivors of violent households. I then opened my own successful practice: Kimberly C. Brown PC and currently represent families in all areas of family law: divorce, custody, child support, modifications, enforcements, paternity, adoption, protective orders, restraining orders, property cases, & more. I have received no reprimands or suspensions.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: I want a better future for families involved in family court. Including our low income residents. As a result, we must support two areas within our courts: (1) Mediation. As a mediator, I know that mediation empowers families to resolve issues through mediation and enables them to work out an agreement best for them. Also mediation saves from costs for adversarial trials or lengthy litigation. (2) Pro Se Divorce programs. Sometimes, people cannot afford an attorney but still need access to justice. Our pro se programs allow people to represent themselves and get needed child support and other legal help

RESPONSIBILITIES: In family court, each and every case involves a litigant's personal life and/or the best interests of their children. Litigants need to be respected for their presence in court, need to feel welcomed to participate, and understand that their time spent in court away from their jobs is efficiently used. I intend to manage the courtroom respectfully and I expect for litigants to respect me as their judge in the courtroom. Time spent in court is valuable and costly for all involved. I will ensure that court time is wisely used by efficient docket management and timely rulings.

OTHER ISSUES: Dallas County consists of approximately 40% or more Latino population. Spanish-speaking only families need translation services. I believe it key for family court to have professional translators available to assist any litigants who need translation services. I understand that translation services have not been ideal and accurate in our courts. If litigants and/or attorneys cannot provide an agreed upon translator (trustworthy family members or friends) for court appearances, I would ensure that an effective and efficient process is created for translators to be available for translation services.

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District Judge, 254th Judicial District — Continued



Marty Jo Taylor (D)
District Judge, 254th Judicial District

BACKGROUND: I am passionate about children and families. Being a judge requires knowing how to manage the court, knowing the law, being a good listener, and making good decisions. As an Administrator, I managed the legal department. In addition, I have managed my own law practice for over 16 years. Managing the court is a very important part of being a judge. As a lawyer, I know the law. Being a mediator, I understand the necessity of hearing the concerns of all parties. Having experience as a special commissioner has trained me to listen and review all evidence, to make sure that my rulings are fair.

PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE: I have never been suspended or reprimanded. As a lawyer, I typically handle family and criminal cases. Family cases can range from divorce, child custody, child support, adoptions, Child Protective Services (CPS) cases, and other family matters. The criminal cases that I handle range from Assault, Interference with Child Custody, Robbery, Theft, DWI, Unlawful Carry, various drug related offenses, and other criminal matters. Many cases pending in criminal court also result in matters being filed in family court. I have practiced law for 19 years.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: I believe there is always room for improvement. I do applaud our Legal Access to Justice program. As a volunteer for the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program, I understand the need for individuals to have quality, affordable representation. I believe education is to the key. We must let individuals know that there are free and low-cost programs that can assist them with their legal needs. As Judge of the 254th, I will offer an annual seminar that will educate the public on these programs. Contact information for these programs will also be provided on my website.

RESPONSIBILITIES: My top priority is to make sure our children's best interest is served, in each case involving children. Many times, our children are taken from their homes and placed in foster care. My goal is to explore all options that would allow the child to remain in the home. If that option is not possible, the next option would be to place the child with family or friends, prior to foster care placement. If possible, parents will be provided with the opportunity to obtain resources, to assist them with the services they need, to help with reunification of the family. Each case must be examined on a case-by-case basis.

OTHER ISSUES: I will have a sample Order form available, to assist parties in obtaining an Order faster. Also, I believe a pressing issue is that many people that come to family court are unfamiliar with the process, which could become frustrating, when dealing with sensitive family matters. My desire is to implement an annual community seminar that explains how family courts operate and explains the entire process of a family court case. I believe this seminar will help individuals that are faced with family law matters and inform and educate them on family law topics. My website will list this important information.

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Sandre Streete Moncriste (D)
District Judge, 254th Judicial District

BACKGROUND: I have 20 years of experience practicing family law. I have done family law cases at every level including as a Prosecutor, represented parents, and represented children. I have the necessary skills and temperament to be an effective Judge. I believe my commitment to public service, as evidenced by my service as a Former School Board Trustee is also important, since Judges are Public Servants. In sum, my family law experience is deep, my temperament is well suited for the role of Judge, I have a passion and commitment to public service, and I firmly believe in fairness and justice.

PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE: I am the Managing Attorney in the Moncriste Law Firm, a Law Firm solely focused on Family Law. In my previous position as an Assistant District Attorney with the Dallas County District Attorney's Office in the Juvenile Law Division (2011-2017), I prosecuted Child Welfare/CPS cases, and was assigned to the Family District Courts. Prior to working as an Assistant District Attorney, I successfully operated a Family Law practice for almost 10 years. My legal experience has afforded me the opportunity to work on a broad variety of Family Law cases, which is well suited for the role of Family Law Judge.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: It is important that the Courts provide access to skilled attorneys via Public Defenders or Private Attorneys who accept such cases in cases where the law mandates attorney representation i.e. CPS, Enforcement of child support, etc. I also think it is important to partner with non profit resources to provide parenting classes, anger management counseling, individual counseling, etc for non CPS cases where parents/children could benefit from such services but cannot afford to pay for such services. Also information for Legal Aid or other such low cost or sliding scale legal offices should be made available at court.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Texas Judicial Canons 3(B)(4) states that "...A Judge shall be patient, dignified and courteous to all litigants, jurors, witnesses, lawyers and others with whom the Judge deals in an official capacity..." I believe in this canon, because simply put, we should treat others in the manner that we ourselves would like to be treated. Judges rule against litigants everyday. However, the delivery of the ruling, and the Judge's demeanor throughout the Court process, all play a role in whether or not a litigant felt that they were treated fairly, or heard by the court. Fairness matters!

OTHER ISSUES: 1) A Pre Trial Process to ensure a path to finalization for all cases 2) Partnering with non profit resources to provide parenting classes, anger management counseling, individual counseling, etc for non CPS cases where parents/children could benefit from such services but cannot afford to pay for such services. 3) A streamlined prove up process for Pro Se litigants 4) Encourage participation in specialty courts for CPS cases involving drug use by parents 5) Ensure oversight of CPS cases 6) Provide information for low cost mediation and legal help at court

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CRIMINAL DISTRICT JUDGE

4 year term. Has jurisdiction in all criminal actions involving felonies punishable by imprisonment one year or longer or death and in misdemeanor cases involving official misconduct.

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

PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE: Please outline your legal experience, including any specializations. Describe any public reprimands or suspensions you have received.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: What, if anything, should be done to improve

access to justice for low income residents?

RESPONSIBILITIES: Which responsibility of this position is your highest priority and how do you intend to accomplish it?

OTHER ISSUES: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the criminal courts and how would you address them?

Criminal District Judge, Court No. 2

Nancy Kennedy (D) – Uncontested

Criminal District Judge, Court No. 2

Criminal District Judge, Court No. 3

Audra Ladawn Riley (D) – No response

Criminal District Judge, Court No. 3



Teresa Jan Hawthorne (D) Criminal District Judge, Court No. 3

BACKGROUND: 30 years combined as crim defense atty & Judge. Prior to that I have been a school teacher girls head coach college academic counselor have worked with those suffering with addiction and mental health problems, been a secretary, receptionist and exercise instructor all providing me unique qualifications. I have worked with all ethnic cultural and socio economic backgrounds. My personal characteristics include being firm compassionate, reasonable and courteous to all. My commitment to the law, my compassion for safety of all children and animals with all of the above and even more make me the Most Qualified Candidate

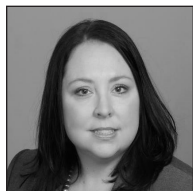
PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE: I was a Public Defender for 3 year; in private practice as criminal defense attorney for 17 years; a State District Judge for 8 years and presently in private practice. My trial experience is vast; I have tried Capital Murders; Murders; Aggravated Robberies and Kidnapping and all other degrees of felonies. I have experience writing appellate briefs and presenting them to appeals courts. I have done more than my share of Pro Bono work. I managed the Atlas (Achieving True Liberty & Success) Program as a Judge this was a Mental Health Court. 2 Public Reprimands call me to discuss 214-724-5498 or I will meet with you

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: North Texas Legal Services is available to the indigent. More needs to be available. Most lawyers I know including myself do reach out to help low income residents who need legal representation Anytime anyone calls me with a legal problem and needs representation out of my field, I take time to get them a list of those attorneys who will work pro bono or will lower their fees. I will also consider payment plans even after lowering my fees and if at all possible will do the work for free. Last year Several of my clients had minimal fees and some I represented for free i.e. Pro Bono.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Not sending non-violent defendants to prison. I have as a Judge already accomplished this and will continue with my procedures. I had and will continue to have the Most Progressive Sentencing Policy at the courthouse and perhaps in the State of Texas. Example if a person is on probation and violates probation without being charged with a Violent offense, I will continue that person with additions to help rehabilitate and instead of giving him 15-30 days in jail as a condition to continue, I will have them before work report to me every morning for those days so they will not lose their jobs .Jobs lead to success!

OTHER ISSUES: Many issues for 625 words. While on the bench I had already addressed Bail Problems and will continue to do so. Bail is to secure that a Person will appear. Indigent Non Violent defendants I gave and will continue to give PR Bonds or bonds will be set with low amounts. No one should sit in jail just because they cannot afford to bond out. Those who bond out are monitored. Most defendants do appear on their court dates. Another issue is that all parties, which includes Judge, Asst. Dist Attorneys, Defense Attorneys. Probation, Clerks and Coordinator must be available every morning to move all pending cases.

