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## County Elections Voters Guide for Dallas County Voters

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## Helpful Information

### Websites

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

### Telephone Numbers

Dallas County Elections Department	(469) 627-8683
Texas Secretary of State - Elections Division	(800) 252-8683
League of Women Voters of Dallas	(214) 688-4125
League of Women Voters of Texas	(512) 472-1100
League of Women Voters of Irving	(972) 737-7274
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The Voters Guide lists nearly all candidates who will appear on the ballot in Dallas County. Questionnaires were not sent to write-in or unopposed candidates or to a few for whom contact information was not available. Candidate replies are not edited or verified for accuracy. Candidates appearing with no photo did not submit one.

Candidate data for state and district level candidates was collected by the League of Women Voters of Texas. All other candidate data contained herein was collected by the League of Women Voters of Dallas unless otherwise noted.

### On-line Voters Guide: Vote411

An electronic version of the Voters Guide can be viewed on-line at [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org). Information is also available in Spanish on [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) for many candidates.

### LWVDallas.org

The LWV Dallas website at [www.lwvdallas.org](http://www.lwvdallas.org) has a wealth of practical information for voters.

### Eligibility for Voting

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

### Photo ID Requirement

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

- \* Texas driver license issued by Texas DPS
- \* Texas personal identification card issued by Texas DPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Polling Place Locations

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

## “Dallas County Votes Anywhere”

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

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

## Polling Place Times

Any voter registered in Dallas County may vote at any Dallas County polling location during these times:

Monday February 14 through Friday February 18	8AM to 5PM
Saturday February 19	7AM to 7PM
Sunday February 20	12PM to 7PM
Monday February 20	NO VOTING
Tuesday February 22 through Friday February 25	7AM to 7PM
Tuesday March 1 (Election Day)	7AM to 7PM

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## Early Voting by Mail

Because of changes enacted by the state legislature in 2021, it is important that voters applying for mail ballots not use application forms issued before 2022. The new forms for use after 2021 ask applicants to provide additional identification. We recommend applicants provide BOTH a Texas Driver's License or Texas Personal Identification Number AND the last four digits of their social security number on the new application form.

The completed application form must be RECEIVED (not postmarked) by Dallas County Elections Department no later than Friday February 18, 2022.

If eligible to vote by mail you may request either a Republican or a Democratic ballot for the Primary.

- \* You are eligible to vote early by mail if you are a registered voter who is:
  - \* 65 years of age or older on Election Day
  - \* Disabled (as defined by the Texas Election Code 82.002(a))
  - \* Expected to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day
  - \* Civilly committed under 841, Health and Safety Code
  - \* Out of the county during the entire election including early voting
  - \* Confined in jail or involuntary Civil Commitment
  - \* Part of the Attorney General Address Confidentiality Program

If you are voting by mail because you are disabled or are 65 years of age or older, you may use a single application to request ballots by mail for all county elections in the calendar year.

You can get an application form for a ballot by mail from:

Download:  
[www.DallasCountyVotes.org](http://www.DallasCountyVotes.org)

Mail:  
Early Voting Clerk  
Dallas County Elections  
1520 Round Table Drive  
Dallas, Texas 75247

Email:  
[evapplications@dallascounty.org](mailto:evapplications@dallascounty.org) for regular applications

Phone:  
(469)627.8683

- \* Once you have received and marked your ballot it can be returned.
- \* If hand delivered or if delivered by a common or contract carrier without a delivery receipt, it must be RECEIVED by the early voting clerk by 7 p.m. on election day.
- \* If mailed and postmarked by 7 p.m. on election day or delivered by common or contract carrier and accompanied by a delivery receipt showing the voter submitted the ballot for delivery by 7 p.m. on election day, it must ARRIVE by 5 p.m. on the next business day after election day.

For more information on early voting by mail including information on overseas or military voting (FPCA applications) contact Dallas County at the above address, web address, email address, or phone number.

