



VOTERS GUIDE

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THINGS VOTERS SHOULD KNOW

✦ PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED TO VOTE IN PERSON IN ALL TEXAS ELECTIONS

Those voting in person, whether voting early or on Election Day, will be required to present a photo identification or an alternative identification allowed by law. Please see page 2 of this *Voters Guide* for additional information.

✦ EARLY VOTING

Early voting will begin on Monday, October 22 and end on Friday, November 2. See page 12 of this *Voters Guide* for locations and times. Any registered Harris County voter may cast an early ballot at any early voting location in Harris County.

✦ VOTING BY MAIL

Voters may cast mail ballots if they are at least 65 years old, if they will be out of Harris County during the Early Voting period and on Election Day, if they are sick or disabled or if they are incarcerated but eligible to vote. Mail ballots may be requested by visiting harrisvotes.com or by phoning 713-755-6965. Your request must be received no later than Friday, October 26. For more information see page 3 of this *Voters Guide*.

✦ A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR VOTERS WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY HURRICANE HARVEY: YOU STILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE!

If you are living temporarily away from your permanent place of residence, you may still vote in the November 6 General Election. Here are your options:

- 1.If you are living outside Harris County, you may request a Ballot by Mail. See the information above and on page 3 of this *Voters Guide* to learn if you qualify to vote by mail and how to request, complete and return your ballot.
- 2.You may Early Vote at any one of the 46 Early Voting locations in Harris County, see page 12 of this *Voters Guide* for complete information about Early Voting. *Highly Recommended.*
- 3.You may Vote In-Person on Election Day by returning to the Polling Location for your HOME PRECINCT, this is the precinct for your permanent home address prior to Harvey. If you are unsure of your Precinct Number, go to www.harrisvotes.com, enter your name and permanent address to find your Precinct Number and Polling Place. On Election Day, you may only vote by returning to your home precinct.

✦ Should you encounter any problems at the poll, you may always ask to cast a Provisional Ballot. You may also contact the County Clerk’s office at 713-755-6965, the Texas Secretary of State Election Division at 1-800-252-8683, or the United States Department of Justice at 1-800-253-3931 if you believe that your right to vote is being unlawfully denied or impeded.



LWV/TEXAS EDUCATION FUND PROVIDES INFORMATION ON CANDIDATES FOR U.S. SENATE AND STATEWIDE CANDIDATES

Our thanks to our state organization, the League of Women Voters of Texas, for contacting all opposed candidates for U.S. Senator, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, Land Commissioner, Railroad Commissioner, Texas Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, Court of Appeals and State School Board. LWV/TX provided candidate responses in both English and Spanish. We have included responses from these candidates exactly as provided by LWV/TX.

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The League of Women Voters Houston Education Fund wishes to thank all those who support our voter education and voter service work through their donations and volunteer time. Without them this *Voters Guide* would not be possible.

Special thanks to the Houston in Action initiative for providing funding that enabled us to produce Spanish and Vietnamese editions of the Voters Guide.



TAKE METRO TO THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY—RIDE FREE!
METRO is providing free rides to the polls on Saturday, October 27 for Early Voting and on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Get information by going to www.ridemetro.org or calling 713-635-4000.

ABOUT THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AND THIS *VOTERS GUIDE*

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization. The League of Women Voters and the League of Women Voters Education Fund do not support or oppose any political party or candidate. For more than 90 years, the League’s mission has been to support active and informed citizen participation in government. The League believes that voting is a vital part of *Making Democracy Work*.

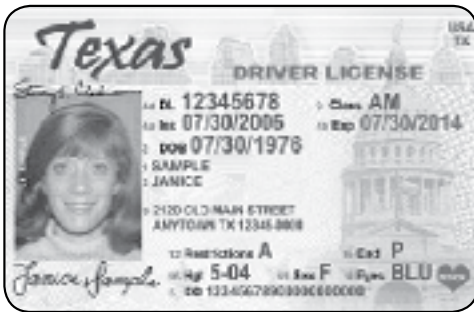
The League of Women Voters of Houston Education Fund publishes the *Voters Guide* to help each voter cast an informed vote. Inside you will find information about the voting process, the duties and responsibilities of the offices that are included in this election, the names of candidates and their responses to selected policy questions.

This *Voters Guide* covers races and ballot issues that appear on the November 6, 2018 General Election ballot.

The responses provided by candidates are reproduced without editing or verification. Each candidate is personally and solely responsible for the content of his/her response. Candidates are listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot. (More about the process used to assemble this *Voters Guide* can be found on page 4.)

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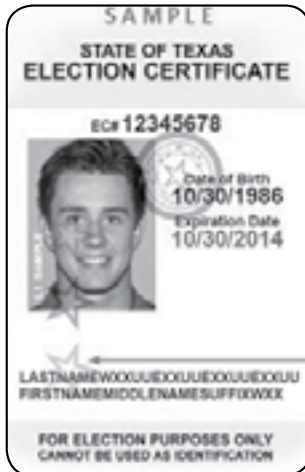
VOTING IN PERSON? YOU MUST BRING ONE OF THESE PHOTO IDs



Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS); current or have expired no more than 4 years



Texas personal identification card issued by DPS; current or have expired no more than 4 years



Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS; current or have expired no more than 4 years



U. S. military identification card containing the person's photograph; current or have expired no more than 4 years



Texas license to carry a handgun issued by DPS; current or have expired no more than 4 years



United States passport; current or have expired no more than 4 years



United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph

Voters who currently do not have an approved form of photo ID may apply for an Election Identification Certificate (EIC) at no charge with the Department of Public Safety. For more information:

CALL (512) 424-2600

OR VISIT

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/electionID.htm>

Do not possess and cannot reasonably obtain one of these IDs? Bring one of the following supporting documents to the polling place. The election official will help you complete a form and you'll be able to vote.

- Valid Voter Registration Certificate
- Certified Birth Certificate (must be an original)
- Copy of or original Bank Statement
- Copy of or original Government check or paycheck
- Copy of or original current Utility Bill
- Copy of or original government document with your name and an address (original required if it contains a photograph)

If you have questions or concerns about acceptable form of ID, check before heading to the polling place by calling 713.755.6965 or visiting www.harrisvotes.com

Voters who are unable to provide an acceptable form of photo ID or an acceptable supporting document may vote provisionally. Voters will need to sign a provisional affidavit and will have until Monday, November 12, 2018 to cure their ballot by bringing acceptable form of identification to the Voter Registrar.

EXEMPTIONS: Voters with a disability may apply with the county voter registrar for a permanent exemption to showing ID at the polls. Voters with a religious objection to being photographed or voters who do not have a ID due to certain natural disasters may apply for a temporary exemption to showing ID at the polls. Please contact your voter registrar for more details.

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR ALL VOTERS

Where do I vote?

During the Early Voting Period; Monday, October 22, 2018 through Friday, November 2, 2018; you may vote at any of the designated Early Voting Locations. Go to page 68 for a list of these locations. They are posted online at www.harrisvotes.com or you can call 713-755-6965.

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 6, 2018 you must vote in the polling location designated for your precinct of residence. Polling locations for each precinct usually are listed in the newspaper the week of the election. This information is available online at www.harrisvotes.com or you can call 713-755-6965. Please note that your current polling place may be different from your polling place for previous elections.

Where do I find my Precinct Number?

Your Precinct Number (Pct. No.) is shown in the middle of the left side of your yellow and white Voter Registration Certificate (VRC). If you wish, you can confirm your precinct number by contacting the Voter Registrar at 713-274-VOTE (8683) or visiting “voter search” at hcvoter.net. Helpful tip: Knowing your precinct number will help you locate the correct polling place for voting on Election Day.

What identification will be required at the Poll?

Each voter will be required to show one of the following forms of photo identification at the polling location in order to cast a ballot.

- Texas driver license—unexpired or expired less than 4 years-issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate (EIC) issued by DPS. For more information on the EIC application process please visit www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/electionID.htm.
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS—unexpired or expired less than 4 years
- Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS—unexpired or expired less than 4 years
- United States military identification card containing the voter's photograph - unexpired or expired less than 4 years
- United States citizenship certificate containing the voter's photograph
- United States passport—unexpired or expired less than 4 years

Voters who do not present a valid form of acceptable identification will be permitted to cast a provisional ballot. These voters have until Monday, November 12, 2018 to present acceptable identification at any office of the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector (Branch Offices: Mon.-Fri., 8:00 am-4:30pm; Main Office/Downtown: Mon.-Fri. 8:00am-5:00pm). Once this and all other requirements are met, the provisional ballot must be accepted.

Exemption / Exceptions to the photo identification requirements:

Voters with a disability may apply with the county voter registrar for a permanent exemption. The application must contain written documentation from either the U.S. Social Security Administration evidencing he or she has been determined to have a disability, or from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs evidencing a disability rating of at least 50 percent. In addition, the applicant must state that he or she has no valid form of photo identification. Those who obtain a disability exemption will be allowed to vote by presenting a voter registration certificate reflecting the exemption. Please contact the voter registrar at 713-368-VOTE (8683) for more details.

Voters who have a consistent religious objection to being photographed and voters who do not have any valid form of photo identification as a result of certain natural disasters as declared by the President of the United States or the Texas Governor, may vote a provisional ballot, appear at the voter registrar's office within six (6) calendar days after Election Day, and sign an affidavit swearing to the religious objection or natural disaster, in order for this ballot to be counted.

What else may I take to the Poll?

If it's handy, we recommend that you take your current yellow and white Voter Registration Certificate since it contains useful voter information.

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

Does your voting name have to match the name on your photo ID?

Texas law requires election officials to determine if a voter's name as shown on the identification credential matches the name as shown on the official list of registered voters. If the names are not exactly the same but are “substantially similar” the voter will be asked to initial a box affirming the match. The voting process will then continue as usual.

What if I've registered but election workers cannot find my name?

The Precinct Judge will contact the Voter Registrar by telephone immediately. If your registration cannot be verified, you are eligible to cast a provisional ballot. This form will include space to describe your particular circumstances and will be reviewed by the ballot board that meets after Election Day. You will receive a letter explaining whether your provisional ballot was accepted or rejected.

What if I need assistance or have physical limitations that must be accommodated?

Voters with special needs will be accommodated at all polling places. No medical explanation is necessary and no proof of illness or disability is required. Voters may be assisted by any person of their choice as they cast their ballots. However, a voter may not be assisted by his employer or his employer's agent, or an agent of his union. The helper will be asked to sign an oath of assistance. A voter may also be assisted by a poll worker. To serve voters with mobility deficits or other physical limitations, all polling places will have ramp access and at least one “DAU” (disabled access unit) eSlate voting machine that offers audio voting, puff-and-sip voting and a lower stance for those who use a wheelchair or prefer to sit. Curbside voting is also available for those whose health and safety require that they remain in their vehicles. The curbside voter should send a companion into the polling place with the voter's identification and an eSlate machine will be brought directly to the vehicle.

How long may I take to vote?

Voters may take as much time as they wish at the eSlate machine. Once activated the ballot will not time out or expire. If you are having problems using the machine, you may ask a poll worker for assistance.

When can I vote?

You may vote:

- In person on Election Day at your assigned precinct's polling place
- In person at designated times and locations during the Early Voting period, Monday, October 22, 2018 through Friday, November 2, 2018-see schedule on page 12.
- By mail if you are at least age 65, disabled, confined in jail but still eligible to vote, or if absence from the county will prevent you from casting a ballot during the Early Voting Period and on Election Day. For this election your application for a ballot by mail must be received in the County Clerk's office by Friday, October 26, 2018. Applications must be mailed or hand delivered.

How do I vote by mail?

Some voters qualify to vote by mail. The request for a Ballot by Mail must be received by the County Clerk's office no later than Friday, October 26. Except for mail ballots coming from overseas or military voters, all completed mail ballots must arrive at the County Clerk's office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, if carrier envelope is not postmarked, OR Wednesday, November 7 at 5:00 p.m., if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. If you request a mail ballot and then decide to vote in person, you will be asked to relinquish your paper mail ballot when you arrive at the polling place. If your paper ballot is not available, you will still be able to vote in person, using the provisional ballot option.

What about a student who is registered to vote at the family home, but will be on campus during Election Season?

- A student can return home to vote on Election Day or during the Early Voting period.
- A student whose school address is outside Harris County can vote by mail. Please see ballot by mail instructions, above.

May I vote if I have permanently changed my address and still live in Harris County?

You may vote a full ballot in accordance with your former precinct details. See page 11 for instructions about recording your change of address with the County Voter Registrar. Failure to update your address information will affect your ability to vote in future elections. You will be able to vote in your new precinct 30 days after your notice has been received by the Voter Registrar.

May I vote if I have changed my address and move to another county?

You must complete a new registration form when you move to a new county. However, you may be eligible to vote a limited ballot in your new county (i.e. on measures in common between your former and new county) if you vote during the Early Voting period only. Your registration in your new county of residence must have been submitted by October 9, 2018 for you to vote in your new residence in this Election. See page 11 for instructions about registering to vote in your new county of residence. Failure to register in your new county of residence will affect your ability to vote in future elections.

What does the term “suspense” mean on a voter's record?

The term “suspense” is used to designate those voters for whom the Harris County Voter Registrar does not have a current, confirmed address. An individual on the suspense list is still a registered voter and has the same rights as a non -suspense list voter. “Suspense” voters may cast a regular ballot after completing a Statement of Residence form.

For Military and Overseas Voters

Eligible Military Personnel, Spouses or Dependents of the Military, and Civilians Overseas now have the ability to complete a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) online. Please go to: www.harrisvotes.com or call 713-755-6965 for more detailed information.

HOW THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ASSEMBLES THE *VOTERS GUIDE*

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

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

LWV Houston hires professional English to Spanish translation services and English to Vietnamese translation services to ensure that all local candidate responses and other *Voters Guide* content are available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese, and that the translated edition represents a faithful rendering of the original material.

The League of Women Voters does not request responses from unopposed candidates. Names of unopposed candidates are listed in the *Voters Guide*, followed by the notation "Unopposed." Candidates are advised that the League of Women Voters reserves the right not to print obscenities, slurs, or egregious personal attacks.

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

VOTING FOR JUDGES IN TEXAS



Remember: All courts that appear on your ballot have jurisdiction to hear cases brought in Harris County.

Although in some states judges are appointed, most judges in Texas are elected. Voting decisions in judicial races are among the most important that a Texas voter makes.

Why are judicial elections important?

Judges make decisions about fundamental issues that affect all of us — family life, education, health care, housing, employment, finances, discrimination, civil rights, public safety, and government actions. Those decisions can have long-lasting impact on individuals, groups, and the public as a whole. It is critical that our judges make fair decisions based upon open-minded and unbiased consideration of the facts and the law in each case. Judges must know the law and not be influenced by any external political and economic factors.

Unlike candidates for most political offices, judicial candidates cannot make promises about decisions they would make when certain issues or types of cases come up in their court. Questions posed to judges, therefore, focus on improvements they would make to their court, the need for impartiality and how they would increase access to justice.

How is the Texas court system organized?

The Texas court system is made up of a statewide network of trial courts and appellate courts. In trial courts, judges and/or juries evaluate the facts and the law and make a decision in a civil or criminal legal dispute. When decisions in most trial courts are appealed, they are sent to an appellate court where judges consider what happened at the trial court, evaluate legal arguments, and then decide if a mistake was made. See <http://www.courts.state.tx.us/pubs/court-overview.pdf> for a chart of the Texas court structure.

The state's two highest courts, the Texas Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeals, have both administrative and appellate responsibilities. The Supreme Court is the final court of appeals within Texas for both civil and juvenile cases. The Court of Criminal Appeals hears criminal cases that are appealed from one of the 14 Courts of Appeals and death penalty cases that by law go straight to the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Members of the Texas Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeal are elected for six-year terms, with three elected every two years. Vacancies on either of these two courts are filled by gubernatorial appointment until the next general election.

What should voters look for when electing judges?

According to the American Bar Association, principles to consider in selection of judges include:

- Judges should uphold the rule of law.
- Judges should be independent and impartial.
- Judges should possess the appropriate temperament and character.
- Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials.
- Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public.
- The judicial system should be diverse and reflective of the society it serves.
- Judges should be constrained to perform their duties in a manner that justifies public faith and confidence in the court.

5 SIMPLE STEPS TO VIEW YOUR SPECIFIC BALLOT ONLINE

1. Go to www.harrisvotes.com.
2. Select English, Spanish, Vietnamese or Chinese.
3. Click on "Find your Election Day Poll" and "View Voter Specific Ballot."
4. Enter your name, your address or your Voter Registration Certificate Number.
5. Click on "Search." Your precinct number, name, address, polling location and the words "Sample Ballot" will appear. Make sure your personal information is correct, then click on "Sample Ballot" to view your ballot just as it will look when you go to vote.

UNITED STATES SENATOR

6-YEAR TERM. ONE OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE U.S. SENATE FROM TEXAS. THE SENATE HAS THE EXCLUSIVE POWER TO ADVISE AND CONSENT ON PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS TO EXECUTIVE AND JUDICIAL OFFICES, TO RATIFY U.S. TREATIES, AND TO TRY IMPEACHMENTS. WITH THE U.S. HOUSE, THE SENATE ADOPTS BUDGETS, LEVIES TAXES, BORROWS MONEY, REGULATES INTERSTATE COMMERCE, PROVIDES SERVICES, ADOPTS REGULATIONS, AND DECLARES WAR.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES: Background: What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position? Health care: What specific reforms, if any, would you propose in health care policy to address the cost of and access to health care? Immigration: What changes, if any, should Congress make in immigration policies? Public Safety: What do you see as the best way to address mass shootings such as the ones in Santa Fe, Sutherland Springs, and Las Vegas? 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?

TED CRUZ (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

BETO O'ROURKE (D)



BACKGROUND: As a member of the City Council, I balanced a budget each year and ensured we were creating opportunity for everyone -- fighting for public schools, good paying jobs and a community that treated everyone with respect. As a Congressman, I've worked with both parties to write legislation including laws that improve access to health care for veterans.

HEALTH CARE: As the least insured state, we should be working to ensure every Texan can see a doctor, afford their prescriptions, and get the care they need so they are healthy enough to go to school, work a job, and live to their full potential. We must also work together to end the maternal mortality crisis in this country. Finally, let's lower prescription costs, safeguard Medicare, expand Medicaid, defend protections for those with pre-existing conditions and achieve guaranteed, universal health care.

IMMIGRATION: We need to rewrite our immigration laws to reflect our interests, our values, and the reality on the ground in Texas. Recognizing we are a nation of laws that can maintain order at the border without dehumanizing anyone, we have to put a stop to family separation, ensure that every separated family is reunified, pass the DREAM Act, provide immigrants

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NEAL M. DIKEMAN (L)



BACKGROUND: I'm a 6th gen Texan with a young family, active in my church and community. I've founded 7 tech startups, held every executive job from CEO, CFO, to Board member. My degree is economics, my career has been international. I know energy, tech, finance, ag, & Texas. I'm not a politician or career government employee, but I know policy and I deliver

HEALTH CARE: Today doctors work for insurers; insurers for your boss; nobody works for you; so the system doesn't work. We need a Million Payer system: health insurance not tied to your job with spiraling costs hidden by government intervention and a bad 1940s corporate tax deal. Where you buy insurance directly, usable anywhere not just in a private insurer network. Give you corporate tax deal, open up the networks, require good faith estimates. Address cost and choice, not restrict price and service.

IMMIGRATION: Congress has talked about fixing immigration my entire voting life - with no action from either side. This has to change. Our current system works for no one. Immigration is a strength of America. We need more legal immigration, so that our companies and jobs stay home, and America reaps the benefits of its melting pot and

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with a fair path to work and citizenship, and ensure that everyone who comes to this country can contribute to their full potential.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Texas should lead the way in preserving the 2nd Amendment while ensuring people can live without fear of gun violence in our churches, schools, concerts and communities. Let's require background checks for all gun sales and close all loopholes; give federal help to school districts to improve campus safety; stop selling weapons of war that are designed to kill people as effectively and efficiently as possible; and support research on gun violence to better understand and address its root causes.

OTHER ISSUES: Every child deserves access to a high-quality education. We must keep our tax dollars in our public school classrooms, ensure equity in funding, and empower teachers to teach to students -- not to high-stakes standardized tests. Prioritizing education also means finally paying our teachers a higher salary, ending the Windfall Elimination Provision, and taking care of our retired teachers. Let's make sure higher education is affordable too, including access to student loans and training programs.

factories. We need clear pathways for immigrants to come to this country to work, whether they stay and earn citizenship or not, combined with enforcement of our laws.

PUBLIC SAFETY: If I had a silver bullet solution, I'd lay it out. But no one does. This is not simple or fixable with federal action. Shall we pass new gun laws, erode our founding fathers' most basic protection against government overreach, and pretend that fixes such a devastating cultural issue so we can feel like we acted? What will we do when another shooting happens anyway, and our "silver bullet" did not work? Let's solve our crisis of community in our community, not from Washington.

OTHER ISSUES: Congress can't pass budgets, has run up debt levels not seen since WWII, borrows 20% of each \$, ignores the warnings of its own accountants. It's run up \$21 Trillion in unfunded Medicare, Medicaid & Social Sec debts from underpricing and overpromising, endangering hardworking Americans. In human terms: \$340K/American family, 2x the American mortgage. They plan to add \$12T in new debts by the time my 5 year old gets to HS, out borrowing the entire GDP growth. We need basic fiscal management.

ELECTRONIC

IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL VOTERS:

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

ADVOCATES FOR HOME DISTRICT. THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS EQUAL LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS AND POWERS WITH THE SENATE; HOWEVER, ONLY THE HOUSE MAY ORIGINATE REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION BILLS. SHARES POWER WITH THE SENATE TO LEVY TAXES, BORROW MONEY, REGULATE INTERSTATE COMMERCE AND DECLARE WAR. 2-YEAR TERM.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES: Identify what you think are the 2 most important issues that affect the people in your district and give specific examples of measurable actions you will take to address these issues. What do you think are the most important issues in the current immigration policy debate and what would you propose as the way forward? What role should Congress play in ensuring that the American healthcare system is accessible and affordable across all demographic groups? What is the appropriate role of the Federal government in protecting the integrity of American elections?

DAN CRENSHAW (R)



Flooding is a key issue throughout Texas' Second Congressional District. I have a detailed flood policy on my website, crenshawforcongress.com/flood-policy/. Additionally, I will work everyday to continue the vast economic expansion we have enjoyed in the last eighteen months. We do this by continuing to flatten and simplify taxes and remove burdensome regulation that create barriers to entry and expansion.

Security must be our first priority. Having an open border is not sustainable from a law enforcement or judicial standpoint. It is more than an immigration issue, it is a national security and economic issue. We must stem the flow of illegal immigration with a wall, where appropriate. We should be clear that we support and welcome legal immigrants, who are often forgotten about in immigration policy discussions.

Congress should look towards market based solutions that do not insert government between the doctor and patient. We should be clear that the issue is not healthcare quality, but healthcare coverage. The Affordable Care Act was an overstep that did far more harm than good, and I believe it should be repealed and replaced. I believe protections for preexisting conditions is an issue where we can, and should, reach bipartisan agreement. I have more details on my webpage, crenshawforcongress.com.

The federal government should take the lead in protecting the integrity of our elections from foreign actors and other threats. The on-the-ground operations and administration of elections should continue to be conducted at the local level.

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

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What is the appropriate role of the Federal government in protecting the integrity of American elections?

TODD LITTON (D)



Health Care. I hear concerns from people across our district about high drug costs and fears of losing coverage for preexisting conditions. I will protect and improve the Affordable Care Act and allow Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices. Flooding. Our community's resiliency and ingenuity have not been supported with urgent action. I will work across all lines—district, city, county, state, and party lines—to get the resources and action we need NOW to protect our community from flooding.

Separating families and building a wall are bad policies and not in the spirit our country was founded. Soundbites like “Build the wall” and “Abolish ICE” don’t make policy sense and make things more polarized. We need to pass the DREAM Act and compromise on comprehensive immigration reform that will protect our borders, provide a path to legal status or citizenship for many law-abiding people who are contributing to our country, and allow our communities and businesses to grow and thrive.

In Congress, I will work to allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies, which should significantly reduce the high costs of prescription medications. I will also protect the millions of Americans with preexisting medical conditions who currently receive affordable health insurance. We can’t go back to the days when those with a preexisting condition were denied insurance. Finally, I’d work to allow counties to apply to expand access to Medicaid in states like Texas that have not.

Free and fair elections are the foundation of our democracy. The federal government should play the leading role in protecting America’s election integrity. I would take an aggressive stand against any enemy of the United States, especially Russia, meddling in our elections. When cyberattacks threaten various states’ election systems and spread lies that fuel false fears, the federal government must act aggressively to stop such actions and ensure we have free and fair elections in America.

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PATRICK GUNNELS (L)



Issue number one is an overweening Federal Government that needs to be shrunk by about two-thirds in size. Issue number two is a coalition of democrats and republicans who collude to stymie the President in every effort he’s making to drain the swamp.

Build the damn wall.

Congress should abolish all federal involvement in the health care system.

They should be aggressively supervising all federal elections for fraud and we should have a national voter ID law.

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SCOTT CUBBLER (I)



As a major global import/export center, the current and future tariffs are severely impacting the greater Houston area. The cost of lumber and steel have skyrocketed, hurting the very Region that is still recovering. Harris County recently passed 2.5B in bonds to fund known flood mitigation projects to protect Houston/Harris County from another Hurricane Harvey. We need creative solutions that the political parties have yet to consider, and we need accountability for failing to protect us.

To discuss immigration as “amnesty” or “building a wall” ignores the totality of the border engagement issues. A comprehensive, integrated, strategic Border Engagement policy needs to consider: immigration, commerce/trade, drugs, transportation, energy, agriculture, health care, justice and diplomatic issues. Complex problems cannot be solved with slogans.

There are three areas where we can all agree the Federal government should participate in National healthcare: - all children (ages 0-18/23 (depending on academic status)) should be covered. Children should not be without due to just being born. - no one should file for bankruptcy due to medical care. The Federal government should institute caps on medical expenses, Federal dollars to cover over-cap expenses. - minimal health care should be available for the indigent

The Federal government’s role in elections is to ensure those who are eligible, can vote; and do so fairly and accurately. Since our transportation and communication systems have changed dramatically since voting occurred during the 1700’s, it is time for the Federal government to institute national standards and processes to ensure fairness in all States and territories. External auditing organizations should be used to ensure implementation and compliance

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JOHN CULBERSON (R)



The two most important issues facing District 7 are improving our flood-control network and growing the economy. As the member of the Appropriations Committee, I have secured billions of dollars for Harris County to strengthen our flood-control network, including a record-breaking disaster relief package for the victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria worth \$141 billion. I also supported passage of the largest tax cut in U.S. history and helped repeal the oil export ban.

We need to secure our border and enforce our laws to better facilitate the legal movement of people and goods. As Chairman of the Subcommittee that funds federal law enforcement, I have increased funding to hire prosecutors and federal investigators to truly secure the southern border and fight human trafficking. I have also supported legislation to ensure that children are not separated from their parents. I also support streamlining our current visa system.

We need to make health care more accessible, affordable and portable. We should allow insurance companies to sell across state lines to provide more options to consumers. We should make it easier for small businesses to pool their resources to buy private insurance. I also support guaranteed coverage for pre-existing conditions and for allowing adult children to stay on their parent’s insurance until they turn 26. I will continue to fund research for juvenile diabetes, MS, and other diseases.

Under our Constitution, State law and local government regulate and control elections. Therefore, the federal government’s role is limited. I have supported federal grants to State and local governments to help them manage elections and to help them protect the integrity of the ballot box.

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LIZZIE PANNILL FLETCHER (D)



1. Healthcare: Cutting-edge advances take place here, but many in our community do not have access to quality healthcare. Ensuring access to & affordability of healthcare is vital—from improving the ACA to working across the aisle to bring down costs, especially of prescription drugs. 2. Infrastructure: We need flooding and transportation infrastructure improvements to keep us safe and move us forward. I will partner with cities, counties, and METRO to bring improvements & funding to our region.

We need comprehensive immigration reform that addresses the many needs in this complex system. It should be thoughtful, practical, and fair, strengthening our border security and protecting border communities, ensuring law enforcement can do its job to keep our communities safe, keeping the promises we made to Dreamers, ending the devastating separation of families at the border, and creating a pathway to legal status for those who contribute to our society.

Congress has an important role to play in helping ensure that all Americans have access to affordable care. Working together, Congress can address the failures of the ACA and improve it, can continue to expand Medicaid and subsidy programs that bring overall costs down for everyone, introduce common-sense, cost-saving measures like allowing Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to lower drug prices, and ensure continued protections for people with pre-existing conditions.

Our democracy depends on free and fair elections with true participation of our citizens. The Federal government is charged with protecting our constitutional rights, especially the right to vote. It is important that we fully restore and enforce the Voting Rights Act, and address systemic challenges and threats to our elections. Protecting the integrity of the process also includes working to eliminate partisan gerrymandering, and requiring transparency in our campaign finance system.

Education: B.A., History, Kenyon College (1997) J.D., College of William & Mary School of Law (2006) | Experience: I am a litigation partner at AZA, which I joined in 2009 after starting my legal career at Vinson & Elkins and working in non-profit and private sector for six years. | Community: I am currently a director of Writers in the Schools and Open Dance Project, past director of Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, and community volunteer. | Email: info@lizziefletcher.com | Website: http://lizziefletcher.com | Address: 3262 Westheimer Road, PMB 636 Houston, TX 77098 | Phone: (281) 645-9388 | Facebook: http://facebook.com/LizzieForCongress | Twitter: twitter.com/Lizzie4Congress

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What is the appropriate role of the Federal government in protecting the integrity of American elections?

KEVIN BRADY (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

STEVEN DAVID (D)

I believe that healthcare is the most important issue. Whether it is access, affordability, or coverage, residents are worried and suffering. I believe that the solution to this problem is to strengthen the Affordable Care Act, and I commit to ensuring that our focus will be on the patient, and not the profit of companies. I also believe that we must address the cost of education in America. Collectively, Americans hold \$1.2 trillion dollars in debt, and tuition keeps rising.

I believe that the most important thing that must be addressed is the inability of the Republican Party to talk about immigration without conflating it with criminality. We have seen a perverse demonization of immigrants and it has to stop. We need to immediately, and permanently, renew DACA. Second, there must be a complete cessation of the policy to separate children from their parents, while simultaneously altering the policy of asylum to allow for asylum claims with illegal crossings.

Congress has one of the most important roles in ensuring a viable, affordable healthcare system for Americans. Not only do they create the laws that govern the industry, they are checks and balances to the regulators. We have seen an unprecedented amount of healthcare companies exploiting loopholes with no consequences, and Americans are suffering for it.

I believe that the appropriate role of the Federal government is to fund the modernization of voting machines and processes to ensure data security, assess and address the vulnerabilities of systems around the nation, and to prosecute the attempted, or successful, breach of our voting systems.

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CHRIS DUNCAN (L)

Taxation - overburdening taxation takes money out of the pockets of citizens that could be better spent to improve the quality of life. Americans pay more taxes than food, clothing, and housing combined. I will support any measure to decrease the tax burden on all Americans and put money back into constituents' pockets. Decriminalize marijuana - America is the incarceration capital of the world because we lock away people who choose to ingest a natural substance. I support legalization.

As a Libertarian, I believe in the freedom for people to move wherever they like. I do not believe in separating families or submitting people to inhumane conditions. I do not believe in giving away taxpayer money to those who do not pay taxes, however, and I do not believe in government enabling poor behavior. As long as immigrants are productive and law-abiding, I believe that they have just as much right to be here as we do. We are all immigrants, in fact.

As a Libertarian, I do not believe in socialized medicine. I believe that a private system, completely free from government intervention and meddling, will provide the best outcomes overall. I believe that philanthropic doctors would service those of lower income, and charities will help low-income families get care they need. Government intervention causes a misallocation of healthcare, which is the reason costs are out of control. Without government meddling, medical costs would decrease.

The power to regulate elections was delegated to the states. This was done purposefully in order to keep federal bias out of federal elections and to maintain the system of federalism the founders held so dear. I believe this is best left to the states, and the people themselves have to stand up for integrity and elections and ensure that their respective states follow proper procedures.

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AL GREEN (D)

The two most important issues are: 1. Affordable healthcare for all that covers all pre-existing conditions which I will continue to fight for and vote for. 2. The daily injustices that undocumented migrants and immigrants, persons of color, members of the LGBTQ community, women and the disabled suffer related to getting a job, keeping a job, and advancing on a job. I will continue to fight all forms of bigotry in policy, especially impeachable bigotry in policy emanating from the Presidency.

The most important immigration issue is whether the hallmark of American humanity, the noble American ideal of "liberty and justice for all" will apply to all, including the millions of law-abiding, hardworking undocumented persons within our country. The just way forward is comprehensive immigration reform with a clear path to citizenship to avert having second-class people in our first-class country. This is the American way.

Congress should prevent "healthcare for all" from becoming "wealthcare for those who can afford it." We can do so by debating and passing a healthcare plan that includes coverage of all pre-existing conditions similar to Medicare.

The appropriate role is to impose national standards that include a verifiable paper trail as well as standards that prevent voter suppression.

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PHIL KURTZ (L)

Taxation and more specifically government spending. Did you know that the city of Stafford, in TX CD9 has no property taxes? I will introduce and support bills restructuring federal tax systems based on successful models used by local municipalities. I support balancing the budget and limiting spending to below revenue levels. I will support school districts and individuals taking charge of their own safety by working to repeal restrictions on 2A rights. I support "Carry for our Kids" training.

I am endorsed by Americans for Legal Immigration and received a TRUE REFORMER rating from NumbersUSA. I support immigrants who want to come to America and become naturalized citizens. We must secure our borders and streamline our immigration policies. I propose, reducing or removing welfare, citizenship for military service (perhaps extended term for illegals), reduction of chain migration from 4 levels to one, (Spouse and Children only), charge back deportation costs to the country of origin

I support a full repeal of PPACA, (Obamacare) and deregulation of the medical industry and medical insurance industries. Congress should work to remove the impediments to free market solutions and encourage competitions among all aspects of this industry. Only by allowing entrepreneurial innovations to emerge will the costs of insurance premiums, pharmaceuticals, care facilities, hospitals, nursing facilities and other aspects of this market segment become affordable to all.

Election policies are the domain of the States. I believe that there is a role for the Federal Election Commission when it comes to elections involving Federal Offices. There are two requirements to voting for Federal Officers. Being a resident of a State and an American Citizen. This is evidenced by the fact that American Citizens who reside in Amer. Territories, (PR, Guam, Mariannes, US Virgin Isle, Amer. Samoa) do not get a vote in federal elections. FEC should validate each State's Compliance..

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BENJAMIN HERNANDEZ (I)

Criminal Justice Reform. I will sponsor legislation to address the use of force in police departments, promote fair and just interactions with communities of color, eliminate mass incarceration, support reentry programs, and reform the current cash bail system. Immigration. I will sponsor legislation to end family separation, provide a path to legal status for Dreamers as well as the estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants already living in the country. I will always be an advocate.

Congress should pass legislation to permanently address the status of DACA recipients, provide a path to legal status for the 11 million undocumented immigrants living here, provide balanced family reunification policies, provide fair and just options for people seeking refuge from violence or persecution, end family separation, continue providing visas to attract talent, and finally provide independence to immigration courts by moving them from the Department of Justice to the Judicial Branch.

Health is a human right. Good health starts with people having equal opportunity access to good healthcare regardless of how much money they make or what zip code they live in. The Affordable Care Act was a good start and the next step is Medicare For All. If we don't get there soon, we at least need to address the shortcomings of the ACA: expand Medicaid, stabilize markets, make prescriptions affordable, and make sure that there is long term funding for the Children's Health Insurance Plan.

Elections are at the core of our democracy. Protecting American elections from foreign interference should be a top priority. This includes clearly condemning foreign powers that interfere or attempt to interfere with our elections and deploying active countermeasures to monitor and prevent interference. The Federal government should also provide technical assistance and make funding available to states to upgrade voting infrastructure and mandate that election equipment include paper trails.

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U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 9



KESHA ROGERS (I)

(1) Systemic poverty and (2) a lack of high wage productive jobs. We must end the post-industrial service economy and become a producer nation building great projects. This requires reinstating Glass-Steagall banking separation, issuing federal credit (as during the New Deal or Apollo) to build modern infrastructure, flood controls in Houston, high speed rail networks, full human space exploration of the moon, and fusion energy. A new Civilian Conservation Corps will train people for the work.

We must address the underlying economic cause for mass emigration. Free trade agreements like NAFTA have impoverished nations south of our border, allowing drug cartels and sweatshops to take over, and so they flee here. We need new trade deals that mutually benefit all countries involved, reducing poverty with big projects in global trade, transportation, power, water, and food self-sufficiency, while increasing police and military resources to eliminate the drug trade and human trafficking.

Congress must legislate a return to the Hill-Burton standard for access to medical care which preceded the failed Obamacare and HMO systems. Since healthcare is a human right, Congress must fund a system that ensures access of everyone to the best medicine, something our present privatized and shareholder value tainted medical and pharmaceutical system cannot do. The economic development proposals I outlined above will expand the economy, readily providing federal funding for such a program.

Russagate is political hoax and a dangerous step toward war. The American people are smart enough figure out where they stand on various issues, and censoring social media speech is unconstitutional. The federal government must ensure that state systems for registration and voting adhere to basic ballot security by enacting and enforcing basic ballot security standards in federal elections. Actual voting should always be done using a verifiable paper record and require a state issued photo ID.

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MICHAEL T. MCCAUL (R) | NO RESPONSE

MIKE SIEGEL (D)

Top issues: health care and infrastructure. Health care include access to insurance and access to quality hospital facilities. I will vote to support universal healthcare -- for example, Medicare for All -- and to fund rural hospital facilities. Top infrastructure needs include flood control and rural high speed Internet. I will fight to improve Houston's resiliency for 50, 100, and 500-year floods. And I will seek funding to connect every Texas county to high speed Internet.

We must start with compassion and respect, and preserve the promise of the Statue of Liberty. Our border security must protect us from terrorism and drug cartels. At the same time, we should treat individuals and families who seek asylum with respect. I support citizenship for our Dreamers, and comprehensive immigration reform to address our broken visa and citizenship process. Unlike my opponent Rep. McCaul, who supported Family Separation, I will fight to keep families together.

Congress should guarantee that every American has access to quality healthcare -- regardless of pre-existing conditions. We are wealthy enough as a nation, and the benefits of universal care will be enormous: peace of mind, longer lives, stronger businesses, a healthier economy. I support Medicare for All, which will save trillions of dollars by reducing prescription drug costs, reducing emergency room visits, and directing spending to the most important result: our health and wellness.

The government must guarantee the sanctity of the vote, which is our most fundamental right in a democracy. I am very disappointed that my opponent, Rep. McCaul, has failed to take action to investigate foreign interference in our elections, even though he is Chairman of the Homeland Security Committee. We must strengthen the Voting Rights Act to protect against laws that disenfranchise voters (like Voter ID laws in Texas). We also need automatic voter registration and a holiday on election day.

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MIKE RYAN (L)

Illegal immigration and deficit spending. We need a Presidential Line Item Veto to cut spending. It may take a Convention of States to accomplish this and term limits! There is no difference between R and D spending patterns; the R party will cut SS first. I will cut every other program BEFORE touching Social Security -- I am the only candidate to promise this. China is stealing our industries-- they are the only producers of penicillin and anthrax vaccines -- we need tariffs for reciprocal trade.

People coming to the USA must do it legally. We should build the wall to keep out criminals who would harm our families. The number one role of the government is to keep us safe. I would make e-verify and background checks mandatory with two new provisions; guest workers' employers must pay for their health insurance so they are not a burden on taxpayers; this currently bankrupts hospitals! I would add a provision that guest workers will NEVER have a path to citizenship; two separate plans.

The federal government should set policies and get out of the way. The older system of health insurance prior to 1976 and HMOs worked well -- third party payers must be eliminated. We should be able to buy health insurance much like car and home insurance -- clear descriptions of covered items and costs. Cross state purchasing, etc. are great ideas, but the States should take the lead on managing these issues. I believe it is a Tenth Amendment issue. The federal government is too prone to cronyism

Texas just won a decision on 9/18/18 from the 5th Circuit court upholding voter ID in elections. SB5. It should be a model for the rest of the nation. Texas has documented multiple cases of voter fraud and the criminals must be prosecuted. If I need an ID to drive a car or get on an airplane, which is a much lesser affair, we can mandate ID to vote. CA allows ILLEGALS to vote making this critical to our future sovereignty.

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AVA REYNERO PATE (R)

Job growth is vital in the 18th District. I will propose legislation that will give the Small Business & Trade Schools tax breaks who are willing to work with an individual seeking a trade that best fits them & their personality. I would even like to propose this to be an avenue for the troubled teen/adult & our veterans. I would like to see our veterans receiving the same healthcare benefits that are available to our President and to the House of Representatives - Senate & Congress.

We must restore the integrity of our immigration systems that are guided by the law. It's time to secure our borders by building the wall, this is not just about the illegal immigrant, but a national security threat. Our children are at risk when we allow our borders to be open to drug cartels & sex traffickers. There's also the abuse of companies firing employees (citizens) in order to hire HB1 workers that would be something I would address in Congress.

We can reduce costs by allowing health insurance to be sold across state lines, making it competitive, allowing the consumer to choose. I'm an advocate for returning the power to the states as stated in our Constitution, by the 10th Amendment and healthcare falls into that category. America must be careful into falling for socialistic healthcare. It is a known fact that any country that has taken the socialistic healthcare route, the people lose their choice when where & how they get cared for.

To protect the integrity of our Federal elections we can create legislation that makes it a requirement to show legal I.D. of being a citizen of the United States of America. We must protect our elections from foreign influences.

Education: I graduated from Sam Rayburn High School in 1984 in Pasadena Texas, became a working class citizen and pursued a very prosperous career as a cosmetologist. | Experience: I had 30 years of customer service in the hair industry & also had the opportunity of being a Small Business owner for 15 years. Majority of my career was in the 18th District | Community: God comes 1st in my life, so happy to help my church in any area. Volunteered at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, Parent Teacher League as Volunteer Coordinator & President | Email: ava@avapateforcongress.com | Website: <http://avapateforcongress.com> | Address: PO BOX 920938 Houston, TX 77292 | Phone: (713) 504-7186 | Facebook: <http://avaforcongress> | Twitter: twitter.com/avaforcongress

SHEILA JACKSON LEE (D)

We faced a catastrophic event in 2017, Hurricane Harvey, which was the most significant natural disaster in the U. S. Our constituents across the city are still facing rebuilding of their homes and working to ensure that the infrastructure works against flooding. My most important task is to ensure the funding needed for rebuilding; identify dollars needed for the Corp of Engineers to match the Harris Co. Flood District; and to fix the Bayou system totally that will control future flooding.

We have a broken immigration system and the present administration has contributed to the ineffectiveness of that system. It is vitally important to pass comprehensive immigration reform to provide access to citizenship and to have real border security via improved technology and well trained personnel. It is important that we fix the broken policy of taking children away from their parents. We will continue to work to reunite those children and to pass legislation that will protect Dreamers.

One of the most important points of healthcare that was passed several years ago was a provision to provide insurance to individuals with pre-existing conditions. Unfortunately, the majority insisted on taking away that provision that has saved thousands of lives. It is my commitment to work with other members of Congress to ensure a system that is both affordable and accessible that protects all consumers; and provides support for our hospital systems through expanded Medicaid.

As a member of the Homeland Security Committee, it is important to recognize that the 2016 election was violated by Russian influence. There are many issues including: protecting the integrity of the process and the voter count. I am involved in efforts to ensure that people are not unfairly purged from the voting rolls, to ensure that every eligible person can vote and make voting precincts accessible to all people. I will request Dept. of Justice & Homeland Security on-site on Election Day.

Experience: Congresswoman of 18th Congressional District; Former Houston City Councilmember | Community: Constituent services include: Annual Toys for Kids Event, Beat the Heat for Seniors Air Conditioning Program, Annual Thanksgiving Food Giveaway for Seniors, and many others. | Email: Info@sheilajacksonlee18.com | Website: <http://sheilajacksonlee18.com> | Address: 4412 Almeda Houston, TX 77004 | Phone: (713) 737-8350 | Facebook: <http://sheilajacksonlee18> | Twitter: twitter.com/jacksonleetx18

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U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 18



LUKE SPENCER (L)

TERM LIMITS - Voters in my district feel that Sheila Jackson Lee is a prime example of why term limits are needed. Once elected, even incumbents who are clearly incompetent cling to power. Limit US Representatives to 5 lifetime terms and US Senators to 2. PROHIBITION - The War on Drugs has done more harm to Americans than drugs themselves ever could. And we have exported a great deal of violence to Latin America. Defund federal enforcement programs. Repeal harsh minimum sentencing laws.

Our entire immigration system needs to be eliminated. Throw it out and replace it. A GUEST WORKER PROGRAM - We had one until 1965 when labor unions and Democrats got rid of it. Not everyone wants to become a citizen. Many would like to work for a few months or years then return home. A CITIZEN PROGRAM - Grant citizen path visas to skilled *and low-skilled immigrants* totaling 1% of the population per year. The 3.1 million people under this program exceeds the 1.5 million entering recently.

Congress has created a monster. Third party payers have hijacked healthcare. We need legislation creating spaces where consumers and providers can work directly together. From these interactions PRICES will emerge, then MARKETS. Costs will go down and quality will go up. True insurance will be reserved for catastrophic and unexpected events. Charity hospitals like we used to have will return to provide for the needy.

Foreign governments will always seek to influence outcomes. The FBI, State Department and NSA will need to be vigilant. I believe federal grant money to states should require the use of voting machines with paper printouts. Digital or networked systems WILL be compromised. This would do tremendous and perhaps irreparable damage to our faith in democratic processes, even more than that caused by the 2016 Democratic Party presidential primary scandal.

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VINCE DUNCAN (I)

1. Housing.. Repair and Recovery In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey Remains one of the top Priorities of 80% of the Residents Of Congressional District 18. There are thousands and thousands of vacant homes in District 18, in some cases residents had little or no insurance. In other cases residents may not qualify for government assistance because they earn too much money, in other cases skilled labor shortage.2. Job Security We lost businesses in Harvey that employed Residents of the District.

We Have To be a Nation Of Laws We have to Discourage American Employers from luring and enticing people to enter the country illegally. We have to shift the narrative into What do the leaders of the nations that they are fleeing from need to do provide a safe and secure environment, employment, educational opportunities for their own citizens. Immigration can not be our Nations Top Priority, Domestic Safety and Security, employment opportunities must be our Nation Top Priority.

Congress Should Restructure Health Care And Insurance Pricing To Control The Cost Of Healthcare. What other American Industry do we have that pricing is not transparent ? For example if you purchase a car or truck you know the price, not in Healthcare we are told that it is covered by your insurance. Congress has control of Medicare and Medicaid disbursement of funds, policies and procedures, its going to take the will of Congress to act on the best interest of the citizens.

Consider The Harris county Reform Acts www.vinceforus.com Voting Process.. We must create Voting Centers move away from schools and churches etc. Each Voter Should be given a receipt of the Candidates And Propositions They have Voted For and at anytime during the process be able to verify that their vote has been properly recorded.

Education: N/A | Professional: Blue Print Design, Home Building and Furniture Making. | Community: Creator Of The Harris County Reform Acts Vice President Of Groveland civic club Worked Independently to help Defeat The Houston HERO Ordinance. | Email: vinceforus@gmail.com | Website: http://www.vinceforus.com | Address: 4007 Amoor Street Houston, TX 77029 | Phone: (713) 252-2436 | Facebook: http://Vince Duncan For Congress

PETE OLSON (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED



SRI PRESTON KULKARNI (D)

Hurricane Harvey devastated much of our community. We must increase emergency relief funding to help our neighbors should disaster strike, and also fight climate change to prevent such events in the future. We must also support education at every level – we should invest in higher ed so that all students are able to graduate from a public university, college, or vocational school debt-free, provide adequate resources to all our public schools, and increase pay for our hardworking teachers.

America is, and has always been, a nation of immigrants – and our immigration policy must reflect that. While we must protect our border, we must also protect the children who have known only America for all their lives. We need to overhaul our migrant work, high-skilled labor, and student visas so that we continue to attract the best and brightest from around the world. And we must end this Administration's inhumane policies that separate children from their parents.

When I was a teenager, my family nearly went bankrupt trying to pay for my dying father's treatment (and we had health insurance). The simple fact is that no one should die in America because they cannot afford healthcare. Creating a universal healthcare system is not only the moral thing to do, it is the smart thing to do. We already pay for people without insurance – we just pay more. Getting everyone into our health care system will take care of our neighbors while bringing down costs.

Having fought Russian disinformation while serving as a Foreign Service Officer, I know just how critical it is to protect the integrity of our elections against foreign threats. But our democracy is also under threat at home. We must stop gerrymandering – politicians shouldn't pick their voters, voters should pick their politicians. I take no money from corporate PACs because we must also fight the corrupting influence of special interest groups.

Education: B.A. University of Texas, Plan II Honors M.P.A. Harvard University, Kennedy School | Professional: 14 Years as a Foreign Service Officer with tours in Iraq, Israel, Russia, Taiwan, and Jamaica. Foreign Policy and Defense advisor on Capitol Hill, assisting Sen. Gillibrand. | Community: Key Club, Big Brother Big Sister, Texas Coalition of Black Democrats, Ft. Bend Tejanos, Pearland to Parkland co-founder, Rally for Our Children organizer | Email: Sri@KulkarniForCongress.com | Website: http://www.KulkarniForCongress.com | Address: 1470 First Colony Blvd. Suite 310 Sugar Land, TX 77479 | Phone: (346) 291-4793 | Facebook: http://facebook.com/KulkarniForCongress | Twitter: twitter.com/SriPKulkarni

JOHN B. MCELLIGOTT (L)) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED



KELLEN SWENY (I)

Education: Globally, the U.S. ranks 38th in math & 24th in science, yet spends the most per student. We must eliminate standardized tests in their current form, bring creativity back to classrooms, & allow teachers the freedom to address their students' individual needs. Federal Budget: As national debt nears \$21 trillion and the budget continues to run at a deficit, the CBO & OMB should be combined and reckless overspending ended. We must stop setting up future generations for economic failure.

Current immigration policy is ineffective. The failed strategies have fueled a rise of those living in the U.S. without legal status despite continually increased spending on enforcement. The way forward expands the visa work program and creates a path to legal status for those already here. Borders become more secure as smuggling and document fraud decrease and state and local communities benefit from a boost in economic activity, including \$244 million in tax revenue from 'Dreamers' in 2018.

Congress should enact policies that address the unique health needs of everyone. Cultivating healthy, vibrant communities is not only financially and socially valuable, it's a moral imperative. The system must offer choice, cover pre-existing conditions, and provide a safety net to support the marginalized. It must be financially accessible by individuals, small businesses, and large corporations alike, and there should never be a question of choosing between health or affording the care needed.

The Federal government must take the lead in protecting the integrity of elections. Voter turnout is at all-time lows; unchecked foreign interference will only further undermine the nation's trust and participation. Rather than assign blame and work in silos, all responsible parties—the intelligence community, corporations, and all three branches—must come together to safeguard democracy. The Federal government should ensure equitable access to the polls and make Election Day a national holiday.