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Alison Grinter Allen (D) Criminal District Judge, Court No. 3

the mother of three smart daughters.

PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE: I have handled over ten thousand criminal cases, from theft and marijuana possession to capital murder. I have tried over fifty cases to jury verdict, and I have appellate and federal experience as well. I have also tried three jury trials on the issue of mental competency to stand trial, which is quite rare. Specializing in the needs of the mentally ill has brought me into close relationships with our community mental health resources.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: I have dedicated my career to indigent defense, both at the Public Defender's Office and in private practice. I am also very proud of my pro bono Civil Rights docket, defending issues from privacy rights to free speech to voting rights. Most recently, I am the appellate lawyer for Crystal Mason, who was unjustly sentenced to five years in prison for casting a provisional ballot in the 2016 election while she was on supervised release.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The utmost responsibility of a judge is to ensure that all parties are fairly and respectfully heard. A good judge recognizes the struggles of the people who appear in her court and listens fully. People understand that they may not ultimately be happy with the outcome of a case, but our system of courts can only maintain and honor the rule of law if both sides know that they have been fully heard and that the

Criminal District Judge, Court No. 3 – Continued

questions before the court have been soberly and seriously considered. Only when a judge listens fully with her eyes, ears, and heart can we reach the truth and accountability our courts must stand for.

OTHER ISSUES: As a mother of three young girls, I understand very personally the ways that the system has been unable to meet the needs of girls and women, both those who have survived crime and the fast growing population of girls and women who are involved as defendants in the system. I am committed to working with Resolana and other community groups and resources to develop a trauma-aware intervention for justice-involved women and to sharing our successes and failures to make women's justice better tailored to women's needs and the needs of the families women so often lead and care for.

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Criminal District Judge, Court No. 4

Dominique Collins (D) – Uncontested

Criminal District Judge, Court No. 4

SHERIFF

4 year term. Must be 18 years or older, a US citizen, a resident of Texas and a resident of the county. Responsible for law enforcement in the county and operation of the county jail.

BACKGROUND: How does your work experience equip you to be able to run the nation's 7th largest jail? Please be specific.

JAIL STAFFING & MORALE: What steps, if any, would you support to improve staffing levels and morale at the County Jail? How would you pay for changes?

MENTAL HEALTH: As the largest provider of mental health service in the county, how should the jail ensure inmates receive proper mental

health support? Would you like for the jail to move out of this role and how do you think this could happen?

OTHER PROGRAMS: What programs, if any, would you support to lower recidivism, for example training for technical job skills, college in prison, other?

OTHER ISSUES: What other issues do you believe will be the most pressing for the county Sheriff and how would you address them?



Marian Brown (D) Sheriff

BACKGROUND: I am a thirty-one year law enforcement officer; with twenty-seven years of law enforcement management and leadership experience. In addition, I have managed both the law enforcement side of the Department, and detentions, and I am current on certifications to manage both. In managing the department, we have successfully passed our annual unannounced state inspections for TWO years; we have become CJIS compliant, and we've met requirements to come into compliance with TCOLE, the state law enforcement licensing board. These are all major accomplishments in bringing the department up to date and stabilizing the foundation.

JAIL STAFFING & MORALE: We will continue to have targeted efforts, including job fairs, and career days. We will continue to reach out to area high schools to recruit. We will establish a dedicated recruitment team and allocate funding from the commissary fund.

MENTAL HEALTH: We will continue to provide mental health services via licensed healthcare professionals assigned to our facility. Proper allocation of services, including beds in facilities would help move the detentions center out of the role of mental health care provider.

OTHER PROGRAMS: We have numerous programs available and we continue to support those programs.

OTHER ISSUES: We will continue to review and evaluate the services that we provide to citizens in our unincorporated areas.

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Roy Williams Jr (D) Sheriff

BACKGROUND: How does your work experience equip you to be able to run the nation's 7th largest jail? Please be specific.: As Constable of Precinct 4, I served in an elected capacity, maintaining ultimate authority over the operations of the office, including the authority to hire and terminate personnel and also direct their daily activities. I determined how to utilize all resources allocated to the office during the budget process, and was responsible for performing traditional law enforcement functions. I served 20+ years at the Sheriff's Office, achieving the rank of Investigator. I was assigned to Fugitive Extradition, Court Services and the Training Academy as the Assistant Training Coordinator. I began in Detentions.

JAIL STAFFING & MORALE: What steps, if any, would you support to improve staffing levels and morale at the County Jail? How would you pay for changes?: The answer lies in expanding our pool for employment. We will be active in job fairs, recruit Veterans and Millennials, visit college campuses, and offer a liaison to work with members of various ethnic and social classes of society. As for morale, I will implement 21st century leadership philosophies and methods that have proven to be successful. Considered as a transformational leader, I will accomplish this by establishing interpersonal relationships with the workforce, an area that has been severely neglected. There will be an element of accountability at all level of management and supervision.

MENTAL HEALTH: As the largest provider of mental health service in the county, how should the jail ensure inmates receive proper mental health support? Would you like for the jail to move out of this role and how do you think this could happen?: I will continue the mental health medical evaluation/screening process during booking. The utilization of medical professionals and their identification and assessment of individuals with some form of mental illness will play a vital role in providing individuals the services and aid they are in need of. Incarceration is not the place for individuals dealing with mental illness; they should be housed at licensed MHMR facilities. If a crime was committed, they can be transferred back to the county jail to stand trial once they have been found competent.

OTHER PROGRAMS: What programs, if any, would you support to lower recidivism, for example training for technical job skills, college in prison, other?; - Alcohol and drug dependency and access to treatment - Mental Health needs and access to services - Access to religious and counseling services

Sheriff — Continued

Roy Williams Jr. (D) — Continued

Sheriff

- Educational and skill development - Access to community services upon release - Employment development courses - Inclusion of advocacy groups
OTHER ISSUES: What other issues do you believe will be the most pressing for the county Sheriff and how would you address them?; - Reducing violent crime by collaborating with city officials and standing in the gap. - Reestablishing trust with Dallas County citizens through community outreach and interaction. - Working with the judiciary, criminal justice professionals, and faith-based organizations in addressing recidivism and criminal justice reform. - Focusing on inmate programs that provide a vehicle and mechanism for reentry into society. - Reducing wait time for officers during booking of subjects in Central Intake. A SWOT analysis will identify the weakness and threat. - Improving the time it takes for individuals to be released.
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Sam Mohamad (D)
 Sheriff

No response to questions.
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COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

4 year term. Must be 18 years or older, a US citizen, a resident of Texas and a resident of the county. Responsible for law enforcement in the county and operation of the county jail.

John R. Ames (D) — Uncontested

County Tax Assessor-Collector

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

4 year term. Must be 18 years or older, a US citizen, a resident of Texas and a resident of the district represented. Responsible for representing the citizens of the district in which he/she is elected in the Commissioners Court which conducts the general business of the county and oversees financial matters.

BUDGET: What areas of the budget would you like to see increased or decreased during the next term? Please be specific.

HOMELESSNESS: What changes, if any, would you like to see the county implement to help the homeless and those in danger of becoming homeless?

PUBLIC HEALTH: Are there opportunities for the county to tackle mental health challenges in the community that lead to homelessness, crime and family violence?

ness, crime and family violence?

VOTING: How would you assess the County's recent reforms including acquisition of new voting systems that provide a paper trail and implementation of election day county-wide vote centers?

OTHER ISSUES: What other issues do you believe will be the most pressing in the county and what is your position on these issues?

Dallas County Commissioner, Pct No. 1

Zachariah Manning (D) — No response

Dallas County Commissioner, Pct No. 1


Theresa Daniel (D)
 Dallas County Commissioner, Pct No. 1

BUDGET: We need to interrupt the pattern of arrest and time in the County Jail which often leads to homelessness for people with mental illness. A major strategy is using emerging technologies in the mental health field BUT funding is a major barrier. Most of the responsibility is with the state of Texas augmented generously by Dallas County cash matches. Appropriate funding levels are key to success when managed well. The County is willing to provide match funds but State funds must be increased for direct outpatient services as well the facility proposed by UTSW to increase the number of beds available for inpatient care.

HOMELESSNESS: Subcommittees of Dallas Area Partnership to End Homelessness must be supported by major stakeholders to increase the amount of housing needed to actually house the homeless. The strategic plan has been hammered out with major players engaged in the process of determining where the resources will be found for the types of housing needed. Also, parts of the prevention plans are in process but must be achieved, i.e. The Living Room for One-Stop Shop for those with mental health needs; expand the diversion process to include a Deflection Center to address mental and societal issues before they lead to incarceration.

PUBLIC HEALTH: See above questions plus the Dallas County Health and Human Services Department along with major partnerships with Parkland Hospital are ramping up preventive community education IN THE COMMUNITY. Education about diabetes and good nutrition, managing blood pressure and shots for flu, regular childhood immunizations joined with testing for AIDS/HIV, STDs, and mammograms are all a part of regular outreach. Mobile units go to health fairs, PTA meetings and anywhere residents get together. Being healthy is a foundation piece to be better able to handle pressures that can lead to homelessness, crime and family violence.