## Provisional Voting

Provisional voting is designed to allow a voter to vote (1) whose name does not appear on the list of registered voters due to an administrative error or (2) who does not show an acceptable form of ID when voting in person or (3) who received a mail ballot but goes to vote in person and does not surrender the mail ballot at the polls. The provisional voting process involves an affidavit that the voter must complete stating the reasons he or she is qualified to vote.

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

The voter-marked provisional ballots are kept separate from the regular ballots, and the voter's records will be reviewed by the provisional voting ballot board (the early voting ballot board), to determine if the ballot is to be counted or rejected. Provisional voters will receive a notice in the mail by the 10th day after the local canvass advising them if their provisional ballots were counted, and if they were not counted, the reason why. Questions on provisional ballots should be directed to (469)627-8683 or email [dallascountyvotes@dallascounty.org](mailto:dallascountyvotes@dallascounty.org).

## Limited Ballot Option

If you have moved to a new Texas county and have not re-registered in the new county by the January 31, 2022 voter registration deadline, you may be eligible to vote a limited ballot in your new county. A limited ballot means that you would be allowed to vote on any candidates and measures in common between your former and new county. This procedure is only available during the early voting period at the main early voting polling place (which is the George L. Allen Sr Courts Bldg – Main Lobby, 600 Commerce St in Dallas). You may NOT vote a limited ballot on election day.

## Primary Runoff Election

Election day for the Primary Runoff Election, if any, will be Tuesday May 24, 2022 Consult [www.DallasCountyVotes.org](http://www.DallasCountyVotes.org) or call (469)627-8683 for information.

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# Democratic Races

## UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

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

**PARTISAN DIVISION:** Legislation and other action often stalls along partisan lines. What would you do to foster more cooperation and less partisan competition in Washington for the good of the nation?

**HEALTHCARE:** What legislation would you support, if any, to ensure comprehensive affordable healthcare for all? Include consideration of prescription drug costs.

**INCOME TAXES:** How would you rate our current income tax code? Do you believe we need to increase tax rates on very high income individuals or on large businesses? What other changes should we make?

**VOTING RIGHTS:** Do you think Congress should enact additional

safeguards to protect voting rights and, if so, what safeguards would you enact?

**COVID MANDATES:** What do you think are the responsibilities of the US Government for mitigating the spread of dangerous infectious diseases? Consider whether private or public sector entities should be allowed to mandate vaccinations and/or masks or whether states should be able to impose mandates or override federal mandates.

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

### United States Representative, District 5

Tartisha Hill (D)

No Response



**Kathleen Cordelia Bailey (D)**  
United States Representative,  
District 5

**PARTISAN DIVISION:** Moving legislation forward requires compromise. Compromise is best achieved by identifying key objectives that all sides can support, exercising civility, defining facts accepted by all sides, and assuring non-public negotiations. In today's world of instant media, there is too much competition amongst politicians for momentary limelight. In their rush to make a splash, they often take positions publicly that are hard to reverse or use language that antagonizes those with whom they must negotiate. In short, we need more diplomats who are willing to forgo rancor for the sake of progress.

**HEALTHCARE:** A great deal of progress on comprehensive affordable healthcare has been made since the Affordable Care Act was enacted. Large sums of money have been allocated to ensuring that Americans have access to this healthcare. It is time to assess lessons learned from the recent progress before undertaking further large-scale measures. But the one area in which there is urgent need is prescription drug costs. One idea that makes sense to me is to allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices for seniors.

**INCOME TAXES:** Our current income tax code is in serious need of overhaul. I strongly support equalizing tax rates for capital gains and ordinary income. I would work to ensure that incomes over \$1 million face a minimum 30% tax and I would work to close the carried interest loophole that lets fund managers avoid billions of dollars in taxes.