Education: Bachelor of Arts: Political Science and Spanish, Dual Major; Magna Cum Laude in Honor Studies; Texas Tech University; December 2009 | Experience: City of Houston, Bureau of Vital Statistics: Division Manager and Registrar, 2016-Present; Buc-ee's: Gift Manager, 2015-2016; The Home Depot: Assistant Manager, 2010-2015 | Community: Active Member at The Harvest United Methodist Church; Parent Coach at Shadow Creek Soccer Club; All contributions to the campaign are donated back to local non-profits | Email: kellen@peoplecampaign.org | Website: http://kellenforcongress.com | Address: 10223 Broadway Street Suite P, #229 Pearland, TX 77584 | Phone: (281) 643-7103 | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/KellenForCongress | Twitter: twitter.com/KellenTX22

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U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 29



PHILLIP ARONOFF (R)

Healthcare Access- Block grant Medicaid payments to states, so that we can experiment with programs like the Health Savings Account solution. The issue isn't coverage. The issue is access. With HSA accounts, for those who need it, they can see any doctor they want. Immigration Reform- Pass law to give a pathway of citizenship to those that fall under DACA. Implement a new rolling work visa program that makes it easier for immigrants to come here and work. (Bracero 2 - Houston Chronicle OP-ED)


Work Visas- It wasn't always this difficult to obtain work visas. There were negative things about the Bracero program decades ago, but if we take the good parts of it, then we have a chance to rectify the issue. The Wall- A wall is expensive & unnecessary. A majority of my district doesn't want it. We can use technology to solve the security problem. If the work visa program is changed, then we can focus on the real criminals, & not people who are just looking to feed their families.

1. Block grant Medicaid payments to states. 2. Allow states to authorize programs like Health Savings Account issuance for those in need 3. Reduce regulations on insurance companies, so that premiums will lower. 4. Allow out-of-state practitioners to use communication technology to treat patients around the nation. 5. Root out the cronyism in the FDA.

1. Ensuring that states are doing their jobs, and putting oversight on the areas that are in question. 2. Encouraging cooperation with the digital media sector and federal agencies, so that foreign influence can be exposed and stopped. 3. Putting penalties on those foreign governments that have been proven to have interfered with American elections.

Education/Degrees: University of Houston - Bachelor of Business- International Business | Professional Experience: 50 year entrepreneur in foreign trade and 14 years as a diplomat. | Community Involvement: Harris County Housing Authority, Harris County Housing Finance Authority, President of the City of Houston public access television, Chairman of ADL - Houston, and more. | Campaign Public Email: info@aronoffforcongress.com | Campaign Public Website: <http://aronoffforcongress.com> | Campaign Public Address: 7439 Harrisburg Houston, TX 77011 | Campaign Public Phone: (713) 825-1959 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/aronoffforcongress/> Twitter: twitter.com/Aronoff4USRep

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 29



SYLVIA R. GARCIA (D)

Our district urgently needs access to economic opportunity and affordable healthcare for all. 24% of families in our district live in poverty, and 38% lack a high school degree. To address this I will work to raise the federal minimum wage, advocate for increased funding for workforce training, and help bring jobs to our area. Our community also needs access to affordable healthcare, with 35% of people lacking health insurance. I will work tirelessly to defend and expand the Affordable Care Act.

If elected to Congress my top priority will be to end the heartless zero tolerance policies of the Trump Administration. Our country has to stop tearing families apart; it is inhumane and against American values. I will also work to pass the Dream Act, and advocate for comprehensive immigration reform that includes a road-map to citizenship for hardworking immigrant families in the United States.

Access to healthcare is a human right, and Congress must do everything necessary to ensure that Americans have access to quality affordable healthcare, regardless of socioeconomic status. I would work to protect Medicare and Medicaid, fight any cuts to either program, and stand up to attempts to turn Medicare into a voucher system. Also, I would work to increase funding for community based health clinics, which are critical in our District.


It is well documented that our country is extremely vulnerable to cyber-attacks on our electoral system. We cannot allow foreign dictators to undermine our democracy. Congress must authorize additional spending for election security, so that the states will have the resources to shore up their cyber-security infrastructure, and to implement paper-trail systems to verify our votes in case of system failure.

Education: B.A., Social Work, Texas Woman's University; J.D., Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University | Experience: Former social worker, legal aid lawyer, Houston Municipal Judge, Houston City Controller, Harris County Commissioner, Current Texas State Senator for District 6. | Involvement: Served on more than 25 community boards, including the San Jacinto Girl Scouts, the Houston Hispanic Forum, the American Leadership Forum and the Battleship Texas Foundation. | Email: info@sylviaforcongress.com | Website: <http://www.sylviaforcongress.com> | Address: 5601 Irvington Blvd. Houston, TX 77009 | Phone: (832) 869-7529 Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/SylviaRGarcia/> | Twitter: twitter.com/SenatorSylvia


CULLEN BURNS (L) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

JOHNATHAN GARZA (I) | WRITE IN CANDIDATE - UNABLE TO CONTACT

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 36



BRIAN BABIN (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED



DAYNA STEELE (D)

Healthcare: The rural areas in southeast Texas lack basic healthcare infrastructure. Hospitals, clinics and family physician offices are closing. We need to create incentives for healthcare professionals to move to, and stay in the region. Jobs: We need a \$15-an-hour minimum wage. Create tax incentives for companies that pay for retraining and re-education for people to stay current or reenter the workforce. Encourage partnerships with leading companies to create job opportunities.

Breaking up families and deporting immigrants who have become part of our communities is not the way to go. We need a comprehensive immigration plan moving forward that allows for a path to citizenship. Pass a clean DREAM Act and build no wall.

Preventative care and pre-existing conditions must be covered at rates families can actually afford. Congress must place the highest priority on finding a solution for the healthcare crisis. Congress should also commit to enrolling in whatever healthcare system they create for the general public.

Legislation must be passed upgrading the voter rolls, protecting election equipment and securing the electoral process from outside interference. To do anything less is no different than allowing a foreign power a direct vote in our Legislative and Executive branches. An attack on our elections is a direct attack on our country and the principles that make this nation great.


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EARLY VOTING

ANYONE MAY VOTE EARLY IN TEXAS

DURING THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD, MONDAY, OCTOBER 22 THROUGH FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018, RESIDENTS OF HARRIS COUNTY MAY VOTE AT ANY DESIGNATED EARLY VOTING LOCATION IN HARRIS COUNTY.

FOR A MAP AND COMPLETE LISTING OF EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS, EARLY VOTING DATES AND TIMES, PLEASE REFER TO LAST PAGE OF THIS VOTERS GUIDE.



REGISTERING TO VOTE

You must register to vote at least 30 days before the election date.
Last day to register to vote in the November General Election was Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

Who can register?

You can register to vote if you meet all these qualifications:

- You are a United States citizen
- You are a resident of the county to which you submit the application
- You are at least 17 years and 10 months old, but you must be 18 years old by Election Day in order to cast your ballot
- You are not a convicted felon, but you may be eligible to vote if you have completed your sentence, probation, or parole
- You have not been declared by a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be either totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

How do I register to vote?

To register, you must complete, sign and submit a Voter Registration Application.

Each Texas county has a Voter Registrar. In Harris County the Tax Assessor-Collector also serves as the Voter Registrar.

Application forms are available at all Harris County Tax Office substation locations as well as many libraries, government offices, high schools and post offices. Application forms may be downloaded at hctax.net, requested by emailing voters@hctx.net or requested by calling 713-274-VOTE (8683).

After you register, you should receive your Voter Registration Certificate (VRC) within 30 days. If you do not, you should call the Harris County Tax Office at 713-274-8683 to check on the status of your application.

Where do I register?

- You may register in person or by mail.
- You may register in person at 1001 Preston Avenue – 2nd floor, in downtown Houston; any of 16 Tax Office substations throughout the County (locations can be viewed at www.hctax.net); any Texas Department of Public Safety Office (DPS); or other state agency offices.
- If you prefer, you can mail your application to Ann Harris Bennett, Tax Assessor-Collector and Voter Registrar, P.O. Box 3527, Houston, 77253-9803.
- Voter registration drives are frequently hosted at various events where you can complete your voter registration application with a deputized volunteer voter registrar who will turn in the application for you.

What do I do if I change my address and still live in Harris County?

Change your address online at votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/did-you-change-something or in writing by completing a voter registration application form or by correcting the information on your current Voter Registration Certificate and returning it to the Harris County Voter Registrar.

You will be able to vote in your new precinct 30 days after your notice has been received by the Voter Registrar.

What do I do if I change my address and move to another county?

You must complete a new registration form with the appropriate election official when you move to a new county in Texas. This registration must have been submitted by Tuesday, October 9, 2018 for you to vote in accordance with your new residence in the November 2018 Election.

For how long is my registration effective?

The registration will remain in effect until you move or change your name, and a new certificate will be sent to you every two years without further application on your part. If you move, however, your registration certificate will not be forwarded to your new address. If you move within the same county or change your name, you must notify your voter registrar or election administrator in writing or online of your new address or your new name as soon as possible. Then a new certificate will be mailed to you. If you move to another county, you must re-register by applying to the election office in your new county.

BALLOTS BY MAIL

VOTING BY MAIL

You may vote early by-mail if you are registered to vote and meet one of the following criteria:

- Away from the county of residence on Election Day and during the early voting period;
- Sick or disabled;
- 65 years of age or older on Election Day; or
- Confined in jail, but eligible to vote.

HOW TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR A BALLOT BY MAIL

Annual Application for Ballot By Mail (ABBM) – Applicants who are 65 years of age or older or are disabled qualify to apply for Annual Application for Ballot By Mail (ABBM). Choosing the ‘annual’ option ensures these applicants will receive a mail ballot for all elections held during a calendar year. Annual applications may be submitted starting the first day of a calendar year (January 1) and not later than the 11th day before Election Day.

Regular Application – Applicants who do not qualify to submit an “Annual” ballot-by-mail application, but who qualify to early vote, may submit an application for a single election starting the first day of the calendar year (January 1) and not later than the 11th day before Election Day. If the 11th day is a weekend or holiday, the deadline is the first preceding business day.

Send your application by:

- Regular mail to:
 - Harris County Clerk
 - Attn: Elections Division
 - P.O. Box 1148
 - Houston, TX 77251-1148
- Common or contract carrier to:
 - Harris County Clerk
 - 1001 Preston, 4th Floor, Rm. 440
 - Houston, TX 77002

If you submit your application for a ballot by mail using fax or email, you must also submit a paper copy of the application. It may be sent by mail or common carrier (see above) or hand delivered. You will have 4 business days from the day your fax or email is received by the early voting clerk to submit the paper copy of your application. For additional information or to check on status of your application, call the County Clerk's Office at (713) 755-6965.



November 6, 2018 General and Special Elections Early Voting Schedule

United States of America, State of Texas, Harris County, City of Baytown, City of Houston, City of League City, City of Missouri City, City of Nassau Bay, City of Webster, Lone Star College System, Channelview ISD, Crosby ISD, Huffman ISD, Klein ISD, New Caney ISD, Sheldon ISD, Tomball ISD, Bammel Utility District, Cypress-Klein Utility District, Parkway Utility District, Cypress Hill MUD No. 1, Harris County MUD No. 105, Harris County MUD No. 149, Harris County MUD No. 166, Northwest Harris County MUD No. 16, Harris County Water Control & Improvement District No. 89, Old Town Spring Improvement District, Timberlake Improvement District, The Woodlands Township.

Early Voting Hours of Operation

October 22 - October 26: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
October 27: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
October 28: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
October 29 - November 2: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Inside Loop 610

1. Downtown:

Harris County Law Library - Conference Center
1019 Congress Avenue, Houston, 77002
2. Moody Park:

Moody Park Community Center
3725 Fulton Street, Houston, 77009
3. Kashmere:

Kashmere Multi Service Center
4802 Lockwood Drive, Houston, 77026
4. Downtown-East:

Ripley House Neighborhood Center
4410 Navigation Boulevard, Houston, 77011
5. Southeast Houston:

H.C.C.S. Southeast College
6960 Rustic Street, Parking Garage, Houston, 77087
6. Palm Center:

Young Neighborhood Library
5107 Griggs Road, Houston, 77021
7. Astrodome Area:

Fiesta Mart
8130 Kirby Drive, Houston, 77054
8. Near Town:

Metropolitan Multi-Service Center
1475 W. Gray Street, Houston, 77019
9. Galleria:

Harris County Public Health
2223 West Loop South Fwy, 1st Floor, Houston, 77027
10. The Heights:

SPJST Lodge #88
1435 Beall Street, Houston, 77008

Outside Loop 610

11. Northeast Houston:

Northeast Multi-Service Center
9720 Spaulding Street, Building #4, Houston, 77016
12. Galena Park:

Galena Park Library
1500 Keene Street, Galena Park, 77547
13. Hobby Area:

John Phelps Courthouse
101 S. Richey Street, Pasadena, 77506
14. Sunnyside:

Sunnyside Multi Service Center
9314 Cullen Boulevard, Houston, 77051
15. South Houston:

Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center
3810 W. Fuqua Street, Houston, 77045
16. SW. Houston:

Bayland Park Community Center
6400 Bissonnet Street (near Hillcroft), Houston, 77074
17. Near West Side:

Tracy Gee Community Center
3599 Westcenter Drive, Houston, 77042
(One block East of Sam Houston Tollway)
18. Spring Branch:

Trini Mendenhall Community Center
1414 Wirt Road, Houston, 77055
19. Victory Center:

Lone Star College - Victory Center
4141 Victory Drive, Houston, 77088
20. Acres Homes:

Acres Homes Multi Service Center
6719 W. Montgomery Road, Houston, 77091
21. North:

Hardy Senior Center
11901 West Hardy Road, Houston, 77076

Outside Beltway 8

22. Humble:

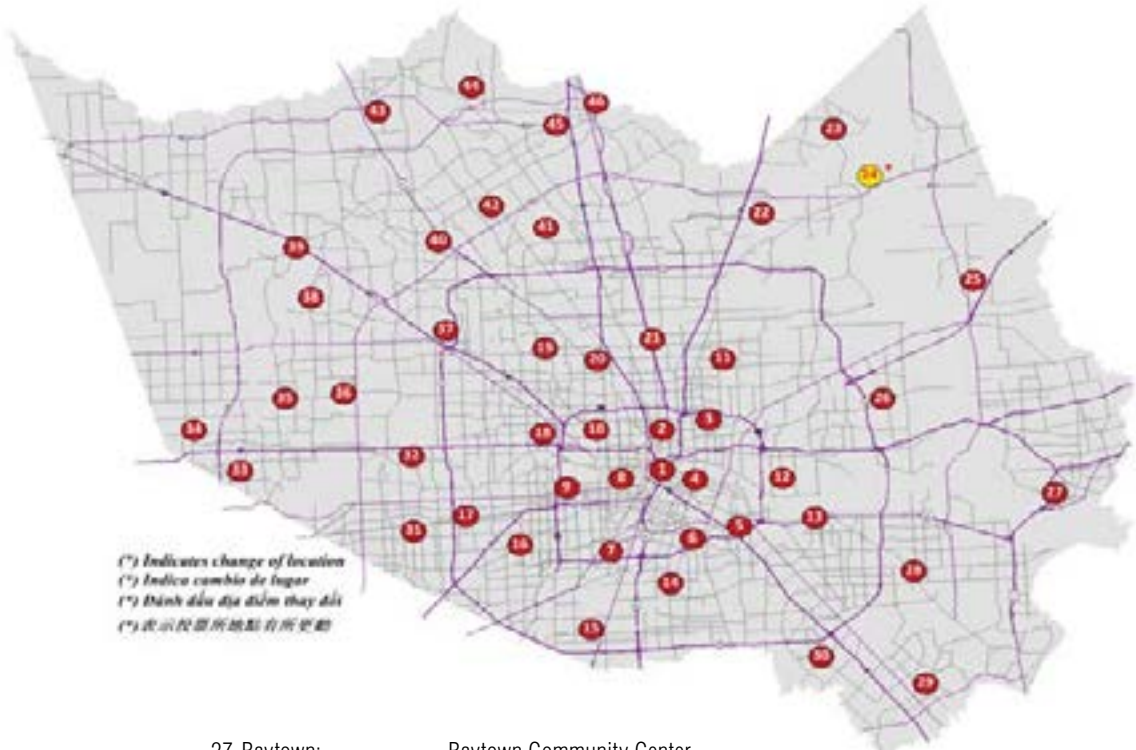
Octavia Fields Branch Library
1503 South Houston Avenue, Humble, 77338
23. Kingwood:

Kingwood Community Center
4102 Rustic Woods Drive, Kingwood, 77345
24. Atascocita (*):

Atascocita Branch Library
19520 Pinehurst Trail Drive, Humble, 77346
25. Crosby:

Crosby Branch Library
135 Hare Road, Crosby, 77532
26. Wallisville Road:

North Channel Branch Library
15741 Wallisville Road, Houston, 77049



27. Baytown:

Baytown Community Center
2407 Market Street, Baytown, 77520
28. Pasadena:

East Harris County Activity Center
7340 Spencer Highway, Pasadena, 77505
29. Clear Lake:

Freeman Branch Library
16616 Diana Lane, Houston, 77062
30. Scarsdale:

Harris County Scarsdale Annex
10851 Scarsdale Boulevard, Houston, 77089
31. Alief :

Alief ISD Administration Building
4250 Cook Road, Houston, 77072
(Entrance on High Star - South Entrance)
32. West Houston:

Nottingham Park
926 Country Place Drive, Houston, 77079
33. Far West:

Harris County MUD 81
805 Hidden Canyon Road, Katy, 77450
34. Katy:

Katy Branch Library
5414 Franz Road, Katy, 77493
35. North Katy:

Lone Star College - Cypress Center
19710 Clay Road, Katy, 77449
36. Bear Creek:

Living Word Church of Nazarene
16607 Clay Road, Houston, 77084
37. Jersey Village:

City of Jersey Village - City Hall
16327 Lakeview Drive, Jersey Village, 77040
38. South Cypress:

Richard & Meg Weekley Community Center
8440 Greenhouse Road, Cypress, 77433
39. Cypress:

Juergen's Hall Community Center
26026 Hempstead Highway, Cypress, 77429
40. Northwest:

Prairie View A&M University - Northwest
9449 Grant Road, Houston, 77070
41. Fallbrook:

Fallbrook Church
12512 Walters Road, Houston, 77014
42. Champion Forest:

Champion Forest Baptist Church
4840 Strack Road, Houston, 77069
43. Tomball:

Tomball Public Works Building
501B James Street, Tomball, 77375
44. Far North:

Lone Star College - Creekside Center
8747 West New Harmony Trail, Tomball, 77375
45. Spring:

Spring First Church
1851 Spring Cypress Road, Spring, 77388
46. East Spring:

Big Stone Lodge
709 Riley Fuzzel Road, Spring, 77373

For more information www.harrisvotes.com



VOTERS GUIDE

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HOUSTON EDUCATION FUND

GOVERNOR

4-YEAR TERM. THE GOVERNOR IS CHIEF EXECUTIVE WHICH MEANS THAT SHE/HE CARRIES OUT THE LAW. SHE/HE APPOINTS MEMBERS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, APPOINTS STATEWIDE EXECUTIVE OFFICIALS, STATE JUDGES, AND DISTRICT ATTORNEYS WHEN VACANCIES OCCUR, DELIVERS THE STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS, PROVIDES GUIDANCE TO THE LEGISLATURE, CALLS SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND SETS THE AGENDA. THE GOVERNOR CAN VETO LEGISLATION (INCLUDING A LINE-ITEM VETO ON APPROPRIATIONS), SIGN LEGISLATION, OR ALLOW IT TO BECOME LAW WITHOUT HIS/HER SIGNATURE.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES: **BACKGROUND:** What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?
HEALTH CARE: What specific reforms, if any, would you propose in state health care policy to address the cost of and access to health care for all Texans?
INFRASTRUCTURE: What specific measures do you propose to meet the state's growing infrastructure needs (i.e. water, energy, and transportation)?
SCHOOL SAFETY: What can be done to ensure the safety of our children in schools?
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?

GREG ABBOTT (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED



LUPE VALDEZ (D)

BACKGROUND: As a daughter of migrant farmworkers, I've dedicated my career to public service and working for the greater good. From 2005-2017, I served as Dallas County Sheriff, managing a \$140+ million budget, and reformed a department that sorely needed it. I'm a proud veteran and spent most of my career as a federal agent.

HEALTH CARE: We have a health care crisis in Texas. An unregulated private health care system puts profit over people, while we remain the most uninsured state in the country. It's time to accept Medicaid expansion, which would insure 1.5 million Texans. We must expand access to healthcare in rural communities, which have become medical deserts after Texas closed more rural hospitals than any other state in the country in the last 8 years. I will also fight tirelessly to protect women's healthcare.

INFRASTRUCTURE: First, we need to stop focusing on harmful, job-killing bills and start paying attention to the issues that truly matter to Texans. We should promote public and private investment in renewable energies and make sure all communities have access to safe, clean drinking water. All over our state, Texans sit in traffic because we have failed to make adequate investments. This is why transportation funding must meet our needs today,

so that we are ready for future growth.

SCHOOL SAFETY: We can't talk about school safety without mentioning gun violence and how our governor is acting as if it is inevitable & isolated to schools. We are NOT powerless to stop the bloodshed, regardless of where it happens. Common sense measures to keep guns out of dangerous hands include universal background checks, making it a state offense to lie on a background check, "red flag" laws, closing the boyfriend loophole, and banning high capacity magazines & bump stocks.

OTHER ISSUES: Public Education: A child's background, zip code, race, or how much money their parents make shouldn't matter - every child deserves the chance to succeed. We need universal Pre-K for all Texas kids & to remove the caps on special education funding. We must pay & treat our teachers as professionals & make sure they are teaching to our children, not a standardized test. For any of this, the state must pay its fair share of public education & stop putting the load on local communities & taxpayers.

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MARK JAY TIPPETTS (L)

BACKGROUND: I am bilingual and bi-cultural, and by profession, I am an International Legal & Business Consultant in Mexico and Latin America. I represented the Libertarian Party on the ballot in 2010 for Travis County Judge. In 2017, I was appointed to city council in Lago Vista, Texas. I know what it means to hold office and stand on principles.

HEALTH CARE: I believe government should not provide, control, nor require health care. I do not believe that people have a right to be provided with healthcare at other peoples' expense. I will advocate the phasing out of Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIPS programs. I support free market based healthcare systems and health insurance. I oppose a "single payer" concept and the federal legislation known as the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Obama Care).

INFRASTRUCTURE: I support eliminating barriers to free market construction and maintenance of infrastructure. We should let market demand and willingness to fund dictate which routes are developed. I oppose costly projects intended to benefit land developers through the abuse of eminent domain. Never should unelected boards be charged with transportation planning; as such boards are not accountable to constituents or local

authority. Toll roads should not be used to restrict people's freedom of movement.

SCHOOL SAFETY: I support measures to restore decision-making regarding education to parents, teachers, and local education boards. I reject any involvement of the federal government in our local school systems, including funding. By doing this we can eliminate across the board standards that have turned our schools into little more than testing sites, rather than a place where students are developing skills, learning mechanism for handling challenges and disappointments, and being evaluated as individuals.

OTHER ISSUES: Drug Policy: I oppose the War on Drugs. Consistent with the principles of self-ownership, consenting adults ought not be restricted from partaking in activities that harm no one else. This includes possession, consumption and/or market transactions of substances for medicinal, recreational, or other purposes. Individuals seeking or providing medical treatment should not be subject to prosecution.

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

DESCRIPTION: 4-YEAR TERM. THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IS POWERFUL BECAUSE OF HER/HIS POSITION AS PRESIDENT OF THE TEXAS SENATE WHERE SHE/HE APPOINTS THE CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES, APPOINTS SENATORS TO COMMITTEES, ASSIGNS BILLS TO COMMITTEES, AND CONTROLS THE SENATE'S AGENDA. SHE/HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF SEVERAL COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS, AND SERVES AS GOVERNOR IN THE GOVERNOR'S ABSENCE.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

Health care: What specific reforms, if any, would you propose in state health care policy to address the cost of and access to health care for all Texans?

Infrastructure: What specific measures do you propose to meet the state's growing infrastructure needs (i.e. water, energy, and transportation)?

School Safety: What can be done to ensure the safety of our children in schools?

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?



DAN PATRICK (R)

BACKGROUND: Please refer to www.danpatrick.org/meet-dan for my biographical information.

HEALTH CARE: My stance on important issues facing Texas is detailed in my record as the Lt. Governor of Texas. Please refer to www.danpatrick.org, as well as my official website, www.ltgov.state.tx.us, for the most current information on my positions.

INFRASTRUCTURE: My stance on important issues facing Texas is detailed in my record as the Lt. Governor of Texas. Please refer to www.danpatrick.org, as well as my official

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SCHOOL SAFETY: My stance on important issues facing Texas is detailed in my record as the Lt. Governor of Texas. Please refer to www.danpatrick.org, as well as my official website, www.ltgov.state.tx.us, for the most current information on my positions.

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MIKE COLLIER (D)

BACKGROUND: For many years I was a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers, leading teams of professionals performing financial audits and rigorous financial and operational analysis. I hold a BBA and an MBA from UT-Austin. Suzanne and I have been married 29 years and we have two sons who attended public schools (K-12) in Texas. Both graduated from UT-Austin.

HEALTH CARE: It's time we expand Medicaid. It's a good deal for Texas. We also need a Patient Financial Bill of Rights, including (1) absolute protection for Texans with pre-existing conditions, (2) protection against in-network vs.out-of-network surprise billings, (3) bills that are transparent and in plain English, and (4) mandatory disclosure if lower cost options (drugs and procedures) are available. And we must invest in women's health, mental health, and children's health, as we once did!

INFRASTRUCTURE: We have a revenue problem in Texas that we must fix. Otherwise we cannot invest properly in infrastructure. In so doing, we cannot increase taxes on homeowners, because we are over-taxed already. As Lt. Governor I will take the first step in solving this problem by closing a well document big-corporate property tax loophole (known

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as Equal and Uniform) which will recover \$5 billion in missing revenues (per year). Other steps, if needed, will be the subject of my reelection campaign.

SCHOOL SAFETY: I do not support arming teachers and "hardening targets." The answer in my opinion is more counselors and trained psychologists who can develop relationships with students and react before, not after, a crisis develops. We also need a background check system that works, and red flag laws. Some physical security upgrades will no doubt be called for by local officials. The state should appropriate funds and enact legislation according to these principles.

OTHER ISSUES: We must increase investment in public education (smaller class sizes, special education teachers, pre-K, better pay for teachers and support staff), reform the charter model to achieve the original objective (enhance public school effectiveness), and end further discussion of vouchers. We must restore healthcare benefits taken away from retired teachers, and fund teacher retirement plans (TRS-Care and defined benefit pensions). We must end gerrymandering and reform our criminal justice sys



KERRY DOUGLAS MCKENNON (L)

BACKGROUND: I have 20+ years of management experience. I am National Chair of Outright Libertarians, have had two terms on the LPTexas executive board, and had two terms as the Platform Chair for LPTexas. I am the Libertarian Party Hale County Chair.

HEALTH CARE: TXDOT must prioritize TX's infrastructure results that are fixes rather than patches. Water is the life-blood of Texas's agriculture, energy and tourist industry. We must work with those industries and districts to ensure water in perpetuity. Energy and water go hand in hand. Our current guidelines are decades old, causing us infrastructure damage, loss of water, potential loss of energy, and loss of life and property. TX needs regulation and technology more modern than the mid 20th century.

SCHOOL SAFETY: We have a constitutionally mandated public-school system in Texas,

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which we must make safe while respecting individuals and their rights. We must empower local schools to determine their safety protocols as opposed to a blanket state-issued guideline. Some schools may allow teachers to carry arms for defense. Others may put in metal detectors. Many will find ways to have secure lockdown. There are free market options regarding public school safety, which I encourage schools to research.

OTHER ISSUES: Police accountability through body cameras, require police to take out their own insurance for accidents, and demilitarize our officers. Repeal all laws which make a criminal of someone without a victim. A crime requires a victim. A perfect example of this is responsible cannabis use. For all such victimless cases I would expunge records of those currently or formerly incarcerated. Abolish the death penalty. It is better to incarcerate hundreds of criminals than execute a single innocent.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

4 YEAR TERM. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS THE CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE STATE, REPRESENTS THE STATE AND STATE OFFICIALS IN LEGAL MATTERS, ISSUES OPINIONS, COLLECTS CHILD SUPPORT, ADMINISTERS THE CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION FUND, ENFORCES THE OPEN RECORDS/OPEN MEETINGS ACTS, APPROVES PUBLIC BOND ISSUES, AND ENFORCES CONSUMER REGULATIONS.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

Responsibilities: Which responsibilities of the Attorney General's office are your highest priorities for the next 4 years, and how do you intend to accomplish them?

Consumer protection: What are the most important consumer protection issues facing Texans?

Other Issues: What other issues do you consider the most important, and how would you address them?



JUSTIN NELSON (D)

BACKGROUND: The Texas Attorney General should be a check on power, not a rubber stamp. I learned about the rule of law from Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. I teach at University of Texas Law School, and am a "Texas Super Lawyer" for being one of the most effective lawyers in Texas. Texas deserves an Attorney General who will fight for ALL TEXANS.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The Texas Attorney General should be a check on power. I will stand up for the rule of law. The Texas Attorney General should not be a rubber stamp for anyone-whether in Washington D.C. or Austin. Nobody is above the law. I will fight corruption, work to protect pre-existing conditions in health care coverage, fight for public education, advocate for resources to treat the opioid crisis, and crack down on fraud.

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CONSUMER PROTECTION: The Texas Attorney General's office should fight fraud, cybercrime, and corruption to make sure everyone has a level playing field. I will make sure that small businesses and individuals are not the victims of fraud and deception. This includes ending partisan lawsuits and focusing on non-partisan consumer fraud investigations and making sure Texas is the leader in responding to fraud after natural disasters.

OTHER ISSUES: The Texas Attorney General has wide power to ensure justice. I will clean up the Attorney General's office, ending the corruption, and addressing our most urgent problems - fighting the opioid crisis, protecting consumers from fraudulent and abusive businesses, reforming criminal justice, fixing the child support system, ending gerrymandering. I will make the office into one that fights for every single Texan.

MICHAEL RAY HARRIS (L) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES: Background: What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?
Revenue: What measures would you take to address the financial viability of the State of Texas?
Responsibilities: Which responsibilities of the Comptroller of Public Accounts office are your highest priorities, and how do you intend to accomplish them?
Other Issues: What other issues do you consider the most important, and how would you address them?

GLENN HEGAR (R)| NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

JOI CHEVALIER (D)



BACKGROUND: As an innovative senior product strategist for successfully acquired startups to Fortune 100s, I've led large, diverse teams with products, programs, and internal businesses earning billions in revenue. Currently, I am a small business owner, focused on launching food companies into market, generating new food products, jobs, and entrepreneurs.

REVENUE: Cutting costs is no substitute for creating revenue. The Comptroller's office should work to increase revenue with regular agency audits to understand/fix lost revenues; support real school finance reform; close loopholes in commercial valuations; increase small business growth and expansion; update outdated consumption taxes; fully implement Internet taxes after the SCOTUS Wayfair decision; sunset old sector abatements; reduce Texas' \$50B debt to free Texas finances up to serve its citizens.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The Comptroller's office can tie dollars to real world outcomes. It must be neutral, fair, and accurate about legislation & program values; increase revenue while stewarding cost; encourage large & small business growth; be a proactive voice defending Texans' daily lives with innovative and forward-thinking management of her wallet. This includes Special Reports on economic opportunities in expanding ACA/Medicaid or tackling school finance reform, so legislators make informed policy decisions.

OTHER ISSUES: Healthcare: the Comptroller should provide special reports on costs to Texas in not implementing the ACA / Medicaid expansion. Texans carry the cost for uncompensated or underfunded care, no preventative care, or care pushed out to criminal justice and housing due to a broken ACA implementation and a failure by Republican leaders to have real data and prioritize this. We need to reclaim Texas' dollars and use them here. It's an outsized part of the budget and hampers prioritizing in other areas.

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BEN SANDERS (L)



BACKGROUND: I've trained my entire life for this position. During my years at NASA & the US Army, I honed my skills in leadership, through fairness, integrity, and honor and will instill those values in the eighteen Field Offices across Texas. As Comptroller I won't use scare tactics against my fellow Texans to control them. Together we can Win!

REVENUE: Your government's principal function is to protect your freedom, your unalienable rights of Life, Liberty and Property, all crucial rights for building a free and prosperous society. My vision of government is one strictly confined to its constitutional role, a government that respects civil liberties, recognizes that the individual is more important than the State, exercises fiscal restraint and understands that government must pay its debts, believing in free markets.

RESPONSIBILITIES: 1.) Creating a more fiscally transparent Texas Government through the use of technology. 2.) Form a better fiscal educational outreach system for Texans. To help educate and promote small business and consumers on taxes and business process for better job creation. 3.) To faithfully execute my oath of office and safeguarding that I and no one in my administration performs any action that violates the constitutions of the United States of America or the State of Texas.

OTHER ISSUES: Four years ago I warned the Texas Pension system was insolvent and grossly under funded, that it could not pay the money due its members. Now that warning has become a reality. As Texas Comptroller I have a plan to protect our State Pension Holders, and their families, ensuring their financial security by giving them the right to retire on their own terms and control their own futures.

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COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL LAND OFFICE

FOUR-YEAR TERM. MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD, A U.S. CITIZEN, AND A TEXAS RESIDENT FOR AT LEAST 12 MONTHS. AMONG DUTIES: MANAGEMENT OF STATE LANDS AND MINERAL-RIGHT PROPERTIES TOTALING 20.3 MILLION ACRES AND PROVIDING REVENUES FOR THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND; REPOSITORY OF STATE LAND DOCUMENTS; RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PREVENTION OF AND RESPONSE TO OIL SPILLS THAT OCCUR ON “SUBMERGED” LANDS OUT TO 10.3 MILES IN THE GULF OF MEXICO. THE COMMISSIONER ALSO SERVES AS A CHAIRMAN OF SEVEN STATE BOARDS, INCLUDING THE SCHOOL LAND BOARD, THE VETERANS LAND BOARD, AND THE COASTAL COORDINATION COUNCIL.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES: Background: What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?
Coastal Planning: What measures would you implement to restore and protect the coast, wetlands, and the built environment to minimize damage from major storms?
Veterans: What are the most significant land-related issues facing Texas veterans and what can the General Land Office do to address those needs?
Other Issues: What other issues do you consider the most important, and how would you address them?

GEORGE P. BUSH (R)



BACKGROUND: I have run a conservative and efficient Land Office. I am saving taxpayer money while putting more money into the Public School Fund than ever before. The GLO has been a government office that works for the people during my first term.

COASTAL PLANNING: The restoration of McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge in Jefferson County is one example of what we are trying to do on the coast. Restoration to this area provides critical protection to Port Arthur and the oil and gas infrastructure of the state. The GLO, along with its partners, has identified approximately 60 similar, high priority projects.

VETERANS: The General Land Office offers several great veterans programs such as the

home loan and health care assistance programs. I'm committed to continuously looking at all of these programs at the GLO and across this great state for ways to improve the lives of our military and each of their families. Any time a veteran needs help in getting an education, a job, or health care we should try and provide some form of assistance.

OTHER ISSUES: Continuing Hurricane Harvey relief - The Texas coast was devastated by Harvey last fall and we need to continue to fight for those affected. Helping Veterans-Ensuring that veterans have access to crucial services is a top priority for my agency. Saving the Alamo-My objective is to ensure the Alamo tells the heroic story of the battle better than

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MIGUEL SUAZO (D)



BACKGROUND: As a former US Senate staffer, I have worked on issues related to land use planning, education, veterans, environmental protection, and economic development. As an energy professional and attorney, I will provide direction on mineral leasing for supporting education, a key duty of the GLO, and also stewardship of our Texas lands

COASTAL PLANNING: The Land Commissioner must be proactive in protecting the coast from natural and man-made dangers. I will use nature to protect it and ourselves a central focus of my duties. For example, restoring oyster habitats, preventing brackish water invasion of fresh water habitats, combating invasive species, building berms and sand dunes, are all elements of a “coastal wall” that will limit flooding and must all be part of a comprehensive approach to coastal protection.

VETERANS: Veterans can face formidable challenges returning to civilian life following their service

to their country. I am concerned that the VLB is not offering sufficiently competitive loans to Texas veterans compared to many other programs through the Department of Veterans' Affairs and other states. I also think that the extent of the GLO's outsourcing to third parties the origination and servicing of these loans needs to be examined.

OTHER ISSUES: The most critical issue facing the next Land Commissioner is that of leadership. The Land Commissioner must elevate the profile of the key issues Texans face through the GLO and educate the public about these issues, especially with respect to the Alamo. The current commissioner has failed to demonstrate the managerial ability to achieve success for Texas on a range of issues. Texans must elect a leader with a proven record of success and I believe I am that leader.

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COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL LAND OFFICE
QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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Coastal Planning: What measures would you implement to restore and protect the coast, wetlands, and the built environment to minimize damage from major storms?
Veterans: What are the most significant land-related issues facing Texas veterans and what can the General Land Office do to address those needs?
Other Issues: What other issues do you consider the most important, and how would you address them?



MATT PINA (L)

BACKGROUND: First, I was raised in Texas. For this position, it is of utter importance that this person is raised in the state as it monitors two major things. Our public lands, such as the Alamo, and our public school fund. I have my B.A. and M.A. in political science and currently sit on San Antonio's Transportation Board.

COASTAL PLANNING: While many of our bays are surrounded by larger metro areas there is plenty of coastline that is not supported or kept to the same pristine condition. With the offshore drilling taking place off the shore I would like to see some of the revenue generated from that exploration go towards the maintenance of that space.

VETERANS: The biggest gap faced by veterans is by those who are permanently disabled. In the

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state of Texas, little is done to ensure that they can live in adequate settings that afford them to live independent and normal lives. H.E.B. has on average provided 2 homes a year to Homes For Our Troops. An organization that builds homes for permanently disabled Veterans. While I applaud the effort made by these organizations, the General Land Office could coordinate in order to make these homes cheaper

OTHER ISSUES: The Alamo doesn't belong under the Land Commissioner's purview. As the current GLO commissioner isn't a native Texan, I will quickly explain that the Alamo was saved from demolition by a group of women who were descended from the founders of this great state - the Daughters of the Texas Republic. These women fought tooth and nail to purchase and restore the Alamo for all Texans.

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

4-YEAR TERM. THE AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER'S PRINCIPAL JOB IS PROMOTING TEXAS' AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. IN THIS CAPACITY, THE COMMISSIONER FACILITATES TRADE AND MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, REGULATES WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, REGULATES PESTICIDE USE AND APPLICATION, CERTIFIES ORGANICALLY PRODUCED PRODUCTS, ADMINISTERS THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS, PROVIDES FINANCIAL HELP TO FARMERS, AND HELPS SOLVE ISSUES RELATED TO NATURAL DISASTERS.

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE
QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

Background: What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?
Agriculture: How do you propose to promote Texas agriculture at the state, national and international levels?
Health: What can be done to protect consumers and promote healthy lifestyle in Texas' communities and schools?
Other Issues: What are your highest priorities, and how do you intend to accomplish them?



SID MILLER (R)

BACKGROUND: I'm honored to be our state's 12th Commissioner of Agriculture. It's a job I've been preparing for all my life as an 8th generation farmer, rancher, commercial nurseryman, nine-time World Champion rodeo cowboy, vocational ag teacher, FFA advisor, six-term Texas legislator, Chair: House Committees on Agriculture & Homeland Security and Public Safety

AGRICULTURE: Promoting Texas Agriculture and marketing Texas food & fiber across our state, our nation, and the world has been, and will remain, one of my top priorities as Agriculture Commissioner. During my first term, my team and I have made marketing trips to every continent on the globe with the exception of Antarctica. We have expanded and improved TDA's successful "GO TEXAN" marketing program and have initiated special programs to promote Texas' growing wine, craft beer, and specialty crop industries.

HEALTH: Before I took office, our school lunch program was failing in its mission to Education: Cisco Junior College, Associate of Arts Degree Honors graduate of Tarleton State University, Bachelor of Science in Vocational Agriculture Education | Website: <http://millerfortexas.com> | Facebook: <http://facebook.com/MillerForTexas/> | Twitter: twitter.com/millerfortexas

help keep kids healthy. That's why I launched our Farm Fresh program to connect Texas farmers and ranchers, schools, child care providers and local communities with tools and resources available through the Texas Department of Agriculture. The goal of Farm Fresh is to increase awareness of the vital role agriculture plays in our lives, as agriculture is the key to improving the wellness of our children & communities.

OTHER ISSUES: I want to further expand our TDA "GO TEXAN" marketing program marketing Texas agriculture products around the globe. Continue our program of making Texas school lunches great again. We've already made great progress by repealing all the burdensome TDA mandates and rules on our Texas schools. Strengthen TDA's consumer protection division and ensure that Texans are not ripped off by unscrupulous businesses or organized criminals using credit card skimmers and other tools to steal your identities.



KIM OLSON (D)

BACKGROUND: I am a 4th generation farmer and beekeeper, 25 year veteran of the U.S.A.F., and lifelong public servant. My work as a school district administrator and nonprofit CEO, combined with my background in agriculture and military service, provide the skills and experience needed to succeed in the role of Texas Commissioner of Agriculture.

AGRICULTURE: My specific plans for marketing Texas ag products locally include infrastructure support, such as processing or distribution facilities; expanding local food purchasing among school and institutional foodservice, restaurants, and retailers; and updating the GO TEXAN program. Infrastructure and state-led marketing will also serve farmers in accessing national markets. I will support Texas farmers as a strong advocate, ensuring that their interests are represented in trade deals and negotiations.

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HEALTH: I will promote nutritious school lunches with training, education, and Farm to School, and will encourage participation in after-school and summer meal programs. My administration will promote local food access initiatives, such as workplace wellness, farmers' markets, and retail incentive programs. And, we will address food safety standards by ensuring that our farmers meet the requirements while educating consumers on their role in handling and preparing safe, healthy foods.

OTHER ISSUES: A top priority is the economic viability of Texas agriculture with marketing, infrastructure, and education initiatives. Also, we must return respectability and professionalism to the office, to ensure the credibility of TDA in the Texas legislature and among state, national, and international partners. Next priority -- two words: broadband internet. We will pursue funding and partnerships to ensure high-speed internet access in rural areas for education, economic development, and healthcare.

RICHARD CARPENTER (L) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

6-YEAR TERM. THE RAILROAD COMMISSIONER IS ONE OF THE THREE-MEMBER TEXAS RAILROAD COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION HAS NO REGULATORY AUTHORITY CONCERNING RAILROADS. INSTEAD, IT REGULATES THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY, GAS UTILITIES, PIPELINE SAFETY, SAFETY IN THE LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS INDUSTRY, AND SURFACE COAL AND URANIUM MINING.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER
QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

Background: What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?
Natural Resources: How do you plan to balance oil, gas, and mining interests with protection of natural resources and the environment?
Safety: How would you address the various safety issues concerning pipelines, and oil and gas production?
Other Issues: What other issues do you consider the most important, and how would you address them?



CHRISTI CRADDICK (R)

BACKGROUND: Having served Texans for six years as your Railroad Commissioner, I am well-versed in the regulatory needs of the agency and the industry's importance to our state. In my first term, I have brought more of our data online, overhauled our IT infrastructure, and found efficiencies in our processes, allowing us to do our job better and at less cost.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Fair and consistent regulation allows us to protect our natural resources while the industry safely produces Texas energy, grows our economy and creates jobs. During my time at the Railroad Commission, we have updated our rules to ensure we are effectively regulating energy production, and that companies continue to choose to do business in Texas.

SAFETY: The Railroad Commission's statutory duty is to prevent waste of the state's natural resources, protect the correlative rights of mineral owners, and oversee the safe production of oil and gas. Enforcement of our rules, including permitting and reporting requirements and field inspections, provides the tools we need to successfully carry out our mission.

OTHER ISSUES: Other Issues: During this time of enormous growth within the Texas energy industry, we must have thoughtful, balanced leadership at the Railroad Commission. I'll continue to streamline our processes, maximizing the agency's efficiency while maintaining our regulatory effectiveness. I'll increase transparency, bringing more of our data online for public use. I'll advocate for educational paths for a highly-trained, technically-skilled workforce.

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RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

6-YEAR TERM. THE RAILROAD COMMISSIONER IS ONE OF THE THREE-MEMBER TEXAS RAILROAD COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION HAS NO REGULATORY AUTHORITY CONCERNING RAILROADS. INSTEAD, IT REGULATES THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY, GAS UTILITIES, PIPELINE SAFETY, SAFETY IN THE LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS INDUSTRY, AND SURFACE COAL AND URANIUM MINING.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES: *Background: What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?*
Natural Resources: How do you plan to balance oil, gas, and mining interests with protection of natural resources and the environment?
Safety: How would you address the various safety issues concerning pipelines, and oil and gas production?
Other Issues: What other issues do you consider the most important, and how would you address them?

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER



ROMAN MCALLEN (D)

BACKGROUND: I am trained as an urban planner, architect and historic preservationist; at first glance regulating the oil and gas industry in TX doesn't seem like a good fit. The fact is that 88% of Texans live in cities. Oil & gas directly impacts urban life. My diverse experience will allow me to be a leader in this important statewide position.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Right now I plan to balance the commission. The current commission is entirely beholden to the industry. It is an open secret that commissioners accept campaign contributions 24/7, 365 days a year, from the industry. I will balance the commission by listening to and believing scientists, surface rights owners & municipalities and supporting them. Current commissioners deny the science behind climate change. I do not and I will lead on the absolute need to move to 100% renewables..

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SAFETY: I would lobby to change the name of the commission to something that tells the public, & the commissioners themselves, what the commission is supposed to be doing. I would seek increased reporting requirements for wastewater injection wells. I will complete ride-alongs with employees in the field to see what is happening first hand on Texas land. I will hold public meetings all over Texas to hear from people what their concerns are. There are many professionals who have grave concerns.

OTHER ISSUES: Assiduous enforcement of existing regulations on all matters is crucial. Added costs to accomplish this should be absorbed by the industry. The health, safety, and welfare of all Texans here now, and God willing in the future, depends on true leadership. We must do better.



MIKE WRIGHT (L)

BACKGROUND: I have a BS in Engineering from the United State Military Academy (West Point) and a MBA from Harvard Business School. This educational background gives me the analytical ability to study complex situations and make rational decisions. I also have ten years of oilfield equipment manufacturing experience.

NATURAL RESOURCES: If a rule or regulation is requested to be waived but has the intended purpose of protecting natural resources or the environment, the operator would need to submit a plan to monitor the activities surrounding the natural resources or environment that the rule or regulation is intended to protect. This would allow early detection of any possible negative impact on natural resources or the environment before it becomes a major issue.

SAFETY: I would insist that all safety rules and regulations be followed. I would also want the Railroad Commission or the operators to conduct seismic studies when they conduct

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operations in areas with different geological formations than they have operated in the recent past or when they use higher pressures or greater volumes of water where no known seismic activity has occurred. There are many opinions about the effect of fracking operations and the disposal of water into wells.

OTHER ISSUES: Making sure there is a supply of water and finding an economical method for disposing of the water used in fracking and production are major issues. Desalination can provide the fresh water and possibly could be used to recycle brackish water that comes from fracking and production. Based on some tentative calculations, it appears that this can be done economically. The operators would pay for the work but be given some credit against the Oil & Gas severance tax/fee they currently pay.

JUSTICE, TEXAS SUPREME COURT, PLACE 2

6-YEAR TERM. A MEMBER OF THE COURT THAT HEARS ONLY CIVIL CASES. THE SUPREME COURT ISSUES FINAL DECISIONS ON CIVIL AND JUVENILE APPEALS, ISSUES WRITS OF MANDAMUS/HABEAS CORPUS, AND HAS JURISDICTION OVER ORDERS OR JUDGMENTS OF TRIAL COURTS IF THE SUPREME COURT DETERMINES THEM IMPORTANT TO THE JURISPRUDENCE OF THE STATE.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES: *Background: What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?*
Public Protection: What changes, if any, are needed to provide better protection to the public regarding rules and standards for the legal profession?
Mental Health: What should the Supreme Court's goals be in the newly formed Judicial Commission on Mental Health?
Responsibilities: Which responsibility of a Texas Supreme Court justice is your highest priority and how do you intend to accomplish it?

JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 2



STEVEN KIRKLAND (D)

BACKGROUND: In 13 years as a Judge, I've presided over more than 750 jury trials and fought to make our court system more transparent, accountable and fair. As a community leader, I fought to expand affordable housing and end discrimination. As a lawyer, I sued polluters to protect our neighborhoods. These experiences help make my decisions more fair and just.

PUBLIC PROTECTION: Justice demands the highest standards, but rules alone do not ensure quality representation. Recent studies reveal an alarming amount of mental health and substance abuse issues among attorneys. This crisis creates substandard service to clients and drives up costs for everyone. The Court should lead the profession in addressing these issues, not only through discipline but also through prevention. I have a long history of speaking and advocating for recovery from drug and alcohol addiction.

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MENTAL HEALTH: This commission needs to identify and remove the legal barriers people face when seeking help for mental health issues. This includes expanding the use of problem-solving courts like veterans and homeless courts and drug and alcohol rehab courts. The commission needs to identify ways the legal system is detrimentally impacted by people in mental health crisis and seek solutions that humanely address the impacts. Finally, the commission must seek to educate the Justice system on these issues.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Texans deserve justice, not politics, from their Court. Yet, the Court has increasingly issued opinions that can only be explained by extremist partisan politics. Texans deserve better. Because we elect our judges in partisan elections, it may not easy - but it's an imperative. We must restore the Court to its constitutional role as the protector of individual liberty and equality before the law, and an independent voice of everyday Texans in government.

JUSTICE, TEXAS SUPREME COURT, PLACE 4

6-YEAR TERM. A MEMBER OF THE COURT THAT HEARS ONLY CIVIL CASES. THE SUPREME COURT ISSUES FINAL DECISIONS ON CIVIL AND JUVENILE APPEALS, ISSUES WRITS OF MANDAMUS/HABEAS CORPUS, AND HAS JURISDICTION OVER ORDERS OR JUDGMENTS OF TRIAL COURTS IF THE SUPREME COURT DETERMINES THEM IMPORTANT TO THE JURISPRUDENCE OF THE STATE.

JOHN DEVINE (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

R.K. SANDILL (D) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

JUSTICE, TEXAS SUPREME COURT, PLACE 6

6-YEAR TERM. A MEMBER OF THE COURT THAT HEARS ONLY CIVIL CASES. THE SUPREME COURT ISSUES FINAL DECISIONS ON CIVIL AND JUVENILE APPEALS, ISSUES WRITS OF MANDAMUS/HABEAS CORPUS, AND HAS JURISDICTION OVER ORDERS OR JUDGMENTS OF TRIAL COURTS IF THE SUPREME COURT DETERMINES THEM IMPORTANT TO THE JURISPRUDENCE OF THE STATE.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES: Background: What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position? Public Protection: What changes, if any, are needed to provide better protection to the public regarding rules and standards for the legal profession? Mental Health: What should the Supreme Court's goals be in the newly formed Judicial Commission on Mental Health? Responsibilities: Which responsibility of a Texas Supreme Court justice is your highest priority and how do you intend to accomplish it?



JEFF BROWN (R) BACKGROUND: I've been a judge for nearly 17 years, having served at all three levels of the Texas judiciary--six years as a district judge, six years on an intermediate court of appeals, and five years on the Supreme Court. I'm board-certified in civil trial law and have won three judge-of-the-year awards, including Texas appellate judge of the year. PUBLIC PROTECTION: I serve as Supreme Court liaison to the Texas Board of Law Examiners and to the Grievance Oversight Committee. In the first role, I'm constantly working to make sure we admit to the legal profession only persons of high moral character. In the second role, I'm constantly working to guarantee that grievances clients file against their attorneys are thoroughly and fairly investigated. We must assure that attorneys handle their responsibilities to the public with competence and integrity. MENTAL HEALTH: I co-chair the newly formed Judicial Commission on Mental Health. Website: http://www.justicejeffbrown.com | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/JusticeBrown | Twitter: twitter.com/judgejeffbrown

The purpose of the commission is to develop, implement, and coordinate policy initiatives designed to improve the courts' interaction with - and the administration of justice for - children, adults, and families with mental-health needs. We will do that through legislative proposals and through the sharing of best practices so that judges have the resources they need to serve folks who come into their courts with mental-health needs.