VOTING: The whole system was tested out during the Nov Constitutional Election. I heard responses from election judges, clerks and countless voters which was a resounding thumbs up. There was a question related to part of the process, a solution was found and is currently being ad-

Dallas County Commissioner, Pct No. 1 — Continued

Theresa Daniel (D) — Continued

Dallas County Commissioner, Pct No. 1

dressed in time for the Primary. The county-wide vote centers were also widely accepted as making voting more accessible. Reports from the Election Department are showing that 54% of Dallas County voters voted at their traditional voting locations. I would interpret that could mean that the other 46% chose to vote in places more convenient to them.

OTHER ISSUES: Housing and Homeless - built a foundation with Dallas County Housing Group which fostered the trust needed among organizations to coordinate efforts to address needed housing needs. With each meeting there have been examples of additional resources. I have recently gathered a different set of stakeholders to foster the building or re-purposing of additional housing under the Housing Partnership umbrella. Transportation - as member of the RTC, making sure the improvements of 635-East, The Loop Trails Project, and improving the Skillman/Audelia intersection with 635-East stay on track. Clean Air projects must continue.

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Dallas County Commissioner, Pct No. 3

John Wiley Price (D) — Uncontested

Dallas County Commissioner, Pct No. 3

POLITICAL PARTY
CHAIR - DEMOCRATIC

County chairs lead party political activities within the county; work with candidates, precinct chairs and staff; conduct primary elections and certify results, and build a network of volunteers and precinct chairs.

VISION: If elected, what would you most like to accomplish during the next 2 years?

HISPANIC TURNOUT: Despite their growing numbers, Hispanic voter turnout has remained low. What strategies would you use to attract Hispanic voters to your party?

FUNDRAISING: Political campaigns cost money. What fundraising ideas do you plan to implement to help your party compete?

OTHER ISSUES: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing for this office and how will you address them?


Carol Donovan (D)
County Chair

VISION: Over the next two years, I want to build on what we've done over the last four that I've served as DCDP Chair. Since taking office, I've helped raise over \$2,000,000 for the Party, helped increase the number of precinct chairs, engage with new activists, and elect more Democrats. In 2020, my first priority will be to mount a well funded and robust Coordinated Campaign that works all across Dallas County. I'll work with our grassroots resources to ensure they have what they need to turn out the vote. Together, we'll defend the gains of 2018 and maximize our vote to contribute to turning Texas blue!

HISPANIC TURNOUT: What we've found is that actions speak louder than words. I have consistently worked to challenge the Democratic Party to do more for the community. That's why I formed the Community Council, tasked with organizing community events and projects. We've taken the Party to the people by volunteering with community organizations like Meals on Wheels, hosting back to school drives, and registering voters. I've also prioritized bilingual block walking, literature, and text messages. Additionally, we've invested in chasing vote by mail applications, which makes it easier for seniors to vote.

FUNDRAISING: Since taking over as Chair, I've helped raise over \$2,000,000 for the DCDP from donors both large and small. At our annual Johnson Jordan Dinner, we've hosted high profile speakers like David Axelrod, Martin O'Malley, and Pete Buttigieg. We've also created new revenue streams such as speaker series and the Molly Ivins Mixer. Moving forward, I will continue to attract high profile speakers to our events and expand the audience. Secondly, I'll work to strengthen our monthly sustaining donors that are critical to keeping the Party operating.

OTHER ISSUES: One of the biggest issues that I intend to tackle is informing and educating voters that the Republican state house has taken away their right to vote a straight ticket ballot. This will be a big change for voters, many of whom are used to being able to check a single box. We must educate voters on the need to complete their whole ballot in order to vote for every Democratic candidate. Secondly, we have to continue the energy behind this effort to flip the state house and elect champions of voting rights.

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Michelle Espinal-Embler (D)
County Chair

VISION: I believe in representative democracy, which is only possible when every voter is engaged and every person called to serve is able to effectively run for elected office. - Creation of a program that will prepare neighborhood leaders, young people, and historically disenfranchised people to run for elected office. - Invest in our local Democratic clubs and community organizers, to maintain year-round engagement with voters to increase voter turn out for every single election. - Advocate for legislation/ community issues that create a more equitable society in our cities. - Facilitate mentorships for young people.

HISPANIC TURNOUT: I share the experiences of so many first generation Americans whose parents came to this country in search of greater opportunities for their children. As a Hispanic woman, I feel confident that I am able to relate to my community and encourage participation in the voting process from a place of authenticity. The Democratic Party of Dallas county has historically neglected communities of color, under my leadership it will be a priority to give the respect every community deserves by encouraging participation in the democratic

Political Party Chair – Continued

Michelle Espinal-Embler (D) – Continued

Political Party Chair - Democratic

process through strategic voter outreach and advocacy on key issues.

FUNDRAISING: Currently the Dallas County Democratic Party is not managing it’s people power or its money well. There is little to no volunteer opportunities and there is a negative bank balance month-over-month. 90% of donations to The Party are \$25 a month, with most donors being active Precinct Chairs. There is no current strategic or tactical plan to increase the donor base or the volunteer numbers. If this continues it will be the death of the Dallas County Democratic Party. With my leadership there will be an increase in the number of donors, the dollar amounts donated and volunteer opportunities, through better engagement.

OTHER ISSUES: First and foremost, my goal for this office is to create a sustainable and efficient local party that will focus on winning up and down the ballot in the November 2020 general election, and then prepare the party for long term success that lasts for a generation or greater. Democrats in Dallas County have only begun to see the potential for success, as our population grows with more people likely to be Democratic voters an investment in time and money is needed to build an infrastructure that promotes voter engagement, and prepares the next generation of leadership (both candidates and activists/ organizers).

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Dallas County Precinct Chair Contests

Democratic

1003	Eziah Johnson	Tramon Arnold	Dennis Williams
1023	Freda Heald	Adam Yost	
1052	Tim Sexton	David Morrison	
1100	Allyn Coleman	Yolanda Faye Williams	
1104	Bonnie Mathias	Darion Walton	
1119	Gisela Vasquez	George Y Collins	
1502	Cynthia Saxiones-Garza	Michael Jerome Dyer	
2026	Jessica Treviso	Jane Hoffman	
2048	Nicholas L Guzman	LeAnne Baird	
2225	Robert Niles Neil	Elizabeth DeLeon	

2511	Hugh R Harris	Donna Bullard	
2701	Jenee Whitener	Nancy Fisher	
3006	Rob Wiley	Charles McGarry	
3009	Chad Crews	Erin Bach	Jeffrey Strater
3038	Ezzeral Fininen	Chrystal Steele	
3045	Shalondria C Galimore	Temeckia Derrough	
3056	Carolyn King Arnold	Christopher Lewis	
3077	Sunja Smith	Britannica Scott	
4046	Johnny Aguinaga	DeNita Quinn	
4077	Daniel Scarpate	Rebecca Carter	

In Texas, a Primary election is a political party function. Each of the major parties, Republicans and Democrats, holds its own separate election. The elections are held at the same time and locations, but ballots are separate. Voters choose which party to vote in, Republican or Democratic, and will see only that party’s candidates on their ballot.

Before you go to vote, make sure you know where your polling place is. Sometimes polling locations change. Find polling locations for both early voting in person and election day at www.DallasCountyVotes.org or call Dallas County or the League of Women Voters of Dallas.

2020 Ballot Propositions

2020 Democratic Primary Ballot Propositions
Answer For / Against

Proposition #1 Right to Healthcare

Should everyone in Texas have a right to quality healthcare, protected by a universally accessible Medicare-style system that saves rural hospitals, reduces the cost of prescription drugs, and guarantees access to reproductive healthcare?

Proposition #2 Right to a 21st Century Public Education

Should everyone in Texas have the right to high-quality public education from pre-k to 12th grade, and affordable college and career training without the burden of crushing student loan debt?

Proposition #3 Right to Clean Air, Safe Water, and a Responsible Climate Policy

Should everyone in Texas have the right to clean air, safe water, affordable and sustainable alternative energy sources, and a responsible climate policy that recognizes and addresses the climate crisis as a real and serious threat that impacts every aspect of life on this planet?

Proposition #4 Right to Economic Security

Should everyone in Texas have the right to economic security, where all workers have earned paid family and sick leave, training to prepare for future economies, and a living wage that respects their hard work?

Proposition #5 Right to Dignity & Respect

Should everyone in Texas have the right to a life of dignity and respect, free from discrimination and harassment anywhere, including businesses and public facilities, no matter how they identify, the color of their skin, whom they love, socioeconomic status, disability status, housing status, or from where they come?

Proposition #6 Right to Be Free from Violence

Should everyone in Texas have the right to live a life free from violence—gun violence, racial hatred, terrorism, domestic violence, bullying, harassment or sexual assault—so Texans can grow in a safe environment?

Proposition #7 Right to Housing

Should everyone in Texas have the right to affordable and accessible housing and modern utilities (electricity, water, gas, and high-speed internet) free from any form of discrimination?

Proposition #8 Right to Vote

Should every eligible Texan have the right to vote, made easier by automatic voter registration, the option to vote-by-mail, guaranteed early and mobile voting stations, and a state election holiday — free from corporate campaign influence, foreign and domestic interference, and gerrymandering?

Proposition #9 Right to a Fair Criminal Justice System

Should everyone in Texas have the right to a fair criminal justice system that treats people equally, uses proven methods for deescalating situations instead of excessive force, and puts an end to the mass and disproportionate incarceration of people of color for minor offenses?

Proposition #10 Immigrant Rights

Should there be a just and fair comprehensive immigration reform solution that includes an earned path to citizenship for lawabiding immigrants and their children, keeps families together, protects DREAMers, and provides workforce solutions for businesses?