**VOTING RIGHTS:** I support enacting the Freedom to Vote Act (or similar legislation) to accomplish the safeguards I believe to be imperative. Regarding election administration, we need: an end to partisan gerrymandering, federal minimum standards on vote-by-mail and drop boxes, and voter list maintenance standards. And it is crucial that we ensure election integrity by: insulating non-partisan elections officials from interference or control, verification of ballots and voting system to ensure credible audits, non-partisan election officials, and voting security protections against cyber and other threats.

**COVID MANDATES:** The responsibilities of the US government have been well identified during the Covid pandemic--facilitating vaccine & testing development and distribution. Lessons learned from this event will be a good guide for any future infectious disease outbreak. While I believe that it should be the right of businesses and companies to require vaccinations and or masks, I do not believe that governments should be able to require vaccinations state- or nationwide. Masks however are different and should be mandated as needed.

**OTHER ISSUES:** There are two issues that I view as extremely pressing: the growth of homegrown terrorists and hate groups, and the threats to our election processes and vote counting. My position is that we must do more to tamp down the disinformation and conspiracy theories that drive hate groups, and this must begin with controls on social media. As for elections integrity, we must pass measures to ensure non-partisan districts and vote counting, as well as clean up the electoral college voting process.

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## United States Representative, District 24



**Kathy Fragnoli (D)**  
United States Representative,  
District 24

language is key. If the American people demand that our leaders engage with one another on a respectful level or be voted out of office, we will greatly improve the chances that work will finally get done in Washington.

**HEALTHCARE:** Hard working Americans should not be one hernia away from bankruptcy. Deductibles of \$7,000 are becoming the norm for private plans and the possibility of surprise "out of network" coverage denials are not uncommon. I support Pete Buttigieg's plan of "Medicare for Those Who Want It." Right now, Big Pharma and insurance lobbies have been allowed too many seats at the table. Profit is defining our policies. The government should definitely become involved in controlling drug prices. Why does a commonly prescribed diabetes drug cost Canadians \$371, while the same drug costs us \$1,355?

**INCOME TAXES:** Our income tax code is overly complex and favors the very wealthy. The average American does not have a lobbyist contributing to political campaigns. Billionaire Warren Buffet once told us that he pays a tax rate of 17.7% while the average worker in his office pays a rate of 32.9%. A lobby-free overhaul of our tax code is critical. Although everyone should have input, the average American should not be shouldering the burden of running this country, while big corporations shelter money in off-shore havens and pay less than their fair share.

**VOTING RIGHTS:** The United States has historically been looked to help emerging nations set up a Democratic process. Unfortunately, our own democracy is at risk right now as states pass laws that restrict voter rights. In Texas for example, over half of new voter registration applications have been declared invalid under the rules recently passed by our legislature. Challenging election results has become a sport. We must pass the voter rights legislation that is currently before congress and we must enact laws that make false claims about election fraud a crime.

**COVID MANDATES:** Opinion on vaccines has changed as they have now been proven to be less effective against transmission of the new strains of Covid-19. We have a shortage of doctors and nurses in our country. Because PPE and testing is available daily, we should reconsider the stance on their termination. Masks have proven to reduce transmission and the mass production of accurate tests should be a priority. Mandates have divided our country and have pit employees against their employer. The federal government must lead in disease control but information about drug efficacy should be factored into mandates.

**OTHER ISSUES:** The new vigilante abortion law passed in Texas is metastasizing throughout our country. Under this law, even a woman who has been raped can be sued for \$10,000 if they terminate their pregnancy after six weeks. To go back in time when a woman had to resort to back-alley medicine for help is unacceptable. Immigration laws need to be simplified and enforced. We have 10.5 million jobs open in this country and millions of immigrants who can do them but are unable to gain entry under a work permit. If we redesign and control work permits, we can fill important jobs and add to our tax base.

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**Derrik T Gay (D)**  
United States Representative,  
District 24

sophistication behind partisan gerrymandering has led to the near elimination of swing districts and has incentivized representatives to solely concentrate on their base for re-election. We need to pass the Voting Rights Act.