RESPONSIBILITIES: My highest priority as a Texas Supreme Court justice is to decide cases fairly, efficiently, and according to the law. It's something I strive to do everyday. It requires hard work and a deep-seated devotion to the rule of law. I'm proud to say that I've built a record and a reputation as a fair, hard-working judge who never legislates from the bench. And I hope to continue in this important work as long as the people of Texas allow me to do so.



KATHY CHENG (D) BACKGROUND: For seventeen plus years, I represented clients in complex commercial litigation, contested divorce cases and probate cases, tax matters, and real estate cases, which are potential types of cases that the Texas Supreme Court might hear. PUBLIC PROTECTION: Our founding fathers created a system of check and balance whereby the judiciary shall be impartial. For almost a quarter of a century, the Texas Supreme Court has consisted of a panel of justices of one mindset as a result of straight ticket voting. In order for justice, fairness and equality to become a reality, the panel shall consist of justices of diverse background, experience and knowledge to be able to consider the applicable law Website: http://chengforjustice.com | Facebook: http://facebook.com/chengforjustice | Twitter: twitter.com/chengforjustice

from various perspectives and to apply it accordingly. MENTAL HEALTH: The Texas Supreme Court shall oversee the Judicial Commission on Mental Health only administratively as it does with the State Bar of Texas and the Board of Law Examiners. RESPONSIBILITIES: Educating the general population on how the judicial branch affects all Texans. Ways of achieving such priority may include but not limited to conduct civic engagement events, generating a pamphlet detailing the roles of judges in the judiciary or be a frequent speaker for different events occurring throughout the state of Texas.

PRESIDING JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

6-YEAR TERM. A MEMBER OF THE COURT WITH FINAL JUDGMENT IN ALL CRIMINAL CASES. THE COURT MUST REVIEW ALL CASES IN WHICH THE DEATH PENALTY IS ASSESSED. IT ALSO EXERCISES DISCRETIONARY REVIEW IN OTHER CRIMINAL CASES AND ISSUES WRITS OF HABEAS CORPUS.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES: Background: What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position? Access to Justice: What recent technological developments provide opportunities to improve the state's indigent defense system in civil and criminal cases? Mental Health: What should the Court of Criminal Appeals' goal be in the newly formed Judicial Commission on Mental Health? Responsibilities: Which responsibility of a Court of Criminal Appeals judge is your highest priority and how do you intend to accomplish it?



SHARON KELLER (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED MARIA T. (TERRI) JACKSON (D) BACKGROUND: I have the experience, fairness and discernment needed on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. As a district court judge, I have presided over thousands of serious felony offenses, which range from low-level drug offenses to capital murder. I have presided over one hundred jury trials and I have a combined 15 years of judicial experience. ACCESS TO JUSTICE: One of the more recent advancements in Harris County has been the implementation of electronic filing. Electronic filing enables attorneys and other users to submit documents to multiple courts, utilize digital signatures, reduces court costs and creates a centralized location for documents. The reduction of court costs and access to critical documents is paramount to the indigent defense system as it saves money on the front end. MENTAL HEALTH: The Judicial Commission on Mental Health was formed in February 2018. The Website: http://www.judgemariatjackson.com

goal is to develop, implement and coordinate policy initiatives to improve the courts' dealings with individuals in the court system who are in crisis. In my opinion, the primary goal should be to create resolution for key issues that plague the judicial system, beginning with overcrowded dockets, lack of communication between judges, court staff, attorneys and mental health care providers, and funding issues. RESPONSIBILITIES: The Court needs judges that are sensible and can identify complex issues facing the court. My highest priority is to treat everyone fairly and be available when hot button cases, such as death penalty cases, come before the court, even if it is not within the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lastly, it is imperative to work closely with the Texas legislature, our Governor and other community stakeholders to address issues that need to be reformed in the criminal justice system.

WILLIAM BRYAN STRANGE III (L) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 7

6-YEAR TERM. A MEMBER OF THE COURT WITH FINAL JUDGMENT IN ALL CRIMINAL CASES. THE COURT MUST REVIEW ALL CASES IN WHICH THE DEATH PENALTY IS ASSESSED. IT ALSO EXERCISES DISCRETIONARY REVIEW IN OTHER CRIMINAL CASES AND ISSUES WRITS OF HABEAS CORPUS.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES: Background: What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position? Access to Justice: What recent technological developments provide opportunities to improve the state's indigent defense system in civil and criminal cases? Mental Health: What should the Court of Criminal Appeals' goal be in the newly formed Judicial Commission on Mental Health? Responsibilities: Which responsibility of a Court of Criminal Appeals judge is your highest priority and how do you intend to accomplish it?



BARBARA PARKER HERVEY (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED RAMONA FRANKLIN (D) BACKGROUND: My experiences as a former Harris County Assistant District Attorney, defense attorney in private practice and currently a district court judge have all uniquely crafted me with an uncommon legal background. Serving in all of these capacities have afforded me the opportunity of experiencing the legal perspective from all vantage points. ACCESS TO JUSTICE: The new e-filing system that is being implemented across the State of Texas is a new tool that has been very useful in streamlining court documents processing. As a Court of Criminal Appeals jurist I will not infringe upon a person's due process rights by enforcing unreasonable deadlines and causing a defendant to be executed because his attorney failed to timely submit an appeal before the court's 5 o'clock p.m. court closing time which was done to Michael Richard MENTAL HEALTH: In my opinion, the Court of Criminal Appeals should be the leader for all http://www.judgeramonafranklin.com | Facebook: http://facebook.com/judgeramonafranklin | Twitter: twitter.com/judgeramona

criminal courts in the State of Texas for handling mental health cases. I concur with the opinion set out in Atkins v. Virginia (2002) 536 U.S. 304 that states, "More than any other single factor, mental defects have been respected as a reason for leniency in our criminal justice system." I am concerned with the nature of our current Court of Criminal Appeals decisions regarding mental health issues. RESPONSIBILITIES: As a Court of Criminal Appeals jurist I will continue to carry out the mantra I employ every day as a State District Court judge, "Blindfold Justice...One Case At A Time." I will concentrate my efforts in ensuring that indigent defendants are afforded all of the necessary tools to launch a successful appeal. I will work diligently to ensure that the results that occurred in the Ricky Kerr case will never happen again in the State of Texas.

JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 8

6-YEAR TERM. A MEMBER OF THE COURT WITH FINAL JUDGMENT IN ALL CRIMINAL CASES. THE COURT MUST REVIEW ALL CASES IN WHICH THE DEATH PENALTY IS ASSESSED. IT ALSO EXERCISES DISCRETIONARY REVIEW IN OTHER CRIMINAL CASES AND ISSUES WRITS OF HABEAS CORPUS.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

Access to Justice: What recent technological developments provide opportunities to improve the state's indigent defense system in civil and criminal cases?

Mental Health: What should the Court of Criminal Appeals' goal be in the newly formed Judicial Commission on Mental Health?

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



MICHELLE SLAUGHTER (R)

BACKGROUND: Having served as a district judge for the past several years, I have presided over thousands of criminal cases ranging from state-jail felonies to capital murder cases. Moreover, I have a proven track record of efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and saving taxpayer dollars, all while ensuring that the interests of justice are served.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: There is so much opportunity to improve access to justice with technology. One example is e-filing. With e-filing, courts are much more accessible to the indigent. Online forms and instructions can be developed to allow individuals to create their own court filings and legal documents if they want to represent themselves. In addition, through the use of video chatting apps (i.e. FaceTime), those without transportation can still appear and participate in court without fear of sanctions.

MENTAL HEALTH: The goal needs to be determining and implementing cost-effective ways

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to provide justice in criminal cases involving mentally-ill defendants. While punishment is certainly a goal of the criminal justice system, so is rehabilitation. The cycle of criminal activity can only be broken if a defendant can be rehabilitated. Rehabilitation is especially difficult with mentally-ill defendants because the criminal justice system lacks the proper resources. That deficiency must be rectified.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Preserving and protecting an individual's constitutional rights must be the highest priority in the CCA. As a constitutional conservative judge, my opinions will inform the public of the constitutional issues at hand and my decisions will strictly adhere to the U.S. and Texas Constitutions. Transparency is another priority. Therefore, even if I am in the minority on a decision, I will not be afraid to issue critical dissenting opinions that call attention to constitutional violations.

MARK ASH (L) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

4-YEAR TERM. THE 15-MEMBER BOARD DECIDES CURRICULUM, STANDARDS, STUDENT TESTING, SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS, AND TEXTBOOKS FOR TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS. IT ALSO OVERSEES THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD DO NOT RECEIVE PAY, BUT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE COURSE OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

DISTRICT 4

LAWRENCE ALLEN JR (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

STATE SENATOR

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

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

Identify what you think are the 2 most important issues that affect the people in your district and give specific examples of measurable actions you will take to address these issues.

What do you believe is the appropriate balance between public safety concerns and gun ownership? How will you work to achieve it?

What will you do as a member of the Texas Legislature to ensure that all children living in Texas receive a quality education?

How can the state of Texas best partner with local governments and private providers to ensure Texans have access to mental health and addiction treatment services?



PAUL BETTENCOURT (R)

Two issues facing the district are property tax and appraisal reform and the construction of a 3rd reservoir in the West Houston area. I will file legislation with Lt. Governor Patrick's strong support to ensure that as values go up property tax rates are rolled back. After Hurricane Harvey a group of bipartisan Senators in impacted areas asked the Lt. Governor for interim charges on public policy issues about flooding. Hearings have been taking place all year and reports are expected out soon.

The right to bear arms is a fundamental right enshrined in our Constitution and should be protected. The current laws of the State of Texas are well accepted by the vast majority of Texans. I do expect that a top priority for the Texas Senate will be a school safety bill, SB 1, which will help provide metal detectors and other useful security measures to keep our schools safe. I plan on filing a separate bill that will increase the number of school marshals to protect our schools as well.

I authored and passed SB1004 to expand dual credit opportunities for students in Harris County. I plan to expand this successful bill statewide. I joint-authored SB 1882 to encourage innovation and cooperation between ISDs and charter schools. As a member of the Commission on Public School Finance testimony showed that "all in" the state paid 50.4% and local, federal and recapture totals the rest. I have said publicly that the state needs to ween off of "Robin Hood."

As the Chairman of the Texas Senate Republican Caucus I know the "real story" that mental health has been a major priority for the Republican Caucus and I am proud to have voted for our bills. The Republican Legislature, and Senate Finance Chair Nelson, appropriated \$7.6 billion for mental health funding in 2018-2019, a \$749 million increase over the 2016-2017 budget. Senator Huffman's bill on a pretrial diversion program for Harris County has yielded good results that can be expanded statewide.

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DAVID ROMERO (D)

Education and Flooding. Education: Increase funding to school districts without having to raise taxes. Eliminate standardized testing. Better health care for current and retired individuals involved in education, and Develop a state wide fair pay increase system; Flooding: Implement a plan that will not just fix flooding in our area but it will also address drought issues in Texas. If New Orleans can have a water pumping system why don't we? Texas A&M has an innovative way to store it.

As a believer in the Second Amendment I feel that gun ownership is a right that all should have. However, I believe that the laws need to be addressed on how and who is able to obtain guns and more specifically what guns can be purchased and by whom. I will demand that the legislature review the laws and make them more reasonable for both sides.

In order for all children to receive a quality education we must fund our schools appropriately. Put education back in the hands of the educators and eliminate standardized testing. Use the money that is spent on private companies that develop the test and provide that to school districts that will help our children receive a quality education.

We need to increase access by have more facilities available for treatment, support the federal government initiatives that increase Medicaid funding for treatments, and encourage a realistic education program at all school levels.

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TOM GLASS (L)

1) You never own your own home if you pay property taxes. We should eliminate property tax, starting with school property tax. In the interim, we should replace the wasteful, arbitrary, and maddening property appraisal process with a system that sets property value at the purchase price. 2) The federal government violates the constitution every day, spying on us, groping us at the airport, and destroying jobs via regulation. Texas elected officials should enforce the Constitution.

Individuals have a natural right to defend their lives and to keep and bear arms, protected by our U.S. and Texas constitutions. Protecting liberty promotes safety. A decentralized threat requires a decentralized response. To better protect our children, we should pass legislation that allows responsible adults to carry firearms in our schools. We should pass a constitutional carry law that will stop Texans from having to seek permission to exercise their rights.

Texas Constitution: "A general diffusion of knowledge being essential to the preservation of the liberties and rights of the people, it shall be the duty of the Legislature of the State to establish and make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools." Our schools are not educating about the preservation of liberties, but are indoctrinating children re collectivism. Our schools are not efficient, either. Fundamental change is needed.

Mental health issues greatly affect us all, especially our law enforcement community and now is impacting school safety. I have not studied this issue in depth, but suspect that more tax resources are needed for mental health care, which if provided would offload our jails and law enforcement from a problem they face frequently.

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STATE SENATOR


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- What do you believe is the appropriate balance between public safety concerns and gun ownership? How will you work to achieve it?

What will you do as a member of the Texas Legislature to ensure that all children living in Texas receive a quality education?
- How can the state of Texas best partner with local governments and private providers to ensure Texans have access to mental health and addiction treatment services?

STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 15



RANDY ORR (R)


Infrastructure(Flooding,water quality), High property taxes If elected I would be involved with Harris County in making sure the bond money is being used as appropriated in district 15. I would not leave the EPA alone until the haze-mite sites along the San Jacinto River are completely removed. I believe senior adults (65 and above) property taxes should be frozen. I believe the state must take a more actively role in helping the local taxing entities

I believe the best way to help the public concerning gun ownership is educating the public. Local law enforcement providing instructions/classes in proper procedure in handling firearms and also responsibilities of ownership

As an elected legislature I would make sure that the funding is their for each child, and that the school districts would be accountable to meeting the standards that are set by the state.

I look at the mental health and addiction services not just as a health issue but also as a safety concern. Getting these individuals help where they may be productive at some point, is vital to the state and all parties that are involved. I believe there is so much more the state can do to help with providing treatment for these individuals. If elected I would work closely with these entities in helping to ensure that these citizens are getting medical attention

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JOHN WHITMIRE (D)

Healthcare: I will continue to advocate for Medicaid expansion and use my seat on Senate Finance to advocate for increased funding and access for our many critical health and human services including mental health, women's reproductive care, and services for our disabled children and elderly. Education must be our top priority and we must invest general revenue instead of relying on property taxes to fund education. I will continue to oppose vouchers and support a quality and equitable system.

I support 2nd amendment rights, but that does not mean we cannot have responsible gun control laws including red flag laws, background checks, waiting periods, and a ban on military style assault weapons.

We must make education our first priority and reform our school finance system so that every child receives an adequate and equitable education. We must oppose vouchers by any name.


The State must invest resources to ensure we have a comprehensive mental health system at the local level. Sadly, our criminal justice system has become the de facto mental health system because we fail to provide access to mental health and treatment services in the community. We need to provide funding so that all schools have mental health and behavioral counselors.

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GILBERTO “GIL” VELASQUEZ, JR. (L)

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 17



JOAN HUFFMAN (R)


Flood control and public safety. Next session, I'll author legislation that will provide a clear notice to potential buyers of property residing in a floodplain that the property is at risk of flooding. I also fully support the creation of a third reservoir and the usage of the Rainy Day Fund to improve flood control. As the Senate's leader in the fight against human trafficking, I'll continue to author legislation that fully empowers law enforcement and prosecutors to pursue traffickers.

As a former prosecutor and criminal district court judge, I fully understand the serious and real concerns regarding public safety and I have always taken those concerns to heart. I'm a strong supporter of the second amendment and fully understand the concerns of those who don't want their constitutional rights to be infringed upon. I've worked diligently to protect the public for my entire career and as a state senator, I've always fought to protect the constitution as it is my duty to do so.

As a senior member on the Senate Committee on Finance, I will work to secure an across the board pay raise for our teachers. I will also play a pivotal role in the restructuring of our school finance system so that we can empower school districts and schools with the tools they need to give our children a 21st century education, without creating any new taxes. I will also continue to lead the effort to improve teacher retirement and healthcare, so that we can attract the best and brightest.

In 2013, I authored and passed legislation to create the Harris County Mental Health Jail Diversion Program to divert those with a mental illness from cycling through the criminal justice system and instead into community-based care. Since then, I've been able to secure funding for almost 20 other jail diversion programs throughout the state and I'll be working next session to help bolster these efforts. I'll also work to increase funding for mental health care and addiction treatment services.

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RITA LUCIDO (D)


Public Education and Healthcare. I hope to serve on the Education Committee where I will be a vote & a loud voice for a public education budget that brings state revenue funding on par with funds provided by local taxpayers & for revision of our out-of-date public education funding formulas. Also I will work to craft a plan for TX to expand Medicaid coverage for the rising number of uninsured in our state by taking advantage of federal tax dollars that thus far have been rejected.

I believe we can be responsible gun owners, support the 2nd Amendment & use common sense to keep guns away from dangerous people. I believe a background check should be required for every gun sale. I believe permitting laws must be strengthened, not abolished. I support effective, but constitutional “red flag” laws that provide protection against those who obviously should not have access to a gun.

Solving our public school funding crisis is my top priority. The State must contribute to education funding on par with local school districts. With equal funding contributions from the state & the districts the TX legislature can successfully: Uphold the promise in the TX Constitution of a quality, free public education for all TX children; Expand access to high-quality pre-K; & Adjust the public education funding formulas to lessen the impact of “Robin Hood” recapture on local school districts

The state can move to accept federal funds to provide millions of Texans with health care including care for substance abuse and mental health, via Medicaid expansion. Additionally, the legislature should review and update the insurance code and regulatory requirements for mental health and substance addiction treatment. Currently private insurance standards in Texas do not require nor reflect best practices for treatment, especially for substance addiction, given that the last update was 1989.

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LAUREN LACOUNT (L)

Property Taxes are the primary issue affecting SD17. We are seeing maximum increases annually, even as our infrastructure deteriorates and our neighborhoods flood. As a Council Woman I fought to REDUCE tax rates by cutting wasteful spending while adequately funding essential services. I support the graceful elimination and replacement of Residential Property Taxes. Flooding is my second priority if elected. As a rescuer, volunteer, and flood victim I will continue to work on solutions in SD17.

Private gun ownership and personal responsibility are essential elements to public safety. The second amendment is for personal defense and the protection of every other freedom we have. I respect and appreciate the willingness of Police, Teachers, and others to die protecting my family, but I would never obligate them to that fate by taking away their best defense against a criminal intent on harming us. I would advocate for the rights of everyone to provide personal and public safety.

Our school funding formula and public pension system has been broken for years and I will propose full reform including a new funding formula and new revenue mandates for state budget contributions. Property owners and local districts should not be shouldered with an unfair 60-40 split of school funding, while unfunded mandates from the Federal and State level shortchanged our children. Teachers and staff caring for our children daily should not be penalized for legeslative impotence. Kids 1st.

Repeal legislation obligating costly barriers to voluntary public and private charity and convert existing funding to grants instead of poorly funded government run programs. It should always be legal to feed the hungry, no matter if they starve physically, mentally, or spiritually. Medical freedom including decriminalization of marijuana has been proven to reduce opioid and other overdose deaths and dependency in other states while funding addiction treatment and public education. Local Control

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DISTRICT 126



E. SAM HARLESS (R)

Flooding. We need to fund additional reservoirs. Our existing bayous need to be cleaned out and made deeper and wider where possible. Create more detention and retention ponds. Both Barker and Addicks reservoirs need to be cleaned out and deepened to create more capacity. Property tax relief. Property taxes are too high, pushing people out of their homes. I am happy that Governor Abbott and Lt. Governor Patrick have made property tax reform a priority in the next legislative session.

I think the Stabilization Fund should only be spent in emergencies. Hurricane Harvey is a perfect example. We cannot stand by and do nothing while homeowners property is flooded. In Harris County we have had major flooding in the past 3 years. It is time to act.

I believe we need equitable funding for all public schools. The State should pay its fair share to educate our children. Currently, the State only pays about 37% to educate our children, while property owners pay the balance..

I think the State needs to increase mental health funding. If we properly fund mental health care at an early age fewer people with mental health issues would be incarcerated which in turn would save the state money in future budgets.

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NATALI HURTADO (D)

Securing funding for flood mitigation projects to help create a third reservoir, conduct buyouts, update existing flood plain maps and updating existing infrastructure.I would work with county and federal officials and be a vocal advocate for projects in district 126. Also prioritizing public education - our students and teachers need to feel like they matter, so we need to make sure they are adequately and equitably funded.

I believe things such as emergency matters - example being relief from natural disasters is a justification to spend from the Rainy Day Fund. I also believe using funding for public education to help school districts secure enough teachers and administrators is critical. In order to ensure permanent funding I strongly believe that Texas should legalize gambling as a revenue source. I also believe closing loopholes that allow big businesses to circumvent their tax contribution is necessary.

I would immerse myself into understanding the school finance system and what is needed to make a system that makes sense. I would work hard in making sure our schools, teachers, and students are being equitably and adequately funded. We need to recognize that our children are our future and require top priority when it comes to funding allocation. We need to be sure our teachers and administrators have the tools necessary to be successful and not be met with unfunded mandates.

Opening access to health care for all will ensure that people are not met with unnecessary burdens when seeking care. Currently our governor has chosen to refuse expanding medicaid which has prevented Texans from receiving federal money. This money should go back to Texans to help them get the preventative care they need. We should be prioritizing Texans health and not playing party politics.

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DISTRICT 127



DAN HUBERTY (R)

Flooding after Hurricane Harvey devastated our community. It will be years before it is fully restored. Until then, recovery will remain my number one priority, like preventing future flooding; creating an authority to oversee the watershed; and modernizing policies and protocols of state agencies. I will also continue to fight for our public schools. Public School Finance Reform was a major topic last session but full reform must be implemented. I will again champion those measures.

The ESF exists to ensure obligations are met during economic downturns and I have voted to use this fund several times. Hurricane Harvey resulted in significant costs for property damage at our schools, additional healthcare costs and potential flood mitigation. Next session, we will ensure we meet our statutory credit obligations and make smart decisions to utilize remaining resources. The legislature needs to remove restrictions to create additional revenue from current investment practices.

As the Chairman of the House Public Education Committee, I will continue to fight for efficiency and equity in our public schools. Public School Finance Reform was a major topic in the 85th Legislative Session and led to the Commission I served on this interim. Small steps were taken then but full reform must be implemented to fully fix the issues and next session, I will utilize the recommendations of that Commission to again champion those measures for all Texas students.

Mental wellness is critical at all levels of a persons life. But, as I am focused on our youth, it is critical we put resources into our schools. This can be done by increasing the number of counselors in our middle and high schools to limit each to no more than 250 students. Also, social workers can help school age children or their parents by providing resources at schools or our 20 ESCs across Texas. The more we help our children adapt to the world, the better it will be long term.

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DISTRICT 129



DENNIS PAUL (R)

The most important issues facing my district is flooding. I have been drafting legislation that would create state review for drainage to ensure that drainage of an entire watershed is reviewed and any work done in that region is evaluated as a whole watershed. We will also be looking at creating a state funding source that could provide loans to cover drainage. The second most important issue in the district is property taxes and how can we revamp our school funding.

The Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF) was established to try and collect additional oil tax dollars when times are good and save those funds for when the budget is tight. It needs to be used for what those tax dollars where collected to due. When it has grown to an amount that covers those costs, it can be used as a one-time issue to fund some items that the state needs to fund, such as when it was used to put \$2B into the state's water plan.

Texas has been making a continued effort to fund public education in Texas. K-12 education is approximately 45% of the state's budget and is our number one expense. Over the last two sessions I have been in the legislature we have also put in place rules that will help determine how those education dollars are being spent and to make sure that the children are receiving the proper education. The A-F grading system is a good way that parents can see how their child's schools are performing.

We can evaluate our entire current plan and meet with the local officials and our private partners to see what may be the best fit for our mental health and addiction treatment centers and develop a plan to do meet those needs. During the 85th Legislative session, many things were done to improve funding for mental health facilities. Funding increased to \$3.6 billion for Medicaid/CHIP and almost \$7.2 billion across the board and SB 1326 and SB 292 passed.

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DISTRICT 129



ALEXANDER JONATHAN KARJEKER (D)

If we don't build flooding infrastructure to protect our homes, then our children might not get to grow up here. Given what we pay in taxes, it is time Austin helps foot the bill. I will fight for those state dollars. Voters also want real accountability in our election system. Incumbents should know that when they choose party over community and take voters for granted, they'll lose. I will fight to open up elections so you get real choices on the ballot instead of the "least worst" candidate.

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible." That means we're all in it together. When Central Texas has droughts and forest fires, when North Texas has tornadoes and when the Gulf Coast has hurricanes, the Rainy Day Fund must be available to get Texans the help they need. The fund's purpose is to help people during emergencies, not just improve our bond rating or worse used for budgetary games and band-aid solutions to long term problems.

The Texas Constitution guarantees our children an "efficient system of public schools". As a proud CCISD graduate, for me that means every child should get an education as good or better than I did. We need to properly pay our teachers and fund Gov. Abbott's Pre-K expansion. We also need to prepare our students for a lifetime of learning and skills development, not just checking boxes and taking on tuition debt. Having worked in tech, I know what our kids need to stay agile in the 21st century.

Local organization are best positioned to identify their mental health/addiction needs, but have limited resources. Clear Creek ISD had to issue a budget deficit in order to afford 15 new mental health counselors. The state government should expand Medicaid so all Texans can have more affordable access to existing health care providers. And the state should empower frontline entities-- such as schools, police departments, and universities-- to expand programs by funding innovative solutions.

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JOSEPH MAJSTERSKI (L)

Flooding is one of the most serious concerns people in district 129 have. We need to look into drainage patterns and understand why some neighborhoods always flood while others almost never do, and use that information to make changes. A more general concern is an overabundance of laws governing personal and economic activity. I want to look into eliminating excessive existing laws and simplifying life for people in my district and across the state.

I think a clear standard for dipping into that fund is to repair damaged communities suffering after natural disasters such as tropical storms and flooding. We need to look into existing spending that is wasteful or supporting cronyism, and eliminate it, while redirecting savings into the fund.

I am a strong advocate for increasing school choice and competition, instead of trapping children in under-performing schools.

Legalize or decriminalize marijuana, and use all the resources saved arresting, processing, trying, and imprisoning non-violent offenders to support such services.

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TOM OLIVERSON (R)

The two biggest issues my constituents are concerned about are flooding and rising property taxes. To curb flooding in our district we need 1) a third reservoir 2) give homeowners and local businesses better information about the real risks of flooding 3) expand flood insurance options in the market. To tackle rising property taxes, I will file legislation to remove the day to day funding of schools (M&O taxes) from property taxes and save homeowners an average of 30%-40% on their tax bill.

I think the ESF should be used for one time expenses and emergencies. I don't think it should be used as an additional source of revenue for new spending programs, as it defeats the purpose of being a "rainy day fund". Under my requirements, Texas could use the ESF to help with Harvey recovery.

I would start by ensuring that we have adequate and equitable funding for public education. I would also give districts the ability to "opt out" of STAAR testing provided that they use an alternative form of nationally recognized standardized testing such as the Stanford Achievement Test or Iowa Basic Skills. This way we could deemphasize "teaching to the test."

We took a huge step forward last session with the passage of HB10, requiring mental health benefits parity among insurers. This greatly enhanced access to meaningful mental health insurance coverage. We also need to do more to encourage partnerships between mental health providers and law enforcement. People with mental illnesses who interact with law enforcement should be identified and triaged to mental health care facilities instead of jail.

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FRED INFORTUNIO (D)

The future of the state economy depends on the attractiveness of the state education system. The extended and aggressive burdening of the real estate tax base is unfair and needs to be reversed. Impact fees should be used to a School districts that are growing should be supported using impact fees from the developers. The management of the flooding problems should be a state wide concern rather than just a county concern. District 130 and Harris County should be assisted using the ESF.

The ESF in Texas is equal to a higher percentage of the state budget than normally carried by other states. Other states usually use a 6.5% benchmark. The monies available above the 6.5% benchmark should be made available for education, infrastructure improvements and pension budget shortfalls. In addition, a greater portion of the ESF should be invested in more aggressive investments that will generate further revenues for the state.

The funding of the schools is a priority. The state has been deliberately strangling the school systems for the past decade, reducing the state proportion of the school system funding to about 32% from 50 %. The impact fee contribution from the builders will help growing school districts. Proper pay levels for teachers, which entice high quality teachers to stay and prosper will benefit the students. The revision or elimination of the STAR tests, as recommended by educators should be done.

The refusal to participate in expanded Medicare is unconscionable by the Governor and legislators These additional monies will help shore up all portions of the Texas health system. Many of the state problems stem from a government which does not consider the people. The regressive tax system shifts the tax burden away from large business toward the middle class and the poor.

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DISTRICT 130



ROY ERIKSEN (L)

1. Flood Mitigation - Permanently allocate money to the rainy day fund for natural disasters. Purchase new and maintain existing rain gages, weather stations, and equipment used to collect GIS data sets for ground water measurement. 2. Healthcare for Educators – By providing school districts additional funds specifically earmarked for health insurance premiums, insurance costs for our teachers will effectively decrease and allow health insurance to be more affordable for our teachers.

The Rainy Day Fund should be used solely for emergency purposes only and not be used to make up revenue shortfalls, deficits, or other non-emergency purposes. Given that the majority of its funding comes from oil and gas tax revenue, the legislature should seek out alternative industries so that it can diversify its revenue source and not rely solely on one industry. This will help ensure the fund stays solvent and fully funded.

I will work to restore funding to pre-2008 levels (inflation adjusted). This will allow school districts to have resources available to hire and rehire qualified teachers, pay competitive salaries, enhance the student learner experience, security, building enhancements, and more. I would also end the STAAR and other standardized testing that is currently mandated and affecting both student and school district performance.

HHS and DSHS should work together with our local government and private providers, so that the network of providers can be expanded and these patients can receive the kind of medical attention they need. By increasing funding in DSHS, more partnerships can be established in the private sector so that patient care and services can be expanded and wait times for medical care decreases. Quality of care will also increase by partnering with local governments and private providers.

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DISTRICT 131



SYED S. ALI (R)

1. Employment Actions- Bring more employers to the area like, national corporations. Developed the area businesses providing them management scale and financial support to established. 2. Safety/security and education Actions- Guide the people of the district, how to establish family structure. The more important is to get education, such as technical trades, etc...

This fund must be used only as “Rainy Day Fund”, the permanent solution must be carefully established according to needs and necessary of the people of the state. If the district needs and necessary to developed the district for the employment, education, senior living, state must provide a portion of the funds to the district.

Education is a top priority in my campaign, 1. Better compensation to the teachers, good salary's and respect without a happy teacher, education cannot be good. Society must admire and honor the teachers that deserve. 2. Make sure that the parents are involved in the education system, provide a better guidance to the children and meet their needs. A happy child, happy teacher is equal to = a better society.

Hire more qualified health professionals, open more community centers for counselling to the people that are under stress, pressure, domestic problems, family problems so they can take their frustration out. That can really prevent them to use any kind of addiction and mental stress. I mean that before a person goes extreme situation, then society notices and start providing help, but its too late. If we could prevent this from the beginning that's a lot better and help our community out.

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ALMA A. ALLEN (D)

Education and air quality are the most important issues in the district. Despite the constant need to address lack of resources for students and teachers, the state requires districts to constantly fight for funding. We need to reign in unfunded mandates. Regarding air quality, we need to give the TCEQ the teeth to deny permits when an area has been oversaturated with facilities that pollute our neighborhoods.

I believe everything should be on the table when we are facing crisis level budget cuts, and to help communities recover quickly after natural disasters. Additionally, we need to be responsible when we cut and eliminate funding resources. Texas consistently reduces the revenue stream, without thought to future budget woes.

I have worked through the years to lessen the reliance on standardized testing. I believe that we need accountability, but the current system does not allow teachers to have adequate control over their classroom. The punitive nature of the current accountability system stifles our teachers creativity, in exchange for using class time to teach test taking skills. Despite the obstacles, we have some of the best teachers in the nation.

Texas needs to fund treatment at a higher level, while also reducing the number of people that they funnel into our criminal justice system. We need to do better at providing diversion programs that address mental health and addiction. Often, people cry out for help well before they end up in the criminal justice system. We need to help our first responders by providing them more options when they encounter people that need intervention.

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DISTRICT 132



MIKE SCHOFIELD (R)

People are concerned about getting local property taxes and state spending under control. I'll continue to push my bill to make your homestead exemption a percentage of your home's value – rather than the current flat \$25,000 – so that the amount that is exempt from taxation automatically rises as the appraisal rises. Also, I'll fight to ensure that our budget is balanced. I'll fight for a constitutional amendment to cap growth in state spending, so government stops taking more of your money.

The Rainy Day fund is our state government's savings account. Using it to fund ongoing expenses is not sustainable, since the fund would be depleted but the expenses would continue. The state should keep enough money in the rainy day fund to preserve our state's credit rating and to provide a prudent fund balance. The rest should be spent on one-time expenditures, such as transportation or flood prevention projects, with any remaining amount returned to the taxpayers.

More of our education dollars need to go into the classroom. As the Legislature works on making changes to our state's school finance system, I will make sure we never lose track of the purpose of the public education system – to educate children and give them their best chance for a productive future. The only way that public education spending serves its intended purpose is if the money is directed into the classroom where it actually affects the quality of the students' education.

For the past several sessions, the Legislature has increased the emphasis on mental health in dealing with a wide variety of issues, from the high concentration of people in our county jails suffering from mental illness to the causes and prevention of incidents in our schools. We must first determine what program or course of treatment can actually work toward the desired result and then plan an implementation that is reasonably calculated to achieve that end.

Education: Mike earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Rutgers University and received his law degree from Louisiana State University. | Experience: Before joining Governor Perry's office, Schofield practiced law at the law firms of Baker Botts LLP and Howrey & Simon, and with the legal department of Equiva Services LLC. | Community : Life Member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, speaker's bureau of Texans for Lawsuit Reform, active parishioner at St. John Vianney Catholic Church. | Email: info@mikeschofield.com | Website: <http://www.mikeschofield.com/> | Address: 1 E Greenway Plz, Ste 225 Houston, TX 77046 | Phone: (713) 554-9232 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/SchofieldForTexas/> | Twitter: twitter.com/RepSchofield



GINA CALANNI (D)

Public education is the number one issue in Texas House District 132. If elected I will focus on public school finance reform to ensure that our public schools are properly funded. The second most important issue is flood control. We need to build a third reservoir and provide other mitigation as well. We also need to create a task force that evaluates each Texas county's before and after a catastrophic weather event plan of action. We need to keep our communities prepared, informed, and safe.

If we were to use the Rainy Day fund for any type of ongoing issue, we would need to show a plan of action to show how we would replenish the amount used and to ensure the issue has been addressed so that we would not consistently rely on the rainy day fund as an open credit line. The Rainy Day Fund should be used in times of emergency and with due process to ensure that we make informed decisions on how to preserve our state's safety net.

I am committed to ensuring that all Texas children have access to quality public education and I will focus on public school finance reform to make sure this happens. This includes increasing teacher's pay and addressing their healthcare costs to ensure that we are attracting and keeping the best teachers for our students. We also need to limit the amount of standardize testing and move away from forcing teachers to teach to the test.

We need to bring more awareness about mental health and addiction to the forefront and offer services on our school campuses. It's imperative that we as a society understand how essential ongoing care is in regards to mental health and that our Texans do not feel isolated or trapped. Texas needs to expand Medicaid which would provide increased access to healthcare for more Texans and allow for more people to have access to mental health care.

Education: St. Edward's University B.A. Political Science University of North Texas Paralegal Certificate. | Experience: Over twenty years of experience working for both the public and private sectors of legal, finance, and energy companies. | Community : Active volunteer for my children's schools, chair person for the Elijah Rising Gala (organization that fights sex trafficking), Habitat for Humanity, and various food banks.. | Email: ginafortexas@gmail.com | Website: <http://www.ginacalanni.com>. | Address: P.O. Box 6733 Katy, TX 77491. | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ginacalannifortxdistrict132>. | Twitter: twitter.com/gina_calanni

DANIEL AREVALO (L) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

DISTRICT 133



JIM MURPHY (R)

Public safety is the top priority at any level of government. I will continue to ensure that our criminal justice system is effective and push for State help with our flooding issues which impact Public Safety. Having a strong economy that provides opportunities for meaningful employment, attracts investment, and generates adequate tax revenues for our state is our second priority mission. Expanding workforce training, establishing reasonable taxes and regulations will continue to be my focus.

For the Texas Legislature to access reserves in the Economic Stabilization Fund the requirements that should be met are the following: it should not be used for an on-going expense, it should only be used for emergency related items, it should be a one-time expense, and capital projects. Any time the Rainy Day Fund is accessed it should be done only with a super majority of the Texas Legislature.

Adequate funding is certainly a consideration in ensuring that every child has a quality education but this is a larger issue that should include expanded career counseling, parental training, and performance measures. There are bright spots in the world of public education but we cannot have children falling through the gaps.

Mental health and addiction treatment, properly provided, can benefit both the individuals treated and society as a whole which is why Texas has taken the steps in the last few years to achieve this. Funding has been greatly expanded from the state, new courts have been authorized, and diversion programs established to keep offenders out of prison and in places for treatment. As these programs produce the positive and measurable results we anticipate, I'll be among many seeking their expansion.

Education: Jim Murphy graduated from Strake Jesuit and UT Austin.. | Experience: Jim began his professional career as a teacher in the City of Houston.Twice elected to the HCC Board of Trustees. He is President of District Management Services. Community : Served on boards including: Houston West Chamber of Commerce, West Houston Medical Center, and the Houston Assn. of Commercial Realtors and Urban Land Institute.. | Email: Jim@VoteJimMurphy.com | Website: <http://www.votejimmurphy.com>. | Address: 1 E Greenway Plz, Ste 225 Houston, TX 77046. | Phone: (713) 278-7796. | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/JimMurphy133/>. | Twitter: twitter.com/JimMurphy133

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DISTRICT 133



MARTY SCHEXNAYDER (D)

1. Public Education Finance Reform: The public education finance system in Texas is broken and must be reformed. I will push to increase state funding for public education so that property owners are not bearing this burden by increased property taxes. 2. Flood Control. District 133 was ravaged during Hurricane Harvey. I will support increased funding for flood control, state buyout of undeveloped wetlands and creation of a state agency to coordinate federal, state and local spending.

Education: B.A. University of Texas Austin 1988 J.D. University of Texas Austin 1991. | Experience: Attorney, Private Practice 1991-Present. | Community : Member, St. Martin Episcopal Church; Board of Directors, Faith in Practice; Volunteer, Interfaith Ministries (Refugee Services, Meals on Wheels). | Email: marty@schexnayder2018.com. | Website: <http://schexnayder2018.com>. | Address: 5161 San Felipe Suite 320 #D8 Houston, TX 77056. | Phone: (713) 907-9393 Facebook: <http://SchexforTX133>. | Twitter: twitter.com/SchexforTX133

The Rainy Day Fund reserves should be tapped to fulfill emergency spending needs, which include public education as well as flood control. Additional state funding can be obtained by reforming property tax laws to ensure commercial interests pay their fair share. I would also eliminate the cuts to the state franchise taxes.

Reform public education finance. Require the state to fund at least 50% of public education finance. Increase spending per pupil to pre-2008 levels and increase teacher pay. I also oppose vouchers.

Expand Medicaid!!

DISTRICT 134



SARAH DAVIS (R)

Excellence in education—I have supported access high quality pre-K statewide, consistently vote to reduce testing, and also fight to improve outcomes in our schools. Advocating for women and children—I passed laws to protect victims of human trafficking and hunt down predators, expand access to cancer screenings, and promote maternal and fetal healthcare. I want to continue providing more resources to improve education, healthcare, and public safety.

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The Rainy Day Fund was created to protect taxpayers and vulnerable populations who depend on state services from budget shortfalls. These occur when state revenues fall short of projections, or when unforeseen crises and natural disasters occur, such as Hurricane Harvey. In those cases, it is appropriate to use this fund for its intended purpose.

High quality education is critical to our state's workforce development and economic future, and we owe our children an equal opportunity to develop a strong foundation of knowledge for their future success. We need to invest adequate resources in our schools by modernizing our school finance system and investing in technology, innovation, and a high level of support for teachers.

As the lead budget writer for healthcare, I prioritized historic new support for mental health and addiction treatment. That is why I am proud to be endorsed by every endorsing medical society, County Judge Ed Emmett and numerous other mayors and local leaders. These are not partisan issues, these are community issues, and we need to work collaboratively at every level of government to enact reasonable solutions.



ALLISON LAMI SAWYER (D)

The state of public school funding is inexcusable, with too much of the burden falling on local residents and school districts. I want to increase the state's share of funding so we can reduce the local burden, and reduce local property taxes. While we need to give our community the tools to deal with disasters after the happen, we also need to try to prevent them in the first place. I want to invest in resilient infrastructure to prevent flooding and other disasters, which will save money.

Education: MBA from Rice University MSc in Nanoscale Physics from Leeds University in England BSc in Engineering Physics from University of Colorado in Boulder | Experience: I co-founded Rebellion Photonics, Inc., an oil and gas safety startup. I do not take a single dollar for granted and I will show the same respect towards our community. | Community : Long-time community volunteer with Child Advocates, Leukemia Society, and others. Co-founded Start Here Now, Texas' largest women startup entrepreneurship competition. | Email: allisonfortexas@gmail.com | Website: <http://www.allisonfortexas.com/> | Address: 701 TC Jester Blvd #7303 Houston, TX 77008 | Phone: (512) 560-7753 Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/allisonlamisawyer134> | Twitter: twitter.com/allisontherebel

Without a doubt, Hurricane Harvey is a natural disaster that affected our community greatly and justifies spending from the Rainy Day Fund. Many of our citizens continue to experience a "Rainy Day" a year after Harvey. For instance, HB1774, the Blue Tarp Bill, co-sponsored by my opponent, made it harder to recoup insurance claims after big storms like Hurricane Harvey. I want to repeal this bill immediately.

The state legislature needs to stop blaming local school districts & start taking responsibility for underfunding public schools for years. The systematic defunding of our schools as enrollment grows is a poor reflection of our values with horrible real-world consequences. Local taxpayers should not have to bear the burden of these bad choices. I will work to increase the state's share of education funding.

Here in our County, jails continue to be the main resource for mental health and addiction treatment services. We should provide assistance to citizens who are experiencing these issues early before they enter the criminal justice system. We need to expand Medicaid so more Texans are able to receive the treatment as early as possible, from new moms experiencing postpartum depression to young adults with various addiction issues.

GARY ELKINS (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

JON E. ROSENTHAL (D)



Public Education: We can raise education funding by \$5 Billion per year by closing one corporate property tax loophole. And we must reverse the law that sends charter schools more money for substandard results with less accountability. Access to Healthcare: We must accept the Medicare expansion in Texas to lower overall costs and we MUST improve Women's access to healthcare by reversing the attacks on women's health services organizations.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from The University of Texas at Austin, and I have a Graduate Certificate in Subsea Engineering from The University of Houston | Experience: 25 Years as an Engineer, Engineering Manager, and Project Manager in the Oil and Gas Industry | Community : Founder and Chair of Indivisible Texas District 7. I'm a Sustaining Member of HCDP, NAACP, and the GLBT Caucus | Email: jonr.4.hd135@gmail.com Website: <http://rosenthal4usall.com/> | Address: Jon Rosenthal for Texas 8624 Hwy 6 N, #340 Houston, TX 77095 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/Rosenthal4USALL/>

The Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF) is called the "Rainy Day Fund" but it wasn't created for disaster recovery. It is a "buffer" for the General Fund. Our state needs a robust disaster response plan, and the ESF can be used for some of the expenses of disaster relief & recovery. Criteria for spending could include overall damage cost estimates, or just having displaced citizens who need temporary assistance. ESF funding must be diversified to mitigate Oil & Gas industry downturns.

I'll push for the following: Close the corporate tax loophole to increase funding. Implement universal pre-K and extend school open hours for free tutoring w/ free meals. End higher funding rates for Charters, and make them accountable. Eliminate STAAR & replace the flawed accountability system. Partner with businesses and colleges to offer vocational training and early college credit classes. Raise teacher pay, cap class sizes & increase availability for special ed and for counselors.

The first step is to increase available funds by accepting the Medicaid expansion, this will promote availability of services while reducing cost statewide. The state can also provide block grants to local governments and private providers to promote prevention and also make treatment and care more accessible. We can also increase availability of counseling and care in our public schools, to promote prevention and also work to identify and address students with issues as early as possible.

DISTRICT 135



PAUL BILYEU (L)

Education and property tax reform Over the course of 5 years, eliminate ad valorem/property tax in the State of Texas and abolish article 7 of the Texas Constitution which calls for government to provide "free" education to the children of our state. Why do we pay government to provide services we can pay for ourselves using the free market? The middle man (government) adds ridiculous layers of bureaucracy and inefficiency to these services. Remove them from the equation.

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The monies in the rainy day fund should be returned to the people of Texas and no more taken. Anything in this state that is worth having, can be funded privately and does NOT require government to be in the middle. People, with more money in their pockets and less given to the state, will figure out ways to deliver all the services we currently receive instead of being provided by the monopoly that is government.

Privatize all education in Texas. Remove government from the equation by eliminating all government involvement in the education of our children. Reject all federal funding and mandates and restore power to families and communities. Will this be easy? It will not. However, I am certain families and communities can, and will, determine a solution without it being provided by government. We just need to take the first step. We can do it!

Government should not be providing mental health or addiction treatment services. Private organizations are better equipped to provide these services more effectively and efficiently than government. Everyone needs to stop looking at government to solve all the worlds problems. They have a proven track record of horrible performance for 100+ years. Why do we keep shoveling money at them when they can provide nothing effectively? Let the free market work.

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DISTRICT 137



GENE WU (D)

The two most important issues for the entire state, including my district, are inexorably linked: (1) the inadequate funding of public education and (2) the rapid rise in local property taxes. Over the past decade, the Texas Legislature has continuously decreased its proportional share of the cost of public education. In response, local school districts have had no choice but to continuously increase local property taxes to make up the difference. The state must own up to its share.

A wise man once said: “Save when times are good. Spend when times are bad.” The ESF was not created solely for disaster recovery or only for one time spending items. The point of the fund was to STABILIZE our state’s spending during ECONOMIC downturns. Instead, what the Legislature has done is cut education, healthcare, transportation, and other vital services. The ESF should be used to ensure our students are properly educated; our seniors taken care of; and vital services are performed.

First, the Legislature must ensure that all Texas children have access to high quality Pre-K education to ensure that a solid foundation is built for every student. Second, we must approve an education budget that properly funds all schools according to their needs. Schools must be able to hire the right type of teachers that they need, and have the ability to properly equip their classrooms. Lastly, we need to provide wrap-around services like counseling, mental healthcare, and other services.

The Texas Legislature needs to prioritize early intervention and support for mental health and addiction issues. Instead of waiting to treat people until they are adults, we must push away the stigma of mental illness and addiction, and get treatment started when people are young. Texas must also provide support outside of local jails and prisons. Treating mental health and addiction as merely criminal issues reinforces the existing system where few people ever get the help they need.

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LEE SHARP (L)

Low income housing. Very large 100% income limited apartment complexes, with huge amounts of government funding, only look good long enough for the press release. After that, they receive no ongoing maintenance, and rapidly become a problem for both the apartment residents and the neighbors. Safety and security. The trust in the police to keep people safe is essentially gone. And most people feel the city sees us as a dumping ground at best, and a problem at the worst.

It seems that if funds are needed for state programs, it is justified. But if it is needed by people, it is not. At least that is the perception at this point. Most people are offended that anyone tried to deny rainy day funds after the worst recored rain in history! As for permanent funding, we need to insure funds raised can not be raided for another purpose. The flood bonds in Houston are only a month old and people are already talking about how to divert them! This needs to stop!

My fiancé is a teacher and has worked for public schools in three districts, and a charter school. And one of the biggest issues she faces is that the large amounts of money going to school districts never actually reaches the classrooms. But also, we have classrooms with people who do not want to be there and do not want to learn. One person can disrupt classes and steal learning opportunities from those who do want to learn. We need alternatives for disruptive students so others can thrive.

In our rush to control charity, we have driven people from it. Many cities have laws against feeding the homeless, so badly written that they would prevent me from having a family picnic! We need to stop discouraging help, and start encouraging it. We need to disperse assistance to more of the city instead of concentrating all our “problems” in one place. We need people to be able to seek help without judgment, shame, or a risk to their reputations. Specifically, anonymous treatment.

Education: San Jacinto College, University of Houston, University of Texas, UTMB | Experience: I have been an IT consultant for 30 years, with occasional breaks at places like Compaq, BMC Software, and Terracycle. Community : I am active in several Open Source software projects. I am also active in my own community in looking for creative ways to solve neighborhood problems ourselves. | Email: lee@leewsharp.com
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DWAYNE BOHAC (R)

Voters constantly ask me about property tax relief and flood control. I passed a property tax exemption for disabled veterans and am pushing legislation to eliminate property taxes for seniors and lower the current 10% property tax appraisal cap to 5% or less for ALL homeowners. On flooding I’ve worked with officials to secure tens of billions of dollars in Hurricane Harvey relief and am pushing to build a 3rd reservoir, add capacity to our existing reservoirs, and utilize more retention ponds.

I believe we must be good stewards of the Rainy Day Fund and do our best to reserve the money for true emergencies, not ongoing expenses. I believe we have a true emergency in Houston when it comes to flooding and I support tapping the fund to build a 3rd reservoir and related one-time emergency expenses. It’s my job to make sure my colleagues in the House understand the importance of using those funds for that purpose. We have a strong delegation in Austin and I am confident we can get it done.

I have fought for increased funding for public education, retired teachers and teacher salaries. Last session I co-authored a bill that would have added \$1.6 billion for public education, and I will continue to push to increase the state’s share of education funding. I also support abolishing the failing “Robin Hood” school finance scheme so that our local school tax dollars stay in our districts. And finally, we must limit standardized testing and stop forcing teachers to “teach to the test”.

The state should facilitate sharing of best practices between local governments and should reduce regulatory barriers to allow private mental health providers to use innovative solutions to address our mental health crisis. Private providers must have a seat at the table in discussions about reforming policies and increasing mental health access as they are on the front lines and know a great deal about how to better help the growing number of Texans facing mental health and addiction issues.

Education: I attended Scarborough High School in northwest Houston and graduated cum laude from Texas A&M University with bachelor’s degrees in Political Science and Marketing. | Experience: I owned three retail franchises for 21 years where I learned the value of hard work and meeting a payroll. Today I am involved in real estate and am a health insurance broker. | Community : I was a founder of the Save Our Neighborhoods—NW Coalition and served as a member of both the White Oak Bayou Association and the Spring Branch Revitalization Association. | Email: info@bohac.com | Website: http://www.bohac.com | Address: 7941 Katy Freeway #230 Houston, TX 77024 | Phone: (713) 425-0150 | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/dwaynebohac/ | Twitter: twitter.com/dwayne_bohac



ADAM MILASINCIC (D)

1) Supporting our schools: Restore the state’s share of public school funding to at least 50 percent to repair the still-devastating effects of the \$4 billion state funding cut in 2011. 2) Flood control: Toughen rules for new construction to preserve green space and protect existing homes; spend from Rainy Day Fund to fix Addicks Reservoir risks; enact protections to reduce emissions and tackle climate change; block irresponsible Big Developer greed such as paving over Pine Crest Golf Course.

I support responsibly using the Rainy Day Fund for its original purposes, including 1) responding to natural disasters; 2) preventing catastrophic failures of safety-related infrastructure such as Addicks Reservoir; and 3) preventing sharp, sudden cuts to school and healthcare funding and thereby avoiding economy-destabilizing outcomes such as hospital closures or mass teacher layoffs. The existing constitutional requirement for 2/3 approval to spend from the Fund ensures against perennial use.