Proposition #11 Right to Fair Taxation

Should Texas establish equitable taxation for people at all income levels and for businesses and corporations, large and small, so our state government can fund our educational, social, infrastructure, business, and all government services to improve programs necessary for all Texans to thrive?

Republican Races

UNITED STATES PRESIDENT

The President is: the head of state of the United States of America; the Chief Executive Officer; and, the Commander in Chief of all military forces. The powers of the President are prescribed in the Constitution and federal law. The President appoints the members of the Cabinet, ambassadors to other nations and the United Nations, Supreme Court Justices, and federal judges, subject to Senate approval. The President, along with the Cabinet and its agencies, is responsible for carrying out and enforcing the laws of the United States. The President may also recommend legislation to the United States Congress.

Term: Four years. Limit of two terms.

Base Salary: \$400,000 per year.

Note: All candidates who will appear on your state's ballot are listed below but only those that meet the following criteria were invited to respond to the League's questions in this guide.

- 1) The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for her/his Party's nomination for President; and,
- 2) The candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the FEC website.

During the Presidential primary season, voters cast a ballot for candidates in one party. LWVEF is required to have at least two candidates from the same party meet the above criteria before launching a voters' guide covering that party. At this time, only one candidate running for the Republican Party's nomination has met the LWVEF criteria and therefore no Republican candidates have been invited to participate. As soon as two Republican candidates meet the criteria or the party's national nominating convention occurs, LWVEF will begin outreach to the qualified candidates immediately.

**Bob Ely, Roque "Rocky" de la Fuente Guerra, Matthew John Matern, Joe Walsh,
Bill Weld, Zoltan G Istvan, Donald J Trump**

Not Asked To Participate

Photo ID vs. Voter Certificate: Your name on your Photo ID should match your name on the registered voters list. If it does not, but is "substantially similar," you will be allowed to vote after initialing a column on the sign-in sheet at the polls. If it is not "substantially similar," you will be allowed to vote provisionally. Check if your name matches by pulling up your voter information at www.dallascountyvotes.org/voter-information/voter-lookup

UNITED STATES SENATOR

6-year term. Must be at least 30 years old, a resident of the United States for at least nine years and a resident of Texas. One of 100 members of the U.S. Senate which has specific powers to advise and consent to presidential appointments and treaties and to try impeachments. Powers the Senate shares with U.S House of Representatives include the power to levy taxes, borrow money, regulate interstate commerce, and declare war. Current annual salary: \$174,000.

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

IMMIGRATION: What are your recommendations to improve the immigration system?

HEALTH CARE: What legislation would you support to address access to and cost of healthcare?

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

OTHER ISSUES: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of Congress, and what are your positions on these issues?



John Anthony Castro (R) United States Senator

ington DC, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) from UNM School of Law. I know what needs to be fixed.

IMMIGRATION: Our immigration system is critical to national strategy. Are we bringing in anyone so we have a sufficient supply of low-cost labor with the risk that wages stay artificially low, or are we bringing in only the best to grow our economy with the risk that we share the limited economic pie with non-American-born immigrants? I choose a point-based merit system.

HEALTH CARE: Tackling health care requires a multi-faceted approach. The short answer is an unlimited tax credit for student loan debt for MD degrees, a government-sponsored entity (GSE) health insurance company to keep private insurers accountable to the people, and mandatory use of generic brands after patent expiration of name brands. All of this will significantly drive down costs.

GUN VIOLENCE: Guns are not the problem. More than 90% of all school shooting can be traced back to anti-depressants. Do the research yourself. The solution is plain and simple: if you're prescribed anti-depressants, you're not permitted to be in the same home as someone who owns or possesses a firearm. This would have prevented 90% of school shootings in the past 20 years.

OTHER ISSUES: Expanding public education to cover Pre-K to Ph.D. Achieving energy independence with the use of GSE manufacturers and construction companies to mass produce wind turbines, solar panels, and hydroelectric dams. A new Entrepreneur Tax Credit to fuel small business growth. Expansion and more strategic use of the R&D Tax Credit. Introduction of tax-free retirement post-65.

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Virgil Bierschwale (R) United States Senator

IMMIGRATION: In 2018 we had 533,557 legal immigrants. During that same year we issued 9,028,026 non-immigrant visas to take the jobs that your family needs to provide for themselves. We need legal immigrants who come to America and make America better for everybody, not just themselves. Illegal immigration is illegal, and that is all that needs to be said about that.

HEALTH CARE: I believe health care will resolve itself if we take the "Profit" out of it and make it available to everybody

GUN VIOLENCE: Hold people accountable for what they did. Try them by a jury, and if found guilty, carry out the sentence.

OTHER ISSUES: We need jobs for our citizens so that they can provide for their families. The top 3 job groups if we compare 2018 against 2010 are nurses aides, food service, and truck driving.

Can you build a better future for your family if those are the only jobs you can find?

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Mark Yancey (R) United States Senator

IMMIGRATION: Build the wall - all 500 miles. -Stop the flow of illegal drugs and find the cartels operating in the U.S. -Support our Border Patrol and ICE agents. -Immediately deport illegal immigrants who have committed crimes.

HEALTH CARE: I would abolish the affordable Health Care Act - ALL OF IT. I support private pay healthcare. The insurance companies have been gouging the American public since the inception of ACA on March 23, 2010. I would bring ALL health insurance providers before Congress and understand the disparity among high premiums and record insurance company profits.

GUN VIOLENCE: Enforce current laws. Guns do not kill people. Mentally ill people kill people with guns. I will filibuster any Bills Democrats introduce that Republicans perceived as a threat to Second Amendment rights, including expanded background checks.

OTHER ISSUES: 1). Fiscal responsibility and accountability. Congress's spending behavior is out of control. 2). Term-Limits. Two terms and you're out.

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United States Senator — Continued


Dwayne Stovall (R)
 United States Senator

BACKGROUND: I'm a 54 yr old native Texan, husband, father, business owner, w/ a deep historical knowledge of the office of U.S. Senator. I'm in construction & the oilfield. I've traded construction equipment internationally since the 90s & have a solid grasp of monetary policy. I have firsthand experience of what that policy does to US Citizens as well as to other countries' economies

IMMIGRATION: Build the wall in every location possible, allow the border patrol to stop and turn around illegal aliens, make employers of illegal aliens come to the table for their part in this problem, and remove any and all access to tax payer funded programs (healthcare / education / welfare of any kind).

HEALTH CARE: The Constitution of the United States offers the federal government no authority whatsoever to manage the healthcare industry, or any other industry for that matter. The only correct legislation would be to remove it from the issue altogether and allow the citizens of the individual States to manage this issue according to their will.

GUN VIOLENCE: The Constitution of the United States offers the federal government no authority whatsoever to be involved in the issue. As with healthcare, leave it to the citizens of the individual States to manage this issue according to their will. That is the only constitutional answer.

OTHER ISSUES: The continued disregard for the constitutional limitations placed on the federal government, and the perpetual centralization of power in the hands of a few. We must - MUST - elect people who understand the authority offered them in Article III to divest power away from the federal back to the States. I understand that authority.

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John Cornyn (R) — No Response

U.S. Senator

 UNITED STATES
 REPRESENTATIVE

2 year term. Must be 25 years or older, a US citizen and a resident of Texas. Responsible for representing the citizens of his/her district in the US House of Representatives.

IMMIGRATION: Do you support legislation to maintain the DACA program?

CLIMATE CHANGE: Do you believe Congress should adopt policies to combat climate change? If so, what would you propose?

INFRASTRUCTURE: How would you address the nation's documented infrastructure needs, including roads and bridges? How should we pay for repairing infrastructure?

HEALTHCARE: What legislation would you support, if any, to ensure

comprehensive, affordable healthcare for all?

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: How should we proceed to both protect U.S. interests at home and abroad and at the same time promote long term stability and peace in the world?

OTHER ISSUES: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of Congress, and what is your position on these issues?

United States Representative, District 5


Lance Gooden (R)
 United States Representative, District 5

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No Response to questions


Don Hill (R)
 United States Representative, District 5

IMMIGRATION (SUPPORT DACA?): I do not support legislation to maintain the DACA program. We are a nation of laws. DACA continued the pattern of creating incentives for immigrants to illegally enter the United States and rewards those who have already done so at the expense of those who have followed the rules. We must begin with establishing border security, to include a combination of physical barrier, technology, and other methods of preventing illegal entry. Once the border is secured, we must then establish a regular process for providing for the application, reception and processing of new legal immigration applicants. Only then should we proceed with the process of determining a resolution of the status of those already in the country illegally.

CLIMATE CHANGE: I do not believe Congress should adopt policies to combat climate change. Carbon dioxide is not a "pollutant" and should not be regulated as such. None of the current scientific debate on this issue would justify the alarmist policy interventions suggested by activists to include: banning automobiles, banning air travel, banning the use of fossil fuels, imposing carbon taxes, etc. The US should continue to rely on technological advancements by US private industry and refuse to bind our private sector to limitations that put it at a disadvantage to other countries who refuse to either make, or honor, carbon reduction commitments.

INFRASTRUCTURE: I support the President on this issue: The federal share of funding infrastructure needs should continue to be provided primarily through user-based fees such as the fuel tax that funds the Highway Trust Fund, however state and local authorities should be incentivized to fund a larger share of infrastructure spending. Such incentives could include cutting the federal fuel tax rate which would allow local authorities the flexibility to create their own funding mechanisms and providing local governments greater flexibility in selecting and prioritizing projects. These incentives would also include reducing the federal regulation and oversight on standards for individual projects to meet their particular needs.

