About This Voters Guide

This Voters Guide lists items that will be on the ballot in Dallas County for the JULY 14 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION. Candidate responses, originally submitted for the March Primary, are presented as submitted without editing. There will not be a Republican Primary Runoff Election as all Republican races were decided in the March Primary.

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Vote411.org

You may also see all items that will be on your ballot on-line at Vote411.org a few weeks before election day in both Spanish and English.

Voting in a Primary Runoff

If you voted in the Republican Primary election in March, you may not vote in the Democratic Primary Runoff election. If you voted in the Democratic Primary Election in March, or if you did not vote in any primary in March, then you may vote in this Democratic Primary Runoff election.

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 in the past.

Early Voting by Mail

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.
The completed request for a mail ballot must be **RECEIVED** (not postmarked) by Dallas County Elections Department no later than 11 days before election day.

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 (469)627-8683 or email dallascountyvotes@dallascounty.org.

**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. For more information contact Dallas County Elections at DallasCountyVotes.org or 469.627.8683.

**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.

**What Is the League of Women Voters’ Mission?**

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.
**United States Senator**

**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?

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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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**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 our 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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**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

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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 document-ed 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 24

Kim Olson (D)
United States Representative, District 24

IMMIGRATION (SUPPORT DACA?): Yes. Our current immigration system is broken. Congress must act immediately to address it's downs 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 states 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 Texas' 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 caring 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 eligi-bility 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 com-mander 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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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 comprehen-sive immigration reform that honors our nation's history as a nation of immi-grants. 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 corpo-rations 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...
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 corrupt 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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**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?

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**Chrysta Castaneda (D)**

**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)**

**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. 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

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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?

Jasmine Felicia Crockett (D)
State Representative, District 100

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. 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 to add many layers of protection to this process, as possible.

RAINY DAY FUND: Texas' Rainy Day Fund is in excess of $11 billion 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 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 District 100, we must continue to protect our goals and laws that prevent guns from falling into the wrong hands. 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 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 voter suppression bill. 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 affected 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 of 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 been given as people across my entire district are stressed about if they will lose their homes.

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Lorraine Birabil (D)
State Representative, District 100

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 am very lively in the belief 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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