1) Reverse the draconian school-funding cuts my opponent enacted; investing state funds in students and teachers should be our #1 priority and would lessen burdens on property taxpayers. 2) Oppose all efforts to privatize or divert funds away from public schools. 3) Fix recapture to reflect 2018 realities and stop penalizing districts that are “property rich” on paper but have many under-served students. 4) Stop excessive standardized testing. 5) Donate my House salary to local scholarships.

Texas has the nation’s highest uninsured rate and highest number of uninsured people; opting into the ACA would enable more than 400,000 Texans to receive mental-health or addiction treatment. Further, Texas has only 4.1 psychiatrists/100k people; the average is 25/100k. Loan repayment and similar incentives would lessen workforce shortages. The best models, such as Haven for Hope, involve matching funds and local coordination so each community can tailor services to its unique needs.

Education: J.D., University of Virginia School of Law (2011); B.S. (Journalism), Kent State University (2006). | Experience: In seven years as an attorney, Adam has litigated the meaning of state laws all the way through appeals and defeated many of the most powerful corporate interests in Texas. | Community : Adam often volunteers to provide free legal services, including help for hurricane victims whose landlords refused to repair flood damage or allow time to catch up on rent. | Email: Adam.Milasincic@AdamForTexas.com
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DISTRICT 138



DEMETRIUS WALKER | WRITE IN CANDIDATE

The two most important issues facing the people of House District 138 are flooding and the safety of our tap water. To address these critical issues I will 1) introduce a bill to legalize and regulate cannabis like alcohol and 2) commission a study to get to the source of Chromium-6 contamination of our drinking supply. Legalizing cannabis will create the businesses, jobs, and revenue necessary to fund permanent street and drainage improvement, as well as modernize our reservoirs.

To justify spending reserves in the Economic Stabilization Fund, a clear and present threat to the lives and livelihoods of more than 100,000 citizens should be identified. Implementing permanent funding solutions moving forward should require an assessment of the 50 year threat posed by the situation at hand.

As a member of the Texas Legislature I will fight for universal Pre-K to make sure all children start off on equal ground. In addition, I will fight to make sure there is fiscal equity in how funds are distributed within school districts to prevent disadvantaged communities from being neglected.

The State of Texas can start by ending mass incarceration, reducing the prison budget by 25%, and diverting those funds to subsidize mental health and addiction treatment providers.

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DISTRICT 139



JARVIS D JOHNSON (D)

Education and jobs are the two most important issues. I have been successful in passing legislation that expanded vocational education opportunities in public schools (see HB 136). A focus on vocational education and employment provides the skills needed for our children to succeed in the current job market.

There should be a set amount to remain in the fund but beyond that, the Rainy Day Fund should be used two ways. First, to reinvest in Texas Public Education. Due to Republican led PubEd funding cuts, Texas is not competitive on a national level, and this needs to be rectified. Secondly, to provide emergency relief for Texans in the event of a natural disaster. Texans should not have to wait on the federal govt alone for help; Texans saw too many delays in funds during Hurricane Harvey Recovery.

First, I will continue to focus on expanding vocational opportunities for the children in this state. Second, I will advocate for school finance reform, and push for rainy day funds to be allocated for school funding. Quality education also means quality teachers, and the State needs to do more than just talk about giving teachers raises. Lastly, the State cannot put the responsibility of Public Education completely on local communities.

The mental health of all Texans is the responsibility of all levels of government. We must ensure our children have access to mental health professionals at school to address their needs, and to prevent another school shooting. We must fund our state hospitals to ensure local jails are not being used as mental health holding facilities. By addressing the the mental health needs of Texans, we will also ensure that tax dollars are not being spent on jailing those experiencing mental illness.

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SHOHN TROJACEK (L) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

DISTRICT 140

ARMANDO LUCIO WALLE (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

DISTRICT 141

SENFRONIA THOMPSON (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

DISTRICT 142

HAROLD V. DUTTON JR (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

DISTRICT 143

ANA HERNANDEZ (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

RUBEN VILLARREAL (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

DISTRICT 144



MARY ANN PEREZ (D)

People in my district need good paying jobs and the skills to take advantage of them. I have previously filed legislation to allow local junior colleges to offer Baccalaureate degrees in various technical fields. I will continue to support initiatives that strengthen our workforce. We also need to address the fallout from Hurricane Harvey. Homes and businesses were devastated and we should explore tapping the ESF in order to help our communities bounce back and prepare for the next storm.

The ESF is meant to help the state cope with economic downturns in oil and gas. However, the state has been reluctant to touch this fund, even when critical needs in areas such as the school finance system, healthcare, disaster recovery, and other areas persist. Lawmakers should not kick the can down the road. Finding long-term funding solutions will require the state to re-evaluate its spending priorities and invest more heavily in items that provide for the day-to-day well-being of Texans.

Helping provide quality education to my constituents is one of my main concerns. I support having full-day pre-K for all Texas children and making sure that the state pays its fair share rather than pushing the cost of education onto local government.

The state should protect and expand access to mental health services. This can be accomplished by investing sufficient resources into programs like Medicaid, providing mental health resources to those in the criminal justice system, providing schools with greater access to social workers, and supporting similar initiatives.

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CAROL ALVARADO (D)



Public Education: Update our foundation school formula to meet the needs of our school districts and not rely on local property taxes to meet our obligations. The basic allotment of per student spending should be increased to \$6,600 per student. Economic Development: We need to emphasize the need to for an educated skilled labor workforce. I passed the Recruit Texas Program which allows the skills development fund to recruit out of state employers and offers workforce development services.

When a natural disaster is declared in our state, the Rainy Day Fund should be eligible to meet funding needs. In the case of Harvey, I believe the Rainy Day Fund should have been tapped to meet short term and intermediate needs of individuals and local government entities that were subjected to waiting on Congress to act. In addition, the intent behind the fund was to ensure sustained essential funding during times of an economic and budget shortfall.

The state needs to make a bigger investment in our public schools. The state has not adjusted its school formula funding since the early 80's. To make the state and local shares of public education funding equal without reducing local contributions would require nearly \$10 billion in additional state funding per year. We need to increase the basic allotment of per student spending and increase the state's share of public school funding from 38% to 50%.

The government must do its part in increasing access to healthcare providers by providing funds in the form of increased appropriations to spend on partnership programs and grants. Many mental health and addiction treatment services can only service as many people as they have funding for and in Texas we are seeing a greater demand for these services. As Chair of the Urban Affairs Committee, we held a hearing to study the overlays among housing instability, homelessness and mental illness.

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CLAYTON HUNT (L)



Gun control, and the War on Drugs. Gun control acts as a means to strip away the rights of individuals by removing their ability to protect themselves from out of control governments, and in the current political climate where tearing apart peaceful immigrant families is a matter of policy debate, we are facing an out-of-control government. The War on Drugs is a symptom of that out of control government, and removing prohibitions on gun ownership and prohibitions on drug usage are a start.

I question the fact that we even have a rainy day fund, it only speaks to the fact that we are taxing Texans at a rate higher than we are actually spending. So my solution to what justifies spending reserves in the rainy day fund, would be issuing tax refunds to those paying in across the state. Abolishing the fund once those who have been taken from to fund it have at least partially been made whole.

By myself? There's very little I could do even as a legislator. Because the solutions to the problem are not politically viable. Privatizing education would be the real solution, and until we realize that is the case, we are going to continue to waste money on an education system that fails to educate. We have a system set up to get better scores on a standardized test, and we show improvement by making the standardized tests easier.

Right now the number one mental health provider in Harris County is the Harris County Jail. I would imagine the same is true for addiction treatment services, because we have a system set up to criminalize mental health issues and criminalize drug addiction. We need to revolutionize how we address mental health problems and how we address drug addiction, and the first step to doing that is ending the failed War on Drugs.

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QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

Identify what you think are the 2 most important issues that affect the people in your district and give specific examples of measurable actions you will take to address these issues.

What specific criteria do you believe must be met in order to justify spending reserves in the Economic Stabilization Fund (Rainy Day Fund)? What requirements should there be to ensure that permanent funding solutions are developed going forward?

What will you do as a member of the Texas Legislature to ensure that all children living in Texas receive a quality education?

How can the state of Texas best partner with local governments and private providers to ensure Texans have access to mental health and addiction treatment services?



SHAWN NICOLE THIERRY (D)

I have a number of priorities to accomplish while in office, and protecting senior citizens is a primary area of focus. I also believe that my constituents and the citizens of the Houston area are in desperate need of better housing reform. Substandard housing is another housing issue my constituents are currently facing.

If no other local fund is able to sufficiently support a city during a time of a crisis, then the Rainy Day fund should be used to help supplement any economic hardships. Cities should also look towards creating a local Rain Day Fund within their budget, if already unavailable, to offset the need to access the state's.

Pubic education is an issue I hold close to my heart, and reforming the Texas public education system is one of my top legislative priorities. During the last legislative session, I worked to address issues of homelessness in higher education, teacher expenses for the classroom, & increased accountability for prejudicially motivated offenses that occur on school grounds.

Even though funding may increase for these services, it doesn't guarantee an increase in its access. Texas will need to partner with various organizations to not only educate the public about the services but increase the number of specialists who are available to assists the needs of those who are seeking help. I remain committed to reforming the Texas healthcare system and I will continue to advocate for legislation that recognizes and promotes the idea that healthcare is a basic human right.

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JJ CAMPBELL (L)

The two issues from which nearly all other issues stem today are political corruption and political corruption. I believe that the easiest solutions to this are near absolute transparency, open mandatory debates, and voting holidays. The last is straightforward. Open mandatory debates is at least one debate for each office with every candidate participating. Near absolute transparency is that elected and appointed politicians have monitored communications and wear body cams.

The Rainy Day Fund should be used when there is a powerful opportunity to correct a short-term problem and give our local economy the boost needed to get back on track. Any use of it should come with a built-in refunding plan paid for by the beneficiaries of the initial disbursement. It isn't a loan, but we should look at it as a prepaid bond, not a slush fund. Specific criteria should be flexible and include clear and measurable objectives with a plan for recouping the cost from beneficiaries.

I support innovations that will make a Texas education one of the greatest in the world. Education in all forms, including the technical trades, are the best way for our children to improve their station in life. To do this, we must reach out for greater partnerships with local businesses so that our children know how to do math, but also know where and why to do math. Such positive change can only come when the government creates the necessary infrastructure and then gets out of the way.

Convert existing funding into grants for privately run programs instead of poorly run federal ones. Make it legal once again for people to help people. Reduce the stigma behind mental health care. Protect and improve medical freedom. Transition from a penalty based legal system to a recovery and rehabilitation based system. End the war on drugs--medical marijuana reduces overdose deaths and dependency while also funding addiction recovery programs among other things.

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THOMAS WANG (R)

After 27 years of status quo reactive band-aids, I WANT TO GO TO THE ROOTS OF PROBLEMS AND SOLVE THEM AT THEIR CORE. (1)Reform Affordable Housing(AH) Through Sustainable Home Ownership Initiatives By Providing Pathways To Home Ownership And Ending Generational Renters. Reduce property tax burden to homeowners and stop involuntary displacement. (2)Public Education Funding Reform - see details below. see www.HoustonUnited.com

Current triggers and methods to use ESF should be maintained. Additionally, any State of Emergency, like Harvey, should trigger an automatic Special Session to allow the state to consider the use of the ESF. Using the ESF for on-going problems is a miss-application of the ESF and results from not addressing an issue honestly. Funding ESF should come from the general funds. Additional funding should be dedicated for the negative economic impact of changing climate. see www.HoustonUnited.com

Eliminate 'property tax basis' from all public education funding; instead, appropriate general funds based on sound socio-economic data-driven per-pupil concept ensuring equitable distribution of resources for all students regardless of where they live or background, removing the "education gap" between rich/poor and urban/rural communities and jump-start a renewed effort to create the best public education system in the country. Expand Vo-Ed. No patchwork – a complete overhaul is demanded.

In Harris County, much of the mental health care and addiction treatment is funded by Harris County Health District, the Harris County Jail system and The City of Houston. This is also generally the model statewide and is grossly inadequate. (1) The state must increase funding for these problems and (2) current & future Economic Development Districts (like TIRZes & Management Districts) should be mandated to provide dedicated funds in conjunction with the affordable housing programs.

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GARNET F. COLEMAN (D)

Criminal Justice: Pass the parts of the Sandra Bland Act that did not pass including bail reform, preventing jailing for fine-only offenses, and strengthening Texas' racial profiling laws. Eliminating racial inequality in healthcare and education: I will continue to fight for better healthcare for all and work to eliminate disparities in health outcomes based on race/ethnicity including in maternal and infant mortality. Fight for quality-full-day Pre-K, and increased public education funding.

The Economic Stabilization Fund should be used according to its original purpose. Which is too smooth out dips in incoming state revenues, so that vital services that Texans depend on such as education, healthcare, and transportation do not get cut.

Education has been and always will be the great equalizer for women, people of color and people with limited income. That is why I have filed a bill to increase quality full-day Pre-K. We need to increase state funding for public education. The goal for every child should be to attend and finish a 4-year college or complete skills training. We must make a quality education affordable. That is why I voted against tuition deregulation in 2003 and have supported legislation to reinstate it.

As chair of the House Committee on County Affairs I have worked to ensure that the State of Texas provides financial help to local governments to provide these services. Last session I helped to secure \$92.5 million in matching grants for local healthy community collaboratives to help those suffering from addiction, mental health, and homelessness. I have also worked with our Federal partners to provide billions to local governments to provide these services through the 1115 waiver.

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RYAN T. MCCONNICO (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

JESSICA CRISTINA FARRAR (D)



Access to quality, affordable health care is essential to the well-being of all Texans. Texas should expand Medicaid to provide more access to health care, which will reduce costs to local taxpayers and help lower the state's high maternal mortality rate. Public schools must be supported and constantly improved so students can obtain the best education to ensure their success. A school is the anchor of a neighborhood. Families should not have to look elsewhere to receive a quality education.

Money from the Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF) should be used for the reasons the fund was originally created: to prevent sudden, massive cuts to health care, schools, and other services that rely on state funds. In the past, the ESF has been used for closing shortfalls in ongoing programs like Medicaid. The legislature must ensure state funds are prioritized for essential services, not use the ESF to mask state obligations.

The legislature has continuously reduced the amount of funding provided to school districts, requiring the districts to increase the tax rate to generate the revenue needed to make up for the decrease in funding. I will continue to support and push for an increase in the state funding for public education, as the legislature needs to adjust the amount of money given to each district per student. I am open to reviewing alternative funding methods that are based on a taxpayer's ability to pay.

Texas has a severe lack of mental health providers, especially in rural and under-served areas. In a time with high substance abuse rates, maternal deaths due to suicide and substance abuse, and Texans purposely seeking out the criminal justice system to obtain mental health care, Texas must increase access to mental health services by providing incentives to practice in under-served communities and funding to support local initiatives to improve access to care.

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HUBERT VO (D)



Education, property taxes & health care are top issues. The state's share of funding for public education is down to 38% from 45% 10 years ago. The burden to cover unfunded mandates, growing student populations and inflation has shifted to local taxpayers. The state must adequately & equitably fund public education. Expanding Medicaid, like 33 other states have, would bring back our federal tax money to cover more working families & contain costs for hospitals & county/city health facilities.

The Rainy Day Fund should be used for emergencies not ongoing ordinary expenses. In Harvey it literally rained and the fund should have been tapped to help recovery.

I will work for adequate funding to ensure students have both good teachers and essentials needed for quality learning. I want to make sure every student graduates ready for college &/or career. Students must graduate with the knowledge required by a rigorous curriculum but providing career and technical skill training opportunities in a wide variety of occupations is a necessity in the educational system of today.

There are a lot of non-private providers in these fields that do amazing work on limited budgets. Perhaps the state should, after thorough vetting, help to fund those that have shown success.

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AARON CLOSE (L)



Property Tax Increases, Freeze property valuations at the amount that the property was purchased at. Flood Control Do the repairs on Addicks and Barker Reservoirs that had been recommended by the Corp of Engineers years ago

Only one-off events, like Hurricane Harvey. New tax revenue from unexpected sources like the recent growth in Texas Oil and Gas output needs to be put into the fund to help grow it. Thus ensuring that the budget doesn't continue to grow then require pulls from the fund when one time or short-term revenue increases go away.

Student / Teacher ratio is one of the very few consistently correlated relationships to positive student outcomes in education. We should do all we can to improve this.

A massive refocus away from the criminality of addiction, to the treatment is needed. Huge amounts of money are spent enforcing minor drug offenses instead of helping to treat those with addiction or mental illness. Simply refocusing the same money could dramatically improve outcomes.

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VALOREE SWANSON (R)



Cutting Spending & Property Taxes, Fighting to Protect our Neighborhoods from Future Flooding, Fixing School Funding Formulas to Help Our Area Public Schools, Blocking Low-Income Government Housing, Protecting Our Neighborhoods' Safety & Property Values, Defending 2nd Amendment Rights, Sealing the Border--Ending Sanctuary Cities, Defending the Unborn, Standing Up for Religious Liberty, Empowering Teachers & Parents in Education, Keeping Texas' Promises to Retired Teachers.

I will push to have a portion of the Rainy Day Fund allocated to flood mitigation infrastructure since this is one type of project for which I, as a conservative legislator, fought to save the Fund. Flood recovery and mitigating future funding has been my number one issue since Harvey. While the Economic Stabilization Fund should always be kept strong, spending a portion of the money on permanent infrastructure to mitigate flooding is the type of emergency, one-time expense that it is for.

As a parent of public school graduates, proper funding of public education is extremely important to me. Current formulas are extremely complicated and unfair to many districts. I will fight to fix the broken funding systems and put in place a system that is fair for all our area districts. I will work to make sure our schools are properly funded while protecting taxpayers at the same time. I will also continue to support proper funding for Texas' legal obligations to our retired teachers.

Ensuring that Texans have access to quality mental health and addiction treatment services is extremely important. Our county jail has become the largest mental health treatment facility in the state. I support programs that try to get treatment to people with mental health needs and keep them out of our county jail. Addiction treatment programs must be tailored to get help to people so they can return to living a productive life. These programs also help stop child abuse and domestic abuse.

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MICHAEL SHAWN KELLY (D)



1. Public Schools ...our state legislature must properly fund our schools so that they do not rely so heavily on school property taxes. Additional state funding tied to hiring more teachers in order to decrease the ratio of students/teacher is critical. 2. Most immigration issues are not under to auspices of our state government but we need to avoid laws which exasperate the hardships of productive, taxpaying people that have been living here for years and are part of the fabric of society.

1.It should make up for negligence in previous funding. 2. It must be accompanied by a plan to adequately fund yearly so as not to need "bail outs". or 3. Must be for unforeseen disaster not likely to repeat.

Public School Funding should be sourced mainly through our State, not property taxes. Eliminating business tax loopholes and abatements would be a starting point, along with more realistic fines for pollution violations. At the moment it is often cheaper to disregard pollution regulations and pay the fine than to pay for measures which would put the violating company's procedures up to code. As stated above targeted funding to hire more teachers to reduce student/teacher ratio is critical.

The State of Texas funds mental health/addiction treatment services with Medicaid and CHIP funds. Unfortunately, when our zealous legislators wished to show how much they hated Obama by rejecting Medicaid Expansion, they walked away from over 100 billion dollars of funding which Texas citizen's have paid or will pay through federal taxes. When you consider 64% of teens do not receive treatment for depression, it is obvious the juvenile actions of our legislators need to be remedied immediately.

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JUSTICE • COURT OF APPEALS

6-YEAR TERM. HEARS APPEALS ON CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES FROM LOWER COURTS IN ITS DISTRICT.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

Access to Justice: What recent technological developments provide opportunities to improve the state's indigent defense system in civil and criminal cases?

Responsibilities: Which responsibility of a Justice, Court of Appeals, is your highest priority and why?

1ST COURT OF APPEALS, PLACE 2



JANE BLAND (R)

BACKGROUND: I have 20 years of experience as a judge. I am board-certified in civil trial law and appellate law. Before becoming a judge, I tried cases as a lawyer and clerked for a federal judge. I am a high honors graduate of the University of Texas School of Law and the College of Business. I have been recognized for judicial excellence and fairness.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: Technology connects those in need with lawyers who can assist, makes court decisions widely available, and helps educate Texans about the legal process. I serve on the board of the Houston Volunteer Lawyers, which uses technology to provide information and

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GORDON GOODMAN (D)

BACKGROUND: During my career, I served in senior roles for Howell Corporation, E.I. DuPont de Nemours, Conoco, Occidental, and NRG. I received both my BA and JD from the University of Pennsylvania. In civic matters, I was on the Board of the Houston Area Urban League and Advisory Boards for TSU's business school, UH's College, and the Blaffer Gallery.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: As we move from a paper-based to an electronic environment in all areas of business, the courts should also work to adopt the best, most reliable, and secure forms of computer-based record keeping and data processing. Though the needs and rights of the indigent should never be

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legal services to veterans, Hurricane Harvey victims, and others who are facing legal challenges and cannot afford a lawyer. I served on the Justice Gap Commission, which reported on how technology can help more people access the courts.

RESPONSIBILITIES: I work hard every day to resolve disputes between Texas citizens, to defend the rule of law, to improve the efficiency and fairness of the justice system for all Texans, and to act with honesty, integrity, and respect toward all who come before our court. I approach each case with diligence, and I carefully apply the governing law to the specific facts of the case.

sacrificed in the name of greater efficiency, all efforts to improve their access to justice and their ability to mount a vigorous and thorough defense through the use of these new technologies should be explored.

RESPONSIBILITIES: To demonstrate fairness to all parties by keeping an open mind to their arguments and points of view. This means a willingness to defend both popular and unpopular causes, to agree when appropriate but to dissent when necessary, and to look for decisions that satisfy both justice and the felt needs of our society in the 21st century. This should be done with due respect for precedent, case law, statutory law, the Constitution, and the parties involved.

1ST COURT OF APPEALS, PLACE 6



HARVEY BROWN (R)

BACKGROUND: I have authored over 550 signed opinions during my almost 8 years on the appellate court and heard over 300 trials during my 6.5 years as a district judge for 6.5 years. The Texas Supreme Court appointed me to the committee that advises it on proposed changes to the procedural rules governing trials and appeals.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: The trial court's record is now available to the parties electronically. Previously parties had to come into our court to check out the record, copy it, or pay for a disc. The parties may now submit their briefs electronically. Previously, they had to submit the original and five copies of

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the briefs. There are free email providers. If a party does not wish to use the e-filing system, they are not required to do so. These technological improvements lower the cost of preparing an appeal.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Appellate judges must write well, understand the law, and listen to the parties and the fellow judges on the panel so the parties receive a fair, well-reasoned result. Judges must follow the law rather than make law so your vote on your legislators counts. When a judge does not strictly apply the words of the constitution and statutes as written by our legislature, the judge embraces power that is reserved for the people through their legislators. I will not do that.



SARAH BETH LANDAU (D)

BACKGROUND: I have practiced law for 20 years, most of them as an appellate specialist. I clerked for a federal judge after law school, practiced civil as well as criminal, public and private, state and federal, appeals and trials. Currently, I am a Harris County Public Defender and an adjunct professor of appellate litigation at Texas Southern University.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: The implementation of electronic filing supports broader access to justice. On the criminal side, creation of the Public Safety Assessment for scoring people who are arrested to determine whether they can be released on a personal release bond

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rather than a cash bond can help indigent defendants be released from jail.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The highest priority for any judge must be justice and fair treatment for all who come before the court. Cases cannot be prioritized according to whether they involve a large law firm instead of a public defender or whether they are civil or criminal. All cases are important. The court belongs to the people and must follow the law without fear or favor. Having justices with diverse professional and personal experiences helps the court eliminate blind spots that can lead to poor decision-making.

1ST COURT OF APPEALS, PLACE 7



JULIE COUNTISS (D)

BACKGROUND: I graduated from University of Houston Law School in 2002 and have 16 years of experience. I practiced law in private firms until 2014 when I was appointed Assistant County Attorney by Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan. I represent the County in complex federal and state court litigation. I bring an open mind and a dedication to public service.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: The Texas Indigent Defense Commission supports effective indigent defense representation with grants for new programs and technology to streamline indigent defense processes and databases at the statewide level for public defenders to share data and resources. The State Bar of Texas' Legal Access Division provides support, referral services

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and free self-help legal resources on its website. They offer a wealth of online tools for attorneys taking on pro bono cases.

RESPONSIBILITIES: My highest priority is to apply the law consistently and fairly without the interference of personal ideology or politics. I will not misuse the law to manufacture the result I want. An appellate court justice must respect the rule of law unless there is a principled basis for ruling differently. I will come to the court with an open mind, intellectual curiosity and the right experience. I look forward to working with and learning from my colleagues serving on the First Court of Appeals.

1ST COURT OF APPEALS, PLACE 8



MICHAEL MASSENGALE (R)

BACKGROUND: Over 9 years of experience as an appellate judge, with hundreds of written opinions and a proven record. Board certified in civil appellate law. Experienced trial attorney and former partner of Baker Botts L.L.P. Former Federalist Society Houston lawyers chapter president. Honors graduate of The University of Texas School of Law. Eagle Scout.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: I'm proud to serve by the Texas Supreme Court's appointment as a member of the Texas Access to Justice Commission and as a member of and senior judicial advisor to the Children's Commission. The internet allows widespread, low-cost dissemination of training videos and forms that greatly improve indigent defense, both

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for appointed counsel and self-represented litigants. Following the example of the Florida Justice Technology Center, we can do more to make legal services accessible to all Texans.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Writing accessible, well-reasoned, and correctly decided judicial opinions. Our responsibility at the First Court of Appeals is to carefully review the legal arguments presented to us and to write opinions that not only explain the outcome to the litigants before us, but also to provide guidance to people, lawyers, and other judges to improve the stability and predictability of the Rule of Law. My record shows that I am a highly effective judicial author with an exceptionally low reversal rate.



RICHARD HIGHTOWER (D)

BACKGROUND: Education: Baylor Law School, 1980, Baylor Law Review
37 years experience in many types of litigation with a significant background in public education, governance, employment, personal injury, and mediation. Rated AV Preeminent (highest peer rating) in ability and ethical standards and recognized as a Super Lawyer by Texas Monthly Magazine.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: Courts may grant habeas corpus relief based on scientific evidence that was not available to be offered at the time of trial, or contradicted scientific evidence relied on by the State at trial. This allows for the release of those who have been wrongfully convicted. The development of electronic monitoring in lieu of incarceration for non-

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violent crimes is also advantageous. Improvements in DNA testing may also be useful in determining paternity in civil cases.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The most important responsibility of a Justice, Court of Appeals, is to follow the rule of law regardless of personal opinions and beliefs about the law. Often serving as a school district hearing officer/examiner, I have carefully followed the law when making difficult decisions concerning the rights of students, parents, teachers, and administrators. Justices should avoid any associations or political activities that might impair their ability to follow the law or to serve impartially.

JUSTICE • COURT OF APPEALS

6-YEAR TERM. HEARS APPEALS ON CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES FROM LOWER COURTS IN ITS DISTRICT.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES: *Background: What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?*
Access to Justice: What recent technological developments provide opportunities to improve the state's indigent defense system in civil and criminal cases?
Responsibilities: Which responsibility of a Justice, Court of Appeals, is your highest priority and why?

1ST COURT OF APPEALS, PLACE 9



JENNIFER CAUGHEY (R)

BACKGROUND: Since my appointment to this seat, I have authored 100 opinions and contributed to many more. I have given every case due time and respect and faithfully applied the law as it is written. My prior experience--including my rigorous law firm practice, judicial clerkships, and education (Princeton and Harvard Law)--prepared me well for this role.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: I am still learning how to improve the indigent defense system. Technology can help. For instance, we can make certain forms and rules easily available, so defendants will not miss deadlines or fail to meet procedural hurdles. Technology could also provide access to information and law concerning legal theories, claims, and defenses.

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Pro bono work is also important--and was a priority of mine in practice. Access to justice is essential, and I am open to suggestions of how we can improve.

RESPONSIBILITIES: My highest priorities are to (1) give every case time and respect, reading everything before me and exhaustively researching the law, and (2) faithfully apply the law as it is written. Our system of government only works when judges respect separation of powers and follow the law. The legislature (and contracting parties) make law, and it is our job to apply the law as it is written. People trying to follow the law know only what it says. We also must follow binding precedent.



PETER KELLY (D)

BACKGROUND: Practicing for 28 years, and Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law. Have represented individuals and families in every appellate court in the State of Texas and in the US Fifth Circuit; among other leadership positions, am on the Texas Supreme Court Advisory Committee and am Chair of the Amicus Committee of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: The widespread ability to access the internet and communicate through it allows the dissemination of forms, advice, and case-specific information to the parties who need. Video conferencing, to allow attorneys to appear in court for brief hearings without traveling to the courthouse, is an underutilized tool. The issue is not

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susceptible to a quick technological fix, though--it is a matter of legislative political will to make justice available to all.

RESPONSIBILITIES: To fairly and impartially render judgment in all cases, and allow justice and equity to all litigants. One thousand of Anglo-French jurisprudence has given us a rich common law, which is now often abridged or distorted by a statutory overlay. It is the duty of judges to ensure that common law principles--which are expressly incorporated into the U.S. and Texas Constitutions--continue to inform the interpretation and application of legislative enactments.

14TH COURT OF APPEALS, PLACE 3



BRETT BUSBY (R)

BACKGROUND: I worked as a law clerk at the U.S. Supreme Court, built a successful appellate practice at Bracewell, and became Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law. I have served on the court for 6 years, earning high ratings from the lawyers who appear before me. Appellate lawyers across Texas recently elected me as chair of the State Bar Appellate Section.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: I chair the Rules and Legislation Committee for the Texas Access to Justice Commission. Our projects include: revising the Code of Judicial Conduct to show judges and clerks how they can help indigent parties access the court system; and revising

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State Bar rules so attorneys who are retired or licensed out-of-state can provide free legal advice. Also, my court's website provides information about the appellate pro bono program, which matches indigent parties with volunteer lawyers.

RESPONSIBILITIES: A justice's responsibility in each case is to give the parties a fair hearing and impartially decide the issues they raise based on the law and the record before the court. I work hard to meet this goal each day by studying the parties' arguments, being engaged and courteous when questioning attorneys, and writing clear, understandable opinions.



JERRY ZIMMERER (D)

BACKGROUND: Doctorate Jurisprudence (JD), South Texas College of Law, Masters of Law (LL.M) Health Law, University of Houston, Masters of Law (LL.M) International Law University of Houston, Ethics Internship: MD Anderson Ethics Section, AA White - Credentialed in Domestic and International Commercial Arbitration, Broad Civil Trial and Appellate Experience.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: Technological as it relates to "Access to Justice" is a two-edged sword. Technology helps the court system work better, ensures better scheduling and communications; but on the other hand, it leaves those without resources or technical understanding less able to participate. Our charge to the technology professionals must

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include the broadest possible array of accessibility and languages to reach the largest possible audience; not just programs to handle higher volumes more efficiently.

RESPONSIBILITIES: In my role as Justice, I shall endeavor to do justice, but also to write opinions that will give clarity and instruction to the lower courts and to the legal community as a whole. I take to heart a Biblical reference in Micah 6:8 - "And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" I will work hard, and will ever strive, to be the kind of Justice you would be proud. Please Vote Jerry Zimmerer For Justice.

14TH COURT OF APPEALS, PLACE 4



MARC BROWN (R)

BACKGROUND: I was a prosecutor for 22 years, a trial judge for 3 years and have been on the Court of Appeals for 5 years. I have authored over 300 opinions while on the Court of Appeals. For 25 years I only practiced criminal law. Now I handle an even mix of criminal and civil cases. I am the only judge/candidate with extensive criminal law experience.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: E-Filing and paperless files provide an opportunity to improve indigent defense. These innovations cut costs dramatically. Access to the E-File system is widely available at libraries and on mobile electronic devices. Once the availability of the system is more widely

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known, it can only help with indigent defense. I also believe that all appellate court arguments should be available for viewing online. This would make the process more transparent and serve to teach.

RESPONSIBILITIES: My highest priority is to achieve a just result, based on the law and the record before me, in each case. Justice does not play favorites. The cases we handle will be the only appeal for most of the parties who come before us. As Justices, these cases deserve our full attention. Each case is important to someone. The decisions I make will impact someone's life in some way. I try to never lose sight of that. There are no small cases, only small records.



CHARLES SPAIN (D)

BACKGROUND: I am board certified in civil appellate law (Texas Board of Legal Specialization) and have worked for the Texas Supreme Court and the Texas Courts of Appeals as an attorney for a total of 23 years. I am a judge for the City of Houston, first appointed in 2010. I am a frequent author and presenter for educational courses for both judges and lawyers.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: TexasLawHelp.org has a website dedicated to providing free and reliable legal information to low-income Texans. It is a project of the Texas Legal Services Center, and is supported by the Texas Access to Justice Foundation, Texas Bar Foundation, Travis County

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Law Library, and Texas Legal Aid Organizations.

RESPONSIBILITIES: My highest priority is to correctly decide cases in a timely manner, writing opinions that explain the court's decisions. I love the law, and I love legal research. I am happiest when I disappear into the library until I find the answer. But my time as a judge for the City of Houston has also made it clear that the law affects real people. Regardless of the outcome of the case, judges must always treat everyone with patience, dignity, and courtesy.

JUSTICE • COURT OF APPEALS

6-YEAR TERM. HEARS APPEALS ON CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES FROM LOWER COURTS IN ITS DISTRICT.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

Access to Justice: What recent technological developments provide opportunities to improve the state's indigent defense system in civil and criminal cases?

Responsibilities: Which responsibility of a Justice, Court of Appeals, is your highest priority and why?

14TH COURT OF APPEALS, PLACE 5



MARTHA HILL JAMISON (R)

BACKGROUND: Appellate justice since 2010. General Counsel to the Harris County Tax Office. Ten years as a Harris County civil district judge. Ten-year Mediator. Training: Journalist and civil lawyer. Characteristics: Hard-working, patient and fair. This difficult job requires the depth and breadth of legal experience that I bring.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: Confidence in DNA testing is both a blessing and a curse. The testing is not available in all cases and is not cost-effective in others. The “magic bullet” remains a defendant’s ability to hire a good lawyer. The willingness of lawyers to provide low-fee or pro bono legal services is very important where court appointment is not available. Outcomes

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FRANCES BOURLIOT (D)

BACKGROUND: I have represented individuals at the trial and appellate level for my entire career. As a criminal defense attorney, I represented death row inmates in state and federal court. Next, as an assistant public defender, I was in the appellate and felony trial division with a focus on mental health cases. I am now with a small civil litigation firm.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: A system which automates attorney appointments and monitors attorney compliance improves the indigent defense system by increasing transparency and ensuring fair representation for indigent criminal defendants. Similarly, the bail reform system in Harris County will

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BILL BOYCE (R)

BACKGROUND: I bring 30 years of extensive appellate experience to the bench as former a law clerk to a federal appellate judge; an associate and partner practicing appellate law at Fulbright & Jaworski LLP; and a Justice on the 14th Court of Appeals since 2007. I am certified in civil appellate law; as a lawyer I argued more than 60 cases in appellate courts.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: The issue of legal services for indigent parties overlaps significantly with the need to address the circumstances of persons with mental illness and IDD, who often find themselves involved with the justice system. As vice-chair of the Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health, I am actively working with stakeholders across Texas to look for ways to improve

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MEAGAN HASSAN (D)

BACKGROUND: I am a partner in a Constitutional/civil rights firm where we litigate cases involving the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 8th, and 14th Amendments in state, federal, and appellate courts; through our work, we have established new procedures and clearly established rights in federal appellate cases. I also represent indigent defendants in criminal matters.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: (1) Locally: a) bail reform in Harris County that will permit appellate review of potentially excessive bail for indigent criminal defendants, and b) a more efficient and equitable appointment system for indigent criminal defendants to ensure fair representation and equitable,

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JOHN DONOVAN (R)

BACKGROUND: I have 6 years experience as a Justice on the 14th Court of Appeals and 14 years as a Texas District Court trial judge presiding over thousands of varied and complex lawsuits. I am certified in trial law. I serve on the State Bar of Texas Court Rules Committee. I received my law degree with honors, JD cum laude from South Texas College of Law 1984.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: Now that briefs, records and files are electronically filed with the 14th

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MARGARET “MEG” POISSANT (D)

BACKGROUND: I have practiced law in Texas for 33 years, litigated and tried cases in most of the 10 counties in this race, in all areas of the law, civil and criminal. I am rated Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent, handled appeals, was appointed by the State Bar to Chair a committee, member TX Trial Lawyers, HTLA, HBA, many community associations & Boards

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: Access to computers at the Harris County Law Library, which allow individuals to access legal cases and precedent, is a step toward assisting Texans to research the law. The e-filing systems, the District Clerk and County Court webpages, allow individuals to search case information without charge. I am a member of Houston Volunteer

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can be greatly affected when defendants better understanding their rights and the justice system procedures early on in the process.

RESPONSIBILITIES: In most cases, the decision of our intermediate court of appeals is the final decision the parties will receive (the high courts do not to accept all cases). My responsibility as a Justice on the court is to interpret the law as it is written, even if I don’t personally like it, and to explain my reasons for the decision in an accessible manner. I have demonstrated my ability and willingness to handle difficult, even politically-charged, cases and to apply the rule of law in a consistent manner.

provide the courts with certain criteria, formulas, and documentation that make the bail system more transparent and help ensure that bail for indigent criminal defendants is not being set at an arbitrarily excessive amount.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The greatest responsibility of an appellate Justice is to ensure that the law (both procedurally and substantively) is applied correctly to the underlying facts and also to ensure that the law is being applied in a fair and neutral manner to all parties, regardless of that party’s socio-economic status, race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, physical or mental disabilities, or any other factor.

the administration of justice for persons with mental illness and IDD, including greater access to and use of telepsychiatry.

RESPONSIBILITIES: My highest priority is to decide cases by applying the governing legal standards in light of the facts and circumstances presented, and to explain the result in a well-reasoned opinion written in clear language. I strive to perform that work fairly while also participating in larger efforts, including those undertaken by the Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health, to work towards improvement of the justice system in Texas.

competent defense; and (2) statewide: a forms database in the areas of family and probate law for those who are not able to afford attorneys and have no choice but to represent themselves in court.

RESPONSIBILITIES: My highest priorities are to protect the rule of law and the People’s constitutional rights by bringing a new viewpoint (based on my particular experience) to appellate deliberations, paying attention to details, and honoring the People’s reasonable expectations based on existing law. Many of the current Justices have similar legal backgrounds to each other; therefore, the Court can only benefit from a balance of viewpoints and practical experience on each case.

Court of Appeals, all parties have access to briefs, records and files on file with the 14th Court of Appeals through the 14th Court of Appeals website or through contacting the 14th Court of Appeals personnel and requesting digital copies of records on file with the court.

RESPONSIBILITIES: All parties should have equal access to courts in a fair and timely manner.

Lawyers, which provides pro bono services to indigent client needing representation. The Texas Indigent Defense Commission (Innocence Project) also provides services.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The highest responsibility of a Justice of the Court of Appeals is to fairly interpret and apply the law. Courts should rule based on the law. Because the Court of Appeals hears cases from 10 counties in the State of Texas, it is especially important for the justices to practice fairness and integrity. A justice must write careful and deliberate opinions, work with legal precedents, and do justice under the law.

14TH COURT OF APPEALS, PLACE 8

JUDGE – CIVIL DISTRICT COURT

PRESIDES OVER CIVIL ACTION TRIALS INCLUDING WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION, BREACH OF CONTRACT, PERSONAL INJURY, DAMAGES AND CONTESTED ELECTIONS. 4-YEAR TERM.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES: What will you do to ensure that all parties involved in cases before the court will have an opportunity to have their interests adequately represented and considered? What will you do to ensure that cases before your court are heard in a timely manner? How will you ensure impartiality in your court given the current system of financing judicial campaigns, which allows donations from those who may later bring cases before your court?

55TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



JEFF SHADWICK (R)

In District Court, only in very rare cases are the litigants inadequately represented. In those cases I am happy to make sure to explain the process and refer the litigants to services the bar association offers. Whether represented “adequately” or not, I always consider every aspect of each case even if not raised by counsel. My 37 years of active law practice, including 9 on the bench, have fully prepared me to treat everyone fairly and impartially.

I conduct a regular docket, work all day, and am ready to rule thanks to thorough preparation. I have a policy of ruling on Friday before I go home on anything I heard during the week.

Contributions do not impact my rulings at all, nor do they provide special access to me or my staff. Because I had adequate funds in my campaign account, I did no additional fundraising this year. I believe money in judicial campaigns is overrated and has little impact in a county as large as ours.

Education: BA, History, University of Kansas 1978 JD, Baylor School of Law 1981 | Experience: Judge of the 55th District Court 2008, 2010 to present. Commercial litigation private practice since 1981 primarily in banking, oil and gas, and construction. | Community : Served two terms on HISD School Board including Board President in 2001. Active at West U Baptist Church. | Email: jeffshadwick@att.net | Address: 3603 Deal St. Houston, TX 77025 | Facebook: http://jeffshadwick.16 | Twitter: twitter.com/jefshadwick



LATOSHA LEWIS PAYNE (D)

I will be fair and will bring a unique and different perspective, as shaped by my experiences, that will ensure all parties have an equal opportunity for justice under the law. I will make sure all litigants have an opportunity to be heard in oral hearings. I would allow pro se litigants to obtain a pro bono lawyer to assist them during their case. I will provide clear and understandable court procedures, which will be available in the courtroom in several languages. I will follow the law.

I will change the court procedures by automatically setting cases for trial after a defendant has answered and by allowing parties to set their summary judgments for oral hearing. I will provide an adequate amount of time and remain flexible in setting oral hearings. I will also make decisions on motions presented to the court in a timely fashion. I will reduce the number of cases awaiting trial and total pending cases, so that more Harris County citizens can obtain justice in civil courts.

I will voluntarily comply with the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act and I will follow Texas law in cases in which disqualification is required or recusal is appropriate. I will decide cases based on the facts and the law. I will never let a campaign contribution affect my rulings.

Education: University of Texas School of Law; Tulane University, H. Sophie Newcomb Women's College, Environmental Studies & Political Science; Thomas J. Watson Fellow; Cypress Creek HS | Experience: 18-year civil trial; Jury and bench trials in personal injury and contract, among others; Elected Partner at Int'l firm in 7.5 years; Co-founder, woman-owned law firm. | Community : Texas Executive Women (2018 President); Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Houston (Past Board); Over 1800 pro bono hours; Election Protection Legal Volunteer for past 13 yrs | Email: vote4judge@latoshalewispayne.com | Website: http://www.latoshalewispayne.com | Address: 1010 Lamar Suite 400 Houston, TX 77002 | Phone: (281) 954-1372 | Facebook: http://facebook.com/latoshalewispayneforjudge55th/ | Twitter: twitter.com/votelatosha55th

113TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



MICHAEL LANDRUM (R)

It is now and always has been my policy and practice to encourage full participation by all parties. I allow oral hearings in any matter where requested, and no proceeding is ever convened unless all parties have received notice and afforded an opportunity to participate. I prepare thoroughly for all hearings. I have worked with the Houston Bar Assn to help people without attorneys to get free assistance with the trial of their cases, and in setting up a program to help young lawyers.

I keep one of the busiest trial schedules in our county. Most days, I arrive at the courthouse before 7:00 AM to do research and complete paperwork before formal proceedings commence. I encourage attorneys to call the Court to discuss disputed issues informally in conference calls including all parties; this saves time for the attorneys and money for their clients. I strive to rule promptly on all matters and to render clear, impartial decisions in accordance with the law.

The partisan election of judges is a reality in Texas. I realize that, to some, it may seem that partisanship and political contributions could influence a judge's rulings. To avoid the appearance of any impropriety, I refuse contributions from parties with cases before me. I allow ample time for each side to present their views, and I make certain to describe the reasoning that underlies difficult or close decisions. My decisions are made without any consideration beyond the law and evidence.

Education: University of St. Thomas, Bachelor of Arts, 1973; University of Texas, Doctor of Jurisprudence, 1976 | Experience: Judge, 113th District Court, 2013 to present; private practice attorney, civil trial and appellate law, 1976-2013; Harris County Tax Court Master, 1994 - 2010; Arbitrator | Community : Adjunct Faculty, Houston Baptist University; judicial liaison, Houston Young Lawyers Assoc.; lecturer - continuing legal ed.; Minority Opportunity in Law Practice; others | Email: judge@judgelandrum.com | Website: http://www.judgelandrum.com | Address: P.O. Box 19422 Houston, TX 77224-9422 | Phone: (713) 961-5100 | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/JudgeLandrum/



RABEEA COLLIER (D)

Through my nearly 12 years as a trial lawyer, I have effectively represented individuals, non-profits, and small and large corporations in over 250 matters. I understand that trials are about giving the parties an opportunity to present their case to a community of their peers. As judge, I am committed to ensure that everyone gets their fair day in court. I plan to be well-versed in the parties' arguments and facts to a degree that will inspire confidence and competence.

I am committed to streamlining the processes of the 113th Civil District Court in order to timely resolve cases. The length of time it takes to resolve a case directly impacts the cost to the litigants and the taxpayers. I have tried cases to verdict as an attorney for both, plaintiffs and defendants and on behalf of both, individuals and businesses. As such, I have a balanced and fresh perspective along with the necessary experience on day one to get a case ready for trial in a timely manner.

Litigants must be confident that they are getting an unbiased judge. The ABA noted that the fact that a lawyer or litigant in a proceeding contributed to a judge's campaign does not in of itself disqualify a judge. However, the size and timing of the contributions, the degree of involvement, and other factors may raise questions as to the judges' impartiality. In light of this and my strong belief in avoiding the appearance of impropriety, I intend to recuse myself as the circumstances warrant.

Education: J.D., Thurgood Marshall School of Law; B.A., University of Texas at Austin; Kingwood High School. | Experience: With over 11 years of civil trial experience, I have also handled appeals in the 1st and 14th Court of Appeals and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit. | Community : I have served on the board of the Association of Women Attorneys and Harris County Democratic Lawyers Association. For over a decade, I've mentored youth interested in law. Email: rabeea@rabeeacollierforjudge.com | Website: http://rabeeacollierforjudge.com | Address: 12 Greenway Plaza, Suite 1100 Houston, Texas 77046 | Phone: (713) 940-0663 | Facebook: http://facebook.com/rabeeacollierforjudge | Twitter: twitter.com/RabeeaCollier

157TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



RANDY WILSON (R)

All parties and lawyers are welcome to present any pleadings, motions, and evidence. Anyone can request an oral hearing to present their position.

The Court has been and is current in rulings. I have been successful in this regard by maintaining procedures to ensure timely rulings. My success is measured by the results of the Houston Bar Association polls, where I have consistently been the highest rated judge in Harris County. I have twice been selected Trial Judge of the Year by the Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists.

All persons who appear before me are treated equally.

Education: B.A., Univ. of Tex. Arlington 1974. J.D., summa cum laude, Univ. of Houston 1977 | Experience: Associate at Mandell & Wright 1977-1980. Partner at Susman Godfrey 1980-2003. Judge, 157th Dist. Court 2003-present. | Community : Board of Directors of Star of Hope, LifeHouse of Houston and Main Street Ministries | Email: randywwilson@aol.com | Website: http://www.judgerandywilson.com

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JUDGE – CIVIL DISTRICT COURT

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QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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What will you do to ensure that cases before your court are heard in a timely manner?

How will you ensure impartiality in your court given the current system of financing judicial campaigns, which allows donations from those who may later bring cases before your court?

157TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



TANYA GARRISON (D)

Respect for all parties is an absolute priority. Consideration of all sides of an argument is also crucial to running a fair court. I will work to ensure that all parties have an opportunity to make their case. I will also encourage and support pro bono legal representation for parties that do not have the financial ability to pay for such services. This is particularly important for younger lawyers who can use pro bono legal service as an opportunity to gain invaluable courtroom experience.

I will work to run an efficient oral hearing and submission docket; making timely rulings on contested matters. Running an efficient pre-trial docket allows lawyers to better prepare their cases for trial. If cases are prepared when set for trial, it makes initial trial settings more of a reality. Being accessible to attorneys for minor discovery disputes also helps to move cases more efficiently through the pre-trial stage.

A Judge must separate herself from the job of administering justice in an impartial manner and the reality of being an elected political figure. This is true not only in respect to campaign donors, but also in respect to the political pressure that a party or its supporters may direct toward the judiciary. A fair judge will have to make unpopular decisions, rule against attorneys that she respects, and make ruling that she may personally not like. That is the job: to follow the law.

Education: Bachelor of Science - Oklahoma State University, 1997 Juris Doctorate - University of Houston, 2000 | Experience: Attorney with Weycer, Kaplan, Pulaski & Zuber, P.C., 2000-present | Community : Past President of Houston Young Lawyers, Recipient of Outstanding Young Lawyer, Board of Directors HVLP, American Board of Trial Advocates, Girl Scouts, VA Pro Bono volunteer. | Email: tanyagarrison157@yahoo.com | Website: <http://www.tanyagarrison.com> | Address: 11 Greenway Plaza, Suite 1400 Houston, TX 77046 | Phone: (713) 961-9045 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/tanyagarrisonfor157/?ref=bookmarks> | Twitter: twitter.com/tanyagarrison5

189TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



SHARON HEMPHILL (R)

To ensure that all parties have an opportunity to have their interests adequately represented and considered I will try to work with litigants and their counsel to work out convenient dates for hearings and trials and to try to provide sufficient time for their case to be heard. A judge must follow the law, be just, impartial and fair which includes being considerate of all persons, situations and issues. These issues are paramount for litigants to have confidence in our legal system.

I will try to ensure that cases are heard timely by being responsive to requests, giving priority to those cases ready, providing access to requests by attorneys for hearings and trial settings and setting initial trial dates at the earliest possible date considering our rules of procedure which provide for a discovery period of about nine months but also give deference to lawyers and their obligations to their clients to have sufficient time to prepare their case for trial.

Ensuring to each attorney and litigant that he or she will be fairly and impartially treated is very important to me since in the past I have observed conduct by some judges that appeared to be partial to friends or donors. In a court of law, every attorney and litigant must have confidence that neither money nor friendships will not influence a judge's ruling. A judge must listen to each litigant, provide each litigant with sufficient time to be heard, be educated on the law and follow the law.

Education: B.S. University of Ill, Urbana J.D. University of Houston, Law Center; LL.M. University of Houston, Law Center (Master's of Laws); Board Certified; Rice University, Languages | Experience: Briefing Attorney, Supreme Court of Texas; Exec. Editor of the South Texas Law Review; Trial and Appellate lawyer; Mediator Trainer; | Community : Am. Ass'n University Women, AAUW; Centrum Arts League Board Member; Volunteer Acres Homes, for legal assistance to underprivileged; AIPAC; Latin Women's Initiative; | Email: sharonhemphillforjudge@gmail.com | Website: <http://sharonhemphill4judge.com> | Address: PO 11210 Spring, tx 77391 | Phone: (713) 545-1234 | Facebook: <http://sharonhemphillforjudge>



SCOT “DOLLI” DOLLINGER (D)

Everyone has a right to be treated fairly no matter what. For the last 30+ years, I have worked in over 60 counties all over Texas helping people get justice. So, I know how to run a fair court. I am patient. I listen. I learn. I love justice. Truth matters. I have a burning desire to do what is right in every case, every time. I believe in separation of church and state and resolving cases without bias, sympathy or prejudice. It's about justice for all, not justice for some.

I will work hard every day to hold hearings and try cases efficiently and fairly. I will make rulings quickly and decisively but with proper deliberation. I am a student of the law who has been practicing civil trial law for over 30 years. I am ready to be the judge of this court on day one.