HEALTHCARE: The United States Constitution does not contain a delegation of authority to the federal government to "ensure comprehensive, affordable healthcare for all." I would, therefore, not support any federal legislation designed to do so and I would support the repeal of what is left

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of “Obamacare.” It is left to the states to decide what new measures, if any, they wish to take on that subject. I would support lifting restrictions on the interstate marketing and sale of health insurance products, provided that the states maintain the authority to regulate and ensure that all such products meet each state’s law and policy. This policy would enhance competition, decrease cost, and increase the choice for consumers.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: The US has powerful economic and military options for influencing foreign state and non-state actors, both friend and foe. Consistent with the President’s practice, our emphasis should be on using our economic power in the first instance, and resort to decisive military force only when necessary. I support the President’s reinstatement of powerful economic sanctions against Iran and its leaders as an effective exercise of this authority and I support the decision to authorize the attack on Iranian General Soleimani as he had been personally involved in planning and authorizing the killing of American soldiers in Iraq.

OTHER ISSUES: 1. 2nd Amendment: The 2nd Amendment rights of law-abiding Americans are under attack again. As a Life Member of the NRA, Army veteran, and collector of firearms, I will ALWAYS protect the right of Americans to effective self-defense and to keep and bear arms for that purpose. I will oppose any “Assault Weapons Ban” and will support national right to carry reciprocity. 2. Term Limits: I will support a resolution to amend the Constitution to enact term limits for members of the US House of Representatives and Senate as has been previously done for the Presidency. Senator Ted Cruz has suggested 6 years for the House of Representatives and 12 years for the Senate. I will support those limits.

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United States Representative, District 24

Sunny Chaparala, Beth Van Duyne Desi Maes — No response

United States Representative, District 24



Jeron Liverman (R)
United States Representative, District 24

IMMIGRATION (SUPPORT DACA?): DACA is Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. DACA was/is an executive order that could be ended at any time. DACA has no legislative protection other than executive order, as far as I understand. DACA individuals have also been referred to as Dreamers. It is “status” relief from deportation from time of acceptance plus 2 years, for the individuals who receive relief. The relief is deportation protection and a work permit. The most important resource a country has is its citizens. DACA immigrants further complicate the conversation. These people are our country’s resource, except for a “status.” They have been present long enough to have properly assimilated within our culture & workforce. I support a legislative pathway.

CLIMATE CHANGE: Nature has its own climate change time cycles. From Earth’s beginning and overlapping mankind’s existence, Earth has gone from very cold periods to very warm periods and other through time. Has mankind contributed a slight bit, due the release of various clean or non-clean variables from our technologies? If yes, has mankind contributed enough to overwhelm Earth’s natural climate change? To me, the collective jury is still out, on the answer. Until we have a collective verdict, I support clean water, clean air, quality food, and common sense legislation.

INFRASTRUCTURE: I am a free market person. I believe in reduced federal taxes. The need for quality infrastructure (air, water, food, transportation, and more) is vital to stable economic growth. As a seasoned Associated Broker / Realtor and aware citizen, I’ve seen what poor infrastructure does to depress value of communities where quality and maintenance have been neglected. By some means I support infrastructure policies & investments infrastructure programs. My concern, I believe in less federal taxes & spending. How do we address our nation’s infrastructure needs while reducing federal taxes & spending? Do we allow the private sector with special arrangements to fix the needs? I believe we need to do something.

HEALTHCARE: We are not a socialist country, though we have some socialism w/n our culture, society, and government. I don’t agree w/ mandatory comprehensive health care for all. I agree w/ affordable (subjective word depending on the payor of premiums) health care, medical care, and prescription drug care principals. I believe regulations should be reduced or eliminated where anti-market-based free trade restrictions exist that prevent interstate competition, health savings accounts - HSA, portability, and oversight. E.g., individuals should be allowed to establish HSA. E.g., modify federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act to allow trade assoc. to offer assoc. health plans to their membership & “working owners.”

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: The Bill of Rights, Amds 1-10, The Constitution Of The United States are basic freedoms from government. Our Freedoms are the foundation of our country. Freedoms are not always available, to the people of other countries. We often take for granted our #1 1st Amd freedoms of Religion, Speech, and Press. We must maintain the greatest voluntary military the world has ever known. We don’t always agree on domestic politics. We should keep partisan politics out of our international affairs. If we speak as one group, we speak w/greater authority. We should share our tastes of freedom through trade and education.

OTHER ISSUES: Economic prosperity is an important issue. Runaway federal debt threatens our financial future or prosperity. Inflation may become a bigger issue, ... affect our financial holdings including most people’s biggest investment - their homestead. 2nd Amd infringements may be a big issue. Various cities and states harass and fine travelers. The 2nd Amd reads, “... the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” This amendment protects the right of the people for defense and liberty. The wording is crystal clear. Some States & other locations have ignored federal legislation in favor of their own agenda to discount the 2nd Amd. We need national license to carry weapons legislation.

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David Fegan (R)
United States Representative, District 32

IMMIGRATION (SUPPORT DACA?): To put it simply, we cannot have open borders and an ever-increasing welfare state which will eventually break the financial backs of our people and our government, and feed a disrespect for the laws by which we all should live. I want to allow and support immigrating families and individuals who wish to do so legally, who want to contribute to America and have the opportunity to help our economy sustain its record growth, and who desire to both experience and support what we all know as the American Dream.

CLIMATE CHANGE: Congress should not adopt the current theory of Climate Change where humans are the culprits of our environmental problems. Humans can play their part in positively impacting the earth with clean, ecofriendly, renewable energy that is fiscally responsible. Nuclear energy is one of the most sustainable methods to clean, fiscally responsible renewable energy.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Texas’s current infrastructure is very flawed, and most of the systems are underfunded and poorly managed. If our current Texas government would pay less to the federal government and put the money towards building our existing infrastructure, Texas would see more roads built and a stronger infrastructure for our future generations.

HEALTHCARE: I think that it is important to protect the senior citizens who are currently on Social Security and anyone who has paid into the system. But also wean future generations off of any government-assisted health care programs.

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David Fegan — Continued

United States Representative, District 24

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: The United States of America has done a horrific job in foreign affairs. The United States sends money to other countries to help out their economy and to build their infrastructure which they call “Foreign Aid.” There are countries that we send foreign aid, which no longer needs foreign aid, and on top of that, foreign aid is simply bribery for diplomatic relations. Donald Trump has helped tremendously with our foreign relations and has strengthened many of our strongest allies. On the other hand, he has done a great job of protecting this country from people and countries who have and want to attack us.

OTHER ISSUES: Abortion As a Republican, I am staunchly pro-life and will work to eliminate abortion from our culture. Additionally, I do not support the use of tax dollars for the performing of abortion, whether by Planned Parenthood which currently receives \$569 million tax dollars each year as they perform in excess of 320,000 annual abortions or for other groups with similar purposes. My pro-life position also supports improving efforts by local, state, and federal agencies to undergird foster care and adoption, and providing meaningful support of mothers with newborn children who need assistance.

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United States Representative, District 30

Tre Pennie (R) — Uncontested

United States Representative, District 30

United States Representative, District 32

Genevieve Collins, Floyd McLendon (R) — No Response

United States Representative, District 32



Jon Hollis (R)
United States Representative, District 32

IMMIGRATION (SUPPORT DACA?): I believe that undocumented aliens that have a criminal record should be deported, but those who do not should be given the opportunity to obtain some form of restricted legal status. This status should not include a pathway to citizenship and must be renewed based on the merits of their contributions to the nation as well as a set of fines based on the amount of time they have been in the country illegally.

CLIMATE CHANGE: I support Leader Kevin McCarthy’s recent proposal, which is a three pronged approach to Climate Change: 1. The Three Trillion Trees Act, legislation that looks to increase the amount of trees in the US for carbon sequestration, and expand tax credits for companies that capture and store carbon. 2. The promotion of clean energy technology by doubling investment in clean air research and lowering taxes for companies that export clean air tech, with an increased focus on Nuclear Power & Natural Gas. 3. Cleaning up pollution from plastic by urging government labs to develop improved recycling methods, and directing foreign aid to nations whose suffer the most.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We need a national infrastructure bill that focuses on teaming with private industry, private investors, and the military to alleviate the costs to the taxpayers, much like with the border wall.

HEALTHCARE: We need to start over and replace the debacle that was the ACA. Here are some ways we can help fix this broken healthcare system, and return to a system of choice: 1. Healthcare should be portable and travel with the insured individual no matter where they work, while also doing away with state boundaries. 2. The income based tax credit needs to be replaced with one tax credit for all income brackets. 3. We need to transition to non-deductible Roth Health Savings Accounts, while eliminating the medical expense deduction. 4. Allow States to use unclaimed tax credits for indigent health care. 5. Repeal the employer mandate and allow employers to reimburse employee premiums to be used for individual health plans.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: I support the President’s America First policies which make us stronger each and every day. We need to continue to fully fund our military, maintain our unwavering support for allies like Israel, renegotiate more bi-lateral trade agreements, and make it known that we will not tolerate hostile actions toward any American Citizen either at home or abroad.