**HEALTHCARE:** I believe that Americans, regardless of which job they have or their income, should be entitled to affordable, quality health care - and that includes strong protections for women's health care. The first step to fixing our healthcare system should be to lower costs for all Texans, including lowering prescription drug costs for seniors. We also need to ensure that every Texan has access to quality, affordable care where they live, which means we need to support our community health facilities and rural hospitals. I will also oppose any cut to Medicare, and will work to lower eligibility age.

**INCOME TAXES:** Our tax system is unfortunately too complicated, and skews too much towards helping the billionaires and biggest corporations. I support ensuring that the biggest corporations pay their fair share, without stifling growth and innovation. I would also ensure that we unskew the tax code, in order to ensure middle class families are no longer the ones bearing the biggest burden from our tax code. America is at its strongest when we have a robust middle class and the middle class has been shrinking for decades. We need to continue our economic growth, but we need more equity in that growth.

**VOTING RIGHTS:** I do believe we need to protect voting rights. Too many elected officials in Austin and in Washington have worked to make it harder to vote, not easier. With the gerrymandered map in my district, communities of color have been split up and their voice in the democratic process has been diluted. In Congress, I will work to make it easier for Americans to vote - not harder. The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act needs to pass. I believe Americans should automatically be registered to vote when they turn 18 years old and that election day should be a national holiday.

**COVID MANDATES:** As the parent of two young boys, I have had a firsthand view of how difficult this pandemic has been for parents across our country. We need to do better by working parents, and also ensure our hospitals are no longer overwhelmed with COVID patients. We need to increase our resources for testing as well. I believe employers and other organizations should have the right to implement mask and vaccine mandates for their employees, if they choose to do so, and am critical of our governor standing in the way of school districts seeking to protect our children.

**OTHER ISSUES:** One of the biggest challenges we face is how we reemerge from this pandemic with a stronger, more equitable economy. Income inequality has been exacerbated by the pandemic and we need to get COVID under control. However, just returning our economy to where it was before the pandemic is not good enough. I previously worked the night shift in a South Dallas warehouse and while the city and the region have been seeing tremendous growth, many of the people I supervised were working two or even three jobs just to put food on the table for their children. That's not acceptable.

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## United States Representative, District 24 — Continued



**Jan McDowell (D)**  
United States Representative,  
District 24

**PARTISAN DIVISION:** I don't necessarily agree with the premise of this question, which suggests that "meeting in the middle" should be a goal. I do understand and agree that there are legitimate differences of opinion on almost every issue, with relevant arguments to be made for various possible approaches. I definitely agree that compromise and collaboration would be the ideal. But those must begin from a shared set of facts. Therefore, I plan to lead by encouraging ongoing education and fact finding. I think the nation is always well served when our leaders acknowledge truth and speak truth to the people.

**HEALTHCARE:** I favor Medicare For All. Other nations have shown that universal healthcare works, producing better outcomes at lower costs. The Covid pandemic has highlighted the failings in our current system, where coverage is often tied to a person's job. Many people today work in the gig economy with no health coverage. Millions of others lost jobs as the pandemic began. Prescription drug costs must be affordable. Medicare must be able to negotiate the prices paid for the drugs just as private insurers do. The pharma lobbies must not have a louder voice than do the people needing those drugs.

**INCOME TAXES:** Our current income tax code scores low on both clarity and fairness. Recently, the very wealthy have seen their tax rates at their lowest point since the mid 1980s. In that same time, income and wealth inequality have ballooned to extraordinary rates. It seems abundantly clear that fairness would include an increased tax on both very wealthy individuals and on major corporations. I also advocate for an "income is income" approach, which would apply the same rules to both capital gains income and ordinary income. This would put into practice President Biden's vow to value work over wealth.