I do not believe our system of judicial campaign giving results in unfair outcomes since we have caps on donations and transparency in giving. If a judge wants to be dishonest -- heaven forbid -- the judge will be dishonest regardless of the system we use. At the end of the day, judges must have the strength of character to do what is right no matter what, every time, in every case and follow the law regardless of who the parties are or who has donated to a judge's campaign.

Education: Northwestern University - Bachelor of Science in Speech - 1984, Emory University School of Law - Juris Doctor - 1987 | Experience: 30+ years of practicing civil trial law both as a defense and plaintiff lawyer -- Board Certified in Civil Trial Law - Texas Board of Legal Specialization. | Community : Over the last 10 years, donated over 1,000 hours in free legal services. My wife and I give to multiple charities, attend church regularly striving to help others. | Email: scot@callthelaw.com | Website: <http://www.dolli4judge.com> | Address: 700 Gemini, Suite 120 Houston, TX 77058 | Phone: (281) 387-9055 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/dolli4judge> | Twitter: twitter.com/dolli4judge

190TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



DEBRA IBARRA MAYFIELD (R)

Having had the honor to serve as a judge at two different levels of the judiciary, I am committed to ensuring both sides have their day in court, to treating both sides with dignity and respect, and to applying the law equally to both sides. As Judge, I have a duty to the public to communicate an understanding of our court system, and I publish clear procedures on my website, make legal forms available to the public, inform litigants of pro bono resources, and explain procedure, when necessary.

As a trial judge, I manage the court's caseload to ensure that all cases are heard timely. I take a proactive role in the litigation by helping the parties prepare their cases for trial, give quick trial settings, and manage the number of times a case is continued for trial thereafter. I also rule on all matters swiftly and decisively, and without delay. Finally, I am proactive in discussing any discovery disputes or any unresolved questions of law that may effect the pace of the litigation.

It is imperative that the public maintain confidence in our judiciary. I pledge that I will continue to apply the law fairly and equitably as written, and I will not be influenced by any other factors whatsoever in upholding the rule of law.

Education: Texas A&M University (B.A.); South Texas College of Law Houston (J.D.) | Experience: Civil Defense Firm (Partner); Harris County Civil Court at Law No. 1 (Judge); 165th District Court (Judge); In-house Counsel Enterprise Products; 190th District Court (Judge) | Community : Board, Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans (AAMA); Board, Association of Women Attorneys; Past-President, Mexican American Bar Association of Houston | Email: debra@debramayfield.com | Website: <http://debramayfield.com> | Address: P.O. Box 1581 Houston, TX 77251 | Phone: (713) 256-4069 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/debramayfieldcampaign/> | Twitter: twitter.com/DebraIMayfield



BEAU MILLER (D)

I will combine legal knowledge with a strong work ethic, common sense, and an understanding of the world outside the law. I will listen carefully and take the time to understand how parties have ended up in court and how a decision will affect them. My commitment to the rule of law will be combined with a compassionate exercise of discretion. I will give everyone a fair opportunity to present their case, and I will be both firm and courteous in running the courtroom.

I will work hard to ensure that rulings from the court are made from the bench, or otherwise within a short time of the relevant hearing or filing. Continuances will be granted sparingly. I will also give attorneys adequate time for opening statements, closing arguments, and presentation of evidence, while ensuring that jurors' time is respected. Finally, I will hold regular motion docket days to avoid delays caused by pending motions.

I am grateful to have the support of a range of donors; not just lawyers, but members of the broader community. This means I am not reliant on donations from large law firms or corporate interests. A judge must not allow any relationship to influence judicial conduct or judgment. I will not allow a relationship with a donor, or anyone else, to cloud my impartiality and I will, where appropriate, recuse myself. My primary obligation is to ensure justice is always done in every case.

Education: Juris Doctorate from The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas in 2001. Bachelor of Music Education from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1995. | Experience: Taught high school band; clerked for U.S. District Court Judge Ricardo H. Hinojosa; attorney at Bean & Bean LLP, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, and now Spagnoletti & Co. | Community : Serve on the State Bar of Texas Minority Counsel Program and founder & member of LIVE Consortium, a nonprofit that educates Houstonians about stigmas associated with HIV/AIDS. | Email: info@votebeaumiller.com | Website: <http://www.votebeaumiller.com> | Address: P.O. Box 56386 Houston, Texas 77256 | Phone: (832) 539-3497 | Facebook: <http://votebeaumiller> | Twitter: twitter.com/votebeaumiller

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234TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



WESLEY WARD (R)

For the past six years, I have led the civil district courts in various measures of efficiency (consistently at or near the top in lowest docket count, least old cases, most jury trials conducted). Making sure that justice moves promptly ensures that all parties have a fair opportunity to get their day in court and have their grievances addressed. If I am re-elected I will continue to make sure that the 234th is a place where everyone receives fair and efficient justice.

See above. My track record shows that I am a Judge who rules promptly and fairly and provides a fair and efficient forum for resolving disputes in our community.

I wil always support the voluntary campaign limits that our system encourages. Those limits make sure that no individual can unfairly influence our judicial elections. I am proud to be supported by a VERY broad base of attorneys, law firms, and other members of our community, from all backgrounds, practice areas, sides of the docket, walks of life, political persuasions. I proudly put my record of fair and strong justice to the voters, and I am confident that my impartiality is second to none.

Education: BBA, Accounting, Texas A&M. JD, with Honors, University of Texas School of Law. | Experience: Certified Public Accountant. Continuous civil litigation practice since 1998. | Community : Eagle Scout. Past Chair, Houston Bar Association Litigation Section (and several other committees and programs). Life Member, committee Vice Chair and Director, Houston Rodeo. | Website: <http://WesleyWard.com> | Facebook: <http://facebook.com/KeepJudgeWesleyWard>



LAUREN REEDER (D)

People end up in disputes before civil district courts for a variety of reasons. Not all individuals and companies have access to and can afford expensive attorneys. Regardless of status, every party involved in a case before my court will be respected, their interests heard, and their positions diligently considered. When necessary, I will appoint competent attorneys to represent a party’s interests, and I will not give preferential treatment to any litigant, attorney, or party.

From the inception of a lawsuit, I will be diligent in my scheduling orders to give the parties consistency and clarity on how a case will proceed. I plan on having multiple hearing dockets in a week in order to more efficiently handle various types of motions. I will be well-versed in the causes of action, prepared for hearings, and will issue rulings swiftly. If a case needs to go to trial I will provide certainty in scheduling so that the parties can appropriately prepare.

Although the system allows donations from attorneys and law firms who may later bring cases in my court, the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act sets limits for total donations and also caps the amount any one attorney or law firm can donate to a candidate. This helps avoid the real or perceived bias that may come from hefty donations. A judge’s job is to be impartial and interpret and apply the law without regard to who the parties are behind a case. Without impartiality, there is no justice.

Education: BFA - New York University J.D. - Harvard Law School | Experience: -Harris County District Attorney’s Office -Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipakos, Alavi & Mensing, P.C. -Baker Botts LLP | Community : -The Junior League of Houston -The Catastrophic Theater | Email: info@laurenreeder.org | Website: <http://www.LaurenReeder.org> | Address: P.O. Box 10358 Houston, TX 77206 | Facebook: <http://www.Facebook.com/ReederforJudge> | Twitter: twitter.com/ReederforJudge

269TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



DAN HINDE (R)

Everyone who appears in court can be represented by a lawyer, but neither the State nor the County provide funds to pay for appointed counsel for civil courts like the 269th. So, for those who cannot afford a lawyer, I provide contact information to call the many legal aid groups, local and state bar organizations, legal clinics, and nonprofits who provide legal services.

I have focused on this issue since becoming a judge in 2008. As a result, 65% of my cases are less than 1 year old, and 64% of the cases in my court are resolved in less than a year (both figures are higher than the average for all courts). How? I set all cases for trial once the defendant responds to the suit, and I set deadlines for the parties to follow. When parties need urgent hearings, my staff and I work them in quickly. And we work hard. I have tried more than 280 cases since 2008.

I voluntarily comply with the contribution and spending limits in the Campaign Fairness Act. In court, I apply the law fairly and equally to all parties based on the facts and evidence, regardless of the political activity of the parties or their attorneys.

Education: J.D. with Honors, University of Texas School of Law; B.S. in Electrical Engineering Magna Cum Laude, Texas A&M University | Experience: Judge, 269th District Court (2008 to present); Steele Sturm (’08); Vinson & Elkins (’99-’08); Asst. District Attorney, Dallas County (’03); Law Clerk U.S. Dist. Judge Sim Lake | Community : I have spoken to community groups and schools about jury service, encouraging people to serve their fellow citizens as jurors. I also speak to high schools about the judiciary | Email: JudgeHinde@gmail.com | Website: <http://judgedanhinde.com> | Address: P.O. Box 695 Houston, TX 77001 | Phone: (281) 788-1720 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/dan.hinde.5> | Twitter: twitter.com/JudgeDanHinde

269TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



CORY SEPOLIO (D)

I have over 100 jury trials and represented over 1000 civil clients. I fought for the rights of working-class people, small-business owners & corporations. I fought for victims & defendants alike while freeing the wrongfully accused. I am honored by my reputation for fairness. My experience representing both plaintiffs & defendants ensures impartiality. Judges must keep their thumbs off the scales of justice. I respect juries and cherish their work as great equalizers in our justice system.

During my career I evaluated the performance of over 100 judges. I studied judicial temperament & learned best practices for managing court. I love the law & will spend the hours required to prepare for hearings, trials and rulings. I will be timely and not require litigants to wait on me. I will eliminate unnecessary court appearances. I will allow matters to be heard by submission or telephone. I will not require litigants to appear for docket call in person. I will not delay justice.

The contributions I received are from both sides of the bar. Plaintiff & defense attorneys support our efforts to bring justice to the 269th. If any litigant requests a list of campaign donors I will provide that information. I will follow the law regarding recusing myself from cases. I will make decisions based on the law and merits, not based on donations or politics. As judge I will not accept contributions from litigants with cases pending in the court. Litigants deserve unbiased justice.

Education: SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW, Houston, Texas, JD May 2003; THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, Austin, B.A. May 2000 | Experience: Experienced trial attorney and former public servant; Founder Sepolio Law; Harris County District Attorney’s Office; Law offices of Fanaeff, Hoagland, Clark & Gonzales. | Community : Member Assoc. of Women Attorneys; State Bar Grievance Cmte; Hispanic American Bar Assoc.; LULAC; NAACP; STCL Hispanic Alumni Assoc.; NOW; FRM Houston Bar Gender Fairness Cmte | Email: Cory4Judge@hotmail.com | Website: <http://www.Cory4Judge.com> | Address: P.O. Box 458 Pasadena , tx 77018 | Phone: (713) 376-5399 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/Cory4Judge> | Twitter: twitter.com/CorySepolio

270TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



BRENT GAMBLE (R)

I have consistently received high ratings for preparedness and courtesy to those appearing before me. For almost 20 years I have and will continue to work hard to make sure the law is applied fairly and equally in every case.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey we have been presented with unprecedented challenges in managing our dockets. We are sharing courtroom space with the courts displaced due to flooding. I have maintained the timeliness of my docket by working hard and conducting hearings and pretrial proceedings in alternative spaces such as my office or jury room if available. Where feasible and appropriate, I will conduct trials in alternative space as well.

I have never and will never consider campaign contributions in ruling on any matter coming before me.

Education: BS, University of Houston, 1980 JD, South Texas College of Law, 1983 | Experience: 15 years of active trial practice, ten years as managing shareholder of Gamble & Cannata, P.C., 20 years as Judge of the 270th Civil District Court | Community : Life Fellow Texas Bar Foundation, Life member Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Association, Former Director of Texas Association of Civil Trial & Appellate Specialists. | Email: brent_gamble@sbcglobal.net | Website: <http://judgegamble.com> | Address: 1 E Greenway Plaza Suite 225 Houston, TX 77046 | Phone: (713) 526-3399 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/JudgeGamble/>

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270TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



DEEDRA DAVIS (D)

Time management is crucial. I'll provide the attorneys adequate time to present their cases. I'll come to trial prepared. I'll closely listen to the evidence and arguments of counsel. Cases will be handled fairly and accordingly to the laws.

Time management is key. Manageable number of cases will be set on any given day. I'll have an uncontested docket to allow for agreed cases/matters to be proved up without a previously set court date. Mediation will be used if appropriate. Resets will be closely scrutinized to ensure cases are timely finalized.

I'll ensure impartiality through my character and integrity. Campaign contributions are appreciated, but they are NOT decision makers.

Education: South Texas College Of Law, Doctor of Jurisprudence Texas Tech University, Bachelors Of Arts in Political Science | Experience: Over 30 years of legal experience. Ten as a civil litigation paralegal, and almost 22 as a civil litigation attorney. | Community : Texas Accountants and Lawyers for The Arts League of Women Voters Houston ACLU NAACP Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Urban League | Email: DeDraDavisEsq@aol.com | Website: <http://www.DeDraDavisForJudge.com> | Address: 2425 West Loop South, Ste. 290 Houston , TX 77027
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281ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT



SYLVIA MATTHEWS (R)

Unlike criminal court, counsel is generally not provided in civil court. When a self-represented party appears, I make sure they know about free or low cost resources that may be available to them. There are two sides to every story. Before I decide an issue, I make sure both sides have an opportunity to be heard. Hearing from both sides helps me make a fair decision.

See above. My track record shows that I am a Judge who rules promptly and fairly and provides a fair and efficient forum for resolving disputes in our community.

My priority is to follow the law. I do not let relationships effect my decision making. Voters should look for someone with integrity and a proven track record that she is not swayed by relationships. Voters will find the necessary impartiality in my court.

Education: University of So Carolina, JD, May 1986. The College of Charleston, B.S. cum laude in mathematics, 1983. Board Certified in Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Spec. | Experience: Served as Judge of the 281st Civil District Court for 10 years. Before taking the bench, over 20 years of experience handling civil litigation. | Community : Association of Women Attorneys; President, Texas Association of Civil and Appellate Specialists; Leadership Texas, Class of 2005;St. John the Divine Episcopal Church. | Email: info@judgesylviamatthews.com | Website: <http://www.sylviamatthews.com>



CHRISTINE WEEMS (D)

If a party is pro se - particularly on a potentially complicated matter, I would make sure that they are aware of all of the resources at their disposal - like Texas Volunteer Lawyers, law school clinics and other legal aid options. If they are represented by counsel, I would ensure that all lawyers had the opportunity to present their case and to the extent necessary - preserve their error.

Lawyers should be able to get a hearing date within two weeks from the date of their request. It is slightly more difficult at this time as the courtrooms are being shared due to the criminal courthouse being closed due to Harvey damage. However, I think hearings can be conducted in chambers and wherever necessary in order to get litigants in and out and have their motions timely dealt with. I intend to rule on all motions within a week unless more information is needed to rule on it.

I have made it clear that those who donate are not buying my rulings - they are donating to help ensure an experienced and fair judge makes it onto the bench. Partisan politics aside, most litigators care more about making sure that their judge will let them try their case fairly then bringing bias to the table. Favoritism and having a reputation for it only causes you to get overturned by the appellate courts and gives people reasons to ensure you don't make it to a second term.

Education: BA University of Texas at Austin JD South Texas College of Law | Experience: 18 year attorney board certified in personal injury trial law. Passed bar exams in Texas, California and New York. |Community : Founding board member of Cone Man Running Productions - an award winning theatre company, ADR competition coach at University of Houston, lifetime member of the Girl Scouts. |Email: info@weemsforjudge.com | Website: <http://www.weemsforjudge.com> | Address: 1300 McGowen Street Suite 220 Houston, TEXAS 77004 |Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/weemsforjudge/>

295TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



MICHELLE FRAGA (R)

I will come to the bench prepared; open minded; listen to the evidence; apply the law fairly and ensure that parties have adequate time to present their cases and schedule trials and hearings timely.

To ensure that cases are heard in a timely manner I would dismiss frivolous lawsuits, limit continuances, set quick trial dates, make the best use of technology and hold attorneys responsible for their cases.

Under the present system, funding for judicial races comes from many sources, including lawyers. However, the many citizens that have supported or will support my campaign expect and ask only one thing: that I perform my duties with the dignity, honor, honesty and integrity that is expected of the office. I am heartfully committed to uphold that expectation.

Education: Cy-Fair High School -1993 University of Houston -1998 South Texas College of Law Houston -2004 | Experience: Harris County Attorney's Office Harris County Sheriff's Office Fraga Law Office | Community : MD Anderson; Children's Museum of Houston; Aids Foundation Houston, Steps for Students; Sheltering Arms; Junior League of Houston, St. Rose of Lima Catholic | Email: info@fragaforjudge.com | Website: <http://www.fragaforjudge.com> | Address: 4001 N. Shepherd #209 Houston, TX 77018 | Phone: (832) 767-5833 | Facebook: <http://fraga for judge>



DONNA ROTH (D)

I will read the material presented by the parties and be prepared. I will give all parties the time needed to adequately prepare and present their respective positions. I will allow and require additional briefing when there is an important issue. I will rule on the merits and not necessarily on the “gotcha” procedural pitfalls. I will treat all people in the same manner in which I would want to be treated. I will be accessible to those who need to be heard.

In the last 30 years I have handled a busy trial docket in my own practice. I often work 12-15 hour days and most weekends. I will work as hard from the bench. There is no reason for a 6-8 week wait for a hearing. If the courtroom is busy, find alternatives, i.e. judge's chambers, jury rooms, private conference rooms, or law school courtrooms. I will ensure that rulings on contested matters are rendered no more than 2 weeks after they are heard. Trial settings need to be realistic.

Under our current system campaign contributions are a necessity and it is no secret that lawyers are the major source of those contributions. However, in the 295th whether you gave the maximum or you gave nothing you will be treated with equal dignity, integrity and respect. I WILL follow the law and if the law says you win, then you will win, and if the law says you lose, then you will lose, irrespective of any contribution made to my campaign.

Education: St. John's University, Bachelor of Arts, 1983; South Texas College of Law-Houston, Doctor of Jurisprudence, 1987 | Experience: 1987 - 1991, Associate, Thurlow & Associates; 1991 - 1994, Partner, Thurlow, Roth & Garriga; 1994 - Present, Managing Partner, Roth & Associates | Community : I mentor a group of 4th grade students. After months of practicing I take all of them to the downtown courthouse and assist them with The Case of the Missing Cookies. | Email: droth@rothpractice.com | Website: <http://www.electdonnaroth.com> | Address: 602 Sawyer, Suite 490 Houston, TX 77007 | Phone: (713) 654-2143 | Facebook: <http://Donna Roth for Judge>
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180TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



CATHERINE EVANS (R)

The Fair Defense Act Management System of the Bd. of Crim. District Court Judges dictates how attorneys are appointed. I must & do follow this protocol in appointing both public & private defenders. Operating with mandated max. caseloads, the PD's Office can only handle a small fraction of the indigent workload, & the remainder must be handled by appointed private attorneys. I chair the committee on indigent defense & work to ensure a pool of well-qualified attorneys & a fair appointing method.

Judges must ensure that all persons receive equal treatment, fairness and due process under the law and that necessarily includes immigrant defendants. One of the fundamental issues is to make sure that criminal defendants can communicate with the court and his/her attorney. Defendants that best communicate in another language are provided with court-appointed translators during ALL courtroom proceedings, and I make every effort to appoint attorneys that are fluent in that preferred language.

In 2017, I voted to change the bond system in felony cases. We crafted a hybrid that combines risk-based supervision & cash bail to ensure defendants' appearance in court AND public safety. I rely on an evidence-based pre-trial risk assessment to consider whether a charged defendant is appropriate for release on personal recognizance (no cash) or a cash bail. I am ALWAYS mindful of public safety. When appropriate, I use GPS monitors, house arrest, & alcohol/drug monitoring tools instead of jail.

Education: Juris Doctorate, The University of Houston Law Center, 2000. Bachelor of Arts, The Ohio State University, 1996. | Experience: Presiding Judge, 180th Criminal District Court, 2013 - Present. Assistant District Attorney, Harris County District Attorney's Office, 2001-2013. | Community : Volunteer and Vice Chairman, Speakers Committee of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Community Associate, Rice University, McMurtry School. | Email: catherine@catherineevans.org | Website: <http://catherineevans.org> | Address: P.O. Box 1581 Houston, TX 77251 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/CatherineEvansForJudge/>

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182ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT



JESSE MCCLURE (R)

I will use what is commonly referred to as "the wheel" when appointing counsel to represent the indigent - the wheel is the list of attorneys approved to handle appointed cases. Attorneys from the Public Defender's Office are on the wheel, so it is inevitable that they will defend citizens in my court. I will, almost without exception, appoint the next attorney up on the list when the need for counsel arises. If specialized knowledge or language skills are needed, I will consider those needs.

Fundamental constitutional rights apply to all persons accused of crimes regardless of their immigration status. Courts should make sure that immigrants have access to competent counsel - as well as translators and investigative resources if needed. Additionally, it is not the function of state judges to enforce federal immigration policy.

No defendant should remain in custody solely because he or she is unable to pay for a cash bond. An effective pretrial release system should make individualized determinations of risks and conditions of release, and should account for the financial condition of the accused. There is a place for cash bail and pretrial risk assessments - and in appropriate circumstances, courts should release defendants on their personal word that they will appear before the court in the future, with supervision.

Education: B.A. (Honors) University of North Carolina; J.D. University of Texas School of Law | Experience: Associate, Brown McCarroll; Asst. Dist. Atty., Tarrant County D.A.'s Office; Attorney, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Prosecutor, Texas Dept. of Insurance (Present) | Community : Deacon, Second Baptist Church; Group Leader, Bible Study Fellowship; Deerwood Elementary P.T.A. Volunteer; Sand Creek Sea Lions Swim Team Volunteer | Website: <http://Mcclureforjudge.com> | Facebook: <http://Facebook.com/jessemcclureforjudge> | Twitter: twitter.com/Jesse4Judge182



DANILO "DANNY" LACAYO (D)

As an Assistant Public Defender in Harris County, Texas I represent indigent defendants in felony cases. If elected I would use the Public Defender's Office and private attorneys. There are many well qualified private attorneys that take appointed cases. As a judge I want to attract the most talented private attorneys in Harris County, Texas. I would also encourage the use of investigators and experts.

As an Assistant Public Defender in Harris County, Texas I represent indigent defendants in felony cases. The majority of my clients are Spanish speaking and have immigration issues. I realize that the majority of my clients don't understand the legal process in the United States. As a Judge I would continue my practice in assuring that each immigrant defendant understands the criminal justice system. I would treat each individual the same regardless of immigration status.

I believe that wealth shouldn't dictate ability to appear in court. There are situations where non violent offenders are jailed awaiting trial because they can't afford bond and violent offenders who can afford bail are out of custody. I favor a risk-based supervision with conditions to assure appearance in court. Those conditions can include curfew, house arrest, ankle monitor, and monitoring by pretrial services.

Education: University Of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas, May 2003 Juris Doctorate University of Houston, Houston, Texas, May 2000 B.A., Political Science, Minor in Spanish | Experience: Harris County Public Defender's Office, Houston, Texas, April 2013 - Present Harris County District Attorney's Office, Houston, Texas, September 2006 until April 201 | Community : LULAC Mexican American Bar Association | Email: Danny@lacayoforjudge.com | Website: <http://lacayoforjudge.com> | Address: 212 Stratford Street Houston, Tx 77006 | Phone: (832) 607-4091 | Facebook: <http://Danilo'Danny'Lacayo for Judge> | Twitter: twitter.com/Lacayo4Judge

183RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT



VANESSA VELASQUEZ (R)

I appoint both public defenders and lawyers that are qualified under the Fair Defense Act to represent indigent Defendants. I consider the nature of the offense, the defendant and the availability of quality attorneys on both sides.

All courts should ensure that any person, immigrant or non-immigrant, is entitled to full, fair, equal treatment and quality representation. No person should be treated differently just because of their immigration status.

I favor both. Risk based assessments are important and low level offenders that are assessed as low risk should be granted pre-trial release bonds. But high risk, violent offenders are more appropriate for cash bail to ensure they comply with bond conditions and show up to court.

Education: Undergraduate degree, University of Houston. Graduate, South Texas College of Law. | Experience: Judge, 183rd Criminal District Court since 2005, 15 years as a prosecutor in the Harris County District Attorney's Office and worked as a criminal defense attorney. | Community : Adjunct professor, University of Houston Law Center since 2008. One of judges presiding over STAR Drug Court, former mentor Jeff Davis High School. | Email: Vangela350@aol.com | Website: <http://judgevelasquez.com> | Address: 13 Hideaway Drive Friendswood, Tx 77546



CHUCK SILVERMAN (D)

My decision will be grounded in justice and fairness. Indigent defendants are entitled to zealous representation and in some instances that requires additional resources that are more readily available through the Public Defender's Office. Attorneys in private practice who take court appointments do an excellent job of representing their clients when they have the time and resources needed for a proper defense. The decision will be made on a case by case basis following a defendant's request.

Americans understand that the right to due process under the law is a cornerstone of our commitment to freedom and fairness. Ensuring that every person in the US, regardless of their immigration status, is guaranteed equal treatment and due process means that an individual should be able to appeal an unfair administrative decision and to receive the same treatment under both immigration and criminal laws.

If a nonviolent defendant poses no flight risk then the defendant should be allowed to be released from jail with a personal bond. There are measures to gauge the person's likelihood to abscond, and creative bond conditions that ensure the defendant is doing the right things while out on bond. Many nonviolent and low level defendants are sitting in jail simply because they cannot afford bond. This type of means based system is extraordinarily costly to the County and unfair to defendants.

Education: Chuck received his J.D., M.B.A., and B.A. degrees from Tulane University | Experience: For over three decades I have successfully represented hundreds of clients in state and federal trial and appellate courts and administrative proceedings. | Community : Lone Star Chapter of the National MS Society, Houston Bar Association, Houston Chapter of the Texas General Counsel Forum, Harris County Democratic Party | Email: cmscedar@yahoo.com | Website: <http://chuck4judge.com>

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184TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



RENEE MAGEE (R)

I use the computer algorithm developed by the fair defense act to select appointed attys in my court. The public defender's office is on this algorithm.

Justice is blind and I apply the law equally and fairly to all litigants. I do not grant immigrant defendants any greater or lesser treatment under the law.

I follow the law in setting bail under TCCP 17.15, which includes the factors I consider when setting bail. I favor a risk based supervision system, however, I do employ a cash bail system as well, because these two ideas are not mutually exclusive.

Education: J.D. University of Houston Law Center 1992 BBA University of Houston - cum Lauderdale 1988 | Experience: 26 years criminal law experience. 21 years as ADA with Harris County. 4 years as elected State District Criminal Judge. 1 year as self employed atty. 3 years as paralegal. | Community : Volunteer for Alzheimer Association, cystic fibrosis foundation, wounded warrior foundation, special Olympics. | Email: hreneemagee@gmail.com | Website: <http://Judgereneemagee.com> | Address: 3311 Richmond Ave, Suite 319 Houston, Tx 77098 | Facebook: <http://Renee Magee for Judge>



ABIGAIL ANASTASIO (D)

All attorneys appointed to cases in my court will meet the criteria required by the Fair Defense Act, including extensive trial experience, passing an examination, and approval by the majority of sitting judges. There are competent and hard working defense lawyers from both the Public Defenders Office and the private bar and I plan on utilizing both. The law provides for funding to aid attorneys in their clients' defense, thus all defendants in my court will receive quality representation.

The appropriate role of the court is to ensure all people receive fair and equal treatment regardless of their immigration status. Immigration status can be significantly impacted by criminal court proceedings, so it is important that the court ensures immigrant defendants receive due process under the law. The court must ensure a defendant knows his or her rights and make him/her aware of any immigration consequences that may result.

I favor a risk-based assessment in order to determine low risk persons who should be granted personal recognizance or reduced bonds. I believe that personal recognizance bonds should be more widely used as the indigent and those with low income have been treated disparately by the criminal justice system. By allowing a risk-based system, it also enables individuals to use these resources towards their defense.

Education: South Texas College of Law - Juris Doctorate; University of Houston with Honors - B.A. English Lit./Creative Writing/ French Lit; St. Thomas University - Education | Experience: Anastasio Law, PLLC - criminal defense law, indigent defense; Harris County District Attorney's Office: Prosecuted Misdemeanors and Felonies; Houston ISD - HS English Teacher | Community : Leukemia and Lymphoma Society: Cancer Survivor - Team in Training Fundraising and events Volunteer at K-9 Angels Animal Rescue Former Church Youth Group Advisor | Email: abigail@anastasio2018.com | Website: <http://www.anastasio2018.com> | Address: 212 Stratford Houston, TX 77006 | Phone: (713) 352-9024 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/anastasio2018> | Twitter: twitter.com/anastasio2018

185TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



STACEY W. BOND (R)

Qualifications are the most important criteria when selecting lawyers to represent indigent defendant's requesting counsel. I would review a list of attorneys generated by our Fair Defense Act Management System and choose those lawyers I know who: 1) are highly skilled in trying criminal cases, 2) have experience and expertise with the charged offense, and 3) will handle the case professionally and treat their client respectfully. I use the PD Office on complex cases or ones with co-defendants.

A judge's role is to follow the law. This requires impartiality. Ensuring equal treatment, fairness and due process are constitutional requirements that apply to all defendants appearing in court. A judge might have an opportunity to appropriately aid immigrant defendants in the appointing of counsel. If at all possible, I prefer to appoint lawyers who speak the same language as the defendant. This benefits the defendant as it allows communication to flow freely between client and counsel.

Both systems may be used to ensure a defendant's appearance. Risk assessment tools aid the court in deciding what would be the best way to ensure a defendant's appearance on their court date. Some defendant's should be required to deposit monies in the court registry or pay a percentage to a bondsman to ensure their appearance. Other defendants should be allowed to report to court based solely on their promise to appear. The court must remain mindful of protecting victims and the community.

Education: Texas A&M University BBA 1989 University of Houston Law JD 1993 | Experience: Asst. D.A. Harris County (93-99) Associate, Hinton Sussman Bailey (00-06) Partner, Hinton Bailey Bond (07-11) Judge, 176th Harris County (13-16) Solo Practice (17-present) | Community : Active in church, in bible study, taught Sunday School for 20+ years, former bd of trustees, VBS, Drug Court Judge (13-17), National Charity League Board Member | Email: campaign@thebondlawfirm.com | Website: <http://staceybondforjudge.com> | Address: P. O. Box 541 Houston, TX 77001 | Phone: (713) 854-2405



JASON LUONG (D)

I would ensure that only qualified and approved attorneys are appointed to represent indigent defendants. I would also ensure that attorneys are appointed in a fair and impartial manner. I favor using both the Public Defender's Office and private attorneys. Having both the Public Defender's Office and private attorneys representing indigent defendants provides the highest quality of representation for the citizens of Harris County.

As a first generation immigrant and former felony prosecutor, I firmly believe that our courts must guarantee that all persons are treated fairly and impartially under the law, regardless of their immigration status, A judge is the safeguard of that Constitution right. I would ensure that immigrant defendants are treated fairly and equally and that no one is wrongfully convicted of a crime merely because they are an immigrant.

I support moving away from a purely cash bail system in favor of using risk-based supervision. Over 75% of people in the Harris County jail are there because they cannot afford a bond, and not because they are serving a criminal sentence or because they pose a danger to the community. A cash bail system penalizes lower income persons without doing anything to increase public safety, which is the purpose of the bond system.

Education: B.A. in Political Science & Economics, cum laude, from Rice University (1997), J.D., with honors, from the University of Texas School of Law (2000) | Experience: I have over 17 years of legal experience handling criminal and civil cases and appeals. I am also a former criminal prosecutor and former law clerk to a federal judge. | Community : My wife and I volunteer with The Mission Continues, a service group for veterans and their families. I have also served on the board of several non-profit organizations. | Email: JasonLuongforJudge@gmail.com | Website: <http://JasonLuongforJudge.com> | Address: 1004 Praise, Suite 200 Houston, TX 77002 | Phone: (713) 256-8650 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/JasonLuongforthe185th/>

208TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



DENISE COLLINS (R)

We are required under the Fair Defense Act to choose from an approved qualified list of private attorneys and the Public Defender's Office. The Public Defender appears on the list along with nine other private attorneys from the approved list. We then choose from that list for each case. I use both as well as term attorneys from the approved list who only take appointed cases in my court on a term basis. We have daily, weekly and yearly terms.

All defendants are treated fairly and afforded due process under the law. Immigration status is not a factor.

A combination of both. Risk-based assessments combined with judicial oversight, discretion and supervision make up the best approach when dealing low level offenders who don't pose a great risk and are generally good candidates for a pre-trial release bond. Higher risk defendants should have cash or surety bonds commensurate with risk assessments and all the other factors allowed under the law to be considered.

Education: B.A. Political Science, UNC Masters of Education, U of H Doctor of Jurisprudence, U of H | Experience: Counselor for Delinquent Girls (2 years), Secondary Public School Teacher (6 years), Attorney in Private Practice (10 years), Criminal District Court Judge (26 years) | Community : Guest lecturer on sex offenders, frequent presentations to schools on criminal justice and probation. Regular criminal justice updates to community and civic groups | Email: collins_denise@sbcglobal.net Website: <http://denisecollinsforjudge.com> | Address: 18602 Camellia Estates Lane Cypress, TX 77429

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JUDGE – CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT

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QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES: *What criteria will you use when making the final decision about assigning attorneys to represent indigent defendants? Please discuss selecting attorneys from the Public Defender's Office vs the selection of private attorneys.* *What is the appropriate role of the court in ensuring that immigrant defendants receive equal treatment, fairness and due process under the law?* *Do you favor a cash bail or a risk-based supervision system to guarantee a defendant's appearance in court? Why?*

208TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



GREG GLASS (D)

Having been a Board Certified (Criminal Law) attorney since 1983, I know the great majority of defense attorneys and am aware of the abilities of most. The attorneys I would appoint are intelligent, motivated and conscientious and do good work for their clients. I would favor the Public Defenders Office in cases that require extraordinary resources, as that Office has in-house investigators and other resources at its disposal, which can keep the costs down compared to private attorneys.

Immigration defendants should receive the same treatment as any other defendants, who constitutionally are entitled to the same rights as citizens in our system. It is unlawful to treat immigrants as a special or different class. It is the Court's role to ensure that everyone plays by the same rules, period. No judge should ever countenance unequal treatment, unfairness or denial of due process under the law to any defendant, citizen or non-citizen.

Depends on the defendant, the offense and the prior criminal history. The Court must balance the interests of defendants in obtaining bond with those of protecting alleged victims and the public at large. Persons accused of non-violent, less serious offenses and who have adequate ties to the community should be considered for personal or pretrial bonds. I feel repeat and serious offenders who may pose a danger to complainants and/or the public should be required to post cash or surety bonds.

Education: B.A., University of Texas at Arlington with High Honors (1970); J.D., University of Texas at Austin (1973) | Experience: Over forty years of criminal trial and appellate experience; Board Certified in Criminal Law (1983); have tried well over 100 felony cases in both State and Federal Courts. | Community : Worked in numerous Democratic Campaigns; former precinct chair, Pct. 34; Prior Democratic nominee for Judge in 1988, 2010, 2014 & 2016. | Email: gregglass4judge@aol.com | Website: <http://gregglass4judge.com> | Address: 1744 Norfolk St. Houston, TX 77098 | Phone: (713) 521-9216

209TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



MIKE MCSPADDEN (R)

I created a public defender system by selecting six qualified private attorneys on a one-year contractual basis. These attorneys feel strongly about defending the indigent. One attorney has been working in our court for 25 years providing excellent representation. I use public defenders when there's a conflict with one of the six attorneys. The Public Defender's Office has attorneys with the skills and dedication to provide indigent people with first class legal representation.

From the bond, we usually know if a defendant is undocumented. However, that fact makes no difference. They are given the same legal safeguards as citizens.

I prefer risk-based. Our public would be alarmed to know about the social experiment that has been playing out in our county criminal law courts: Giving most defendants a no-cash bond has not worked. Many people do not show up and/or they commit crimes while out on no-cash bonds.

Education: University of Oklahoma B.A. History in 1966 and a J.D. in 1973 US Marine Corps, Honorable Discharge 1971 | Experience: Attorney for Phillips Petroleum 1973 - 1976 Harris County District Attorney's Office 1977 - 1981 | Community : 1995 honor by Assistance League Houston for his work with inner city youth 2011 honor from Sickle Cell Association Houston for exemplifying civic commitment | Email: mikemcspadden44@gmail.com | Address: 1701 Hermann Drive Houston, TX 77004 Phone: (713) 666-8562



BRIAN WARREN (D)

One of the over looked responsibilities of a judge is determining whom to appoint to indigent defendants. I have the pleasure to work with many different lawyers over my 17 years in criminal law and know most the lawyers working in criminal law intimately. My test for appointing attorneys would be simple; if I had a love one charged with a crime would I feel confident in this lawyer's abilities to represent them. I strongly support appointing lawyers from the PD's Office.

The courts should be the standard for impartial justice in our communities. Our judges must strive to counter dangerous stereotypes regarding immigrants and ensure our courts are places of justice for all persons. I believe courts should be staffed with a native Spanish speaker. Not to just ensure that defendants are able to communicate effectively with the court, but to ensure that witnesses, family members, and victims are well informed as to what is happening in court.

Our county is currently spending six million dollars of tax payer money to defend the cash bond system a federal judge and appeals court has ruled unconstitutional. 60% of the inmates in Harris County Jail are there awaiting trial. I support a risk-based supervision, where the decision to release a defendant on bond is based upon whether they are a flight risk and if their release will endanger the safety of the community.

Education: St. Mary's School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 2001 James Madison University, B.B.A., 1997 | Experience: My practice is 100% dedicated to criminal law. I was also a prosecutor for 5 years. I have handled a wide range of cases from death penalty cases to low level drug possession. | Community : I am active in my church, St. Luke's Methodist Church and coach youth soccer. | Email: brianwarrenforjudge@gmail.com | Website: <http://brianwarrenforjudge.com> | Address: 440 Louisiana, Suite 900 Houston, TX 77002 | Phone: (713) 449-1927 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/WarrenFor209/>

228TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



MARC CARTER (R)

I appoint private attorneys and the Public Defender's Office to represent indigent defendants. I select lawyers to cases based on their competence level. The competence of every lawyer seeking appointment is assessed through a process that evaluates their experience in handling criminal cases. This includes how many trials and appeals they have handled and the seriousness of the cases. I also consider their reputation in the community for competence. I don't appoint incompetent lawyers.

Whether or not a person is an immigrant, their sex, race, or national origin should never be a factor in who receives fair and equal treatment under the law. In fact, our Constitution is designed to protect the most vulnerable among us, and it is the responsibility of judges to ensure equal protection and due process under the law for everyone. In the case of immigrant defendants, they must be represented by counsel, and understand the impact of a criminal charge on their status in the U.S.

Cash bail systems are inherently unfair to the poor. I prefer a hybrid bail system that evaluates a defendant's ability to pay, the risk to the community, and the likelihood he will appear in court. I don't believe dangerous people should be released on cash free bonds because they're poor. Safety is my priority! The bond should be reasonable and it's not unreasonable to require high bail and close supervision in violent cases. I prefer risk based supervision for indigent nonviolent offenders.

Education: University of Texas at Austin BA 1981, Thurgood Marshall School of Law JD 1993 | Experience: Captain US Army 1981-1988, Law Clerk United States District Court 1993-94, Harris Co. Assistant District Attorney 1994-96, Private practice 1996-2003, Judge 2003-present | Community : Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Houston Bar Association, Houston Golf Association, NAACP, Unity Church of Christianity | Email: judgemarcarter228@gmail.com | Website: <http://judgecarter228.com> | Address: 2444 Times Blvd. Ste. 168 Houston, TX 77005 | Facebook: <http://Re-elect Judge Marc Carter>

FRANK AGUILAR (D) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

230TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



BRAD HART (R)

The Code of Criminal Procedure says judges SHALL give priority to the Public Defender's Office (PDO). My procedure is to follow the Fair Defense Act Management System (FDAMS) as strictly as possible, taking into consideration priority given to the PDO, by statute, the ability of attorneys randomly pulled on the FDAMS list and the pending caseload of those attorneys. By following the FDAMS protocol and this criteria, ideally, indigent defendants are provided the best possible representation.

A judge's job is effectively and efficiently manage the cases assigned to the court. This most certainly, and most importantly, in all situations and for all individuals, includes treating everyone equally and fairly. Our job is to follow the law regardless. If we do that then we are ensuring due process and fairness to everyone.

I preside over a district court hearing only felony cases all the way up to death penalty capital murder cases. For felony cases, there is a place for both cash bail and risk-based supervision. First and foremost, each case and situation is different and should be treated that way. We currently use an objective risk assessment tool called the Public Safety Assessment to help us determine what is appropriate for an individual. I am in favor of using what is best for the individual situation.

Education: Baylor University, BA-Psychology 1993 South Texas College of Law, JD 1997 | Experience: Assistant District Attorney, Harris County District Attorney's Office, 1997-2013 Judge, 230th District Court, 2013-present | Community : Involved through church programs and programs through my kids' schools. Also, involved with annual programs supporting both first responders and addiction recovery. | Email: brad@bradhartforjudge.com | Website: <http://www.bradhartforjudge.com> | Address: 4830 Wilson Rd, #300 PMB 179 Humble, TX 77396 | Phone: (713) 523-3330 | Facebook: <http://judgebradhart> | Twitter: twitter.com/bradhart230

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QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

What criteria will you use when making the final decision about assigning attorneys to represent indigent defendants? Please discuss selecting attorneys from the Public Defender's Office vs the selection of private attorneys.

What is the appropriate role of the court in ensuring that immigrant defendants receive equal treatment, fairness and due process under the law?

Do you favor a cash bail or a risk-based supervision system to guarantee a defendant's appearance in court? Why?

230TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



CHRIS MORTON (D)

I have a preference for the Public Defender's Office because I know the quality of work within that office is very high. When we must appoint private attorneys they must have demonstrated the highest ethics and standards within the Criminal Bar. They must also be willing to go to trial and defend their client's right equally regardless of whether retained by the client or appointed by the court.

The 14th Amendment requires equal treatment and due process for "any person" in any States' jurisdiction. Furthermore, there can be no justice without fairness. It is the highest role of a court to ensure such just treatment to all persons. This is especially true for our immigrant neighbors who face collateral consequences within our criminal justice system much higher than those faced by natural born citizens.

I favor a risk-based supervision system because the cash bond system used here in Harris County is extremely unfair to accused persons without financial means as well as their families. Once again, there can be no justice without fairness.

Education: BS Business Administration from UNC-Charlotte 1998; Juris Doctorate from University of Houston 2009 | Experience: Harris County DA's Office Intern 2007-2009; Harris DA Prosecutor 2009-2013; Defense Attorney 2013-present
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232ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT



KRISTIN M. GUINEY (R)

For our criminal justice system to properly function, all individuals charged with crimes must have access to competent counsel. All indigent defendants in my court are assigned competent counsel who have an established record of providing a strong defense to those charged with crimes. We assign attorneys from the Public Defender's Office as well as private attorneys who have met the qualifications adopted by the Board of Criminal Judges.

The law requires fair and equitable treatment for everyone. Immigrant defendants are treated no more leniently nor harshly than anyone else who is charged with a crime who appears in my court. The right to due process under the law is fundamental to our commitment to freedom and fairness for all.

Bail reform must use common sense. Someone should not be incarcerated while their case is pending because they lack the ability to pay a cash bond. We currently use a risk screening test and individualized assessment to determine the appropriate bond for every defendant. I have increased the amount of pretrial release (personal recognizance) bonds for low level offenders. I consider all relevant factors such as community safety, threat level of the accused, previous record and flight risk.

Education: B.A. Political Science, Emory University J.D., University of Houston Law Center Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Criminal Law | Experience: Judge, 232nd District Court (9/17-Present); Judge, 179th District Court (1/13-12/16); Private Practice (6/10-12/11); Harris County District Atty's Office (11/01-5/10) | Community : St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Member; American Leadership Forum-Gulf Coast, Senior Fellow; Prison Entrepreneurship Program, Volunteer; Girl Scouts, Volunteer | Email: kristin@kristinguiney.com | Website: <http://www.kristinguiney.com> | Address: 14027 Memorial Ste. 194 Houston, TX 77079



JOSH HILL (D)

A truly neutral judge should not select the lawyer for one of the parties appearing before the court, just as a referee does not choose which teams play before him/her. Utilizing the Public Defender's office alleviates this issue to a degree, but there are limits to the number of cases that the Public Defender's office can accept. Ideally, the ability to select counsel for indigent defendants should be removed from judges altogether absent unique circumstances or conflicts of interest.

The court's most important job is to ensure that everyone, including immigrant defendants, receives equal treatment, fairness, and due process under the law. The court must take extra precautions to ensure that immigrant defendants are notified of all potential immigration consequences associated with the case against them. The court must also explain to immigrant defendants the unique additional rights they possess, including the right to have their consulate notified of the pending charges.

I generally prefer a risk-based supervision system to guarantee a defendant's appearance in court; however, an indigent defendant would effectively be denied bail if the fees for supervision are too high. A cash bail system is only fair if the bail amount is determined on an individual level, based on the unique financial situation of the accused, precisely calculated to ensure his/her appearance in court, and not so high as to prevent release altogether. Which system to use depends on the case.

Education: J.D., University of Houston Law Center; B.A. - Spanish, University of Texas at Austin | Experience: 2005-2011: Assistant District Attorney, Harris County, Texas; 2011-present: Self Employed Criminal Defense Lawyer, The Hill Law Firm | Community : Member of Congregation Beth Yeshurun; Club Member AIPAC; Volunteer, Jewish Federation of Houston Hurricane Harvey Relief | Email: joshhillfor232@gmail.com | Website: <http://www.joshhillforjudge.com> | Address: 4615 Southwest Freeway, Suite 600 Houston, TX 77027 | Phone: (713) 496-2475 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/hillforjudge> | Twitter: twitter.com/hillforjudge

248TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



KATHERINE CABANISS (R)

Every criminal defendant is entitled to representation by an attorney. Those defendants who are indigent and unable to afford an attorney will have an attorney appointed to them. I appoint qualified, skilled, and experienced attorneys, chosen from the list of attorneys who have been approved to represent indigent defendants in our jurisdiction. I appoint attorneys from the PD's Office as well as private attorneys.

All persons, regardless of immigration status, deserve equal treatment and due process when charged with a crime. As the judge in the 248th District Court, I have state jurisdiction, rather than federal. Immigration laws and their violation are federal matters, and not subject to the jurisdiction of a state district court.

Harris County courts use a pretrial risk assessment tool when determining bond amounts. Defendants are interviewed and scored at their level of risk. Bond amounts are then set according to factors required by law. Pretrial release bonds are granted when the risk assessment is low and the factors so warrant. Risk-based supervision rather than cash bail is appropriate in certain cases because a defendant who is otherwise low risk should not be detained solely because of an inability to pay.

Education: B.S., Pepperdine University, 1989 J.D., Pepperdine University School of Law, 1992 | Experience: I have been the Judge of the 248th District Court since 2013. Prior to that, I was a prosecutor at the Harris County DA's Office for 12 years, and the CEO of Crime Stoppers. | Community : I sit on several nonprofit boards of directors, including the Association for Victims of Domestic Violence and Bridges to Life, and I volunteer annually for Faith in Practice. | Email: CabanissK@yahoo.com Website: <http://www.judgecabaniss.com> | Address: 1 Greenway Plaza, Suite 225 Houston, TX 77046



HILARY UNGER (D)

With taxpayer funding, the Public Defender's Office employs well qualified lawyers, investigators, mitigation specialists, social workers, and immigration specialists, so Judges should appoint Public Defenders whenever possible. When Public Defenders cannot be used, without favor, Judges should appoint private attorneys working down from the top of the current list of counsel who have been pre-qualified, and should not cherry pick attorneys to reward friendships or campaign contributors.

Due process requires judges to admonish all defendants of the importance of obtaining competent legal advice regarding the immigration consequences of any plea. Fundamental fairness compels that judges should decline to accept pleas where defense counsel has not had an opportunity to complete their due diligence in this regard. At the same time, judicial admonishments should not be utilized to elicit information that might be prejudicial in subsequent criminal or immigration proceedings.

Cash bail systems often leave the poor in jail while those with the financial means to post bond are released, whether or not they pose a greater risk to society. A risk-based system would better meet the competing goals of preserving the presumption of innocence, imposing the least restrictive conditions on release, protecting the public, and ensuring that people return to court in neutral and fair way. Even so, such a system still would require a firm commitment to equality and consistency.

Education: J.D. 1988 University of Florida Levin College of Law; B.S.B.A. 1984 University of Florida | Experience: Legal Aid Criminal Defense Div. '89-'93; Kings County D.A., '93-'95; N.Y. County Defender Svcs. '98-'04; Private Practice '04-present (criminal & CPS defense) | Community : ACLU-Legal Observer; NOW | Email: Hilary@Hilaryfor248th.com | Website: <http://www.hilaryfor248th.com> | Address: 8431 Katy Freeway Houston, TX 77024 | Phone: (713) 522-8703 Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/Hilaryfor248th/> | Twitter: twitter.com/Hilaryfor248th

262ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT



TAMMY J. THOMAS (R)

Guided by the Fair Defense Act and governing local rules, my criteria will always be to identify the most competent, experienced and effective attorney for the particular type of case pending against the indigent defendant, regardless as to whether the available attorney happens to be an employee of the Public Defender's Office or a private practice attorney. I recognize that there are very high quality attorneys and also less knowledgeable attorneys in both categories.

The appropriate role of the criminal district court to ensure that immigrant defendants receive equal treatment, fairness and due process is to judge them based solely on the facts of the case and to apply the law impartially, not considering illegal status of the immigrant's presence here or the circumstances by which he came here. These issues are irrelevant to the issues relating to whether state law was violated or not. As a prosecutor, I viewed immigrant victims in the same manner.

Both play useful roles guarantee the defendant's appearance in court. Bail should never be an instrument of oppression; the poor should not be punished for being poor. If the circumstances of the offense, the defendant's life circumstances and public safety considerations suggest that he is capable of awaiting trial outside of jail, the court should allow supervised release. But if public safety is in jeopardy and/or there is real evidence of flight risk, a cash bail would be in order.

Education: B.A., Texas A&M 1986 J. D. South Texas College of Law 1989 | Experience: Assistant DA, Harris Co., Texas 27 yr.s Criminal Defense Attorney, private practice (misdemeanor to capital murder, indigent & hired) Legal Instructor, Houston Police Academy | Community : Co-chair, Harris County Child Fatality Review Team Mock trial instructor volunteer, Houston Police Academy | Email: tammythomasforjudge@gmail.com | Website: <http://www.tammythomas.org> | Address: 7941 Katy Freeway Suite 256 Houston, Texas 77024 | Phone: (281) 541-7024 | Facebook: <http://TammyThomasHouston,Texas>

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262ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT



LORI CHAMBERS GRAY (D)

There are many well qualified attorney's also Harris County has an excellent Public Defender's Office. First, the Public Defender's Office is fully staffed. On the other hand due to the volume of cases assigned there may be instances that the Public Defender's Office may be overloaded. In that instance, a private court appointed attorney may be better able to handle a particular case. All of these factors including experience are factors a judge would have to weigh.

A judge is the guarantor of the fair treatment to all parties that come before them. That is the responsibility constitutional burden and expectation that they will be fair to be fair to all parties. A judge is not permitted to consider race, nationality or gender of the party before them in insuring that the process is fair.

I have had experience with both. I would say the danger of a cash bond is that it can be rigid and inflexible and beyond a low income defendants ability to reach. A risk based supervision system gives the defendant and opportunity to make arrangements at the same time this system allows a judge to match the bond with the seriousness of the offense and the danger to society. In such a scenario this type of bond is less likely to be oppressive.