OTHER ISSUES: Both sides of the aisle must come together to finally fix our broken immigration system. We must continue building stretches of the wall where CBP deems necessary, increase funding for CBP & Ice officers, assign more judges to help alleviate our case backlog, and expand the types of visas we offer to non-citizens.

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Jeff Tokar (R)
United States Representative, District 32

IMMIGRATION (SUPPORT DACA?): I would not continue the DACA program by I would support legislation to handle those current DACA recipients in the most compassionate legal way possible.

CLIMATE CHANGE: We should stop arguing about climate change and re-direct all the federal tax dollars to alternative energies.

INFRASTRUCTURE: I would be in favor of the federal government giving money back to the states for transportation infrastructure.

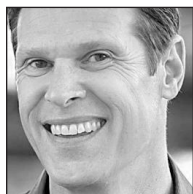
HEALTHCARE: It is not the duty of the federal government to provide affordable healthcare for every citizen. I believe that we should allow medical insurance companies to sell across state borders to increase competition, and potentially give employers deductions for offering low-cost and flexible healthcare options to their employees.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: We work with our friends and allies around the world to work toward peaceful resolutions of conflicts around the world when possible. In the event of a need for armed conflict we do so with our friends and allies. We must be diligent to deter domestic and international foreign terrorism against our citizens and homeland.

OTHER ISSUES: I believe we need term limits for members of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate; to revise the civil service and federal employee systems to ensure that they carry out the will of the people; reduce government spending; overhaul the income tax system.

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Mark Sackett (R)

United States Representative, District 32

IMMIGRATION (SUPPORT DACA?): I believe Congress should take legislative action to provide legal pathways for undocumented immigrants brought into America as children. These immigrants are now young adults and can quickly become productive citizens if they meet certain requirements. Concurrently we must control unchecked immigration across our border with Mexico where I believe the best solution is the fenced barrier President Trump is building. We have every right to know who is entering our country. The degradation of sanctuary cities like San Francisco is an example of uncontrolled immigration. There is a large financial burden on social services and wages for low skilled workers which does not benefit legal immigrants or those coming illegally.

CLIMATE CHANGE: I believe we must take responsibility for reducing our environmental impact. I support federal and state government legislation targeting market sectors where shareholders are unwilling to accept changes due to profit loss. The automotive industry is a good example. However, I disagree with the alarmist's that social media, news, children and climate conferences are promoting. For example, Arctic sea ice is decreasing, but Antarctic sea ice is increasing. Sea levels have always been rising but not accelerating at alarming rates. Global drought research reveals it's decreasing. It doesn't mean climate change is not a reality or not a problem.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Every level of government must cut the red tape in this sector. Increased funding has been included in political races for decades and I agree we should increase funding. The other impediment to rebuilding our infrastructure is big government bureaucracy. President Trump has begun this relief in federal government through executive orders reducing burdensome regulations and speeding up processes. State, county, city and other agencies must also work together to cut red tape and reduce lengthy process reviews. Investment in our country's infrastructure is vital to our economy and job creation. Increased funding is the normal irresponsible democrat solution. We need Republican critical thinkers in congress.

HEALTHCARE: Affordable healthcare must become competitive, transparent and accountable. Our ability to shop prices and quality of services drive prices down and increase quality. Hospitals and insurance providers will work together to offer competitive prices with the highest quality to compete for our business. When laser surgery became a free market, competition reduced the cost from \$2200 to \$500 per eye while increasing quality. I will oppose government run healthcare. The VA is the second largest federal department and it's inefficient and bureaucratic. VA funding has doubled in the last decade with little improvement. There is no competition for the VA to improve services.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Foreign policy must always put the interests of the American people, and American security, above all else. Containing the spread of radical Islam must be a major foreign policy goal. We must work with our allies in the Muslim world and any nation that is threatened by the rise of radical Islam. However, they must also be good to Americans. We are a generous nation, but we must only be generous to those that prove they are our friends. Iran is not our friend. After Obama gave them billions of assets they still chanted "Death to America". Many countries only respect a strong President and a unified Congress.

OTHER ISSUES: The 1st Amendment is under attack. Our right to debate is being taken away by left radicals labeling "hate speech" on anything they oppose. The citizens of a free democracy must have the right to free speech regardless of who objects. I oppose any proposed legislation from liberals and radical leftist that restrict the 1st Amendment. I will support any legislation that maintains our freedom of speech and Constitutional rights.

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United States Representative, District 33

Fabian Cordova Vasquez (R) – Uncontested

United States Representative, District 33

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

6-year term. Must be at least 25 years old, a Texas resident, and a registered voter. Regulates the energy industry, including preventing pollution, well plugging and site remediation, pipeline safety, and damage prevention, surface mining of coal and uranium, gas utility rates, and alternative fuels.

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

Pipelines: What are your recommendations relating to regulation of pipelines?

Natural Resources: How do you plan to balance oil, gas, and mining interests with protection of natural resources?

Other Issues: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing for the Railroad Commission?

Ryan Sitton (R) – Uncontested

Railroad Commissioner



James 'Jim' Wright (R)

Railroad Commissioner

BACKGROUND: I own five businesses and am associated with 14 other businesses that deal with environmental and transport issues in a wide range of industries, including the oil and gas business. I have been involved in these businesses since 1986. I am also a rancher.

PIPELINES: -- Increased automated leak detection systems. -- More pipelines developed as part of our state's infrastructure to deliver our natural resources in a safer and more economically feasible method..

NATURAL RESOURCES: Implementation of better rules and the way that waste byproducts are handled currently are crucial to balancing the public interests and the economic needs of our citizens. The Railroad Commission needs to be more involved in using the volume of resources that are available under today's technology.

OTHER ISSUES: -- Implement and use proven technology for better communication with citizens and members of the oil and gas industry. -- Stronger self-policing actions and reporting by Natural Resource producers. -- Life cycle analysis and development to ensure that future generations are reliant on best environmental management practices by the Industry.

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JUSTICES, SUPREME COURT

6-year term. Must be age 35-74 years, a U.S. citizen, a Texas resident, licensed to practice law in Texas, a registered voter, and have at least 10 years of experience as a lawyer or judge. Hears final appeals of decisions on civil cases, juvenile cases, and attorney discipline, issuing writs of mandamus/habeas corpus, and conducting proceedings for removal of judges.

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

Judicial Selection: Texas is one of a few states that elects judges. What changes in the judicial selection process would you recommend, if any?

Standards: What changes, if any, are needed to provide better protection to

the public regarding rules and standards for the legal profession?

Responsibility: Which responsibility of a Texas Supreme Court justice is your highest priority and how do you intend to accomplish it?

Other Issues: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing for the Supreme Court?

Chief Justice, Texas Supreme Court

Nathan Hecht (R) — Uncontested

Chief Justice, Texas Supreme Court

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6, Unexpired Term

Jane Bland (R) — Uncontested

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6, Unexpired Term

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7

Jeff Boyd (R) — Uncontested

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8

Brett Busby (R) — Uncontested

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8

JUDGE, TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

6-year term. Must be age 35-74 years, a U.S. citizen, a Texas resident, licensed to practice law in Texas, a registered voter and have at least 10 years experience as a lawyer or judge. Reviews all death penalty cases and applications for habeas corpus in felony cases, hears final appeals on criminal cases and administers publicly funded judicial and attorney education..

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

Mental Health: How should the Court of Criminal Appeals address mental health issues of those who come before the court?

Access to Justice: What opportunities are there, if any, to improve the

state's indigent defense system in criminal cases?

Responsibility: Which responsibility of a Court of Criminal Appeals judge is your highest priority and how do you intend to accomplish it?

Other Issues: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing for the Court of Criminal Appeals?

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3



Gina Parker (R)

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3

BACKGROUND: Over 30 years handling felony, misdemeanor, & juvenile cases. Private practice since 1991. Also, served as City Attorney, Assistant CA, Assistant DA. As TDLR Commissioner & Chair, a quasi-judicial capacity, ruled on over a 1000 administrative appeals.

MENTAL HEALTH: The Judicial Committee on Mental Health assesses the resources available; recommends ways to improve communication between the courts, attorneys, clients, and mental health providers; provides training to judges; and continues to make recommendations for improvement of the current system. Unquestionably, these efforts should continue.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: The rule of law is undermined when defendants cannot afford counsel. The Fair Defense Act was established to administer appropriations and policies to help counties with indigent defense programs. Also, transparency and accountability at the local level will ensure fairness, eliminate conflicts of interest and cronyism. Pro bono work is a way to provide counsel.

RESPONSIBILITY: Above all other duties, judges should uphold the rule of law. Additionally, they should be independent and impartial, and they should demonstrate appropriate temperament by respecting all parties to a case and should have good character.

OTHER ISSUES: Keep pace with the ever-changing challenges of technology in order to appropriately address DNA issues. Also, make sure the Michael Morton law is properly enforced, so the right persons are charged for criminal offenses.

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Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3 – Continued



Bert Richardson (R) Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3

and appointed by Gov. Bush. 6) Adjunct Law Professor 12+ years. 6) Distinguished 2015 Law Graduate StMU.

MENTAL HEALTH: Early intervention is critical in cases dealing with mental health issues, as such, trial courts are in a better position to assist the immediate needs of citizens in those cases. The Court of Criminal Appeals and Texas Supreme Court are part of a joint commission that provide training to professionals assisting those with mental illnesses.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: The TCCA oversees funding to train those organizations that represent indigent defendants. That is a starting point. However, in order to improve the system, both counties and the State must commit to providing the financial resources necessary to staff offices in counties with lawyers that have substantial experience in the criminal justice system. Putting defense lawyers on the same pay scale as prosecutors would encourage more to apply for those positions. Other opportunities from the legislature, such as passing procedural and discovery rules, as they accomplished in recent sessions would contribute to improving the system.