**VOTING RIGHTS:** The 2020 election was the most fair and secure in our history. Still, Republicans have been working to upend the system and allow partisans to overrule the votes of the people. That is unacceptable. The John Lewis Voting Rights Act and the Freedom to Vote Act are essential to our democracy. The 28th Amendment promoted by the group American Promise also tackles the problem of money in our elections. The issues are the ability of every eligible citizen to vote, the integrity of the certification of the results, and the absence of partisan gerrymandering that makes elections noncompetitive.

**COVID MANDATES:** Public health is a primary responsibility of our federal government. Although the Supreme Court has ruled that OSHA does not have the authority to mandate vaccines in the workplace, Congress could pass legislation to make it a reality. Private businesses clearly have that right, as shown by "No shirt, no shoes, no service." Many businesses would likely prefer, though, to have the weight of a governmental mandate to back them up. When a state law is in conflict with a federal one, the federal statute prevails. That should surely be the case here, when almost a million lives have been lost.

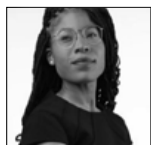
**OTHER ISSUES:** We absolutely must address climate change as the "house on fire" emergency that it is. Renewable energy sources are the answer. Subsidies should be provided to encourage research and development on the storage and transmission issues that are currently the weak links in the system. Americans should receive tax credits for energy efficient improvements such as solar panels and electric cars. And fossil fuel companies, which have been making record profits while they drive our planet toward the ultimate cliff, must not get any further government supports or subsidies.

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## United States Representative, District 30

**Arthur Dixon (D)**

**No Response**



**Jessica Mason (D)**  
United States Representative,  
District 30

**PARTISAN DIVISION:** The division in our country is being fueled by politicians being bought by corporations at the cost of our communities. NAFTA was a "bipartisan" piece of legislation that directly hurt the workers in our community. What does a "bipartisan" victory mean when we out-source American jobs? My leadership will be pro-people and pro-justice, because what the people want is someone who will be unafraid to challenge such bills. In Congress, I will hold my colleagues accountable from voting against the interests of our communities under the guise of "bipartisanship."

**HEALTHCARE:** Our healthcare system is broken. My lung collapsed at the age of 7 because my mother couldn't afford my \$20 asthma medication. My district has some of the lowest life expectancies in the United States. In Congress, I will fight for Medicare for All. I also support the current healthcare reforms in the Build Back Better bill, including allowing Medicare to negotiate with drug manufacturers. Additionally, I support capping drug prices in the U.S. at the median price in other developed nations and allowing patients, pharmacists, and wholesalers to import safe, affordable medicine from Canada.

**INCOME TAXES:** It is time the wealthy pay their fair share of taxes. It is unacceptable that companies like Nike and Amazon continue to pay zero in federal income tax year after year. We must also tax the net worth of individuals worth \$50 million or more in this country. Taxing just "income" is not enough. Many multi-millionaires and billionaires circumvent paying income taxes because much of their wealth is held in stock and real estate, which isn't considered taxable unless those assets are sold and are also taxed at a lower rate than ordinary income.

**VOTING RIGHTS:** Congress must pass the For The People Act, the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, and overturn the Citizens United v. FEC ruling. Along with voting rights reform, we must make reforms to restore voters' faith in their elected officials. A lot of this disillusionment comes from the fact both parties are accepting corporate PAC and dark money. My campaign is 100% grassroots. I am not accepting any corporate PAC money because my allegiance is to the people, not corporations or lobbyists. I also support banning members of Congress from trading stocks while in office and sitting on corporate boards.

**COVID MANDATES:** COVID response must be centered around providing protection and relief. In terms of protection, we must provide N-95 masks and COVID tests to every household in America. We must also provide people paid leave if they get infected with COVID. I support mask and vaccine mandates to keep everyone protected, and I will continue to trust the recommendations of our medical professionals. In terms of relief, we must expand SNAP and unemployment benefits and restore the Child Tax Credit. Lastly, I support the Rent and Mortgage Cancellation Act to help renters, homeowners, and landlords.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Economic relief will be the most pressing issue in the next session of Congress. Working people struggled before the pandemic, and now they are struggling even more. I support investing our tax dollars to rebuild our crumbling communities and provide good-paying union jobs. I emphasize the need to provide job training to ensure jobs are going to people in our communities and the need to prioritize Black and Hispanic businesses when awarding government contracts. I plan to address redlining in our community as it pertains to the inability to access capital to start a small business.