Education: A. A. Lon Morris College B.A Univ. of North Texas M.A. TSU Juris Doctor South Texas College of Law | Experience: I am the founder and principal attorney of the Law Office of Lori Chambers Gray. I have practiced Criminal law for 29 years. | Community : I am volunteer at the Star of Hope have organized clothing & food drives and volunteer guest speaker to students in schools and university's. | Email: lorigraylaw@gmail.com | Website: <http://Lorigrayforjudge.com> Address: 11500 Northwest Freeway Suite 340 Houston, TX 77091 | Phone: (713) 457-1708

263RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT



CHARLES JOHNSON (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

AMY MARTIN (D)

I will use the randomized appointment "wheel" to ensure that all qualified attorneys have an equal chance of appointment. I will make appointments without regard for friendship or favoritism. There are many seasoned and talented attorneys both in private practice and in the Public Defender's Office, and I will use both as resources. My primary consideration in making appointments will always be effectiveness and efficiency.

My court will be fair and impartial with regard to all defendants. I am committed to ensuring that all who appear in my court are aware of the availability of resources to assist them, including access to the consulate of their country of origin, where applicable. I will utilize translators as needed and will appoint bilingual attorneys when appropriate and possible. I will not be biased for or against anyone on the basis of their nationality or immigration status.

An all-or-nothing approach rarely works. The primary purpose of bail is to ensure that defendants return to court, while considering public safety. I will make sure that low-risk defendants are released on affordable bail, and that high-risk defendants are closely monitored if they do bond out. Finally, I will only make bail decisions after gathering as much information as possible, including the nature of the alleged offense and the circumstances under which it was committed.

Education: J.D., University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas. B.A., Psychology & Sociology, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut. High school, St. Agnes Academy. | Experience: Licensed 2003. Briefing attorney, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals 2004-2005. Private practice 2005-present. Qualified for Death Penalty cases, 2nd & 11th Judicial Regions. | Community : Volunteer at Houston Food Bank, Buddhist Global Relief Walk to Feed the Hungry, Wesleyan University Alumni volunteer/ interviewer, AMICUS (non-profit) intern host & instructor. | Email: amymartinforjudge@gmail.com | Website: <http://www.amy4judge.com> | Address: 1321 Upland Dr. Suite 9638 Houston, TX 77043 | Facebook: <http://facebook.com/amy4judge>

JUDGE -CIVIL DISTRICT COURT – FAMILY AND JUVENILE

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245TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (FAMILY)



ROY L. MOORE (R)

Since March of 2007, the procedures in the 245th Family District Court have always included the fair and equal treatment of attorneys, litigants and witnesses, regardless of race, creed, ethnicity or sexual orientation. All parties are given amply opportunity to have their cases heard in an efficient, timely and professional compassionate manner where the Rule of Law of this great state and these United States are applied.

To continue the efforts that I started in 2007 to promote efficient, timely and a professional courtroom environment for all, including the use of telephone conferences, electronic communication (email), preferential settings, extensive pre-trial conferences for jury trials to name a few. A very important part of the efficiency of the 245th is consistency. The attorneys know what is expected and thus can provide and receive the most effective service and administration of justice.

In the over 11 years that I have been either the Associate Judge or Presiding Judge of the 245th Family District Court, I have not seen an example where "federal immigration policies" would interfere with the cases before me. While issues that involve "federal immigration policies" come before me, it does not interfere, hinder or delay the application of the Rule of Law in Texas or the application of the Texas Family Code.

Education: South Texas College of Law, J.D. Southern Methodist University, B.S. | Experience: District Judge - 245th District Court Associate Judge - 245th District Court Adjunct Professor - South Texas College of Law Moore & Moore, L.L.P. Community : Board Certified - Family Law Texas State Guard JAG Corps - Captain Board of Trustees - The Fay School Gulf Coast Family Law Specialists Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists | Email: royal621@att.net | Address: 2928 Virginia Street Houston, TX 77098 | Phone: (713) 851-3597 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/56500385913/?ref=bookmarks>



TRISTAN H. LONGINO (D)

I have pledged to accept only 1/10th the limit for campaign contributions from attorneys practicing in the court to limit influence of money. I will push for county-funded translators to help non-English speakers. I will not seek the endorsement of, or contribute thousands to, discriminatory hate groups; my opponent--and other Republican incumbents--donated to and have been endorsed by the Conservative Republicans of Texas, an anti-LGBT hate group per Southern Poverty Law Center.

I would implement staggered hearing times throughout the day to avoid inefficiencies in the docket-call process and to limit the time spent waiting for one's hearing. After a hearing/trial, I would give renditions immediately, not weeks or months later. I would investigate avenues for use of video conferencing, which would allow more cases to be heard in a day at less expense to the parties involved.

Immigration status should not be reported to authorities by the family courts--doing so deprives non-legal residents of access to courts and turns residency into a weapon to be used by the opposing party. The court should warn legal residents of their rights, including to remain silent, should a line of questioning pose a risk to their residency. Unaccompanied minor cases should be compassionately heard and impartially decided without being politicized.

Education: University of Richmond, B.S. in Business Administration with finance concentration, 2005. University of Houston Law Center, J.D., 2011. | Experience: Board Certified in Family Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Clerked for Hon. Hinojosa, family judge. Exclusively practice family law. Certified mediator. | Community : Planned Parenthood Young Leaders, prior treasurer of Doctors for Change, supporter of Harris County Democratic Party, NARAL, EFF, Mozilla Foundation, Houston Public Media... | Email: tristan@longinoforjudge.com | Website: <http://www.longinoforjudge.com> | Address: 701 N. Post Oak Rd. #207 Houston, TX 77024

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246TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (FAMILY)



CHARLEY PRINE (R)

I immediately implemented a program to appoint an experienced lawyer to represent a party in all cases the law allows when I first took the bench. I review the effectiveness of these appointees continually. Every person who chooses to act as their own attorney is given equal time to call witnesses, present exhibits, and present their legal arguments to the judge.

I am proud to announce that when I took the bench in the 246th District Court, I immediately worked to reduce the back log of cases. I reduced the number of old cases resulting in a 30 percent decrease in total cases. In most months I lead all Family Courts in the having the lowest number of cases remaining at the end of the month. If some wants a hearing it can be arranged quickly. It is a rare occasion that a case is delayed in the 246th Court and then it is because the parties want the delay

All parties are treated equally in my court. I have never had a federal immigration policy interfere with a case in my court.

Education: Juris Doctorate 1992 South Texas College of Law B.S. Criminal Justice 1980 University of Texas El Paso | Experience: 246th District Judge 2015 to Present 309th District Court Associate Judge 2011 to 2014 Attorney 1993 to 2010 Community : American Judges Assoc., National Counsel of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, TX Bar Judicial Section, TX Bar Family Law Section, HBA Family Section. Photographer UofH Band | Email: Judgecharleyprine@gmail.com Address: 6611 Castle Pine Ln Spring, TX 77379



ANGELA GRAVES-HARRINGTON (D)

I understand how intimidating it can be to walk into a courtroom for the first time, especially as a pro se litigant. Litigation can be very a perplexing process. As the judge, I will advise pro se litigants of their options for legal representation. I will also preside over every case in a fair and impartial manner. I will follow the law and will establish a tone of civility and respect for everyone who enters my courtroom, holding myself and my staff to those same standards.

To ensure that cases before my court are heard in a timely manner, I would do the following: (1) Incorporate more technology into the courtroom to streamline cases; (2) Assess each case and convene a case management conference at the outset; (3) Set cases for pre-trial conferences 4-6 months from the date the case is filed; (4) Rule quickly on motions; (5) Set the expectation for civility in and outside of the courtroom; and, (5) Encourage participation in alternative dispute resolution.

In the United States, parents have a constitutional right to care for their children, irrespective of their immigration status. However, current federal immigration policies discourage many undocumented litigants from coming to court to assert those rights. My courtroom will be a safe place for undocumented litigants, where I will discourage the threat of federal immigration enforcement as a tactical method in custody cases.

Education: JD - Thurgood Marshall School of Law BA - Jackson State University/Mississippi State University | Experience: I have over a decade of litigation experience in state and federal courts. I also represent indigent clients through several organizations. | Community : I am a member of several community service organizations, including Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Association of Women Attorneys, and Houston Lawyers Association. | Email: VoteAngela246@gmail.com | Website: http://www.VoteAngela246.com | Address: 1200 Rothwell Street Houston, TX 77002 | Phone: (713) 240-5035 | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/VoteAngela246 | Twitter: twitter.com/VoteAngela246

247TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (FAMILY)



JOHN SCHMUDE (R)

I make sure that no party is left out of the judicial process merely because they can't afford expensive costs of court. If necessary, I utilize low cost alternatives to expensive court appointments in order to ensure that indigent parties can participate in the judicial process. I also make sure that all court appointments are based upon the best interest of children. This means making sure that appointed lawyers are able to relate in terms of language and culture to the families they serve.

I implemented an Express Docket, which allows parties who require 5 minutes or less of the court's time to have their cases heard before the call of the docket. This saves parties time & money, and it increases efficiency by reducing the number of cases heard on the main docket. I also ensure that all requests for a temporary orders hearing (when a TRO has been filed) be set no more than 28 days after filing, which ensures that parties will be heard before expiration of a TRO plus an extension.

My duty as a State Judge is to ensure that I decide all cases based solely upon the applicable state law and the evidence. Absent a showing of an issue related to the best interest of a child, federal immigration policies have little to no application to state family court proceedings. I follow the standard set forth in TXI Transp. Co. v. Hughes, a 2010 TX Supreme Court case, which held that one's immigration status is inadmissible impeachment evidence if it is merely a collateral matter.

Education: University of Massachusetts BA, Political Science, 1995 Graduated Summa Cum Laude South Texas College of Law Doctorate in Jurisprudence, 2008 Graduated Cum Laude | Experience: Presiding Judge of the 247th District Court. I have disposed of more than 11,000 cases in every area of family. Before becoming a Judge, I was President of Schmude Law Firm. | Community : Worked with Native Americans in South Dakota in dealing with the effects of alcoholism, drug abuse and unthinkable poverty. Frequent CLE Lecturer and Moot Court Judge. | Email: js@schmudelawfirm.com | Website: http://www.JohnSchmude4Judge.com | Address: PO Box 11932 Spring, Texas 77391-1932 | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/hmude4Judge/



JANICE BERG (D)

I will read the pleadings and papers filed by the parties in advance of hearings. I will listen to all of the evidence before making decisions. In cases where I must appoint lawyers to represent parents or children (e.g., suits involving Family Protective Services), I will select lawyers who meet the highest ethical standards and who have demonstrated the ability to zealously represent litigants in such cases. I will not use appointments to reward political supporters.

I will try to accommodate lawyers who may need to appear in several courts on the same day by offering staggered docket calls. At the same time, I will expect all lawyers to be considerate of others' time by promptly alerting other parties and the court of multiple settings and scheduling issues. I will consider more motions by submission or by conference call so that lawyers can address non-evidentiary issues without needing to appear at the courthouse.

Immigration status is almost always irrelevant in family law cases, with very narrow exceptions. These days, federal immigration policy and enforcement can seem uncertain from day-to-day. No parent or spouse should ever be afraid to seek family court relief because of their immigrations status. I would have a clear policy that immigration officers cannot enter my courtroom to conduct arrests of litigants, witnesses, or their family members.

Education: BA, Columbia University, New York, 2003 JD, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, 2008 | Experience: 2012–Present, Founder, Law Office of Janice L. Berg; 2010–2012, Family Law Associate, Schlanger, Silver, Berg & Paine, LLP | Community : Anti-Defamation League; GLBT Caucus; Burtta Rhoads Raborn Family Law Inn of Court; ACLU; NAACP; Southern Poverty Law Center; Planned Parenthood | Email: jberg@janicebergforjudge.com | Website: http://www.janicebergforjudge.com | Address: 106 Avondale Street Houston, TX 77006 | Phone: (713) 993-9100 | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/janicebergfor247 | Twitter: twitter.com/janiceforjudge

257TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



MELANIE FLOWERS (R)

There are many ways a judge can impact the administration of justice, such as making sure the court is available for litigant questions; running an efficient docket; not wasting litigants time with unnecessary resets or delays and treating everyone with patience and respect. However, many people that come to the courts are not being adequately represented because they do not speak the language. Hence, I would also implement other methods for translations, like audio and video translators.

I would monitor the cases on a weekly basis. Lawyers or pro se parties with cases that started beyond a certain number of months, without activity, will be contacted regarding the status of the case. Many times the parties have decided to dismiss the suit, but fail to notify the court. I would also ask the litigants for a brief overview of the issues and if warranted, refer the parties to mediation to help them settle their differences or at least narrow the issues.

The laws that control family courts are not influenced by federal immigration policies. Family courts, and the cases within, are influenced solely by the the Texas Family Code, which is written by the State Legislature. The family courts have no authority over immigration, nor do federal immigration policies have any authority over matrimony and child custody laws in Texas. Hence, I will simply follow the law of the court that I serve and not step outside of my authority.

Education: Bachelor's of Business Administration Degree and Doctorate of Juris Prudence | Experience: Family law attorney for 22 years. Board certified in the area of family law. Founder of a boutique law firm that specializes in complex property division and custody cases. | Community : City of Houston Higher Ed. Board; Commissioner for Harris County Sheriff's Civil Service Commission; Jack & Jill of America; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Church and Civic Clubs | Email: flowers4judge@gmail.com Website: http://flowers4judge.com | Address: 2929 Allen Parkway, Ste. 200 Houston, TX 77019 | Phone: (713) 229-9090

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257TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (FAMILY)



SANDRA PEAKE (D)

Since I have personally experienced discriminatory practices throughout my adult life, I consider myself very sensitive to body language and other non-verbal signals that would suggest hostility to or prejudice towards an individual. I will not tolerate the display of bias or argument intended to deliberately inflame or humiliate those who appear before the court and endeavor to ensure each litigant has an opportunity to be heard without bias so that they can have their day in Court.

I am convinced if the docket is called on time and devoted to docket related matters only, significant amounts of time hearing time could be saved. I will ensure that there are flexible hours during which short, uncontested matters, can be heard to enable the busiest court times to be more productive. It is anticipated that scheduling orders would be issued on a regularly calendared basis to move the docket and give the litigants adequate opportunity to mediate and or prepare for final trial

In most instances, the immigration status of a parent will only be considered if there is a credible threat that a parent will abscond with the child outside of the United States in violation of a court order. Otherwise, there is very little reason to inquire about the parties' immigration status. Since my practice has been primarily in Harris and surrounding counties, having at least 1 parent presence in the United States without legal documents is not at all unusual.

Education: B.A., University of Houston J.D. University of Houston College of Law | Experience: Engaged in the full time practice of law with a concentration in the areas of family law, and family related law such as consumer bankruptcy and probate for past 35 years. | Community : Texas Spring Cypress Chapter Links, Blue Triangle Multi-Cultural, Delta Sigma Theta Public Service Sorority, volunteer and referral attorney for non-profits | Email: attorneysandrapeake@gmail.com Website: <http://sandrapeakecampaign.com> | Address: 9660 Hillcroft Suite 435 Houston, TX 77096 | Phone: (713) 723-5082 | Facebook: <http://sandrapeakecampaign> | Twitter: twitter.com/sandrapeake3

280TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (FAMILY)



ANGELINA D.A. GOODEN (R)

As a current Judge, I allow every litigant the full opportunity to present and/or defend their case which is an essential element of a fair trial. I do not put time limits on final trials. A list of agencies that provide pro bono representation in Harris County is available for pro se litigants. All litigants can retain his or her own attorney or represent themselves.

The 280th Court hears all family protective orders filed in Harris County. The Texas Family Law Code mandates that all applications for protective orders be set for hearing within 14 days of filing, except those filed by the District Attorney which must be set within 20 days of filing. Because of the exigent nature of these cases, it is imperative that they are timely set and resolved as quickly as possible. As the Judge, I strive to complete all cases on my docket on the day they are set.

As the Judge of the 280th, I simply follow the law. Title 4 of the Texas Family Law Code (Protective Orders and Family Violence) is clear and straight forward. A Protective Order can impact the immigration status of an individual and/or family. However; federal immigration policies have no impact on and/or relevance to the subject matter of domestic violence cases and whether or not a protective order should be granted

Education: Juris Doctorate Degree - May 1989, Masters of Arts, Urban Affairs/Human Resources - May 1988, Bachelor of Arts, Sociology - May 1983. | Experience: Current Judge of 280th Court. 27-year Family Law Attorney. Served as Special Master, Mediator, Amicus & Ad Litem. Former City Attorney for the City of Prairie View, Texas. | Community : Former Board Member of a Domestic Violence Shelter, Former Church, Deaconess, Former Church Attorney, Teen Girls Mentor, Former Legal Advisor to Ft. Bend Black Nurses Assoc. | Email: info@angelinagooden.com | Website: <http://angelinagooden.com> | Address: P. O. Box 34901 Houston, TX 77234



BARBARA J. STALDER (D)

I will have knowledgeable & bilingual staff who will assist litigants & attorneys in obtaining timely dates for hearings within the statutory requirements. I will also give litigants & attorneys sufficient time to put on their case and present their evidence. I will treat every person with respect and listen objectively to the evidence. I will render a ruling solely based on the merits of each case. I will also utilize any and all tools available to make the court safe and efficient.

There are statutory requirements for setting hearings in Protective Order cases.If filed by agencies, private counsel or a pro se party a hearing must be held within 14 days.If filed by the District Attorney's office then the case must be heard within 20 days. I will have certain days of the week where the DA cases are heard and certain days for agencies, private attorneys and pro se party cases.I will come in early, work over lunch, and stay after hours if necessary to meet the docket.

As judge as the Domestic Violence Court my primary focus and concern will be protecting the victims of family violence seeking a protective order or additional assistance from the court in divorce or custody matters. Federal immigration policy has no bearing on whether to grant or not grant a protective order. There is also case law that suggests that a person's immigration status is not relevant unless such status is directly linked to the child's best interest.

Education: BA history, minor political science University of Houston JD/ University of Houston Law Center | Experience: I am a lawyer and mediator working exclusively in family law with a specialty in DV. Upon graduation from UH Law Center in 2003 I received an EJW post grad fellowship where I | Community : Texas Bar mbr, Texas Family Law mbr, HBA member, HBA family law mbr, HBA juv law mbr, Texas Bar poverty law section mbr, LGBT mbr, Animal law section mbr, TDSR pro bono atty | Email: barbarastaldercampaign@gmail.com | Website: <http://barbarastalder.com> | Address: 5205 Broadway #501 Pearland, Tx 77089 | Phone: (832) 736-8736 | Facebook: <http://barbarajstalderforjudge280th> | Twitter: twitter.com/stalderforjudge

308TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (FAMILY)



JAMES LOMBARDINO (R)

The 308th Family District Court is open and available to litigants everyday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. This court encourages contested cases to be mediated and provides free mediation services through the Harris County Domestic Relations Office. On Enforcement issues, indigent litigants are provided free county paid representation. For litigants without attorneys, the court refers them to the Houston Bar Association Help Desk which is located on the 17th floor in the same building as the 308th,

The 308th Family District Court allows hearings with three business days notice on non-emergency hearings and same day hearings on emergency hearings. Contested trial settings are generally scheduled within six months of filing. Agreed Divorces and Agreed Orders are heard daily from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. If a party lives out of state and is unable to travel to Harris County, or if the party is in the military, this court will generally allow a party to appear by telephone.

This court hears Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) matters to determine if foreign born children have been abused, abandoned or neglected. On such a finding this court enters a Dependency Order which can be used to petition the federal government for SIJ status. Regarding divorces and custody of children, this court generally does not consider the legal status of the parties or of the children, unless there is a likelihood of International abduction or kidnapping.

Education: BBA in Economics and Finance from the University of Houston, Main Campus. JD from the South Texas College of Law. | Experience: Assistant District Attorney, Harris County Texas; Partner at Saccomano & Clegg law firm, 1989-1992; Principal, Lombardino & Associates, 1992-2010; District Judge, 2011-present | Community : Founding Father, Crime Stoppers Houston; President, Downtown Exchange Club; President, Ecuadorian-American Chamber of Commerce; Former Board Annunciation Greek Orthodox School | Email: jlombardino@lombardino4judge.com | Website: <http://www.lombardino4judge.com> | Address: PO Box 3893 Houston, TX 77253 | Phone: (713) 252-7606 | Facebook: <http://james lombardino> | Twitter: twitter.com/jlombardino



GLORIA LOPEZ (D)

I will appoint ad litem that advocate for the client. I will not use appointments as a method to reward my supporters. I will also consider each person's testimony and evidence in a fair manner-without bias due to their race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or which attorney represents them.

Decluttering the current docket will help cases, before the court, be heard in a timely manner. Providing attorneys and parties the opportunity to schedule a conference call to settle/address non evidentiary issues will remove cases form the docket; therefore, provide more time for other cases that need to be heard that day. Moreover, addressing non-evidentiary issues in a simple and expedited manner will move a case quicker towards a trial date. Provide option of afternoon uncontested prove-up.

As a presiding Judge, I would apply the law and make a rendition based on the merits of the case. Political opinions and views (for or against) federal immigration policies will not interfere with cases before my court. SIJS cases will not be treated differently than an Adjudication or SAPCR.

Education: University of Texas at Austin- BA in Spanish and Government. Thurgood Marshall School of Law- JD | Experience: The Hall Law Firm, 11-12, Vaquerano Law Firm 12-13, Law Office of Gloria E Lopez 13-present Community : Mexican American Bar Association of Houston, Tejano Democrats, Houston Young Lawyers Association. | Email: lopez4judge@gmail.com | Website: <http://glorialopez4judge.com> | Address: 2121 Sage Rd. Suite 110 Houston, TX 77056 | Phone: (713) 909-0867 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/gloria4judge> | Twitter: twitter.com/gloria4judge

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309TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (FAMILY)



SHERI Y. DEAN (R)

My commitment is to be a prepared, knowledgeable Judge, who consistently follows the law, after listening to the facts and circumstances presented in each case. I will make sure that every person leaves with a sense that, regardless of the outcome, they were treated with kindness and respect during the process. Being known as a Judge who uses discretion carefully and avoids injustice is important to me. I will continue to use judicial constraint while ruling in a decisive and timely manner.

I will continue to work full time to allow as much time as possible each day to hear cases. I will also continue to use my management skills to streamline docket calls and take cases in order of the time needed to avoid the wait time for people in the courtroom. I will not allow excessive continuances, and require that cases are tried within a reasonable timeframe after they are filed with the court.

The best interest of children shall always be my primary consideration in compliance with the Texas Family Code. Within the confines of both State and Federal laws, I will apply the Texas Family Law Statutes that provide for custody, possession, access, child support, medical support and for the safety and well-being of the children.

Education: University of Texas - Austin BBA'76; South Texas College of Law JD'92 | Experience: Family Law Firm of Sheri Y. Dean & Associates 1992 -2010; Presiding Judge - 309th Family Court 2010 to Present | Community : Island of Hope Back to School Project 9 years; Friends of Bay Area Turning Point; Child Advocate Courtroom/Graduation Volunteer | Email: dean4judge@gmail.com | Website: http://www.Dean4Judge.com | Address: 2437 Bay Area Blvd #506 Houston, Texas 77058 Phone: (713) 870-0709 | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/Dean4Judge/ | Twitter: twitter.com/Dean4Judge



LINDA MARIE DUNSON (D)

As a judge I must be impartial. However. I will make sure that the litigants respect each other and treat each other in a dignified and courteous manner in the courtroom. One of my duties will be to make sure all parties have a fair opportunity to present their case. I will avoid ex parte communications. I will ask for clarification when needed. I will ensure that all who come before the court be treated justly, fairly and impartially, without being discrimination or prejudice.

Cases involving domestic violence and child abuse where persons are in imminent danger should receive highest scheduling priority. Adequate qualified well trained staff must be employed to maintain an organized court and direct the flow of cases. I believe weekly caseload meetings are a must to ensure that cases do not fall through the crack and that are resolved effectively and efficiently, without impeding on a litigants right to be heard. Implementing an electronic means to set hearing helps

Insuring the non interference will be difficult at best given the current social and political climate towards immigrants. Having knowledge of immigration laws (legal status, domestic violence, fraudulent marriages, adoptions, deportation, Hague Convention etc.) as they intersect with domestic relation issues is paramount. Making sure that each case is analyzed individually and fairly within the parameters of due process and equal protection is probably the best way to minimize interference.

Education: B.S. Psychology/Sociology, Juris Doctor, LL.M Tax, U.S. Customs Broker, Basic Mediation Certificate, Advanced Family Law Mediator, State Bar Trial Academy, Texas Lawyers Care | Experience: The ability to read, comprehend and interpret complex laws. 16 years of practice centered on family law matters. I am a mediator with management & psych/sociology background. | Community : Efforts to eradicate police brutality, protecting voter rights, hurricane Harvey volunteer, working with homeless families, effecting human trafficking policy. | Email: Dunsonforjudge@gmail.com | Website: http://www.dunson4judge.com | Address: P.O. Box 670785 Houston, TX 77267 | Phone: (713) 570-6411 | Facebook: http://Facebook.com/dunson4judge | Twitter: twitter.com/Dunson4Judge

310TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (FAMILY)



LISA A. MILLARD (R)

I have been your Judge for the past 24 years. I have extensive experience in handling complex property and custody cases, as well as CPS cases, adoptions, contempt cases and paternity cases. Being a good judge requires knowledge of the law, the rules of evidence and procedure, an even temperament, patience and empathy. For the last 24 years I have always had a policy of putting children first. I treat everyone that comes before me with dignity, respect and fairness.

I have consistently had the lowest amount of cases pending in the last 24 years (according to the Harris County District Clerk statistics). Many cases can be heard within three months. Mediation is used, so the parties may attempt to resolve their own cases. Due to Hurricane Harvey, many cases have needed continuances in order to resolve their property issues. The 310th always is there when the parties are ready and prepared to have their cases heard. My excellent staff assists as well.

The 310th Family District Court always puts the best interests of each child first. I am an attorney, judge, mother and Nana. My first priority is always ensuring that ALL children are treated with care and respect. I always work towards making children safe and making sure that they have permanency in their lives.

Education: Doctor of Jurisprudence, South Texas College of Law; Bachelor of Science, University of Houston; Spring Woods Senior High School | Experience: I have been your Judge of the 310th Family District Court for the past 24 years. I have experience in handling property and custody cases. I have heard over 25,000 cases. | Community : Houston Bar Association Family Law Section; Harris County Juvenile Board; Board of District Judges incl. Chair, Purchasing Agent Comm; St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church | Email: judgemillard@gmail.com | Website: http://JudgeLisaAMillard.com | Facebook: http://JudgeLisaAMillard



SONYA HEATH (D)

I believe it is important to bring about change that assures fairness and equity regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, immigration status, socioeconomic status, and political affiliation. I am going to give everyone the same treatment, and to extent they are a member of a group historically discriminated class, all persons will have an opportunity to be heard.

I am going to do my job if I get elected. I will be at work on time every day and I will spend my time making sure that litigants whose cases are in this court will be heard on a timely basis. I would like to setup the pro se litigants to have docket call in the afternoon when the courts are not so busy.

I would not allow a person's immigration status to influence my decision. I would allow testimony of the impact someone's immigration status might have regarding their ability to care for the child because I have to be concerned with the practical affects that another court's decisions might have with regarding to the best interest of a child. Being here illegally has nothing to do with if someone is a good parent or not.

Education: J.D. at TSU's Thurgood Marshall School of Law (2009); B.B.A. at University of Houston-Downtown, dual majors in Accounting (2004) and Administrative Management (2005) | Experience: LAW OFFICE OF SONYA HEATH; U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT, CJA ATTORNEY; CRAIG WASHINGTON LAW FIRM; FIRST COURT OF APPEALS, JUDICIAL INTERN; HIRSCH & WESTHEIMER | Community : Rotary Club of University Area Houston; Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, Wine Garden Committee; First Methodist Houston Downtown; Mexican American Bar Association of Houston | Email: info@heath4judge.com | Website: http://www.heath4judge.com | Address: PO Box 811 Houston, TX 77001 | Phone: (832) 310-4320 | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/sonyaheathlaw | Twitter: twitter.com/slheath64

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JUDGE -CIVIL DISTRICT COURT – FAMILY AND JUVENILE

FAMILY – PRESIDES OVER MATTERS RELATING TO FAMILIES AND CHILDREN, LIKE DIVORCE, CHILD CUSTODY, CHILD SUPPORT, VISITATION RIGHTS, PROTECTIVE ORDERS AND THE EMANCIPATION OF MINORS.
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311TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (FAMILY)



ALICIA FRANKLIN YORK (R)

I promptly assign matters to my Associate Judge and myself per time estimates. I reduce the number of hearings in my court by allowing parties to reset their first trial setting by Rule 11 Agreement, allow phone conferences on appropriate matters, and allow certain appropriate matters be considered by submission. I preferentially set matters that warrant it such as out of town travel. I offer uncontested dockets every day, twice a day. I am patient and listen to all parties in hearings/trial.

See the aforementioned response. Additionally, I hear matters involving Child Protective Services at 8:00 a.m. once a week so that those cases are heard timely and so other cases on the docket are heard timely. My Associate Judge and I come to work everyday timely and stay late as necessary to hear cases. I supervise my court coordinator who manages all cases, sending out scheduling orders and trial/dismissal notices so that cases are litigated timely. We dismiss cases not prosecuted timely.

I follow the Texas Family Code which is the controlling authority over myself as a Judge in a State District Family Court. I make the findings necessary to address children in State Court rather than making findings the Immigration Court may or may not make. I only consider factors as it correlates to best interest of a child as permitted by state law. I do not legislate from the bench to create new law. I apply state law fairly to all children and families before the Court.

Education: St. Mary's School of Law, San Antonio, TX 2000-2003(J.D.) Mount Mercy College, Cedar Rapids, IA 1996-2000 *graduated Summa Cum Laude Bachelor of Business Administration | Experience: Judge, 311th District Court for approx. 4 + years. Presiding Judge of the Harris County Family Drug Court since 2015. 15 years experience as lawyer primarily in family law. | Community : Appointed by Governor Greg Abbott to Specialty Courts Advisory Committee in 2014 to oversee quality of Specialty Courts in Texas. Member of 100 Club. Mentor JFK students.



GERMAINE TANNER (D)

Giving all parties an opportunity to have their interests adequately represented and considered, requires the court to implement flexible policies and procedures. Increasing docket flexibility for those who have shift work or non-traditional work schedules and maintaining an online calendaring system, to enable attorney's to set complex hearings and trials on the court's availability docket, are two examples the court can utilize to ensure a litigants interests are adequately considered.

This court has the highest number of pending cases out of all of the Harris County family courts; efficiency is an issue with this court. First, I would eliminate the need for pre-trials in every case. This will free up some of the Court's time, for other cases to be timely considered. Second, the Associate Judge will have the authority to hear certain cases, which will assist with the flow of the docket. Lastly, it's important for court to begin timely on a daily basis.

Families should not feel reluctant to pursue relief in our courts, because of their immigration status. Seeking relief from our family courts does not require citizenship. As long as jurisdictional requirements are met for a proceeding that involves divorce, child custody, or child support matters, the only role of the family court should be to assist families with the relevant issues before the court.

Education: University of Illinois-Champaign- BA Political Science; Graduated in 1997; Thurgood Marshall School of Law; JD; Graduated in 2001 | Experience: 15 year practicing family lawyer with an emphasis on Divorce, Custody, Child Support, Enforcements, and Modifications. I've also served as a mediator and special master. | Community : Annie's List-Co-Chair Houston Steering Committee; Jack and Jill of America Inc.; Cypress Tomball Democrats; (please see campaign website for more details)



DAVID FARR (R)

Proper docket and case management is a priority as to this concern. Justice delayed due to inefficient docket management is ultimately justice denied. I have reorganized my daily dockets after the impacts of Hurricane Harvey to ensure that my daily dockets are not conflicting with other courts' daily dockets in order to alleviate overcrowding on the elevators. My staff works diligently (and will continue to do so) to ensure that every litigant (represented or not) enjoys full access.

I have in my eight years in the 312th District Court spearheaded numerous projects to ensure the timely management of cases. These have included an electronic web-based trial request calendar as well as increasing the number of submission type issues to the court in order to alleviate over-crowding on hearing days especially after Hurricane Harvey. The Texas Supreme Court has appointed me on several commissions which helped increase judicial resources in Texas. I will continue these endeavors.

In the family district courts we handle a large caseload of cases involving unaccompanied immigrant minors. I have been instrumental as the administrative judge for the family courts in ensuring that the management of these cases is appropriately disbursed throughout the division in order to ensure timely justice in these matters. I have also sponsored several immigration specialists to give presentations to the judges to ensure consistency in the application of Texas law in these matters.

Education: B.A., Texas A&M University J.D., Thurgood Marshall School of Law | Experience: Mediator, Attorney - Private Practice Associate Judge, 257th District Court Presiding Judge, 312th District Court Adjunct Faculty, University of Houston Law Center | Community : Over 21 years in the Texas Army National Guard including active duty deployments to Bosnia, Kosovo and Iraq and for Hurricanes Katrina and Harvey | Email: judgedavidfarr@gmail.com | Website: http://davidfarrforjudge.com | Address: 5300 N. Braeswood, #4 PMB 269 Houston, TX 77096 | Phone: (713) 854-4740 | Facebook: http://David Farr | Twitter: twitter.com/judgedavidfarr



CLINTON "CHIP" WELLS (D)

I have been practicing law for over 41 years. I have spent that time seeking resolution to problems that our clients have brought to us. The Family Courts must be open to all Texans. I have spent over 41 years resolving problems. I intend to take that to the bench. Litigants need to have resolution that serves their needs and the law. The law must be applied fairly and compassionately. Families need workable solutions that address their needs. I have the experience to deliver those resolutions.

I will come to work which not all of the current Judges do. I have some ideas that I want to bring from my experience in other courts across the State. I want to reduce the amount of time spent on calling the dockets and conducting hearings on matters that can be resolved through submission. I want to offer more hearings by telephone and reduce the necessity for lawyers and their clients to be present when matters can be addressed by phone. So much time is consumed waiting to be heard.

I will follow the law. However, persons that find themselves within the jurisdiction of this State who need and require access to the courts should be given such freely and without reservation or interrogation regarding their status. I am not asked for proof of citizenship or immigration status and neither should any other individual seeking relief. To the extent possible I will provide an open courtroom for those who require assistance and will resist to the limit of the law any restriction.

Education: I graduated from the University of Texas in December 1973 with a BA in Government and from South Texas College of Law in December 1976 with a Juris Doctorate. | Experience: I have over 41 years of practice in the law having represented individual Texans and Texas families across this State. I have tried over 100 Jury cases | Community : I am active in my Church and spent years coaching baseball, basketball and softball for 3 children. | Email: cew2009@gmail.com | Website: http://chipwellsforjudge.com | | Address: 603 Avondale Houston , Tx 77006 | Phone: (713) 628-5444 | Facebook: http://Clinton Chip Wells

312TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (FAMILY)

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313TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (FAMILY)



GLENN DEVLIN (R)

I always am concerned that each party has an attorney. When needed I appoint counsel. I move the docket along. Always. Each party is admonished to any problem they could have re immigration.

Education: BA political science university of North Dakota, jd south Texas college of law | Experience: Atty since may 1980, judge since 2010 | Email: Ghdevlin4@aol.com | Address: 2703 rusk Houston , Tx 77003



NATALIA OAKES (D)

The court regularly has a Spanish interpreter. The court coordinator can request deaf interpreters and any other foreign language for the parties who appear in the court. The court accommodates parties and families with disabilities. If a person is indigent, that person can get an appointed lawyer to represent his/her interests. A judge is a public servant. Sometimes due process suffers under the guise of docket efficiency. I intend to give every person their due process. Judges are public servants and serve for the people. My court will start at 9 am and the judge will be on the bench to hear cases. Resets will be limited. Juvenile Court is involved with the best interest of the child and rehabilitation so the young person does not return to the adult system. Any immigration matters will be handled with due process, rule of law and common sense. We are not in the business of separating children from their families or the family they live with.

Education: Sophie Newcomb College of Tulane University, B.A. in English Literature with a Teacher's Certificate. Thurgood Marshal School of Law of TSU, J.D. | Community : 2009-present. Board of Directors of the Criss Cole Children's Fund. Participate in Career Day at local middle and elementary schools Hellenic Cultural Center of Southwest | Email: NataliaForJudge@gmail.com | Website: http://NataliaForJudge.com | Address: 5773 Woodway Drive, #173 Houston, TX 77057 | Phone: (713) 984-2829 Facebook: http://NataliaForJudge

314TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (FAMILY)



MICHELLE MOORE (D)

I will give all litigants and attorneys adequate time to present their case. I will listen to the evidence and argument of counsel and decide cases fairly and accordingly to the law. I will inform the litigants he/she may be entitled to a court appointed attorney if they qualify according to the law. I will also inform litigants of volunteer and pro bono legal aid services that may be able to assist them. Lastly, I will maintain a list of qualified court appointed attorneys. I will not allow the docket to be stacked with hearings. Only a manageable number of cases will be set on any given day. I will also have a morning docket and an afternoon docket so that the litigants time in court is minimized which will also minimize their time away from work and school. I will have an uncontested docket to allow for agreed cases/matters to be proved up without a previously set court date. I will allow minimal resets to ensure the case is finalized timely. I will do everything I can to ensure the best interest of the child is being served and emotional trauma is minimized.

Education: Northbrook High School c/o 1998, Prairie View A&M University, B.S. Criminal Justice 2001, University of Houston Law Center, JD 2006. | Experience: Cameron County District Attorney's Office, Child Abuse Division, Dallas County District Attorney's Office, Child Abuse Div., Harris County Attorney's Office, Child Abuse Div. | omunity : I have participated in various back to school drives and Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts. I have participated in food banks and I have volunteered at my children's school. Email: michellemoorefor314th@gmail.com | Website: http://www.michellemoorefor314th.com | Address: P.O. Box 90492 Houston, TX 77292 | Phone: (832) 378-7976 | | Facebook: http://facebook.com/michellefor314 | Twitter: twitter.com/michellefor314

315TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (FAMILY)



MICHAEL "MIKE" SCHNEIDER (R)

We have always done this. All parties in the 315th State District Court are always given an opportunity to have their interests represented and considered. That is the bedrock principle of our system. It starts with running a court efficiently and making sure a diverse pool of attorneys in the court are held to high standards when it comes to their representation, training and education. It means holding the myriad of agencies we deal with accountable and partnering with the community. We do what we have always done. We schedule cases in a timely manner and find the balance between speedy resolution and the interest of justice. We have used every technological tool at our disposal to modernize court operations. We hold attorneys accountable for their representation, required visitations in certain cases and stay on top of the docket. We make sure there is open communication with attorneys and all parties involved in all cases. No one in my court is denied due process or any protection afforded them under the law and the Constitution because of their immigration status. That is the law and that is what is right. We have always made every effort to schedule Special Immigrant Juvenile Status cases as quickly as possible. The protection of children and integrity of the family is paramount and is always my first consideration in all cases.

Education: B.A., Political Science, Texas A&M University; Visiting student, University of Texas School of Law; J.D., South Texas College of Law. | Experience: Asst. Harris Co. Attorney, 1999-06; Judge, 315th District Court, 2006 to now; Visiting Justice, 1st Court Appeals, 2016; Adjunct Assoc. Research Scholar, Columbia University. | Community : Co-Chair, My Brother's Keeper; Commissioner, Tx Supreme Court, Tx Children's Commission; Chair, Juvenile Law Section, HBA; Chair-Elect, Juvenile Law Section, State Bar of Tx. | Email: info@mikeschneider.org | Website: http://mikeschneider.org | Address: P.O. Box 4202 Houston , Tx 77201 | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/judgemikeschneidercampaign/ | Twitter: twitter.com/JudgeSchneider



LEAH SHAPIRO (D)

In the 315th District Court, the first step to ensuring all interests are adequately represented begins with improving the current system of court appointments, including appropriately distributing cases to the Public Defender's Office. Equal and fair treatment must come in the form of guaranteeing dedicated and qualified counsel for youth and families, including efficient appointments of guardians ad litem to protect the best interest of the child in child welfare matters. First, I will immediately address cases that have been pending for a significant amount of time without any progress. Handling cases in a timely manner better serves the interest of all involved. I will work with all parties to ensure everyone receives time to properly investigate and negotiate between settings, with a goal to prioritize consistency, predictability, transparency, and efficiency in the provision of due process. I will treat every child and family, regardless of immigration status, fairly and equally. I will uphold my oath to follow the law, specifically the 14th Amendment of the Constitution, which guarantees due process for everyone inside our country's borders. And if elected, as a member of the Harris County Juvenile Board I would work proactively to create family visitation policies and protocols that mitigate fears of immigrant parents apprehensive of visiting children in detention.

Education: New York University: Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, 2002; St. Mary's School of Law: Juris Doctorate, 2006. | Experience: Harris County Public Defender's Office: November 2011 – Present; Law Office of Leah Shapiro: 2011; Harris County District Attorney's Office: November 2006 - July 2011. | Community : Arms Wide Adoption Agency: Board Member; Harris County Youth Collective: Case Management; Volunteer for Harvey Recovery: JCC; Junior League of Houston (2010-2017). | Email: LeahShapiroForJudge@gmail.com | Website: http://LeahShapiroforJudge.com | Address: P.O. Box 272352 Houston, TX 77277 | Phone: (832) 409-4313 | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/leahshapiroforjudge/ | Twitter: twitter.com/leahshapiro

COUNTY JUDGE

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

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

Identify what you think are the 2 most important issues affecting the residents of Harris County and give specific examples of measurable actions you will take to address these issues.

What will you do to ensure that there is transparency and equitable distribution of flood recovery and planning funds including those from the recently approved Harris Flood Control bond?

What can Harris County do to ensure that mental health services are available and affordable throughout all areas of the county?

In addition to flood control and roads, what other projects would you support to address Harris County's current and future infrastructure needs?



ED EMMETT (R)

The most important aspect of being county judge is keeping the community safe in my role of Director of Homeland Security/Emergency Management. I will continue making sure Harris County has the best Office of Emergency Management and my office, working with other county officials, have made resilience top priority. The financial health of the nation's third largest county must be assured so we can continue to improve transportation, criminal justice, mental health, indigent health care, etc.

I lead development of the most transparent flood bond ever. The public was engaged and will remain engaged through an oversight committee. The projects clearly benefit all parts of the county and progress will be posted on an interactive web site. The county purposely put extra money in the bond to cover those parts of the county that do not qualify for federal funds because of its cost/benefit requirement. Projects will be completed in order to protect the most people as soon as possible.

Mental health delivery has been my personal priority. Working with the Legislature, I created a jail diversion project so those people who have mental issues will be treated in mental health facilities instead of being incarcerated in the county jail. My office has also lead the effort to coordinate services of the Harris County Hospital District, Harris Center for Mental Health & IDD and neighborhood clinics. We are doubling the capacity of the Harris County Psychiatric Center.

Maintain administration buildings, courthouses, jail facilities and the NRG complex. Converting Dome into a revenue generator for NRG complex will save property tax dollars and turn the icon into useable space. Juvenile justice facilities must be upgraded or replaced as 18 year olds are being added to juvenile detention and old facilities are out of date. Courthouses and annexes must expand to keep up with growing population. Parks should be developed for flood control and quality of life.

Education: B.A. (Economics), Rice University M.A. (Public Affairs), University of Texas | Experience: Texas House of Representatives - 4 terms Interstate Commerce Commission President, National Industrial Transportation League The Emmett Company Harris County Judge since 2007 | Community : Houston/Galveston Area Council, Juvenile Board, TxDOT Freight Advisory Council, Urban Counties Policy Chair, Large Urban Counties Vice Chair, CEO Ryan White Planning Council | Email: info@edemmett.com | Website: <http://www.edemmett.com> | Address: 2726 Bissonnet Suite 240-144 Houston, TX 77005 | Phone: (832) 474-9608 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/edemmett2018/> | Twitter: twitter.com/none



LINA HIDALGO (D)

Government accountability: Outreach so everyone knows this position is not a judge, but the executive who helps control the County's budget. Run a public audit and publish transparent metrics. Share key information like which areas are in a flood zone, whether dams will be released. Flooding: Strengthen and enforce drainage regulations. Rather than waiting for 3 500-year floods and \$125 billion in damages, proactively implement solutions like coastal barrier to protect from the next Hurricane.

I will push that we adopt a formal resolution ensuring decisions about Harvey recovery funds are made only with meaningful community input. There is some equity language in the bond, but its enforcement is up to the Commissioners Court. Many projects will be done first simply because those neighborhoods have been prioritized over others in the past, so they are further along. I have always worked with the most vulnerable communities and will continue prioritizing that work as County Judge.

Our County Jail has long been the largest mental health facility in the state of Texas. Recent efforts are still tinkering at the margins. We need a vision, coordination, and support for an efficient, integrated system. We have the ingredients - Harris Health, Harris Center (formerly MHMRA), schools, FQHCs, the criminal justice system, local hospitals. The county must take the lead and have smarter priorities, like mental health support in schools instead of growing juvenile detention.

I will prioritize a state-of-the-art public transportation system to put us in line with world-class communities. We lost the Amazon HQ bid because of a lack of public transit and our roads are the nation's deadliest. I will stop building roads that encourage new development inside the flood plain. Lead a transparent and coordinated evacuation and shelter plan for the event of a mass disaster. Have an easy to understand warning system for high-water so we stop losing lives and cars when it rains

Education: B.A. Political Science, Stanford University. Pursuing joint graduate degrees in Law (NYU) and Public Policy (Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government). | Experience: Admin human rights projects for nonprofit Internews Network; Spanish-English interpreter, Texas Medical Center; researcher, Harvard Program on Criminal Justice. | Community : Volunteer with Texas Civil Rights Project and Migrants Rights Collective locally and Urban Justice Center, Orleans Public Defenders, and Jails Action Coalition nationally. | Email: admin@linahidalgo.com | Website: <http://www.linahidalgo.com> | Address: PO Box 88392 Houston, TX 77288 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/Lina4HC> | Twitter: twitter.com/Lina4HC

ERIC GATLIN (L) | UNABLE TO CONTACT

JUDGE • COUNTY CIVIL COURT

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

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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What will you do to ensure that cases before your court are heard in a timely manner?

How will you ensure impartiality in your court given the current system of financing judicial campaigns, which allows donations from those who may later bring cases before your court?



CLYDE RAYMOND LEUCHTAG (R)

I will continue my past record of vigorously guarding the due process rights of litigants and of allowing all parties to be heard and have their day in court, including self-represented parties (pro se) who do not have an attorney. We will again provide resource guides and helpful forms for litigants and their attorneys. I will also continue to research and understand the law to ensure that justice is done in each case (regardless of who has more resources to hire a high-powered attorney).

I will continue where I left off -- making continuous improvements to court operations, including * more customer friendly procedures and rules, * multiple hearing dockets each day in order to reduce waiting time, *more efficient and less costly procedures to save litigant and tax-payer money, * creation of new template forms to assist litigants reach agreement before trial, and * continually soliciting online feedback from attorneys and litigants on ways to improve procedures and forms.

I do not accept donations of more than \$250 from any attorney who could have a future case in the court. In addition, the method I have successfully used to ensure impartiality in the court is by being aware of my human nature AND reminding myself daily that i am answerable (and must account for my actions) to a higher authority. As a judge, I MUST be fair to all, not being harsher to the rich or the poor because of their financial status (Lev 19:15).

Education: South Texas College of Law, J.D., magna cum laude (top 5%), May 1990. Rice University, B.A., Managerial Studies and Organizational Psychology, May 1985 | Experience: Former Judge of County Civil Court #1; Civil Adjudications Officer - Houston Municipal Courts; Asst Harris Co Attorney; Attorney, Shell Oil Company; Associate, Baker Botts LL | Community : Volunteer Police Officer Pct 6; Board, Generation One; CSP Advisory Team, Loving Houston; Founding Member, This One Generation Partnership; Mock Trial and Moot Court Volunteer | Email: Judge@ClydeLeuchtag.com | Website: <http://www.JudgeClyde.com> | Address: PO Box 560 Houston, TX 77001 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ClydeLeuchtag/>



GEORGE BARNSTONE (D)

As judge of Harris County Civil Court at Law No. 1, I am setting up a program with South Texas College of Law to provide free representation to pro se litigants in this court.

All cases are set for trial within six months of their being assigned to the court.

As the judge of Harris County Civil Court at Law No. 1, I have received campaign contributions from attorneys who appear before me. I have not ruled in favor of roughly 2/3rds of the cases brought by lawyers who have contributed to my campaign.

Education: B.B.A. - University of Texas, 1986; M.B.A. - University of Texas, 1989; J.D. - University of Houston, 1993 | Experience: Licensed to practice law in Texas since 1994. Judge of Harris County Civil Court at Law No. 1 since December 2016. Community : Member of Harris County Democratic Lawyers' Association, and the Houston Philosophical Society. | Email: iam@judgegeorgebarnstone.law | Website: <http://judgegeorge.org> | Address: 3450 Binz St. Houston, Texas 77004 | Phone: (713) 528-5000 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/judgegeorge.barnstone>

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COUNTY CIVIL COURT AT LAW NO. 2



ERIN SWANSON (R)

People come to court at their toughest times in life and deserve to be respected and treated fairly, no matter their race, gender, religion, or background. I will be fair and follow the law. I believe everyone deserves their day in court. The Justice system is complex and overwhelming to most; I will be extra patient and give clear explanations to people representing themselves. I will give out info on pro-bono legal groups that provide free or discounted legal representation.

I will be decisive and am willing to make the tough decisions that many judges delay in making. I will have an expedited docket to save people's time and money. I will also respect attorneys' time, which saves their clients money. As a former prosecutor in the fourth largest county (Harris) in the nation, I am used to working hard and handling a very heavy caseload.

"Lady Justice is blind." I will follow the law and the Constitution, no matter who is in front of me. I will be fair to all parties.

Education: Juris Doctorate, South Texas College of Law, Certified Mediator. LeTourneau University, Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, Honors Program, Minors in Business Marketing & Spanish. | Experience: Experienced trial attorney, former Harris County Asst. District Attorney/Prosecutor, Extensive jury and bench trial experience, prosecuted thousands of cases. | Community : Association of Women Attorneys, Houston Young Lawyers Association Leadership Academy-work to fight human trafficking), STCL Young Alumni Counsel, Food banks. Texas Bar College | Email: Erin@ErinSwanson.com | Website: <http://www.ErinSwanson.com> | Address: P.O. Box 6108 Kingwood, TX 77325 | Phone: (281) 506-2112 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ErinSwansonforJudge/>



JIM F. KOVACH (D)

My goal is to make the Court available to people who cannot take off work and spend a whole morning driving downtown for minor procedural matters that could be handled more efficiently. I have practiced in the courts at Law for 26 years. Having handled thousands of cases in this Court I am familiar with the problems that prevent parties from having full access. We can improve access to the Courts and make them efficient and user friendly by using current technology like Skype and Facetime.

I will maintain an active docket status that requires updates on a monthly basis to make sure that all cases are moving toward entry of a final order. If the parties or lawyers want to keep the case open pending a settlement with a payment plan, but not enter a judgment which may harm the defendant's credit score, I will move the case to a new "abatement status" just like I would do for cases put on hold because of a bankruptcy filing.

Unfortunately, the current system does lend itself to the appearance of impropriety because lawyers are allowed to donate to judicial campaigns. I support reasonable restrictions on how lawyers and law firms donate to judicial candidates and incumbent judges and procedures to have cases re-assigned or judges recused if appropriate to avoid favoritism to donors. In my court everyone will be treated fairly, equally, and respectfully regardless if you have a lawyer or not.