RESPONSIBILITY: The TCCA is the busiest appellate court in our country reviewing all death penalty cases, post conviction writs (including claims of actual innocence) and appeals from 14 intermediate appellate courts across the State. The total number of cases in any given year is in the thousands. Timely disposing of these cases for all parties is my highest priority.

OTHER ISSUES: Post conviction writs (including actual innocence claims) constitute the largest number of cases the TCCA reviews. Given the changes in modern day science and technology that can be used in the courtroom, it is imperative that our court keep up with these changes and recognize those that can have both negative and positive impacts on cases before the TCCA.

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Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4

Kevin Patrick Yeary (R) – Uncontested

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 9

David Newell (R) – Uncontested

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 9

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

This election is to fill the remainder of the term due to incumbent resignation. 2 year term. Must be 21 or older, a US citizen, resident of Texas and the district represented. Responsible for representing the citizens of the district in the Texas House of Representatives.

REDISTRICTING: Are you in favor of a nonpartisan redistricting commission? Aside from the creation of a nonpartisan redistricting commission, how would you ensure that the process is fair and protects communities of interest?

RAINY DAY FUND: What uses are appropriate, in your opinion, for the Rainy Day fund?

GUN SAFETY: Do you support measures to combat gun violence

such as red flag laws and universal background checks?

VOTING: Are you supportive of election modernization measures like online voter registration?

OTHER ISSUES: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of the Texas Legislature and what is your position on these issues?

State Representative, District 102

Linda Koop (R) – No response

State Representative, District 102



Rick Walker (R) State Representative, District 102

REDISTRICTING: I am in favor of a nonpartisan redistricting commission. I have a "Best Practices Redistricting Plan" that includes best practices from Missouri, Utah, Colorado, and Michigan - where voters overwhelmingly favored nonpartisan redistricting commissions. My nonpartisan redistricting commission would include: • 9 registered voter citizens (3 republican, 3 democrat, 3 independent) • Implement the most advanced scientific and statistically reliable data driven methods • Appoint a non-partisan state demographer to lead the commission • Require each district to remain competitive My "Best Practices Redistricting Plan" will mitigate partisan gerrymandering, give voters a true voice, ensure fairness, and reduce political manipulation.

RAINY DAY FUND: Severe economic downturns, long term liabilities like public employees' pensions, and natural disasters are examples of appropriate rainy day fund uses. By law, we must maintain a "sufficient balance...as a cash fund". This is the economic stabilization fund (ESF) called the "rainy day fund". Texas has the largest rainy day fund in the nation (\$12+ billion in 2019). However an oversized savings account loses value over time - especially given the overly restrictive restraints for the fund preventing prudent investment strategies to be implemented. Its short-term investments only yield approximately 2.1% - not enough to keep up with inflation. I agree with state comptroller Hegar's suggestion to allow a state-run trust company to invest larger portions of the ESF to maximize return.

GUN SAFETY: I am opposed to red flag laws. It is dangerous, oppressive, and unconstitutional to allow the state to confiscate guns based on the word of one person. Denying Texans their right to protect themselves and denying their constitutional right to due process is unimaginable and offensive. I'm for combating ALL violence, but let's focus on the real issue and be more proactive in addressing mental illness. Texans are tired of government overreach and oppression and we don't need LESS freedom and MORE regulation. Ronald Reagan said, "Man is not free unless government is limited".

VOTING: I'm for a fair, SECURE, accessible, and voluntary voter registration process - including modernizing via a secure online portal.

OTHER ISSUES: * School Funding will continue to be a big issue. I'm for increasing funding by eliminating waste, abuse, duplication, and fraud. I

State Representative, District 102

Rick Walker (R) — Continued

State Representative, District 102

am NOT for raising taxes. *Property taxes were a major focus in the last legislative session. It will be an issue once again. I am for lowering taxes and limiting government. We need a better property tax protest system in place - specifically seeking relief in lower courts. Government spending is a major issue - it's out of control, full of waste and abuse. I support zero-based budgeting, oppose earmarks, and will fight for fiscal transparency and responsibility. I'd like to see performance reviews re-established to eliminate waste, fraud, duplication, and abuse. The original Texas Performance Review in the 90's saved Texans almost \$10 billion in a decade. For example, minor adjustments like unscrewing logo display light-bulbs in vending machines saved the state \$250,000 annually in energy costs.

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State Representative, District 103


Sherry Lee Mecom (R)
 State Representative, District 103

REDISTRICTING: Yes and I am willing to listen to other politicians who have ideas and suggestions.

RAINY DAY FUND: The most immediate need, should be funded

GUN SAFETY: No

VOTING: Yes!

OTHER ISSUES: Legalizing marijuana Legalizing gambling

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Jerry Fortenberry II (R)
 State Representative, District 103

REDISTRICTING: I am for impartial, transparent, and fairness in redistricting. Equal population in each district would ensure that each person's vote carries the same power, keep each district compact so that legislators and citizens can meet and communicate

more easily, keep communities intact and not split them between districts, have each district fairly represent voters from each party. As important as fair redistricting is we have to put policies in place that lift people up, from the bottom up, we need to remove crushing property taxes, landlords would be required to pass along savings to renters from the eradication of property taxes so that both property owners and renters get thousands of dollars put back in their pockets, we need job skills training for existing high paying jobs with benefits and healthcare, and we need prison reform that educates and trains people with skills for jobs upon release so they can contribute and be productive in the community.

RAINY DAY FUND: The fund should be used in part to fund the Texas teachers pension fund, reform K-12 antiquated delivery model to a model to center on students' personal interests and talents, implement job skills training and certification so student can graduate into high paying existing job, and provide for school security - public education in Texas continues to struggle with over-testing and wasting of funds. Texas children deserve better and so do their parents - Parents also need to have school choice - the government doesn't tell you where to buy your groceries so why should they tell a parent where to send their child to school based on a zip code and charter schools, which are public schools, should be options - parents need to be able to put their children in the school that best meets the child's unique needs to prepare them for a lifetime of success.

GUN SAFETY: We are all for safe communities and we need to take realistic workable measures toward that without infringing on a law abiding citizen's rights. Red flag laws and background checks didn't prevent the recent shooting in Aurora, Illinois which has some of the strictest gun control laws. The Charleston church shooter, the Orlando nightclub shooter, the Sutherland Springs church shooter, and the Parkland school shooter each happened after federal authorities missed chances to stop the individual. A vigilant citizenry is a far better defense against a mass shooting than the sweeping, allegedly "common sense" gun-control measures debated after every massacre like Jack Wilson who stopped a mass killing recently at the West Freeway Church of Christ.

VOTING: My concern would be that Texas voters could be disenfranchised by online hackers exploiting vulnerabilities in the system leading to not only election fraud and false voter registration, impersonating voters but also identity theft of Texans - voter's personal data harvested with a few lines of Python code and considering how we recently have had multiple Texas cities and state agencies compromised by ransomware I am not comforted that the state at this time could provide secure registration.

OTHER ISSUES: I want to eliminate crushing property taxes 100% for homeowners and landlords would be required to pass along savings to renters from the eradication of property taxes so both home owners and renters would be able to put thousands of dollars into their pockets. All students and adults have dignity and potential and deserve an education that can lift them toward opportunity and I want to help that happen establishing coding, cloud computing and vocational skills training in high schools and for adults with apprenticeships so that a student can graduate from high school and step into a high paying existing job with no debt and full benefits and an adult can train for high paying vocational jobs while getting paid to learn. Healthcare that is high quality and affordable, reducing prescription drug costs, and protecting the most vulnerable of our citizens: babies, children, elderly, veterans, homeless, addicted, mentally ill - all Texans.

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State Representative, District 105

Gerson Hernandez (R) — Uncontested**State Representative, District 105**

State Representative, District 107

Samuel Smith (R) — Uncontested**State Representative, District 107**

State Representative, District 108

Morgan Meyer (R) — Uncontested**State Representative, District 108**

State Representative, District 109

Eugene Allen (R) — Uncontested**State Representative, District 109**

State Representative, District 112

Angie Chen Button (R) — Uncontested**State Representative, District 112**

State Representative, District 113

Will Douglas (R) — Uncontested**State Representative, District 113**

State Representative, District 114

Luisa Del Rosal (R) — Uncontested**State Representative, District 114**

State Representative, District 115

Karyn Brownlee (R) — Uncontested**State Representative, District 115**

5TH COURT OF APPEALS

6-year term. Must be age 35-74 years, a U.S. Citizen, a Texas resident, licensed to practice law in Texas, a registered voter, and have at least 10 years of experience as a lawyer or judge. Has intermediate appellate jurisdiction in both civil and criminal cases appealed from district or county courts. Each court of appeals has jurisdiction in a specific geographical region of the state.

Justice, 5th Court of Appeals District, Place 3

David Evans (R) — Uncontested**Justice, 5th Court of Appeals District, Place 3**

Justice, 5th Court of Appeals District, Place 6

David L. Bridges (R) — Uncontested**Justice, 5th Court of Appeals District, Place 6**

Justice, 5th Court of Appeals District, Place 8

Bill Whitehill (R) — Uncontested**Justice, 5th Court of Appeals District, Place 8**

Before you go to vote, make sure you know where your polling place is. Sometimes polling locations change. Find polling locations for both early voting in person and election day at www.DallasCountyVotes.org or call Dallas County or the League of Women Voters of Dallas.