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## United States Representative, District 30 — Continued



**Vonciel Jones Hill (D)**  
United States Representative,  
District 30

**PARTISAN DIVISION:** I will personally engage with as many Congressional colleagues as possible. I will engage through conversation and interpersonal contact, such as meals, book sharing, and outings. I believe that if people know each other on a more personal level, they are more likely to be able to work together and reach compromise, despite their philosophical differences. Compromise does not mean surrendering one's own principles. Rather, it means interactive listening, ongoing dialogue, and respectful disagreement.

**HEALTHCARE:** I strongly support Build Back Better. That legislation contains a workable plan to ensure affordable health care, including lowering prescription drug costs. Additionally, the 2012 Supreme Court ruling notwithstanding, there needs to be a Congressional mechanism for dealing with States, such as Texas, that refuse to expand Medicaid.

**INCOME TAXES:** Our current tax code needs revision. High wealth individuals and mega-businesses are paying less than their fair share.

**VOTING RIGHTS:** Congress should pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act and the For the People Act. The primary safeguard needed is federal oversight of historically discriminatory States, such as Texas.

**COVID MANDATES:** The federal government has a responsibility to mitigate, through scientifically proven methods, the spread of dangerous diseases. Both private and public sector entities should be allowed to mandate vaccination and masking. States should be able to impose mandates. However, such mandates should be based on science, not politics. States should not be able to override federal mandates and/or policies.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Jobs: the federal minimum wage needs to be raised. Education: every child should have access to early childhood education. Every middle and lower income person, who wants to pursue higher education, should be able to do so, without the worry of debt. Immigration: America needs a clear and realistic path to citizenship. Additionally, America should partner with other countries to assist in addressing the issues that are making people leave their own countries.

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**Jasmine Crockett (D)**  
United States Representative,  
District 30

**PARTISAN DIVISION:** As the only candidate in this race who has legislated during one of the most conservative sessions on record, I will continue working to find common ground, build consensus and coalitions, and compromise where we can. There are times to negotiate and compromise, and there are times to hold firm. No matter what, this can be done diplomatically and without burning bridges.

It is amazing how much you can get done if you don't care about the credit. Two of the biggest bills that were passed for the benefit of my district, this session, were carried by Republicans at my request.

**HEALTHCARE:** I believe access to healthcare is a human right. I believe when you leave the doctor's office you should be able to recover without fearing how the bill can break your back. I support increasing investments in and expanding the Affordable Care Act while we figure out a long-term solution to healthcare access that boosts coverage to everyone, promotes preventative care, is not tied to employment, reduces the cost of prescription drugs, and includes dental, vision, mental, and the full spectrum of reproductive health.

**INCOME TAXES:** I believe our current tax code needs revision and to shift the burden fairly to those who make the most and off of those who do not make enough. Our wealth gap is widening by the day and stagnating opportunities for upward mobility. In Washington, I would advocate for an increase in taxes on the highest earners, the largest corporations, and on capital gains. It is important to me, as a small-business owner, that we support those making an honest living and creating jobs in the community. I support the child tax credit and other relief.

**VOTING RIGHTS:** As a leader on voting rights, I would like to see preclearance reinstated with either an updated formula or by placing the burden on states to make their case to the DOJ as to why this law is necessary and how it does not discriminate or suppress voters. I would also like to introduce a voting rights bill that sets a national floor for the voting rights all states must enact and protect. This includes online and same day voter registration, universal vote-by-mail, and no maximum limits on the hours counties can hold elections.