Education: Kingwood High School 1983 B.B.A. in Marketing - University of Texas @ Austin; Dec., 1986 Doctorate of Jurisprudence - University of Houston Law School; May, 1991 | Experience: Wells & Associates, P.C. 1990-1993 Dillard, McElvaney & Kovach, LLP 1993-2014 Kovach Law Firm, PLLC 2014 - Present | Community : Past Board Chair - Legacy Community Health Services Past Board Chair - Montrose Clinic Past Board Member - Crestwood Civic Club Human Rights Campaign Pet Patrol Volunteer Email: Jim@KovachforJudge.com | Website: <http://KovachforJudge.com> | Address: 170 Westcott St. Houston, TX 77007 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/Kovachforjudge/>

COUNTY CIVIL COURT AT LAW NO. 3



LINDA STOREY (R)

Each side has an equal amount of time to represent their claims and defenses before the court, whether or not they are represented by an attorney. I always make sure that any unrepresented, pro se, parties have time to fully explain their case.

Harris County Civil Court 3 has active hearing and trial dockets several times every week. Non-jury trials are usually completed within a year of service of all the parties, and jury trials are heard as soon as each side has had time for adequate discovery and preparation.

I treat everyone equally who appears in court on a case. In order to run a campaign, we have to raise money, and the way the system is set up now, attorneys who practice in a particular court often make donations to that court. However, many attorneys and pro se litigants do not donate to judicial campaigns, and that is perfectly normal too. Hundreds of attorneys file hundreds of cases into county court 3 every month, each one is treated with respect and courtesy and held to the same standard.

Education: J.D., South Texas College of Law (1993) B.A., University of Texas at Austin (1990) St. Agnes Academy (1986) | Experience: Presiding Judge of Harris County Civil Court at Law #3 from 2006-present. Assistant Harris County Attorney from 1998-2006. Private civil litigation practice from 1993-1998. | Community : Judge Storey lives in the Spring Branch with her eleven-year old son, Brendan. She is currently serving her second term on the State Bar of Texas Jury Service Committee. Email: judge@judgelindastorey.com | Website: <http://judgelindastorey.com> | Address: 9819 Oak Point Dr Houston, TX 77055 | Phone: (832) 264-0634



LASHAWN A. WILLIAMS (D)

I would bring a needed genuine and authentic perspective to the bench that respects wholly each party before me, and honors and upholds the letter and spirit of the law. I understand the discretion that the court has to ensure equity, while balancing the interests of the parties. I also understand that being kind, respectful and compassionate does not mean that the law is not followed; but in following the law and practicing such attributes, confidence in the process is created.

First I will meet with the current staff to understand what measures they believe can be taken to address the docket more effectively. Secondly, I will host a meeting with attorneys that regularly practice in the court to understand their concerns. Next, we will identify cases that are trial ready and those that can be resolved. For those cases that may be tried, I will instruct the parties to provide a proposed scheduling order so that the attorneys have buy in to move the cases.

Thus far my campaign has not taken donations from any of the collection firms or attorneys that regularly practice in the county civil courts. The vast majority of donations to my campaign are from non-legal professionals. I started my campaign that way intentionally and will finish it that way.

Education: J.D. 1995 - Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University | Experience: Law practice comprised of labor and employment discrimination, general business matters, and probate. I also serve as special commissioner appointed on eminent domain cases. | Community : My firm has 3 to 5 interns a year from college and law school. I mentor youth of the Discovery Youth Group locally. | Email: llwilliams@lawforjudge.com | Website: <http://www.lawforjudge.com> | Address: 2411 Emancipation Ave., Suite 202 Houston, TX 77004 | Phone: (832) 441-3775 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/LAWforJudge/> | Twitter: twitter.com/a_llwilliams

COUNTY CIVIL COURT AT LAW NO. 4



SOPHIA MAFRIGE (R)

Fairness and impartiality are crucial to the administration of justice. I have represented parties on both sides of the docket, parties who seek relief and those defending claims. I will follow the law, and, consider all evidence presented in making decisions. Ethical guidelines and the code of judicial conduct limit what a judge can do, but I will work within them to be fair and let the parties be heard.

Being a Judge requires a full time commitment, which I will gladly make to work through the court's docket. Harris County citizens deserve qualified judges who will follow the law, and, dedicate their time to manage dockets to reduce time and fees. I will review the active cases to formulate a plan. I would structure motion dockets based on the parties' time estimates, and consider multiple dockets set for different matters, i.e. discovery disputes, summary judgments, minor settlements, etc.

Having a broad range of litigation experience over 3 decades has allowed me to witness the impact of judges who were not impartial. There will always be issues that might impact impartiality, but I can only say that personally, the law and rules of civil procedure will guide me, not whether a contribution has been made.

Education: BA Texas State Univ. May 1985 majors Pol. Science & Philosophy. JD May 1988 S. Texas College of Law. Florida State Summer Law Prog. Oxford 1987. Mediator certification 2002 | Experience: Law Office of Sophia A. Mafri, since January 1991; civil litigation, family law and real estate. Mafri & Kormanik, 1988-1991, litigation associate. | Community : Commissioner HPD Civil Service Comm.; Houston Bar Assoc. Legallines & Teach Texas volunteer, HBA Foundation Fellow; Hurricane Harvey volunteer; Advocacy judge STCL-Houston. | Email: sophlaw@aol.com | Website: <http://www.sophiamafri.com> | Address: 411 Fannin Suite 300 Houston, Texas 77002 | Phone: (713) 228-8696 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pg/Sophia-Mafri-for-Judge-103740263623328/>



WILLIAM "BILL" MCLEOD (D)

I aspire to run a courtroom that is both honorable and fair in its conduct and the treatment of all litigants. I plan to build litigant trust and confidence in the court by upholding impartiality, providing protections to individuals. I will work to implement safeguards to ensure that parties comply with legal and procedural policies not giving an unfair advantage to one party over the other. Every Pro-se litigant whose first language is not English will be addressed to protect that individual.

I am known as a leader, communicator and a skilled organizer with exceptional time management skills. My ability to evaluate procedures in organizations to make the processes run efficiently comes with my ability to listen and provide guidance and direction to the individuals working with me to make the needed changes. A court room is no different than any other business, quarterly reviews to update procedures, as needed, to ensure a standard where all cases before the court are handled timely.

While I appreciate the support to my campaign I have established stringent internal policies to assure only the highest standards of conduct and integrity to achieve real independence and impartiality of my court, should I be so fortunate to be elected. Simply, I am asking for everyone's VOTE in this election, Please VOTE for WILLIAM "BILL" MCLEOD for Harris County Civil Court at Law No. 4. YOU see I will be working for ALL of our fellow members of OUR AMAZING Harris County, not the donors (.)

Education: J.D. Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Class of 2001. M.S. Texas A&M University, Formally known as East Texas State University, Class of 1992. B.A. Texas A&M University, 1982. | Experience: William "Bill" McLeod the most qualified, his understanding of the law to protect individuals rights is unmatched. He practices in the smallest courts to the appellate courts. | Community : Truly, the FB page of William Bill McLeod has complete details of his incredible dedication to ALL in Harris County, leaving no underserved, disadvantaged community behind. | Email: bill@mcleodforjustice.com | Website: <http://mcleodforjustice.com> | Address: Campaign of William "Bill" McLeod 2950 Unity Dr. #571012 Houston , Tx 77257 | Phone: (713) 227-6300 Facebook: <http://William 'Bill' McLeod for County Civil Court at Law No. 4> | Twitter: twitter.com/billforjustice

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What is the appropriate role of the court in ensuring that immigrant defendants receive equal treatment, fairness and due process under the law?

Do you favor a cash bail or a risk-based supervision system to guarantee a defendant's appearance in court? Why?

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO. 01



PAULA GOODHART (R)

In Harris County, we are required to comply with the Texas Fair Defense Act and only permit attorneys who have met rigorous standards to represent the indigent. Every lawyer qualified to represent indigent clients must have demonstrated experience in criminal matters then pass a rigorous test. If an attorney wishes to represent Spanish speaking indigent clients they must take and pass a Spanish proficiency test. The PDs office specializes in misdemeanor matters involving mentally ill clients.

The appropriate role of every judge is to ensure due process for each and every accused individual who appears before the court, regardless of their citizenship status. Due Process is fundamental to the fair administration of justice and should never be compromised. I ensure that anyone who appears in court who does not speak English is entitled to a certified interpreter to ensure they fully understand the proceedings. Spanish speaking indigent defendants receive Spanish speaking counsel.

Bail should never be an instrument of oppression. Texas law allows for cash, surety and personal bail. I took an oath and follow Texas law and make individualized bail decisions to ensure a person appears and does not commit new crimes. Factors to consider are a person's ability to pay, the circumstances of the case and public safety to name a few. Sometimes a sufficient surety is release on a personal bond with supervision and other times the sufficient surety results in payment of funds.

Education: 1993 - Juris Doctorate - University of Houston Law Center, 1990 - B.A. Sociology with Honors - The University of Texas | Experience: 2010 - Present - Judge, Harris County Criminal Court at Law #1; 2007 - 2010 The Law Office of Paula Goodhart, criminal defense; 1993-2007 Asst. District Atty - Harris County | Community : American Leadership Forum Leukemia Lymphoma Society National Charity League Spring Branch F.F.A. St. John Vianney Catholic Church Lawyers Have a Heart Regional HS Mock Trial | Email: JudgePaulaGoodhart@gmail.com | Website: http://PaulaGoodhart.com | Address: 14027 Memorial #368 Houston, TX 77079 | Facebook: http://@HarrisCountyCriminalCourtAtLaw1



ALEX SALGADO (D)

I support increased funding to the Public Defender's Office and believe that a Judge should appoint counsel to those who express the need and cannot afford an attorney on their own. Judges should evaluate the Public Defender's office, and defense attorneys, to find out if they are zealously representing their clients, and thus make the decision on who should be utilized as court appointed attorneys. Judges should ensure proper legal representation is afforded to all who come before the court.

As a descendant of immigrants and a supporter of immigration rights, to take advantage of a person only because they are "undocumented" is not fair and I believe unethical. All people who come before the court should be treated with respect, dignity, and given due process under the law just as any other person. There is no room for treating undocumented immigrants unfairly in the criminal justice system and the Court should treat all people before them equally.

A risk-based system can help release low risk offenders quickly without delay. No misdemeanor defendant should stay in jail solely because they are poor. Misdemeanor defendants should be given reasonable bonds and if need be a PR bond. Too often defendants plea guilty to a case just to be released from jail; but had they been afforded the opportunity to be released on a risk-based system, they then can try to resolve their case without ending up with a conviction that can follow them forever.

Education: Texas Tech University, BA, English 2004, Texas Southern University-Thurgood Marshall School of Law, 2009 | Experience: Walker County District Attorney's Office, 12/2009 to 6/2014, Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office, 6/2014 to present | Email: salgado4judge@gmail.com | Website: http://alexsalgadoforjudge.com | Address: 2000 North Loop West Suite 250 Houston, Tx 77018 | Phone: (281) 940-5922 | Facebook: http://alexsalgadoforjudge

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO. 02



BILL HARMON (R)

I generally give defendants 30 days to try to hire a lawyer and if they have been unable to hire one in that time frame, then I will appoint a lawyer to represent them. I use private attorneys who have much more experience than the lawyers in the PDs office and the PDs in misdemeanor courts can only handle mental health cases

Immigration status should not be taken into consideration period in the assessment of punishment

A cash bail amount has to be set in every misdemeanor case. For those who are unable to post bail, then the judge has to consider a risk-based supervision system to guarantee the defendant's appearance in court. I've always considered a risk-based supervision system for persons who were able to afford to post bond. That would sometimes allow that defendant to have enough money to hire his own lawyer

Education: Washington and Lee University 1974 St Mary's Law School 1976 Admitted to Texas Bar 1977 | Experience: Harris County Asst DA 1977-1981 Judge of 178th District Court 1985-2006 Judge County Criminal Court #2 2006-present | Community : Coach Post Oak Little League 1995 and 1997 MS 150 Bike Ride to Austin 2002-present | Email: Harmonbilly@yahoo.com



RONNISHA BOWMAN (D)

All clients are entitled to zealous representation; therefore, when assigning attorneys to represent indigent defendants the criteria is competent advocacy as if the client had paid the highest fee. The lawyers assigned cases must work diligently to ensure the Client's interest and constitutional rights are being protected at all times. The public defenders office is an extensive law group that includes pretrial, trial, and appellate attorneys. Private attorneys are responsible for all the work.

The appropriate role of the court is to always follow the local, state and federal laws. Federal law prohibits discrimination of immigrants based on national origin which means defendants should not be treated differently because of their ancestry, accent, birthplace, culture, customs, language or name. In the performance of their duties, judges are obligated to ensure that all defendants receive equal treatment, fairness and due process under the law regardless of their national origin.

Pre-trial release conditions are supposed to ensure that a defendant comes to court and are meant to protect against defendants deemed to be a risk to public safety. Because a cash bail system can penalize low risk defendants and risk-based supervision for violent crimes is structured as a safeguard for victims and the community, input from the prosecutor and defense attorney are important. A judge's favored approach should be judiciously determined on a case-by-case basis, weighing all factors.

Education: Texas Southern University, B.S. in Public Affairs and Juris Doctorate | Experience: Attorney practicing Criminal Law since 2012 and former Adjunct Professor of Political Science | Community : Pro bono work for Houston Volunteer Lawyers and Mentor students with Change Happens (formerly FUUSA) | Email: ronnishabowmanforjudge@gmail.com | Address: 1302 Waugh, Ste 529 Houston, Texas 77019 | Phone: (832) 335-9695 | Facebook: http://ronnisha.bowman.7

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO. 03



NATALIE C. FLEMING (R)

If an individual meets the indigence standard, they are appointed qualified attorneys to represent them. Often, regardless of indigence, when appropriate and depending on the individual's personal circumstances, I appoint attorneys in the interest of justice. The County operates under a hybrid appointment system. Defendants with mental health issues and on certain appeals, are appointed attorneys from the Public Defender's Office. Qualified private attorneys are appointed to indigent defendants.

Every judge takes an oath to follow the law. All individuals, including immigrants are entitled to the same protections under the law. In my court every individual receives equal treatment, fairness and due process under the law. Certified Spanish speaking attorneys are appointed to indigent individuals with Spanish as their primary language to ensure that they have a full understanding of the proceedings before them.

I favor, and the law provides for a combined system of pretrial release. I believe that the current combined system promotes attendance in court because those released on bail and those who are low risk and are released on personal bail, have a higher rate of appearing in court. Further, I believe that a pretrial release system that is risk-based also promotes public safety. The law requires that I consider many factors in determining appropriateness of pretrial release and I follow the law.

Education: Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of St. Thomas in 1985 Doctorate of Jurisprudence Degree from South Texas College of Law in 1988 | Experience: 2010-Present: Presiding Judge Harris County Criminal Court at Law #3 1995-2010: Visiting Judge in Harris County Criminal Courts at Law 1988-1994: Assistant District Attorney | Community : National Charity League Board of Advisors St. Mary's Seminary I volunteer my time in the first Spanish Speaking rehabilitative program in Harris County called SOBER Court. | Email: natalie6@swbell.net | Website: http://www.facebook.com/Re-Elect-Judge-Natalie-Fleming-247766487295/?ref=bookmarks | Address: 1345 Campbell Rd. Suite 100 Houston, TX 77055

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Do you favor a cash bail or a risk-based supervision system to guarantee a defendant's appearance in court? Why?

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO. 03



ERICA HUGHES (D)

I will look at experience, case load, and frequency of attorney assignments. Legal services from an attorney can become expensive. When an individual cannot afford an attorney, one should be appointed using staff attorneys from the public defenders office and appointments to attorneys in private practice. The selection process to appoint an attorney should be unbiased and not decided based upon who has donated to the Presiding Judges campaign.

Education: Prairie View A&M University- Bachelor of Science Electrical Engineering, Thurgood Marshall School of Law- Juris Doctor of Law | Experience: Solo Practitioner- The Hughes firm PLLC, Adjunct Faculty Paralegal Program- San Jacinto College, Judge Advocate General- U.S. Army | Community : Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Higher Dimension Church, Paralegal Gator Club, | Email: ehughes4judge@yahoo.com | Website: <http://hughesforjudge.nationbuilder.com> | Address: 3007 Caroline St. Houston, TX 77002 | Facebook: <http://HughesforJudge> | Twitter: twitter.com/ehughes4judge

To make sure that immigrant defendants understand their rights. To make sure that immigrant defendants have the opportunity to be represented by an attorney that understands their rights. Finally, if the immigrant defendant does not speak English as a primary language, to make sure they have an attorney that speaks their language and communicates with them in their primary language.

I favor a risk-based supervision program in the misdemeanor court that I am running for. It gives everyone the opportunity to be on the same playing field no matter what your financial situation. No one should have to sit in jail until trial because they cannot afford a cash bail, if they meet certain risk factors.

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO. 04



JOHN CLINTON (R)

The Local Rules, which govern my court and all county criminal courts, require the Public Defender's Office be assigned to represent all defendants who suffer from mental health problems. The Rules require private attorneys be assigned to represent all other indigent defendants. Attorneys who represent indigent clients must meet certain criteria, plus they must pass an exam, and be approved. A computer program randomly selects available attorneys and presents a list to the Judges needing them.

Education: Criminal Justice Degree at University of Houston. Law Degree at Thurgood Marshall School of Law | Experience: 30 years as a Sergeant in the Houston Police Department./ 22 years as a licensed Attorney./ 8 years as the Presiding Judge of Harris County Criminal Court #4. | Community : Member of the Domestic Violence Policy Committee./ Work With MADD with the High Schools-Shattered Dreams program/ Judge for the no refusal weekends/ Mentor all the Law Schools | Email: johnwclintonjr@sbcglobal.net | Website: <http://JohnClintonForJudge.com> | Address: 5915 Inway Dr. Spring, TX 77389 | Phone: (713) 755-6192 | Facebook: <http://John W Clinton>

I am a judge with a strong Faith, I try to show that everyday through my words and actions. A person's color or status in this country do not affect my decisions. A lot of folks are there for the first time and are scared and confused. I look at everyone as an individual, no matter if they are a defendant, attorney, or victim, everyone is treated with respect and kindness. Every person here has an interest in this system and I make every effort to keep that in mind and be respectful and fair.

They must exist in harmony, as acknowledged by the 5th and 11th Circuits. As the presiding Judge, I don't believe anyone should be held in jail on a misdemeanor just because they can't afford a bond. Harris County's new risk-based supervision have given judges more tools to assess an individual's risk of absconding or committing crime pending trial. I believe that personal bonds (which don't require any cash payment) should be granted in most instances where a defendant's risk score is low.



SHANNON BALDWIN (D)

I will appoint attorneys from the "wheel". The "wheel" (computer selection) randomly selects attorneys from a pool of qualified attorneys who have passed the appointment exam. Currently, the appointed cases are split between the Public Defender's Office and private attorneys. I will select attorneys who have proven records of competent and zealous representation of their clients. I am open to discussions on better ways to select attorneys to increase fairness for citizens of Harris County.

Education: BS Law Enforcement & Police Science JD John Marshall Law School | Experience: Over 22 years as a trial lawyer in Criminal Law. Jury trials from Capital Murder down to the lowest class C misdemeanor. Currently a defense attorney and former prosecutor. | Community : Former Officer US Army Reserves; Member Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; Volunteer Attorney to Seal & Expunge Criminal Records; Voter registration projects; and speaker to students | Email: shannonbaldwin4judge@gmail.com | Website: <http://www.shannonbaldwin4judge.com> | Address: 2411 Emancipation Ave. Suite 202 Houston, Texas 77004 | Phone: (713) 664-6800 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ShannonBaldwin4Judge/> | Twitter: twitter.com/sbaldwin4judge

The judge is the gatekeeper for following the law and protecting rights. Immigrant defendants deserve competent representation in court. I would support assigning immigration attorneys to courts to advise immigrants on their immigration consequences. I would like to partner with the Public Defender's office to appoint said immigration attorneys. This would ensure that we are following the law as to the rights of immigrants.

I don't favor either as I am required to follow the current law. At present we have a cash bail system that favors the rich over the poor. I will follow the law and make sure that bail bonds are not punitive and that poor people are not forced to stay in jail or take pleas because they can't afford a bail bond. The ability to pay a cash bond will not make Harris County safer nor ensure a defendant returns to court. Again, I will follow the law in assessing bonds strictly.

COUNTY CRIMINAL CT AT LAW NO. 05



XAVIER ALFARO (R)

Such decisions are dictated by local judicial rules. I will follow those rules. Public defenders in Harris County can only be assigned to certain types of cases here. Overall, any attorney assigned in my court - public defender or private - will be qualified, professional, able, energetic and a zealous advocate for their client. I will demand no less. The law demands no less.

Education: B.A., Government, University of Texas; J.D., St. Thomas University School of Law. | Experience: Started in brokerage and banking industry, went to work as a prosecutor at the Harris County District Attorney's Office early in law career. Now in private practice. | Community : Frequent speaker to youth groups on justice system, heavily involved in church and charity work with his wife, Angie. | Email: info@xavieralfaroforjudge.com | Website: <http://xavierforjudge.com> | Address: 4101 Washington Avenue Houston, Tx 77007 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/xavieralfaroforjudge/>

The appropriate rule is simple. It is the law. Everyone in my court will receive equal and fair treatment and due process no matter their immigration status.

A mix is wise. Risk assessments when combined with judicial discretion can be valuable when dealing with low-level offenders who are good candidates for pretrial release. At the same time, though it should never be used to punish or take advantage of someone's economic situation, cash bail should be available when dealing with a defendant with a violent record, especially if there is a question of public safety or future appearances before the court.



DAVID M. FLEISCHER (D)

David will focus heavily on the competence of the lawyer to provide effective representation as well as the total caseload of the attorneys. For example, clients with potential immigration issues must have a lawyer with some immigration knowledge. Next, whether it is a private or PDO attorney, if they are overloaded with cases, their representation will suffer.

Education: David Fleischer received a B.S. from University of Houston and received his J.D. from Western Michigan Cooley Law School. | Experience: David has been practicing for almost 14 years and has represented thousands charged with felonies or misdemeanors. He is fluent in Spanish and represents many minorities. | Community : Actively involved in many organizations; is a member of League of Women Voters, Association of Women Attorneys. Volunteered for 6 years for State Bar Tex Grievance Committee. Email: fleischology@hotmail.com | Website: <http://www.fleischerforjudge.com> | Address: 5314 Braeburn Dr Bellaire, TX 77401 | Phone: (713) 828-2033 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/davidfleischerforcountycriminalcourt5/> | Twitter: twitter.com/fleischology

David's role will be that of gatekeeper to ensure everyone is treated equally and fairly. It is important that undocumented persons understand that decisions made in haste, can have long-term impact that can affect their immigration status. Undocumented persons should not be excluded from programs aimed at education and rehabilitation due to their status. Utilization of these programs can help close the revolving door of criminal justice and allow one to become a productive member of society.

We must strive to ensure that justice is sought and provided to everyone, equally, without regard to status, economic position, color, gender or orientation. Cash bail systems are discriminatory because indigent defendants cannot afford bail to be released. The current system encourages defendants to plead guilty; even if pleading to a crime they did not commit, just to get out of jail. This can lead to a criminal record and cause one to become unemployable. This needs to be reformed.

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Do you favor a cash bail or a risk-based supervision system to guarantee a defendant's appearance in court? Why?

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO. 06



LINDA GARCIA (R)

As a judge, I used private attorneys and the PD's office to make sure indigent defendants received excellent representation. The PD's Office was assigned to certain mentally ill defendants and for appeals. For all other cases, I selected lawyers through the Fair Defense Act Management System, by choosing from a randomly-generated list of attorneys who were certified based on legal experience and passing a qualifying exam. I plan to use this experience to ensure quality indigent defense.

A judge should ensure that every defendant is provided due process, equal treatment, and fairness by following the law. For immigrant defendants, this may include appointing an attorney that speaks their language or providing an interpreter to aid in communications with their lawyers and during court proceedings. The Court must also ensure that an immigrant defendant has been apprised of, and fully understands, the potential immigration consequences from their criminal case.

The Public Safety Assessment is an important tool to assist judges with bond decisions by giving each defendant a score on their risk to reoffend and to appear in court, as well as identify where a danger to the community is indicated. The defendant's ability to pay must be taken into consideration to avoid jailing people for being poor. Each decision will be made on a case-by-case basis to promote public safety and fairness to the defendant.

Education: BBA from University of Houston in Management Information Systems (1990); JD from University of Houston Law Center with honors (1993) | Experience: First ever Judge of Harris County Criminal Court at Law No. 16; Assistant District Attorney in Harris County; held statewide office on the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles | Community : Volunteer at Guadalupe Center Food Bank, Pasadena Rodeo Little Wranglers, Music Guild, charities through Rotary Club, and HBA Teach Texas Committee for middle school students | Email: lindafgarcia@sbcglobal.net | Website: <http://www.judgelindagarcia.com> | Address: Post Office Box 1567 Deer Park, TX 77536 | Facebook: <http://@LindaGarciaforJudge>



KELLEY ANDREWS (D)

Attorneys appointed to represent indigent clients should be not only qualified, but also willing to put in the work and the time necessary to investigate their clients' cases, and not have caseloads so taxing that they are unable to provide proper representation. I would select attorneys from both the private sector and the Public Defender's Office and I would base my selection on each attorney's reputation with regard to representing those people that are eligible for court appointed attorneys.

I am a believer in equal justice as all judges should be. If I am elected, I will be duty bound to follow the law which, with regard to immigrant defendants, means the 14th Amendment of the Constitution. The 14th Amendment specifically addresses this question with the requirement that no state shall "...deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

No one should ever be stuck in jail simply because they cannot afford to pay bail. I favor a risk based system vs. a preset bail schedule system because it best serves the interests of justice especially when we are discussing people charged with low level/non violent crimes. The safety of the community is truly taken into consideration during the risk assessment process, likely even more so then when bails are set pursuant to a predetermined bail schedule.

Education: University of Houston Juris Doctorate, 2007 University of Houston BS Anthropology (Summa Cum Laude), 2004 | Experience: 2013-Present Criminal Defense Attorney (self-employed); 2007-2013: Associate Attorney at The Downey Law Firm; 2005-2007: Law Clerk at The Downey Law Firm | Community : HCDLA, AWA, TCDLA | Email: kandrewslaw@gmail.com | Website: <http://kelleyforjudge.com> | Address: 2500 East T.C. Jester Suite 135 Houston, TX 77008 | Phone: (713) 868-7508 Facebook: <http://kelleyforjudge>

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO. 07



PAM DERBYSHIRE (R)

As the Presiding Judge of Harris County Crim. Court No. 7 I follow the law set by the Texas Legislature in Senate Bill 7 (a random method of attorney selection). An indigent defendant is appointed an attorney on their first court appearance in Court No. 7 from a list of certified attorneys. These attorneys must be licensed and experienced. If a defendant has a history of mental illness, an attorney who specializes in mental health cases is appointed from the Harris Co. Public Defender's Office.

All defendants who appear in Harris County Criminal Court No. 7, whether a citizen or non-citizen receive equal treatment, fairness and due process. Defendants who do not speak English are provided an attorney who speaks the same language as the defendant when possible, and are proficient in criminal and immigration law. A licensed interpreter is also provided in court to translate any documents, hearings and conversations. No defendant is treated differently based upon their citizenship status.

Harris County Criminal Court No. 7 follows a risk based supervision system to guarantee a defendant's appearance in Court 7. This system takes into consideration a Defendant's prior criminal history, prior history of not appearing for court hearings and level of risk to reoffend. This system ensures a greater level of safety for members of the community while the defendant's case is pending before the court.

Education: South Texas College of Law, J.D. (1982); University of South Florida, B.A., Criminal Justice (1979). | Experience: Asst. District Atty (1983-1990); Asst. U.S. Atty, Southern District of Tx (1990-1991); Solo Practitioner (1992-1998); Judge, Harris County Criminal Ct. No. 7 (1999-present). | Community : Volunteer judge for Prostitution specialty court and former volunteer for DWI specialty court; speaker at local schools; host of yearly internship for students; legal mentor. | Email: pamderbyshire103@gmail.com | Address: P.O. Box 2194 Bellaire, Tx 77402-2194



ANDREW A. WRIGHT (D)

The Courts should have a limited role when assigning attorneys to represent indigent defendants to reduce the chance of undue influence. Courts should establish criteria for attorneys to get on a list and make sure the attorneys are qualified, but have an independent system/administrator actually assign the attorneys. In Misdemeanor Courts, the Public Defender's Office only handles Mental Health Cases, not general cases. I am running for a misdemeanor bench, & I do support possible expansion.

The fact that a person is a defendant is an immigrant should not have any bearing on the options and remedies available to him for a misdemeanor criminal case. They should be treated just like non-immigrant defendants. Whether or not ICE or the federal government deals with an immigrant and their status is something that should be dealt with in the federal system. Immigrants should be treated the same as any defendant.

I favor a risk-based supervision system. The Cash Money Bail system creates two different criminal justice systems, one for the ones with financial means, and one for those without. A person's wealth does not inherently make them less risky, but under a cash bail system, it gives them more options. Just because a cash money bail system is legal doesn't mean we cannot strive for a better system. A risk-based system is better.

Education: South Texas College of Law - JD The University of Texas at Austin - BBA | Experience: Self Employed - 2009 - Present - Criminal Defense Practice Bohreer & Zucker LLP - Associate 2007-2009 - Commercial & Employment Litigation Community : I have been active over the years in my civic association. I was also involved in the Citizens Advisory Board regarding the East End light rail line. | Email: AAWForJudge@gmail.com | Website: <http://facebook.com/GetWright2018> Address: 2616 South Loop West, Suite 432 Houston, Tx 77054 | Phone: (713) 581-0457 | Facebook: <http://facebook.com/GetWright2018>

COUNTY CRIMINAL CT AT LAW NO. 08



DAN SIMONS (R)

My "Democrat Socialist of America" supported opponent was fired from the Public Defender's Office for threatening & harassing a female co-worker and cheating on his time sheets. For this reason, I want to have some control over the quality of attorneys I select for appointed cases. The current system allows private attorneys to represent these cases if they have the experience required, pass an exam, and then are randomly selected. There are a lot of qualified attorneys at the PD's Office.

As a prosecutor, I handled every case the same way. I believe justice is color blind and gender neutral. It does not matter where you come from either. A judge is there as a referee, not to advocate for either side. As a judge, I will apply the law equally and fairly to everyone in my courtroom regardless of the color of their skin, country of origin, religion, gender, or politics. Politics have no place in our courtrooms.

I support judges having the discretion to set bond conditions and determine if a cash bond or PR bond is appropriate for a defendant. Each case needs to be evaluated on the facts presented. For the most part, misdemeanor cases are going to get a PR bond but I want to determine the bond conditions to protect the public and victims. My goals are to keep the public safe, victims safe, and ensure the defendants show up to handle their cases. The discretion to chose either would be appropriate.

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Do you favor a cash bail or a risk-based supervision system to guarantee a defendant's appearance in court? Why?

COUNTY CRIMINAL CTAT LAW NO. 08



FRANKLIN BYNUM (D)

Currently, the Public Defender's Office has a limited role in the misdemeanor courts, handling only mental health appointments. I worked as a mental-health public defender in Court 8. I have seen in the trenches what the statistics confirm: the Public Defender's Office provides better representation and secures better results for their clients. I will work to use the Public Defender's Office in more cases and improve the appointment system by eliminating favoritism and raising stagnant pay.

In the past ten years, federal police have, for the first time, inserted themselves directly into the booking system of our local county jail and the hallways of our courthouses. I was the immigration law specialist at the Public Defender's Office for three years and saw firsthand how the criminal courts turned a blind eye to the new problems presented by these massive changes. The courts must adapt pretrial procedures to ensure that immigrants are not unfairly disadvantaged.

I favor a system that follows long-standing constitutional rules making pre-trial release the norm, and pre-trial detention the rare exception. The system promises people are presumed innocent, but then the judges in charge of the system use jail to coerce pleas and have turned our criminal courts into a plea mill. That must stop. I favor a system of reasonable pre-trial conditions and personal bonds.

Education: BA, The University of Texas at Austin, 2003 JD, University of Southern California, 2008 Board Certified in Criminal Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization | Experience: Criminal defense lawyer in private practice, 2008-2011 | Community : Former board member, Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association Member, Democratic Socialists of America Houston Chapter Member, GLBT Caucus | Email: staff@franklinforjudge.org | Website: <http://franklinforjudge.org> | Address: PO Box 801 Houston, TX 77001 Phone: (713) 529-3476 | Facebook: <http://facebook.com/franklinforjudge> | Twitter: twitter.com/franklinbynum

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO. 09



JOHN WAKEFIELD (R)

I believe in a mix of the two. The Public Defender's Office has an excellent roster of attorneys and support staff, including both appellate and immigration specialties. Additionally, our list of approved private attorneys is filled with some of the best criminal defense lawyers in all Texas. I have worked with nearly all of them as an ADA and know that they provide outstanding legal service to our indigent population. I want to utilize the best of both worlds in for indigent defense.

Non-citizens often have heightened stakes in their cases due to the risk of immediate deportation upon conviction. No immigrant should plead guilty or go to trial until an immigration attorney or other expert has fully examined and explained the ramifications of a guilty plea. The Judge's duty is to ensure that defendants have been fully informed about their rights and risks and that appropriate counsel and experts have been retained or appointed that will properly vet those concerns.

I do not favor one over the other because cash bail alone does not guarantee appearance, and I am wary of the detention of anyone based solely on a risk-based computer logarithm. For misdemeanors, I believe in a more balanced approach that presumes a Personal Recognizance bond but allows the Judges and Magistrates to raise a cash bond based on heightened risk assessments. Additionally, deference should be given to the elected Judges for setting bond for offenders who re-offend while on bond.

Education: South Texas College of Law, Doctorate of Jurisprudence; Purdue University, Bachelors of Arts; Alvin Community College Law Enforcement Academy | Experience: I am currently a Felony Chief Prosecutor and have been an ADA in Harris County for 11 years. I am Board Certified in Criminal Law, and also a licensed Texas Peace Officer. | Community : I am a Board Member and Team Referee for the Sand Creek Swim Team where I am the team rep for the Northwest Aquatic League. I have also volunteered at the Special Olympics. | Email: john@johnwakefield.com | Website: <http://www.johnwakefield.com> | Address: P.O. Box 52026 Houston, TX 77052



TORIA J. FINCH (D)

My criteria will be in accordance with Rule 24 of the Alternative Plan For the Appointment of Counsel to Indigent Defendants Under the Texas Fair Defense Act. I will appoint attorneys from both the private bar and the public defender's office to indigent defendant cases.

The court is the leader in ensuring that immigrant defendants receive equal treatment, fairness, and due process under the law. The court should exercise its appointment powers to ensure that immigrant defendants have access to competent immigration counsel prior to taking a plea. The court should properly and regularly admonish immigrant defendants on the collateral consequences of their plea to ensure that their plea is informed and voluntary, and that they have the same disposition options.

Although I will follow the laws that are currently in place, I am in favor of a risk-based supervision system over a cash bail system for the simple fact that money is not an accurate indicator that a person will either return to court or remain in compliance with their conditions of bond. The cash bail system has the effect of penalizing the lower income community which results in our lower income defendants remaining incarcerated and entering into involuntary plea agreements.

Education: Juris Doctorate; Paralegal Certificate; Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing | Experience: Managing Partner/Criminal Defense Attorney; Former Harris County Assistant District Attorney; Former Travis County Assistant Juvenile Public Defender | Community : Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Harris County Democratic Party; Texas Democratic Women; Acres of Angels; Houston Lawyers Association; Houston Association of Women Attorneys | Email: Toria@votetoriafinch.com | Website: <http://www.votetoriafinch.com> | Address: 2616 South Loop West Suite 420 Houston, TX 77054 | Phone: (832) 834-3927 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/toria.j.finch> | Twitter: twitter.com/toriafinch

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO. 10



DAN SPJUT (R)

I look to the qualifications of the individual attorney, as well as their level of experience in criminal law.

The role of the court is to treat all defendants the same. Everyone that appears in my court is treated with dignity and respect.

There is an appropriate role for both types of release. I believe that no defendant should be kept in jail on a misdemeanor charge simply because they cannot afford bail.

Education: Criminal justice degree- University of Houston downtown South Texas college of law | Experience: Houston police officer 27 years, retired in 2007 as a Lieutenant in the Gang Division Private law practice 2007-2014 Currently Judge, Harris county criminal court #10 | Website: <http://DanSpjutforJudge>



LEE HARPER WILSON (D)

If elected, I would like to eventually have the Harris County Public Defender's Office serve all indigent defendants in Harris County Criminal Court at Law Number Ten. Until then, I would use the "wheel" system to appoint private lawyers to handle court appointed cases. Private lawyers on the "wheel" have been vetted and are qualified to deal with needy defendants.

All persons in court are entitled to same rights as native born or naturalized United States Citizens. If elected, there would be no difference in bond decisions, community supervision (probation) conditions or punishment.

I strongly favor a risk-based supervision system in guaranteeing a defendant's appearance in court. Currently, Harris County Criminal Court Number Ten is a willing defendant in the pending federal lawsuit altering the unfair "wealth based" cash bail system. If elected, on my first day in office, I would voluntarily remove the Court as a defendant. The Harris County District Attorney's Office and the Harris County Sheriff's Department have likewise removed themselves as willing defendants.

Education: Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University, J.D. 1980. University of Houston, B.A. Political Science, 1975. Coastal Bend College, A.A. 1972. | Experience: Board Certified in Criminal Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 1989. Extensive trial experience. Admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. | Community : Past Sheltering Arms Volunteer, Houston Volunteer Lawyers, past Chair Inmate Life Skills Committee, "I Have a Dream Mentor". Past trustee Houston Lawyer Referral Service. | Email: leewilsonlawoffice@att.net | Website: <http://harriscountymocratparty.org> | Address: 9900 Westpark Drive Suite 260 Houston, Texas 77063 | Phone: (713) 223-5870 | Facebook: <http://none> | Twitter: twitter.com/none

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Do you favor a cash bail or a risk-based supervision system to guarantee a defendant's appearance in court? Why?

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO. 11



AARON BURDETTE (R)

I will ensure that each attorney is qualified and meets the requirements set forth by the Texas Fair Defense Act. The Public Defender's Office does not normally represent indigent defendants charged with misdemeanors, unless there are mental health issues present. Therefore, If mental health issues are present, I will appoint an attorney with specialization and training in handling mental health cases, or use the Public Defender's Office, depending on availability.

The appropriate role of the court is to treat all defendants the same, regardless of race, gender, religion, national origin, or age. I will ensure that all defendants who appear in court receive fair treatment and due process.

I support the use of P.R. bonds, a risk-based assessment, and the use of the Pretrial Services Department for defendants who are charged with non-violent misdemeanor offenses, pose no risk of committing new crimes while on bond, and will appear in court. The function of bail is to ensure that an accused person will appear in court, and the future safety of the victim and community is to be considered. A risk based assessment addresses these concerns more than a standardized cash bail schedule.

Education: J.D. - Tulane Law School; Visiting student - Southern Methodist Law School | Experience: Assistant District Attorney: 2007 - present; Felony Chief Prosecutor; Tried 50+ jury trials; Former Chief and Deputy Chief of the Misdemeanor Division
Community : Member: Texas District and County Attorney's Association, Houston Bar Association, Texas Bar Foundation Guest speaker at Rice University Football and TDCAA | Email: burdetteforjudge@gmail.com | Website: http://www.burdetteforjudge.com | Facebook: http://facebook.com/burdetteforjudge



SEDRICK T. WALKER II (D)

I would randomly and impartially make selections from the county's list of attorneys qualified to accept court appointments. Due to the county's large caseload, I would continue to use a blend of appointing private attorneys and the public defender's office (especially for defendants with mental health issues). The public defender's office is a great asset to the community, but it simply does not have enough attorneys to take on every indigent case in the county at the moment.

A judge's primary duty is to administer justice fairly and impartially to all persons who appear before the court. This principle applies to both to US citizens and non-US citizens. The judge must apply all of the rights afforded to a criminal defendant (right to a jury trial, right to an attorney, etc.) to every individual. The Texas Code of Judicial Ethics also prohibits a judge from showing bias or prejudice against a person based on the individual's national origin.

I favor a risk-based approach because it evaluates a person's risk of failing to appear in court and their potential danger to the community if released from custody.

Education: University of Texas School of Law - Doctor of Jurisprudence; Texas A&M University - B.S. in Political Science, with honors; Duke University - Ralph Bunche Institute Scholar | Experience: Criminal Defense Attorney (2013 to present); Harris County Assistant District Attorney (2009-2012) | Community : Houston Lawyers Association; Texas A&M Association of Former Students; Texas Exes; | Email: sedrickwalkerforjudge@gmail.com | Website: http://sedrickforjudge.com | Address: PO Box 842495 Houston, TX 77284 | Phone: (281) 410-8995 | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/sedrickforjudge/ | Twitter: twitter.com/SedrickForJudge

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO. 12



JOHN SPJUT (R)

I will follow state law and current practice. In misdemeanor courts, judges utilize a neutral, random assignment system pursuant to state law. To be placed on the list for assignment, attorneys must meet specific requirements: demonstrate proficiency in criminal law, have considerable trial experience and years of legal experience. Judges review applications and may remove attorneys who do not maintain compliance. PD's are assigned to represent those with histories of mental illness.

The judge must ensure that immigrant defendants have certified interpreters present at court settings to translate all conversations, proceedings and documents. If indigent, they must have attorneys appointed who are not only proficient in criminal law, but immigration law as well. They must fully understand the consequences of all decisions regarding the disposition of their cases. It's the judge's continuing duty to ensure that all defendants receive fair and equal treatment.

A risk-based system is best. To guarantee public safety and assure appearance in court, it is essential to assess an offender's risk, set reasonable bail and appropriate conditions of bond accordingly.

Education: University of Houston, BA Criminal Justice,1993; University of Houston, JD Bates College of Law, 1995 | Experience: 30 years experience as an HPD officer; over 23 years as an attorney with a general litigation practice. Extensive experience with youthful offenders. | Community : Member Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Cypress Creek Silverados Booster Club, parent volunteer Cypress Lacrosse and youth community theater
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CASSANDRA HOLLEMON (D)

The attorney's temperament, diligence in working cases, regularity in communicating with clients; and experience in the particular type of case the indigent defendant is charged with will play an important role in my decision as it relates to appointing an attorney. The selection of attorneys from the Public Defender's Office and private attorneys will depend heavily upon the type of case and resources needed for the indigent defendant to receive fair and equal representation.

The court should ensure that immigrant defendants understand the charges against them and all rulings of the court. The Judge should appoint an attorney of the immigrant's native language if it is not English. If none are available, a translator should be provided and present at each court setting and as needed by the attorney to ensure the client receives equal treatment, fairness, due process under the law. Court should inquire if they have been advised of possible immigration ramifications.

I favor a risk-based supervision system to guarantee a defendant's appearance in court because I believe a cash bail system unfairly discriminates against indigent defendants while the risk-based system, when established and applied correctly, eliminates bias and the wealthy and indigent defendants are both treated fairly.

Education: South Texas College of Law - JD University of St. Thomas - BA - Legal Studies/Political Science Houston Community College - AAS - Legal Assistant Technology | Experience: I have been practicing law for 23+ years. I have a general law practice with a concentration in Criminal, Juvenile and Immigration law. | Community : Volunteer at Black Heritage Society - Juvenile Program; Volunteer - Civil Society, Inc. | Email: hollemonforjudge@gmail.com
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COUNTY CRIMINAL CTAT LAW NO. 13



JESSICA PADILLA (R)

My primary criteria in assigning attorneys to indigent clients would be to insure experienced, hardworking, ethical attorneys are appointed. In the misdemeanor courts the Public Defender's office handles cases involving mental health issues. Private attorneys, who meet the qualifications and standards of the Fair Defense Act and who have passed testing, are appointed to handle the majority of the indigent cases. Further, before appointing an attorney I would check their caseload.

The appropriate role of the court is to treat all defendants the same, regardless Everyone accused of a crime deserves a fair trial, due process and equal protection under the law guaranteed by the Constitution. A judge has a duty to uphold the Constitution and ensure these basic rights are carried out for anyone who comes into the courtroom. s of race, gender, religion, national origin, or age. I will ensure that all defendants who appear in court receive fair treatment and due process.

I support the use of a risk-based supervision system for appropriate cases after considering and applying the criteria set forth from the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure regarding bail, considering details of the offense, ties to the community, criminal history balanced with the safety of the community. After reviewing each case, I would utilize the appropriate bond choice in accordance with the law.

Education: B.A. from Stephen F. Austin University in Journalism (1997), J.D. South Texas College of Law (2001) | Experience: 17 years of criminal law experience, as a Harris County Prosecutor and in private practice. Experience in addiction, recovery and mental health issues working in Drug Courts. | Community : Active in church and children's school serving on several boards and committees, PTO, Altar Guild, Pachyderm of NW Houston, foster for Pug Hearts. | Email: Jessica@jessicapadillaforjudge.com
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COUNTY CRIMINAL CT AT LAW NO. 13



RAUL RODRIGUEZ (D)

The overall criteria should be based on a combination of education and experience. While the Public Defender's Office's involvement at the Courts at Law level is mostly limited to mental health situations, their attorneys are vetted upon employment and trained to competently handle the cases assigned to them. When assigning private attorneys, a judge should adhere to a selection process designed to ensure that qualified attorneys are randomly chosen without any type of favoritism or bias.

Education: South Texas College of Law-Houston, Doctor of Jurisprudence, 1991 | University of Houston, Bachelor of Business Administration, 1982 | John H. Reagan High School | Experience: Municipal Court Judge (12 yrs): Presiding over arraignment/ trial dockets | Attorney (26 yrs): Handling felonies/misdemeanors | Mediator (20 yrs): Resolving litigant disputes | Community : Legal: AABA/AWA/HBA/HLA/MABAH/SABA/SBOT/SLAGH | Civic: AARP/ARCHGH/GLBT Caucus/LWV/LULAC/NAACP/NHPO/ PART/STCLHAA/TOP/UHAA) | See full list at <http://bit.ly/raulcommunity>

The appropriate role of the court is to always follow the local, state and federal laws. Federal law prohibits discrimination of immigrants based on national origin which means defendants should not be treated differently because of their ancestry, accent, birthplace, culture, customs, language or name. In the performance of their duties, judges are obligated to ensure that all defendants receive equal treatment, fairness and due process under the law regardless of their national origin.

Pre-trial release conditions are supposed to ensure that a defendant comes to court and are meant to protect against defendants deemed to be a risk to public safety. Because a cash bail system can penalize low risk defendants and risk-based supervision for violent crimes is structured as a safeguard for victims and the community, input from the prosecutor and defense attorney are important. A judge's favored approach should be judiciously determined on a case-by-case basis, weighing all factors.

COUNTY CRIMINAL CTAT LAW NO. 14



MIKE FIELDS (R)

I currently use the Harris County random attorney assignment plan. I favor using either a separate and independent court appointment manager system or the Public Defender's Office. Judges should play no role in appointing lawyers.

Education: B.S.C.J., Texas State University 1987 J.D. St. Mary's University School of Law 1991 |Experience: Assistant District Attorney, Harris County D.A.'s Office 1991-1994 Assistant Attorney General, State of Texas 1994, 1995-1996 Private Practice, 1996-1999 Judge, 1999-present |Community : NAACP, Life Member, Board of Directors Lone star M.S. Society (past), Responsibility.org National Advisory Board(past), Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct (past), |Email: Judgefields@msn.com Address: 8000 Longpoint Rd. #55602 Houston, Tx 77055 | Phone: (832) 538-0380

A judge should take an active role in ensuring that all who come before the court are treated equally under the U.S. Constitution, Texas Constitution and laws of the State of Texas.

I favor a risk based supervision system. All persons should be treated fairly, with respect to bond, irrespective of wealth. A risk based system provides that fairness. Two persons with the same criminal history, charged with the same crime should not be treated differently because one can afford money bail and the other cannot.

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO. 15



DAVID L. SINGER (D)

I favor a fully funded and independent Public Defenders Office. I feel this is the best way to maintain a high standard for indigent defense. I also I believe it is the duty of every Judge to make sure every lawyer who takes on indigent defense be competent, and render effective assistance of counsel.

Education: University of South Florida B.A. Political Science (1980). South Texas College of Law J.D. (1983). | Experience: 1st Court of Appeals, Intern and Briefing Attorney (1982-1984) Assistant District Attorney, Harris County D.A.'s Office (1984-1990) Law Office of David L. Singer(1990-current) | Community : Board Member Longwood Village Homeowners Association (2000-2005, President 2004-2005) Cy Fair Sports Association Baseball Coach (1997-2004) | Email: dlsinger@sbcglobal.net Address: 1001 Texas avenue Suite 1400 Houston, Texas 77002 | Phone: (713) 521-2618

Race and ethnicity should play no role in deciding cases. The Court must ensure that cases are resolved with only the facts and the law being considered. A judge is also in a unique position to assure that the rights of everyone that comes before the Court are protected. This would be my focus in every case, and for every defendant.

I favor a hybrid system where those that can afford a cash bond pay their bond and other indigent and poor defendants charged with misdemeanors can get released without paying bail. I think changing the system to a "risk-based supervision system" in all cases is a bad idea. Those that can pay should bear the burden of the administrative cost of their release and guarantee of their appearance in Court. And poor people shouldn't have additional or unnecessary burdens placed on their release.

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO. 16



ROGER BRIDGWATER (R)

I would apply the Rules of Court (ROC) established by Harris County Criminal Courts at Law to determine if a defendant is indigent & entitled to legal representation provided by tax payers of Harris County. If a Defendant is found indigent, I would assure the attorney meets ROC standards of qualification & appoint either attorneys from the Public Defender's Office or Private Attorneys under the Fair Defense Management Act to provide high quality legal representation to every indigent person.

Education: 1975--Sam Houston State--Bachelor of Arts with Secondary Teaching Certificate; 1979--South Texas College of Law--Doctor of Jurisprudence. | Experience: Harris County District Atty Office: '79-'82, '08-'12; Private Practice of Law: '83-'07; '13-present; Judge 178th Criminal District Court of Harris County, '07- '08 | Community : Houston's 1st Baptist Church 38yrs Trustee Houston Baptist Univ (7yrs) | Email: Support@ElectBridgwater.com | Website: <http://ElectBridgwater.com> Address: 7941 Katy Freeway, #133 Houston, Tx 77024 | Phone: (713) 204-1759 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/JudgeRogerBridgwater> | Twitter: twitter.com/RogerBridgwater

As Judge, I would assure a non-citizen defendant would have advice from counsel about the potential negative immigration consequences resulting from their being convicted of a criminal offense. Additionally, if they are found indigent, they receive an appointed attorney who meets ROC standards of qualification either from the Public Defender's Office or a Private Attorney under the Fair Defense Management Act to provide them high quality legal representation.

Since 2017 the Harris County ROC Bail Schedule has utilized the Arnold Foundation Public Safety Assessment. This tool utilizes 20 categories. For 7, bail ranges \$500 to \$2K. If an arrestee in one of categories can't pay for bond, they are entitled to free bond. However, if range is higher, they must be provided a hearing to see if their inability to pay justifies a reduction b/c there is no "fundamental due process right to be free from any form of wealth-based detention". I favor the hybrid.

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO. 17



TONYA JONES (D)

I believe it will be important to identify the needs of the accused (mental health/substance abuse issues) so that a decision can be made about which path provides the greater access to resources. The public defender's office has access to resources that most private attorneys could only hope for. It will be beneficial to do a cost-benefit analysis to determine the most effective use of county funds for indigent defense while ensuring that those accused have quality representation.

Education: Jurisdoctorate-Southern University Law Center Bachelor of Arts, Political Science-Baylor University | Experience: Associate Attorney-Law Offices of Wilvin J. Carter Managing Attorney-Jones Law PLLC | Community : LegalEase Seminars in criminal defense, wills, family law educating the community and providing resources for low-income families. | Email: joneslawpllc@gmail.com | Website: <http://tonyajonesforjudge.com> | Address: 850 W Little York Rd Suite B Houston , TX 77091 Phone: (832) 230-4210 | Facebook: <http://@tonyajonesforjudge> | Twitter: twitter.com/TonyaJforJudge

The appropriate role of ensuring that immigrants receive fair and impartial due process is to ensure that all individuals who could be affected are provided with the resources to make informed decisions about their cases. I would like for attorneys with specialized knowledge and certification in immigration law to provide a consultation to advise of potential consequences. The should have the opportunity to ask questions and have a thorough understanding of his/her options.