CIVIL DISTRICT JUDGE

Civil cases heard by District Courts include personal injury and property damage suits, landlord-tenant matters, contractual and other business disputes. Must be a US citizen and Texas resident between 25 and 74 years old, a practicing lawyer or judge, or both combined for at least 4 years. 4 year term.

BACKGROUND What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?
PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE: Please outline your legal experience, including any specializations. Describe any public reprimands or suspensions you have received.
ACCESS TO JUSTICE: What, if anything, should be done to improve

access to justice for low income residents?
RESPONSIBILITIES: Which responsibility of this position is your highest priority and how do you intend to accomplish it?
OTHER ISSUES: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in this court and how would you address them?

District Judge, 14th Judicial District

Jessica Voyce Lewis (R) — Uncontested

District Judge, 14th Judicial District

District Judge, 95th Judicial District

Mike Lee (R) — Uncontested

District Judge, 95th Judicial District

District Judge, 162nd Judicial District

Jordan Montgomery Lewis (R) — Uncontested

District Judge, 162nd Judicial District

District Judge, 254th Judicial District

Ashley Wysocki (R) — Uncontested

District Judge, 254th Judicial District

SHERIFF

4 year term. Must be 18 years or older, a US citizen, a resident of Texas and a resident of the county. Responsible for law enforcement in the county and operation of the county jail.

BACKGROUND: How does your work experience equip you to be able to run the nation's 7th largest jail? Please be specific.
JAIL STAFFING & MORALE: What steps, if any, would you support to improve staffing levels and morale at the County Jail? How would you pay for changes?
MENTAL HEALTH: As the largest provider of mental health service in the county, how should the jail ensure inmates receive proper mental

health support? Would you like for the jail to move out of this role and how do you think this could happen?
OTHER PROGRAMS: What programs, if any, would you support to lower recidivism, for example training for technical job skills, college in prison, other?
OTHER ISSUES: What other issues do you believe will be the most pressing for the county Sheriff and how would you address them?

SHERIFF

Chad Prda (R) — Uncontested

Sheriff

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER

4 year term. Must be 18 years or older, a US citizen, a resident of Texas and a resident of the district represented. Responsible for representing the citizens of the district in which he/she is elected in the Commissioners Court which conducts the general business of the county and oversees financial matters.

BUDGET: What areas of the budget would you like to see increased or decreased during the next term? Please be specific.

HOMELESSNESS: What changes, if any, would you like to see the county implement to help the homeless and those in danger of becoming homeless?

PUBLIC HEALTH: Are there opportunities for the county to tackle mental health challenges in the community that lead to homeless-

ness, crime and family violence?

VOTING: How would you assess the County's recent reforms including acquisition of new voting systems that provide a paper trail and implementation of election day county-wide vote centers?

OTHER ISSUES: What other issues do you believe will be the most pressing in the county and what is your position on these issues?

Dallas County Commissioner, Pct No. 1

Patrick Harden (R) — Uncontested

Dallas County Commissioner, Pct No. 1

Dallas County Commissioner, Pct No. 3

S T Russell (R) — Uncontested

Dallas County Commissioner, Pct No. 3

POLITICAL PARTY CHAIR - REPUBLICAN

County chairs lead party political activities within the county; work with candidates, precinct chairs and staff; conduct primary elections and certify results, and build a network of volunteers and precinct chairs.

Rodney Anderson (R) — Uncontested

Political Party Chair

Dallas County Republican Precinct Chair Contests

2702	Maika Rodri	Dominic Arzon	
2922	Pauline Dedrick	Jeff Lindsey	
2925	T E Sumner	Debby Bobbitt	
3086	Joel Brown	Brad Namdarkhan	

Photo ID vs. Voter Certificate: Your name on your Photo ID should match your name on the registered voters list. If it does not, but is "substantially similar," you will be allowed to vote after initialing a column on the sign-in sheet at the polls. If it is not "substantially similar," you will be allowed to vote provisionally. Check if your name matches by pulling up your voter information at www.dallascountyvotes.org/voter-information/voter-lookup

2020 Republican Ballot Propositions

Answer Yes/No

Proposition 1

Texas should not restrict or prohibit prayer in public schools.

Proposition 2

Texas should reject restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms.

Proposition 3

Texas should ban the practice of taxpayer-funded lobbying, which allows your tax dollars to be spent on lobbyists who work against the taxpayer.

Proposition 4

Texas should support the construction of a physical barrier and use existing defense-grade surveillance equipment along the entire southern border of Texas.

Proposition 5

Texas parents or legal guardians of public school children under the age of 18 should be the sole decision makers for all their children's healthcare decisions including, but not limited to, psychological assessment and treatment, contraception, and sex education.

Proposition 6

Texas should ban chemical castration, puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and genital mutilation surgery on all minor children for transition purposes, given that Texas children as young as three (3) are being transitioned from their biological sex to the opposite sex.

Proposition 7

Texans should protect and preserve all historical monuments, artifacts, and buildings, such as the Alamo Cenotaph and our beloved Alamo, and should oppose any reimagining of the Alamo site.

Proposition 8

Texas election officials should heed the directives of the Office of the Governor to purge illegal voters from the voter rolls and verify that each new registered voter is a U.S. Citizen.

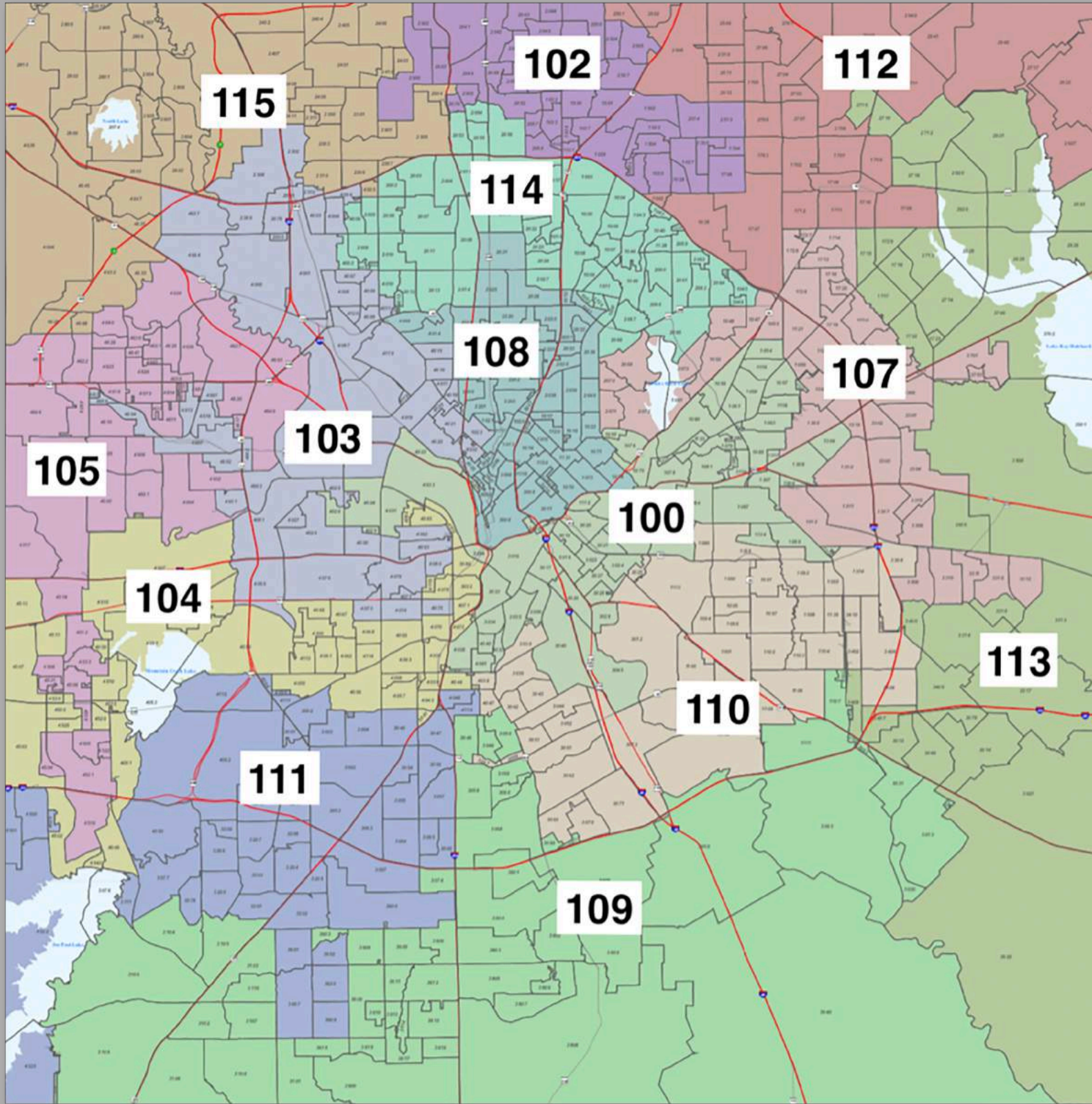
Proposition 9

Bail in Texas should be based only on a person's danger to society and risk of flight, not that person's ability to pay.

Proposition 10

Texas should limit our state legislators' terms to 12 years.

Dallas County - Texas House District Map



Dallas County - U.S. Congressional District Map