**COVID MANDATES:** We have a responsibility to protect the general welfare of the people. Right now we face an invisible and constantly changing enemy in COVID-19. Our response must be unified, strong, and globally coordinated to eradicate COVID. While it is a difficult balance, we need as many people participating as possible to finally get our lives back on track. A universal mask and vaccine mandate is our best defense as COVID has no regard for private or public, socio-economic status, nor borders. I do not support states being able to override federal mandates. We all have a role in ending this pandemic.

**OTHER ISSUES:** For our district, the most pressing issues will continue to be voting rights and rebuilding a vibrant economy that works for all. My position on voting rights has been very clear from day one, that every eligible American should have full access to the ballot box. As a member of the Business & Industry Committee, I have been a strong leader to ensure we have equitable access to capital, housing, education, and economic opportunities. Texas has the most uninsured population. We must act now to circumvent our Governor and protect our citizens, our hospitals, and our healthcare workers.

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

**PARTISAN DIVISION:** The partisan divide is based on ideological grounds. It is being fueled by gerrymandered districts that send people to Washington for ideological reasons. I would work to eliminate gerrymandering. The primaries determine who the candidates for the general elections will be. Make the candidates more subject to the will of the people and it will eliminate the partisan divide. I will work across the aisle. This requires communication and relationship skills as well as finding legislation that both parties can support. I am that type of candidate.

**HEALTHCARE:** I support legislation before the Senate now, The Build Back Better Plan. This includes prescription drug cost reduction, children's health services and childcare support, and pandemic funding. I support legislation that provides free preventative health measures like funding for exercise expenses, free checkups, money for cancer research and nutrition education. Support universal health care insurance. If the BBBP fails, work to pass a separate prescription drug bill to negotiate drug prices for Social Security patients and make drug prices affordable.

**INCOME TAXES:** Our tax code is geared more toward the rich and large corporations. Middle-income individuals pay inequitably compared to them. Increase taxes for those making more than \$400,000 per year in personal income. Increase the inheritance tax. Raise the taxes on large businesses 4-6%. I would reduce the deficit by cutting subsidies to profitable businesses and putting the extra tax income toward the deficit. I would increase funding for the IRS to hire more agents and go after more white-collar tax cheats. The tax code needs to be more geared toward middle

**VOTING RIGHTS:** Congress should enact additional safeguards to protect voting rights. Most of what I suggest safeguarding voting rights is found in the John Lewis Voting Rights Act. They are: restore and strengthen the Voting Rights Act of 1965; broadening the scope of the courts to prevent jurisdictions from enact-



## United States Representative, District 30 — Continued

ing laws that threaten voting rights; restoring federal pre-clearance; limiting gerrymandering and strengthening enforcement of voting rights policy.

**COVID MANDATES:** In the case of global pandemics like Covid, the Federal Government, through the CDC, should coordinate local, state and regional responses. As part of this coordination, states, businesses, and public sectors should have the freedom to mandate policies that address the degree of threat in their area. State legislatures should be prevented from interfering with city and county health department mandates. Mandates are important tools to ensure that people will join in protecting each other from spread. States should continue to be subject to federal mandates.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Other issues that need to be addressed are domestic terrorism, educational standards and climate change. Congress should pass laws that allows the Department of Justice to make domestic terrorism a priority. The history of all Americans should be protected from the backlash to the 1619 Project. This issue should be addressed through the First Amendment. Climate Change is the existential issue for our globe. We need to support green energy, reduce carbon emissions and rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement.

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**Keisha Williams-Lankford (D)**  
United States Representative,  
District 30

**PARTISAN DIVISION:** The one agenda I'd foster for more cooperation and less partisan competition in Washington, for the good of the nation, is trust. Staying true to your word solidifies trust amongst political colleagues.

**HEALTHCARE:** The legislation I would support, on day one, to ensure comprehensive affordable healthcare is President Joe Biden's initiative to expand Medicare for seniors and medicaid for the average citizen. This will undoubtedly lower the cost of prescription drugs as the federal government can limit sky high drug prices by pharmaceuticals.