I think that a risk-based assessment is a more holistic evaluation tool. There is no evidence that substantiates the premise that a cash bail system is a more effective way of ensuring an individual's appearance in court or protecting society. A person charged with murder(if they can post bail) will be released while a low-level, non-violent offender is given an excessive bond, remains in custody and loses his/her job. Penalizing poor people does not make our communities any safer, PERIOD.

JUDGE • COUNTY PROBATE COURT

JURISDICTION OVER DECEDENT'S ESTATES (PROBATING WILLS, DETERMINING HEIR-SHIP, APPOINTING EXECUTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS), GUARDIANSHIPS (INCLUDING DETERMINING THE NEED FOR A GUARDIAN AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN), AND ISSUES INVOLVING TRUSTS. PROBATE COURTS HAVE JURISDICTION OVER LAWSUITS BY OR AGAINST EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, GUARDIANS AND TRUSTEES. COURTS 3 AND 4 ALSO HAVE JURISDICTION OVER INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS TO MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS AND FORCED MEDICATIONS.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES: *What skills do you possess that make you especially well-qualified to serve as a Probate Court Judge?*

What will you do to ensure that the interests of all parties in the cases before the court are addressed and protected?

What will you do to assist guardianship applicants as they navigate newly enacted requirements, e.g. completion of a guardianship course? How will you implement these new requirements in emergency guardianship cases?

COUNTY PROBATE COURT NO.1



LOYD WRIGHT (R)

As an attorney with over 27 years experience in probate, trust, guardianship, estate planning, and elder law, I developed a reputation for handling the matters entrusted to me with diligence and integrity. I often represented executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, and beneficiaries in complex probate proceedings, and recovered millions of dollars in assets lost through fraud. The experience I garnered over the last 35 years has served me well in my more than 7 years as Probate Judge.

Every party and their attorney(s) are treated with respect and dignity in "our" court. I have a wonderful, experienced staff who assist me in ensuring that this is a reality. I have no other agenda than to treat those who appear in Probate Court 1 fairly and impartially. I try to stress resolution among the parties through settlement or mediation because I know the stress and strain litigation puts family members through. We hope in some small way to help heal family wounds where possible.

We are sending a letter to applicant's attorney explaining the steps to achieve registration and assist the attorney/applicant in navigating the JBCC website. Upon receipt of information from the JBCC, the court is creating audits as a checklist to know if case is ready for hearing. If applicant does not understand English, training is made available in applicant's language. In emergency cases, training is temporarily waived but the criminal background check remains. We constantly contact JBCC.

Education: University of Texas at Austin BBA, 1977 University of Texas at Austin MBA, 1980 University of Houston Law Center JD, 1981 | Experience: Attorney Law Firm of Loyd H. Wright Attorney Haynes and Boone, LLP Attorney Watt, White and Craig PC Attorney Frank, Elmore, Lievens, Chesney & Turet LLP Tax Accountant KPMG | Community : Members of St. Luke's United Methodist Church for the past 25+ years and sometimes attend Second Baptist Church. Also coached my son's and daughter's sports teams. | Email: lhwlaw@reagan.com | Website: <http://loydwright.vpweb.com/> | Address: 201 Caroline Houston, TX 77002 | Phone: (713) 248-6757 | Facebook: <http://m.facebook.com/lhwlaw> | Twitter: twitter.com/JudgeLoydWright



JERRY SIMONEAUX (D)

I have protected families in probate matters for over 17 years in trial courts, courts of appeals and the Texas Supreme Court. I am a former probate court staff attorney, a current associate municipal court judge and a full-time managing partner in a probate law firm. I have published articles and taught continuing legal education courses on probate and guardianship matters for many years. I have a plan for making the court run more efficiently and protecting the most vulnerable among us.

My plans for improving the probate courts can be found on my website at www.JerryForJudge.com. In short, I will respect people's time, increase the efficiency of dockets, completely reorganize how professionals are appointed, grow the number and diversity of certified attorneys for appointments, implement new training to grow the number of appointees in complex and litigated matters. I will exercise close oversight of court-supervised estates and question unnecessary or suspicious

As a staff attorney, I created a free program for newly appointed guardians to help them understand their new duties. The new guardian certification law is challenging--especially those whose first language may not be English. Attorneys who represent guardianship applicants should be able to help with the new requirements. I would like to restart the new guardian orientation program because it is helpful to be able to ask questions and a side-benefit is connecting with other new guardians.

Education: JD - South Texas College of Law, 2001 BBA - University of Houston, 1997 BA - University of Houston, 1997 | Experience: Probate Litigation and Appeals Attorney - Simoneaux & Watson, P.C. Associate Judge - Houston Municipal Courts Staff Attorney - Probate Court 1 | Community : Houston Volunteer Lawyers Association Sailing Angels Dalton DeHart Photographic Foundation | Email: jerry@jerryforjudge.com | Website: <http://www.jerryforjudge.com> | Address: 3315 Mercer St. Houston, TX 77027 | Phone: (713) 487-9587 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/jsforjudge> | Twitter: twitter.com/jsforjudge

COUNTY PROBATE COURT NO.2



RAY BLACK (R)

Twenty-five (25) years handling complex probate, trust, guardianship, and fiduciary litigation cases. Certified as an ad litem as well as a mediator. Regularly appointed as attorney ad litem, guardian ad litem, guardian, and administrator. Experience representing individual beneficiaries, fiduciaries (including several trust companies), and probate litigants. Handled contested matters, including trials to both juries and judges. Regular author/speaker at probate CLE seminars.

Preparation is key to effective decision-making. In advance of hearings or trials, I will review the filings and relevant law on matters that come before me. I will actively participate and engage counsel in discussions geared toward addressing and solving the problems brought to my attention. I will give each party ample time to present his/her/its arguments, and will be fair and courteous to all. In the end, I will rule based on the law and the facts as they are presented to me.

Because the newly enacted requirements were rolled out state-wide, a severe backlog of applications and registrations have overwhelmed the system. Therefore, the agency overseeing the new requirements has prioritized new applicants for guardianship who must complete training over existing guardians who are only required to register. The resulting delays require that I be patient and creative when it comes to helping those with true emergencies cases.

Education: Baylor University - BBA (Finance; Real Estate) - 1990; South Texas College of Law, Houston - JD (cum laude) - 1994 | Experience: Briefing Attorney - 2nd Court of Appeals - Hon. Hal Lattimore (1994-95); Partner - Cenatiempo & Ditta, LLP (1995-05); Attorney/Owner - The Black Law Firm (2005-present) | Community : Little League coach/umpire; Youth soccer coach | Email: rjb@rjblacklaw.com | Website: <http://www.rayblackforjudge.com> | Address: 4301 Yoakum Blvd Houston, Texas 77006 | Phone: (713) 840-1955



MICHAEL NEWMAN (D)

I am knowledgeable in probate, guardianship, and trust related litigation and estate administration. I have been licensed since 1980 and I have represented hundreds of clients in all types of fiduciary, guardianship, probate, and trust related cases. I have tried cases in all four Harris County Statutory Probate Courts. I am knowledgeable in substantive probate issues, trial procedure and evidence. The issues I would be ruling on if elected are the precise issues I have been handling.

I will apply my extensive knowledge and experience to all cases before the court to ensure fair and accurate rulings. I will be prepared and pay attention. I will treat everyone fairly and with respect. I will be impartial and not play favorites or prejudices matters. I will be patient, compassionate, and follow the law. I will not discriminate based upon race, sexual orientation, economic circumstances, gender, ethnicity or religion. I will make timely rulings based upon case facts.

I would implement and offer regular CLE seminars to assist guardianship applicants and their lawyers regarding newly enacted requirements. With regard to implementation of requirements in emergency guardianship cases, I would review and decide on a case by case basis to ensure compliance.

Education: B.B.A. (with Honors) - University of Texas, Austin, Texas-1977 J.D. - University of Houston College of Law, Houston, Texas-1980 | Experience: February 2000 to Present - Partner at the Newman Law Firm 1980-2000 - Corporate, Commercial, and defense litigation attorney | Community : Member of the State Bar of Texas, Houston Bar Association, Probate, Trusts and Estate Section, Association of Women Attorneys, Houston GLBT Political Caucus, and many more. Email: mnewman@newmanlaw-usa.com | Website: <http://www.michaelnewmanforjudge.com/> | Address: 245 W. 18th Street Houston, Texas 77008 | Phone: (713) 942-2501 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/newmanjudge>

ELECTRONIC

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JUDGE • COUNTY PROBATE COURT

JURISDICTION OVER DECEDENT'S ESTATES (PROBATING WILLS, DETERMINING HEIR-SHIP, APPOINTING EXECUTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS), GUARDIANSHIPS (INCLUDING DETERMINING THE NEED FOR A GUARDIAN AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN), AND ISSUES INVOLVING TRUSTS. PROBATE COURTS HAVE JURISDICTION OVER LAWSUITS BY OR AGAINST EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, GUARDIANS AND TRUSTEES. COURTS 3 AND 4 ALSO HAVE JURISDICTION OVER INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS TO MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS AND FORCED MEDICATIONS.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES: *What skills do you possess that make you especially well-qualified to serve as a Probate Court Judge?*

What will you do to ensure that the interests of all parties in the cases before the court are addressed and protected?

What will you do to assist guardianship applicants as they navigate newly enacted requirements, e.g. completion of a guardianship course? How will you implement these new requirements in emergency guardianship cases?

COUNTY PROBATE COURT NO.3



RORY ROBERT OLSEN (R)

Twenty plus years experience as a lawyer and two decades as a probate judge.

Same thing that I have been doing for the last two decades--follow the law and the evidence without regard to anything else.

My court has procedures in place to assist the applicants. These procedures are administered by my well trained and highly competent staff. The law provides for temporary guardianships that can be heard quickly in emergency situations. We will hear these cases as are provided for by law.

Education: B.A., Loyola U; J.D., Duke University; M.B.A., UNC; Master of Laws, SMU; Master of Judicial Studies, UNR. | Experience: Lawyer since 1974; Judge since 1998. | Community : Jaycees and Rotary. | Email: sarah@theyatescompany.com
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JASON COX (D)

I have substantial probate experience, with clients ranging from large financial institutions to indigent individuals. In my practice, I emphasize finding solutions over engaging in legal combat for the purpose of combat alone. This approach requires the ability to look at an issue from many angles and to set aside your own biases - qualities that are essential in a judge. My longtime volunteer work also demonstrates my compassion and desire to help those going through difficult times.

Everyone who enters a Texas courtroom deserves to be treated fairly, and with courtesy and respect; probate courts in particular require a judge with an enthusiasm for public service. This Court has an excellent staff with whom I will work to ensure that any party who appears in this Court can expect impartial treatment; efficient use of their and their attorney's time; and a Court that's reviewed their case and is prepared to work with them to move it toward a resolution.

I will work to ensure that guardianship applicants and newly appointed guardians have information and resources available to make it easier for them to comply with their guardianship duties and obligations. I will also make it a point to let them know that the Court is there to help them and that they can always reach out with questions or concerns. In emergency guardianship cases, I will work with applicants to try and expedite the process while ensuring the ward is protected in the meantime.

Education: Texas A&M University (BA, Journalism) University of Houston Law Center (JD) | Experience: Over 14 years as a litigation attorney at Galligan & Manning, a law firm in Houston, Texas, specializing in probate. Adjunct professor at the University of St. Thomas. | Community : Writer and speaker on probate issues and member of various organizations related to probate. Longtime volunteer at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. | Email: campaign@jasoncoxforprobatecourt3.com
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COUNTY PROBATE COURT NO.4



CHRISTINE RIDDLE BUTTS (R)

Serving clients in a private practice enabled me to learn a great deal about probate, guardianship, and mental health matters. More importantly, private practice has given me a balanced view into how the loss or incapacity of a loved one impacts families. Interacting with everyday heroes, or those who dedicate their lives to take care the incapacitated, has enabled me to develop the following core values: honesty, diligence, reliability, compassion, efficiency, perseverance, and optimism.

My grandmother, Phyllis Holly, always says there is no piece of bread sliced so thin it doesn't have another side. One role of a judge is to insure all interested parties are before the court before making decisions. This involves confirming proper notice. Notice to interested parties is vital to fairness and due process, as it gives those affected by a legal proceeding the opportunity to be heard by the court.

The Guardianship Handbook was created and published by the staff of Probate Court 4. Recent updates explain new changes in the law including: the Ward's Bill of Rights, instructions for guardianship certification, and notification of family members. It is published on the court's website and given to every person appointed as guardian. The Guardianship Handbook is also available in Spanish and Hindi. In emergencies, a guardian may be appointed immediately and be certified within 30 days.

Education: J.D. 1996 University of Houston B.B.A. 1993 University of Texas at Austin | Experience: *Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization *Secretary/Treasurer for the National College of Probate Judges *Elected in 2010 | Community : *Active Member, Junior League of Houston *2012, 2014, 2017 BPMS 150 *Seamstress for the Champions Figure Skating Club *Presenter for the State Bar of Texas on Probate Topics
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JAMES HORWITZ (D)

The qualifications for a successful judge include experience, knowledge, wisdom, and compassion. For more than four decades I have been a trial lawyer handling probate as well as criminal, family, civil, juvenile, corporate and appellate trials. This very broad range of experiences have provided me with the acquired wisdom to make me uniquely qualified to be a probate judge. Sometimes judges have to make equitable decisions when the law fails. And for that, there is no substitute for wisdom.

Everyone will have a voice in my court, irrespective of demographics such as sex, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, socio-economic status or education. There shall no bias or ideology allowed to influence my court decisions. There shall be no quid pro quo given to lawyers seeking appointments in my court. Transparency, merit and fairness shall be the only categories utilized in my appointments. Preference shall be for appointing family members as guardians whenever possible.

TX Govt. Code Sec. 155 and 411.1386 as well as TX Estate Code Sec.1251 offer guidance. My court will partner with pro-bono attorneys (who have been pre-qualified) and local universities, through their schools of social work, to assist family member/friend applicants in learning their duties and obligations. In regard to a temporary guardianship, my court will ensure that no other alternatives exist before issuing a temporary guardianship and/or the continuation of same per Section 1251.007.

Education: University of Houston (B.S.), 1971 University of Houston (J.D.), 1978 | Experience: Admitted to the Texas Bar, 1977. President of James Horwitz P.C., 1977 to Present. | Community : -founded and operated the first two half-way houses for runaway children in the State of Texas. - 2017 Chair - DA's "Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System Committee" | Email: jhorwitzlaw@gmail.com | Website: <http://www.votehorwitz.com> | Address: 4109 Caroline Street Houston, Texas 77004
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USEFUL VOTER INFORMATION, INCLUDING THIS VOTERS GUIDE IN ENGLISH, SPANISH AND VIETNAMESE, MAY BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE: **WWW.LWVHOUSTON.ORG**

ENTER YOU ADDRESS AND COMPARE RESPONSES FROM OPPOSING CANDIDATE THAT WILL APPEAR ON YOUR BALLOT AT: **WWW.VOTE411.ORG**

YOU MAY ALSO FIND US AT:

FACEBOOK.COM/LWVHOUSTON AND **TWITTER.COM/LWVHOUSTON**

DISTRICT CLERK

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

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES: *Address what you will do to increase the percentage of people who respond to their jury summons, so that prospective jurors represent the broadest possible cross-section of our diverse community.* *How can technology be used to streamline your operations and make the services of the District Clerk's office more easily accessible to those who must use them?* *What steps will you take to address the logistical issues and scheduling backlogs in the courts that resulted from Hurricane Harvey flooding?*

DISTRICT CLERK



CHRIS DANIEL (R)

Besides continuing our expansive Public Service Announcements program, that includes billboards, metro signs, op-eds, radio & television commercials, civic club speaking engagements, we are implementing Jury Pay Cards to expedite paying jurors while eliminating most checks. We modernized Jury Appreciation Week. We are expanding online check in for jurors to the courthouse as well as creating reminder notices. We continue to advocate for free parking for jurors to commissioners court

Since taking office in 2011 we placed many services online, such as: e-subpoenas, e-filing for most courts (except Juvenile), free background checks, rescheduling jury duty online; we are rolling out more online services like: e-citations, electronic jury notifications, official e-notifications, & online scheduling for hearings. This is in addition to physical improvements at the justice complex, including: Child Support Kiosks, expanded passport offices/ locations, & more public computers!

Thanks to the technology we put into the courthouse, during Harvey, we never ceased operations: we were accepting efilings & rescheduling jury duty in the middle of the storm. Because we had practiced our disaster plans, we had our folks physically back at the courthouse within days after the storm. We had jury duty back up in 6 weeks. We are already beta-testing online self-service options for attorneys to pick their own dates online. Every Storm is different, but technology saves us.

Education: B.S. Mechanical Engineering, UT Austin J.D. South Texas College of Law | Experience: District Clerk, Harris County--2011-present Law Clerk, The Matthews Firm, LLC--2009-2010 Project Manager, KBR--2008 Design Engineer, NOV --2005--2008 Community : Sam Houston Area Council (Boy Scouts)--Board Member; Helping a Hero--Board Member; Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo--Ex Officio Board Member; Rotarian | Email: campaign@chrisdaniel.org | Website: http://www.chrisdaniel.org Address: 1 east greenway plaza houston, TX 77046 | Phone: (713) 526-3399 | Facebook: http://@daniel4clerk | Twitter: twitter.com/texasdaniel



MARILYN BURGESS (D)

Jury duty can be intimidating & inconvenient. I will streamline it and respect prospective jurors' time using technology. I will employ an electronic jury summons that allows citizens to receive exemptions without having to appear, be assigned directly to a courtroom, & receive timely communications via email. This will save jurors 2 hours in General Assembly, reduce congestion in the courthouse, & save tax dollars. I will also work with leaders in minority communities to increase participation.

The largest county in the state should be on the leading edge of technology, not trailing behind. We must use technology to improve efficiencies & save tax dollars through: • Electronic jury summons • Courthouse payment kiosks, to pay jurors for their service at the end of the day • Reset cases online to free up courtrooms • Encourage attorneys to receive electronic notices only • E-issuance of citations • After-hours support for e-filing • Drive public awareness of access to documents online

Harvey had a devastating effect on our judicial system, closing the criminal justice building & forcing civil & criminal judges to share courtrooms, resulting in significant court backlogs. We should reset cases online rather than take up courtroom time. This will require the cooperation of the DA & judges. There are also simple strategies to address logistics, such as providing directories of temporary courtrooms on each floor & in every elevator, and organized by courtroom number, not by floor.

Education: Bachelors of Science Degree from Louisiana State University, Certified Public Accountant, Certified Association Executive, Certified Chamber Executive | Experience: * Executive Director of Texas Parent Teacher Association (PTA) * President of North Houston Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce *CFO for various businesses * Self-employed CPA | Community : *Finance committee member for Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast *Board member & Treasurer for Jane's Due Process *Many Democratic Clubs *Sustaining member of Annie's List & HCDP | Email: Marilyn@MarilynBurgess.com | Website: http://www.marilynburgess.com | Address: P.O. Box 7235 Houston, TX 77248-7235 | Phone: (832) 742-5728 Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/vote4burgess/

COUNTY CLERK

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

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES: *What is the most important thing you will work to achieve during your term in office?* *What specific and measurable steps will you take to increase voter participation in Harris County?* *What security concerns and challenges do you foresee in running elections and how will you address them?*

COUNTY CLERK



STAN STANART (R)

I made significant improvements the last 8 years: Creating online document viewing, Re-designed the Marriage License, Implemented electronic filing in County Civil and Probate Courts, Created a signature verification system that saves taxpayers \$100,000 every major election. I designed our Electronic Pollbook that saves millions and is enthusiastically received by election workers and the voting public. In the next 4 years, we will create technical specs for a new and superior voting system.

We will continue our voter outreach to schools, clubs, chambers, and organizations describing the voting process and demonstrating the operation of the voting machines and electronic pollbooks. We will continue with notifications, PSAs, and press releases to the local media about elections. We will continue to provide encouragement to vote early using billboards across the county. Through every way, we will inform the voters that HarrisVotes.com is the place to go for election information.

While our voting machines are never connected to the internet and there are many layers of security to ensure the accuracy of our elections, I am taking extraordinary steps to harden, test, and protect our elections. In September, I attended the National Cybersecurity Conference in St. Louis. We are addressing phishing, disruptions to HarrisVotes.com, malware, denial of service attacks, and other potential exploitations. As an engineer, I have the knowledge and experience to protect your vote.

Education: B.S. Mechanical Engineering, UT Austin J.D. South Texas College of Law | Experience: District Clerk, Harris County--2011-present Law Clerk, The Matthews Firm, LLC--2009-2010 Project Manager, KBR--2008 Design Engineer, NOV --2005--2008 Community : Sam Houston Area Council (Boy Scouts)--Board Member; Helping a Hero--Board Member; Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo--Ex Officio Board Member; Rotarian | Email: campaign@chrisdaniel.org | Website: http://www.chrisdaniel.org Address: 1 east greenway plaza houston, TX 77046 | Phone: (713) 526-3399 | Facebook: http://@daniel4clerk | Twitter: twitter.com/texasdaniel



DIANE TRAUTMAN (D)

I want to adopt the Countywide Polling Place Program, also called Voting Centers. This program would allow you to vote at any voting location on Election Day. It would be like Early Voting on Election day. This would solve the confusion that so many voters have about where their assigned voting location is on Election Day. Currently, 52 counties in Texas are already successfully using this program and it's time for Harris County to do the same.

The Countywide Polling Place Program has been shown to increase voter participation in every county that has used it and I am convinced it will increase voter turnout in Harris County as well. I would also like to expand Early Voting hours to give more working families a chance to vote early after work, improve outreach to high school and college students, put more staff on Election Night call center, and improve the website to make it more user-friendly in providing voter information

I believe that cyberattacks on our voting machines, voter rolls, and election websites are always a possibility. To address this, I would replace out of date election machines with an electronic machine that produces a paper ballot, upgrade systems to ensure that election night reporting systems are protected, and provide cybersecurity training to all election officials. I would have an outside election security firm come in to assess our election procedures to determine strengths and weakness.

Education: Bachelor of Arts - University of Houston; Master of Education - University of Houston; Doctorate in Educational Leadership - Sam Houston State University | Experience: Trust Asset Mgr. - Texas Commerce Bank; Office Mgr. - First City National Bank; Teacher, Principal and Professor of Education; Trustee on Harris County Board of Education. | Community : Women Professionals in Government; League of Women Voters; NAACP; Delta Kappa Gamma; TASB; Girl Scouts Alumni; HAAM Covenant Council; Atascocita Lutheran Church | Email: dtrautman@comcast.net | Website: http://www.dianetrautman.com | Address: P. O. Box 6067 Kingwood, TX 77325 | Phone: (713) 417-4235 Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=diane%20trautman%20for%20harris%20county%20clerk | Twitter: twitter.com/dtrautman



ABEL CHIRINO GOMEZ (L)

I want to reform the way our voter registration systems are handled, and establish procedures and systems that will safeguard our election process.

The Libertarian Party has, for long, commented on the need for increased voter participation. We oppose any attempt by either of the two major parties to prevent people from voting or limit the way they can vote. I support any measure that can increase voter participation. The county website needs to be updated to ensure that necessary information is easily accessible. We need to upgrade our voter registration systems and open voting centers.

Voting centers require electronic voting machines. Unfortunately, our current machines are vulnerable, and the software is outdated. Stan Stanart refuses to make necessary changes. The software need to be updated, the equipment needs to be replaced and a paper record of each ballot needs to be produced. The voter can verify the paper record and the county can store it. Currently, Stan Stanart is not producing any paper records and this hurts the integrity of our election process.


Experience: Administrative experience in the area of Quality/Document Control. | Community : Served as missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for two years, from 2008 to 2010. | Email: Abel.Chirino@hotmail.com Website: http://www.abelchirinogomez.com | Address: 10046 Timberoak Dr Houston, TX 77080 | Phone: (346) 702-9892 | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/Abel-Chirino-Gomez-for-Harris-County-Clerk-327662784473545

COUNTY TREASURER

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

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES: How will you use your position as County Treasurer to ensure that this office serves the best interests of the people of Harris County? As County Treasurer how will you handle un-appropriated funds or funds not immediately needed by the County? As County Treasurer what will you do to ensure transparency in the handling of disaster relief funds, including newly approved flood control bond funds?


COUNTY TREASURER



ORLANDO SANCHEZ (R)

The Treasurer serves in a fiduciary capacity for the residents of Harris County. I intend to ensure the public's money is expended according to the directives of the commissioner's court. I will continue to operate in a fiscally prudent manner. When I was elected county treasurer almost 12 years ago, I had a budget of about \$1.2 million. Today, the budget for my office is about the same as it was 12 years ago \$1.2 million. I have a history of ensuring government operates within a budget.

Education: University of Houston BA | Experience: Harris County Treasurer. Former Houston City Council member and candidate for mayor. Texas real estate agent. Member Board of Directors Capital Bank. Veteran U.S. Air Force. | Community : Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, 100 Club, Senior Rides & More, University of Houston Foundation Board of Directors, Council on Foreign Relations and British American Fellow | Email: info@OrlandoSanchez.com | Website: http://www.orlandosanchez.com | Address: PO Box 130853 Houston, TX 77219 | Phone: (832) 521-1962 | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/OrlandoSanchezCampaign/ | Twitter: twitter.com/Orlando_sanchez



DYLAN OSBORNE (D)

First, by being out with the people. No elected official should hide behind a desk. You have to go out and meet people where they are- civic clubs, HOAs, Super Neighborhoods, etc. This office can be much more of a community asset than it currently is. The Treasurer also cannot be afraid to use the soapbox of an elected official to advocate for solutions to county problems, like bank deserts. This position is administrative, it should be a public servant and not a career politician.


Education: B.S- Social Sciences; Masters of Public Administration (MPA) | Experience: I have staffed two City of Houston City Council Members, worked in the city's Finance Department, and currently work for the Planning and Development Department. Community : I am very active in the UH alumni community, as the President of the MPA Alumni Association. I have also been an active volunteer for the Harris County Democratic Party. | Email: Dylan@DylanForHarrisCounty.com Website: http://www.DylanForHarrisCounty.com | Address: PO Box 6514 Houston, Tx 77265 | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/DylanforHarrisCounty/ | Twitter: twitter.com/Dylan4HC

COUNTY SCHOOL TRUSTEE

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTS TO ESTABLISH POLICIES GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF HARRIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. AS A GOVERNMENTAL BODY, IT CAN TAKE ACTION ONLY BY MAJORITY VOTE AT A LEGALLY CALLED PUBLIC MEETING. THE BOARD ELECTS THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT AS ITS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ADMINISTER THE ORGANIZATION. FOUR YEAR TERM.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES: In your opinion, what are the 3 most valuable services currently being provided by the County Board of Education? What specific, measurable goals do you hope to achieve during your term? What do you believe is the appropriate role of the County School Board in making educational opportunities, from early childhood to adult, available and accessible in Harris County?


POSITION 3, AT-LARGE



MARC COWART (R)

The 3 most valuable services provided by the HCDE are Adult Education, After School Programs and Educator Certification. Adult education, including GED, ESL and skills development programs, prepares adults to enter, re-enter or advance in the workplace. After school programs provide a safe environment where children can engage in activities that enhance their skills, improve grades and avoid negative influences. Educator certification is critical to transition aspiring teachers into education.

Education: Pearland High School (1985), San Jacinto College, Lone Star College, University of Houston (political science). Licensed insurance agent--Life/Health and Property and Casualty | Experience: Responsible for Communications and Media Relations for the Harris Co District Clerk's Office. Past:Managing Editor Texas Conservative Review, President of The Cowart Group | Community : Precinct Chairman/Election Judge in 3 different precincts over thirty years. Volunteer and staff on numerous campaigns, CFL blood donor, member Champion Forest Baptist Church | Email: Marc.Cowart@TexasConservativeReview.com | Phone: (832) 713-6272 | Facebook: http://Marc.Cowart | Twitter: twitter.com/MarcCowart




RICHARD CANTU (D)

Early Childhood Education, Afterschool Enrichment, and Adult Education: Over 1300 pre-school age children access Early Childhood Education at 15 Head Start Centers, while quality Afterschool Services are provided to almost 15,000 youth throughout Harris County. HCDE's Adult Education division helps approximately 9000 adult learners obtain their GEDs and prepare for new careers.


1. Develop better access to Early Childhood Education for our families, so that more of our kids have a "head start"! 2. Expand partnerships that offer Afterschool Enrichment for our youth so that every kid that needs it has access. Our kids need more options for safe and engaging programs to keep them on the right track during afterschool hours. 3. Promote Adult Education opportunities, like GED and ESL, so workers can access better jobs by developing the necessary knowledge and skills.

Education: Masters - Public Administration, University of St. Thomas; B.A. - Political Science, University of Houston; A.A. - Government, Houston Community College | Experience: Deputy Executive Director, East Aldine District, 2008 - present; Youth Development Manager, NCI, 2006-08; Director, Mayor's Citizens' Assistance Office, 2000-06, HPARD,1992-00 | Community : North Harris County Education Alliance, Aldine Education Foundation, Lone Star College Foundation, Greens Bayou Coalition, Northside Precinct Judges | Email: Info@RichardCantu.org | Website: http://www.RichardCantu.org | Address: 11015 Catamore Houston, TX 77076 | Phone: (346) 444-0626 | Facebook: http://RCantu4HCDE | Twitter: twitter.com/richcan2

POSITION 4, PCT. 3



JOSH FLYNN (R) | NO RESPONSE RECEIVED



ANDREA DUHON (D)

Currently, HCDE leverages economies of scale to purchase supplies for ISD's, receiving better rates than ISD's would on their own. Their partnership with wholesalers is one major advantage of having and using a countywide Department of Education. HCDE also shares counselors and therapists amongst ISDs, enabling cost share for these services which would otherwise be difficult to afford. Lastly, HCDE supports all Harris County ISD's to run after-school programs, which is extremely important.

I want to ensure the Department can continue to run these programs, as it is under threat of being shut down. Additionally, I want to expand programs for secondary languages, civic engagement, and health studies. Another opportunity for HCDE will lie in assisting all ISDs and the county with education within the juvenile justice system.

The Harris County Department of Education is the county's best kept secret, providing many vital services to the community and to the 25 area school districts it serves. The future success of our community and of our local and global economy depends upon how successful our early childhood education program prepares our children, how well our afterschool programs engage our teens, and how effectively we re-train and educate those adults that direly need a better paying job for their families.

Education: Bachelors Degree in Business | Experience: Business structuring, allocation, and cash flow analysis for small businesses and individuals | Community : Community Leader, Events Board member- Lone Star Veterans Association, working mother, spouse of active-duty 1st class petty officer in the Navy. | Email: VoteDuhon@gmail.com | Website: http://www.voteduhon.com | Address: 21511 Misty Isle Ct. Katy, Texas 77449 | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/voteduhon/ Twitter: twitter.com/voteduhon

POSITION 6, PRECINCT 1 DANYAHEL (DANNY) NORRIS (D) | RUNNING UNOPPOSED

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

Identify what you think are the 2 most important issues affecting the residents of Harris County and give specific examples of measurable actions you will take to address these issues.

What will you do to ensure that there is transparency and equitable distribution of flood recovery and planning funds including those from the recently approved Harris Flood Control bond?

What can Harris County do to ensure that mental health services are available and affordable throughout all areas of the county?

In addition to flood control and roads, what other projects would you support to address Harris County's current and future infrastructure needs?

COUNTY COMMISSIONER PCT.2



JACK MORMAN (R)

Working with thousands of citizens and many community groups, I helped craft a fair, comprehensive flood control plan and am proud that the voters approved it by an overwhelming 86%. These funds will help us continue the fight against flooding. Another important issue is servicing Pct. 2's infrastructure. I'm responsible for maintaining 1,300 miles of roads, 50 parks and 16 community centers. I have 380 of the best team members helping me to successfully serve the citizens of Pct. 2.

Many future drainage projects cross precinct lines, so I am proud that there has been unprecedented cooperation with all the Commissioners. We have a plan to provide the most help to the people who are still suffering and I will work with professional building contractors, planners and non-profits to make sure this is done efficiently throughout Precinct 2. I will also make sure that bureaucracy does not waste precious resources.

Working with Judge Emmett and mental health groups, I have supported a wide range of programs. The state needs to also redouble it's efforts to ensure mental health issues are identified and treated properly. Every candidate doesn't share my concern. While Sheriff, Adrian Garcia ran a jail which left a mentally ill man alone in a cell for months. It was "overrun with feces, insects and trash." Whether confined or walking free, the mentally ill deserve better.

I have worked to foster economic development and job growth which helps us meet our infrastructure needs for education, activity and recreation. To keep up with our growing population and improve our quality of life, Pct. 2 funds and operates 16 community centers and 50 parks. The centers and parks often host special events that are open and accessible to all ages; promoting activities geared towards keeping the youth, seniors and families in our community active and involved.

Education: Graduate of Baylor University and Baylor University Law School | Experience: I began by cleaning out trash cans at my dad's tire shop. In 2010, I was elected as Pct. 2 County Commissioner. I was re-elected in 2014 and look forward to continued service. | Community : I was raised in Pct. 2. where my wife and I are raising our two children (we are very supportive of their activities). I served on the Houston-Galveston area Council. | Email: mormancampaign@gmail.com Website: <http://www.jackmormancampaign.com> | Address: 4111 Fairmont Parkway, Suite 110 Pasadena, TX 77504 | Phone: (713) 909-0520 | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/Commissioner-Jack-Morman-592957031052542/?fb_dtsg_



ADRIAN GARCIA (D)

I am running for Commissioner in Precinct 2 because no one in county leadership is helping us—and we need someone on our side for a change. I'll focus on education, jobs and healthy families. I'll start by reversing cuts to after-school programs made by our current commissioner and promote early childhood education. I'll add job skills training to prepare our residents for family-sustaining jobs. And I'll fight tooth and nail against polluters to protect the health of our families and children.

I supported the flood bond but still have serious reservations about how the funds will be allocated. My flood protection plan, available at AdrianGarcia.com, requires spending decisions to be made with full visibility, including public hearings with both expert and community testimony. All debate and decisions by commissioners must be made in public session. My plan calls for industry to pay its fair share and includes specific recommendations to assess all projects with an equitable lens.

As Sheriff, I created the department's Crisis Intervention Program to keep the vulnerable from being arrested for their illnesses. As Commissioner, I will fight to improve Texas' ranking as 49th out of the 50 states in per capita funding for mental health care. The most immediate and transformative solution is to leverage all county resources and our medical industry to force the State of Texas to agree to Medicaid expansion. Texas is leaving billions of health care dollars on the table.

Traffic is already unbearable and it's getting worse. In addition to upgrading streets and roads, we need to invest in more and better transit – in all modes within our more urban areas and in commuter rail, park & ride and HOV lanes in our more suburban areas. And, with billions of dollars of infrastructure spending on the horizon, we need to make sure that local residents get the job-skills training they need to get those jobs. We must increase both economic resilience and flood resilience.

Education: Houston Public Schools Some college Houston Police Academy | Experience: County Sheriff. Houston Mayor Pro-Tem: Houston Councilmember and Chair. Public Safety & Minority/Women Business Enterprise Committees: Director. Mayor's Anti-Gang Task Force | Community : My wife and I are active in our church. I continue to work with Houston police officers and other agencies, providing training to engage communities for positive outcomes. | Email: campaign@adriangarcia.com Website: <http://adriangarcia.com> | Address: P. O. Box 56386 Houston, TX 77256 | Phone: (832) 429-5465 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/AdrianGarciaHTX/> | Twitter: twitter.com/AdrianGarciaHTX

COUNTY COMMISSIONER PCT.4



R. JACK CAGLE (R)

Public safety and preparing for growth are the most important issues facing Harris County. The county continues to increase provision (within budget) for law enforcement, fire and first responders. We must provide for the growth in Pct. 4 with adequate mobility, flood protection, greenspace arrangements and park space for our residents. I have, am and shall strategically prepare the precinct for the next generation.

Voters approved the \$2.5 billion flood control bond by a historic 86%. I will ensure those dollars are spent according to the comprehensive flood plan laid out in our over 24 public meetings. I support transparency by providing citizens with meaningful financial data in addition to visual tools and analysis of Harris County revenues and expenditures. The public can follow our projected projects and recently approved actions by visiting the Harris County Flood Control website at www.hcfc.org.

We provide behavioral health screening and assessments to enable identification and treatment through Harris County's Crisis Call Diversion Program, Crisis Intervention Response Team, Mobile Crisis Outreach Team, and Homeless Outreach Team. Recognizing that jails have become the default home for many mentally distressed citizens, we established a continuum of care including a Mental Health Jail Diversion program, post-release programs and the Joint Processing Center.

1. The opening of the Joint Processing Center. 2. Expansion of HC Institute for Forensic Sciences. 3. Making Port Houston competitive and taking advantage of Panama Canal's expansion. 4. Re-imaging the Harris health system and provision of mental health services. 5. Making our County Courthouse annexes fully accessible. 6. Expansion of bayou and creek greenways. 7. Utilization of existing and future flood detention dry bottom ponds for dual purpose recreational practice fields.

Education: Baylor School of Law, Doctor of Jurisprudence, 1986. Rice University, BA Triple Major, History, Economics & Managerial Studies, 1983. | Experience: Judge: Harris County Civil Court at Law #1, 2000-2011, Staff litigation Counsel Probate Court #3, Assoc. Judge, 311th Family District Court, Private law practice, 1986-2000. | Community : Commissioner Cagle enthusiastically participates in accessible public art and culture through Fun4Seniors, Shakespeare in the Shade, and many other public programs. | Email: commissionerjackcagle@gmail.com | Website: <http://www.commissionerjackcagle.com> | Address: P.O. Box 325 Houston, Tx 77001 | Phone: (713) 838-8553 | Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/jack.cagle.92?lst=1842815369%3A100003177123886%3A1537127795>



PENNY SHAW (D)

Our exposure and vulnerability to flood events puts our families, property and businesses at risk of destruction and loss. I will ensure that there is ongoing flood prevention work. I will seek state and federal funds to continue fixing our retention and conveyance issues, including to build a reservoir. I will demand safety plans and shelters to protect against loss and injury during floods. I will advocate and vote for criminal justice reform and not waste anymore of our tax dollars.

I support adopting a county-wide, comprehensive, Expert-devised flood prevention plan that addresses all 23 watersheds and tributaries across the county, one that can be put into action quickly for immediate flood prevention. All flood prevention plans will be made open and accessible to the public, including updates on spending and projects completed or in-progress. The most vulnerable flooding areas require special attention and priority funding. I will vote for fair allocation of flood funds.

The State of Texas, in collaboration with major relevant agencies, created a 5-year plan to assess, address and apply funds to mental health care. Harris County has not fully assessed the current county-wide need and shortfall of funds and facilities for mental health care. As Commissioner, I will utilize those State resources and support a county study to fully identify needs, and support adequate funding to make proactive and responsive mental health care available and accessible to all.

Access State and Federal agency available funding for repair and maintenance of countywide infrastructure to meet ever-increasing financial demands. I support reasonable, safe, and sustainable infrastructure projects that meet the growing population and community needs; I support projects to implement an early flood warning system; projects to improve traffic mobility; building community senior/ family centers in neighborhoods that do not have any; and improved public transportation models.

Education: Business Administration Juris Doctorate | Experience: 25 years Executive business administration, 18 years civil and criminal case litigation, Legislative advocate in Washington D.C. | Community : Legislative Chair Texas Democratic Women, Houston Volunteer Lawyers, Young Lawyers Mentor Program, Unidad Family Immigration Clinics, Anti-human Trafficking prevention group | Email: pennyshawtx@gmail.com | Website: <http://voteppennyshaw.com> Address: P.O. Box 925652 Houston, TX 77292 | Phone: (713) 493-4688 | Facebook: <http://voteppennyshaw> | Twitter: twitter.com/voteppennyshaw

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- VOTING AGE LOWERED TO 18

AMENDMENT XIV
JULY 9, 1868

AMENDMENT XV
FEBRUARY 3, 1870

AMENDMENT XIX
AUGUST 18, 1920

AMENDMENT XXIV
JANUARY 23, 1964

AMENDMENT XXVI
JULY 1, 1971



JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES: What skills do you possess that make you the most qualified to serve as Justice of the Peace? The JP courts are frequently described as "The Peoples' Courts." As Justice of the Peace how would you ensure that this role is fulfilled in your court? What changes, if any, are needed in court processes and procedures in your precinct to make the court more efficient and effective in fulfilling its duties?

PRECINCT 1, PLACE 2	DAVID M. PATRONELLA (D) RUNNING UNOPPOSED	PRECINCT 2, PLACE 2	GEORGE E. RISNER (D) RUNNING UNOPPOSED
PRECINCT 3, PLACE 2	LUCIA BATES (D) RUNNING UNOPPOSED	PRECINCT 4, PLACE 2	LARYSSA KORDUBA (R) RUNNING UNOPPOSED
PRECINCT 5, PLACE 2	JEFF WILLIAMS (R) RUNNING UNOPPOSED	PRECINCT 6, PLACE 2	ANGELA D. RODRIGUEZ (D) RUNNING UNOPPOSED

PRECINCT 7, PLACE 2



"DC" CALDWELL (R)

I have diverse life experiences my opponent does not have: I married; I am a devoted parent; I am technologically savvy; I developed Air Force, Army, and Marine Corps core values (moral character traits) in military leadership development training, namely: Integrity first, Service before self, and Excellence in all we do; Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Honor, Personal Courage; Justice, Judgment, Dependability, Decisiveness, Tact, Initiative, Endurance, Bearing, Unselfishness, Knowledge, Enthusiasm; etc

As Justice of the Peace, I would: 1-practice empathy, patience, and humility learned as an educator, father, and man of faith; 2-live stream open court proceedings to provide transparency, accountability, and education to the public; 3-put excerpts of the U.S. and Texas Constitutions on walls to give constant visual reminders to guarantee protecting rights; 4-literally bring the court closer to the people, moving into vacant offices on the ground floor to be more conveniently accessible; etc.

Continuing from the points listed in the previous question: The judge can start being consistently available--or at least reachable--during office hours, instantly improving effectiveness. The judge should advise and consult with county IT staff on how to partly redesign the JP website page layout to be more user friendly (intuitive to navigate) and include information on e-filing documents. The judge should have pretrial appearance times available on an open calendar and a video calling option.

Education: Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law, 2016-present; Parker University College of Chiropractic, 2013-14; Texas A&M University/B.S. Civil Engineering, 2008. | Experience: Spanish Bilingual Presiding Precinct Judge; Innocence Project Legal Intern; Certified Teacher: endorsed for Elementary & Secondary Generalist, ESL, Science / Math, Special Ed. | Community : TSU Federalist Society, President; Earl Carl Institute, Pro Bono Law Clerk; TMSL Student Affairs, Ambassador; Church of Jesus Christ, Ministering Brother; Elections, VDVR; etc | Email: d.caldwell3266@student.tsu.edu | Website: http://danieljccaldwell.wordpress.com/ | Address: 3711 Southmore Blvd Apt 714 Houston, TX 77004 | Phone: (281) 797-7772 | Facebook: http://fb.com/danielccaldwell | Twitter: twitter.com/dccaldwelltexas



SHARON M. BURNEY (D)

I have been a practicing attorney in private practice for eleven years. Prior to practicing law I was an educator. I worked at Houston Independent School District as a teacher and administrator for twenty four years. Working as an attorney and educator has allowed me to develop knowledge of the law and legal procedures. I also developed communication skills at a level that most people can understand. And I have developed the character needed to serve people.

People often represent themselves in JP courts. Because many people who use the JP courts may not have legal representation, it is important that I ensure adequate communication and service to these people. My plans are to make certain that people have access to necessary forms and information. I also plan to ensure that the filing procedures are simple and that the clerks are respectful. I plan to speak to the people as clearly as possible so that they understand the outcome

I will improve the ways in which information is distributed by designing a very systematic information center inside the court where people can easily obtain the forms and additional information that they might need. I will also improve technology to the degree allowed by Harris County. I will work very closed with the chief clerk to ensure adequate and professional service is delivered by all of the clerks employed. And I will increase the number of clerks employed as dictated by demand.

Education: JD in Law from Thurgood Marshal School of Law 2007 / MS in Future Studies from University of Houston 1997 / BS in Business from University of Houston 1981 | Experience: I am currently in private practice as an attorney licensed by the State Bar of Texas for 11 years. I worked as a teacher and administrator at HISD for 24 years prior to law. | Community : Works with Shape Community Center to sponsor political, health, and educational awareness. | Email: sharon_burney@yahoo.com | Website: http://www.ElectSharonBurney.com | Address: 5445 Almeda Suite 400 Houston, Tx 77004 | Phone: (346) 267-7135 | Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/sharon.burney.773 | Twitter: twitter.com/Burney2018

PRECINCT 8, PLACE 2	LOUIE DITTA (R) RUNNING UNOPPOSED
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PRECINCT 7, PLACE 1 (TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM)



DAVID SOLOMON FLANAGAN (R)

I am confident that I am the most qualified candidate because of my principles and values which has allowed me to lead with integrity , honesty and fortitude. These qualities will allow me to stay grounded in doing what is right and just for all! The justice of the peace court was designed for ordinary people, and I am an ordinary person ready to work with the people to make an extraordinary impact!

My overall vision as Justice of the Peace is to empower our youth by restoring the dynamics of family values with civic and community engagement. Therefore, I would ensure that we implement effective civic engagement programs for youth and adults, and provide public forums for the purpose to educate the community about the plethora of services the People's court provide to the community.

Working collectively with court clerks within all departments to expedite court filings in a timely manner will be a top priority. Also, In an effort to strengthen the line of communication with citizens, I will provide a forum for citizens to give feedback on their experiences and interactions with the JP court.

Education: Bachelors of Applied Arts and Science, Lamar University, Masters in Special Education, The University of Texas | Experience: After faithfully serving my country in the United States Air Force, I worked as a process operator in the oil and energy industry, An advocate for special needs individuals. | Community : I am an avid supporter of community organizations that help at-risk youth and children with disabilities. I currently sit on an advisory committee with Open Hearts. | Email: david-flanagan@att.net | Address: 5931 Ledbetter St Houston, Texas 77087 | Phone: (409) 256-5677 | Twitter: twitter.com/davidsflanagan1



JEREMY L. BROWN (D)

The JP Court is uniquely distinct from other courts, and the experience I have through the practice of law, policy and community engagement matches well with the justice of the peace position. This experience has led to my understanding that there are systematic issues in our justice system that you must fix not only in your courtroom but similarly situated courtrooms across the County as well as the State.

I am committed to breaking down the barriers in our justice system and making it more fair and accessible to all, by pushing for progressive criminal and civil justice policies and reforms, and by engaging and working alongside my constituents to implement strategies to improve their overall experience in the courtroom.

I will push for administrative changes such as court cost alternatives for folks who are facing heavy court fines and access to counsel for indigent people facing eviction. I also will look to extend court hours in the evenings and on Saturdays, so working people won't have to choose between missing work and getting a warrant.

Education: Morehouse College Degree: Business Finance; University of Oklahoma J.D Degree | Experience: Advisor for Harris County Commissioner Precinct 1; District Director for Texas State Senator Agenda Director for Houston City Councilman Attorney at Frye and Associates | Community : Houston Downtown Management District- Board Member; Jones Memorial United Methodist Church- College Ministry Chair | Address: 5445 Almeda Suite 307 Houston, Tx 77004 | Phone: (713) 256-6495 Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/jeremy.l.brown.35

Voters may cast their vote for or against each proposition

City of Houston, Proposition A

(Relating to the Creation of a Dedicated Funding Source to Enhance, Improve and Renew Drainage Systems and Streets)

Shall the Houston City Charter be amended to establish a Dedicated Pay-As-You-Go Fund, to be used for the enhancement, improvement, and ongoing renewal of Houston's drainage and streets, funded annually from the following sources: (i) developer impact fees; (ii) drainage charges, to property owners or users, to recover costs of providing drainage to benefitting real properties; (iii) a portion of the City's ad valorem tax levy; and (iv) third-party contracts, grants, or payments earmarked or dedicated to drainage or streets?

Proposition A Explanation

This proposition continues the funding authorized by voters in 2010 for the ReBuild Houston Street and Drainage Program. The proposition requires that funding collected for ReBuild Houston can be used only for flooding, drainage and street projects and cannot be diverted to general operating budget. The proposition does not authorize new taxes.

City of Houston, Proposition B

Shall the City Charter of the City of Houston be amended by adding a separate section that reads as follows: The City of Houston shall compensate City firefighters in a manner and amount that is at least equal and comparable by rank and seniority with the compensation provided City police officers including: a. Persons employed in the following firefighter classifications shall receive the same base pay as persons of like seniority employed in the following, similarly numbered police officer classifications: Firefighters - 1. Probationary firefighter, 2. Firefighter, 3. Engineer/Operator, 4. Captain, Inspector, Investigator, Communications Captain, Mechanic, 5. Senior Captain, Senior Inspector, Senior Investigator, Communications Senior Captain, Shop Supervisor, 6. District Chief, Assistant Arson Investigator, Chief Inspector, Chief Communications Officer, Master Mechanic, 7. Deputy Chief, Arson Investigator, Assistant Fire Marshal, Deputy Chief Communications Officer, 8. Assistant Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, 9. Executive Assistant Fire Chief Police Officers-1. Probationary Police Officer, 2. Police Officer, 3. Senior Police Officer, 4. Sergeant, 5. Lieutenant, 6. Captain, 7. Captain (with an additional 15% for parity), 8. Assistant Police Chief, 9. Executive Assistant Police Chief; a. In the event the title of any of the above classifications shall be changed, the new classification most similar in terms of qualifications and duties to the old shall be substituted therefore, to achieve pay parity; b. Firefighters employed in fire suppression shall receive the same incentive pay as police officers, of like seniority, employed as patrol officers; c. Firefighters shall receive the same training pay as police officers of like seniority; d. Firefighters employed as arson investigators shall receive the same investigative incentive pay as police officer investigative personnel of like seniority and investigative experience; e. Firefighters who serve as Field Training Officers shall receive the same Field Training Officer training pay as police officers who serve as Field Training Officers; f. Firefighters shall receive mentoring pay in the same amount and on the same basis as police officers; g. Firefighters classified as arson investigators, inspectors, communications captain, senior inspectors, senior investigators, communications senior captain, assistant arson investigator, chief inspector or chief communications officer shall receive the same weekend premium and shift differential pay in the same amount and on the same basis as police officers qualified to receive such pay; h. Firefighters shall receive educational incentive pay in the same amount and on the same basis as police officers entitled to receive such pay; i. Firefighters shall receive college tuition reimbursement in the same amount and on the same basis as police officers entitled to receive such reimbursement; j. Firefighters shall receive the same clothing allowance (or similar benefit) paid to police officers, in addition to any protective clothing and equipment provided by the City; k. Firefighters shall receive the same equipment allowance (or similar benefit) paid to police officers; l. The City shall make the same contribution to the Houston Professional Firefighters Association Medical Trust that it does to the Texas Police Trust; m. To the extent that the names of any of the forms of pay or benefits identified above are changed, the requirement of parity for firefighters to police officers shall continue to apply; In addition, if any new form of pay or benefit is provided to police officers, the same shall also be provided to firefighters?

Proposition B Explanation

This proposition amends the City Charter to require pay equity for Houston police officers and Houston firefighters, e.g. equal pay across both departments for comparable job titles, experience and achievements. Current internal policies and procedures of the two departments regarding management decisions, work schedules, education requirements, and promotions are not addressed and would not be required to be the same across the two departments. This proposition does not authorize new taxes or address funding issues.

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