**INCOME TAXES:** I would rate our current tax code depending on where most of the residents of District 30 fall within it. I believe we need to increase tax rates on those individuals including large businesses, who do quite better than those of us, in District 30, who struggle a bit more within this Covid-economy.

**VOTING RIGHTS:** Congress should pass the John Lewis Voting Rights act that reinstates pre-clearance. Pre-clearance should be required for all Southern states that have a history of violating voting rights and access to the voting booth against minorities.

**COVID MANDATES:** The responsibility of the United States government for mitigating the spread of dangerous infectious diseases is to first reinstate the White House's National Security Council Directorate for Global Health Security and Biodefense, known as, the Pandemic Office. Trump closed it. This has cost us. Public sector entities should be allowed to mandate vaccines and/or masks to curtail mass spread. As far as it concerns whether states should be able to override federal mandates, it should not. Any state that receives federal assistance with Covid-19, no matter the variant, shouldn't be allotted to.

**OTHER ISSUES:** It is vital that we pass legislation for Paid Family Leave without losing their income or job. Four weeks of paid time off so that our residents, in District 30, can care for either themselves, their child(ren), or elderly family member. It's affordable and it's practical.

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**Roy Williams Jr (D)**  
United States Representative,  
District 30

**PARTISAN DIVISION:** Research indicates the acrimony will continue to grow if fear of the other and the wounds fueling that fear are not addressed. Thus, one process to mitigate that dissension is to physically bring people together in safe, highly structured dialogue groups. There is always a spectrum of grey regardless of our political views. The key is focusing on shared core values and coming

to the realization that we simply cannot change people's minds. We need to inquire what an issue and their vote means to them. This will open-up an avenue to facilitate dialogue.

**HEALTHCARE:** Medicare for all and improving the Affordable Care Act (ACA). With ACA, as many as 20 million citizens had coverage who had none previously. This act encouraged Americans to get private health insurance, and for those who could not afford it, they would qualify for public assistance. Additionally, we have Medicare and Medicaid. To work with progressive Democrats, a compromise would see both public and private insurance as an option, but this type of reform requires budget legislation. I would support both. House Democrats reached a deal to add a measure to curb prescription drug costs.

**INCOME TAXES:** Most tax paying citizens earn their income by working/labor - salaries, wages, etc., but the top 1% receive their income from other vehicles - capital gains, dividends, interest, or investments. This is known as capital income. This is precisely why our tax system needs to change. Through President Biden's Build Back Better Act, policy changes that would address these tax advantages/disadvantages: • A surtax on multi-millionaires • Net investment income loophole • Limitation on excess business losses • International tax reforms • Corporate minimum tax on "book" profits • Stock buybacks

**VOTING RIGHTS:** Yes, I do. • Removing barriers to voter registration. I would like to see automatic voter registration via DMV and the restoration of voting rights for felons who have served their time. • Make voting as easy as possible. Additional options should be introduced. This would include optional voting by mail for all eligible voters, free postage to do so, drop boxes, and making Election Day a holiday. Every registered voter should receive a ballot in the mail for every election. This has shown to increase voter turnout. • Protect the vote certification process from partisan meddling.

**COVID MANDATES:** Vaccine mandates, quarantines, and other measures intended to slow the spread of disease and ensure public safety have been a part of U. S. history since the days of George Washington when commanded that his troops be inoculated against smallpox in 1777. He ordered a strict quarantine of the affected troops and any civilians showing signs of the disease. Since that time, encompassing nearly two and a half centuries, government authorities at the federal, state, and local levels have enacted numerous laws and regulations designed to protect the public from dangerous diseases.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Climate change needs to be addressed, human trafficking and mental health in law enforcement need additional resources, cancelation of student debt, free community college, filibuster reform, and expanding the supreme court are all issues I plan to pursue.

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## United States Representative, District 30 — Continued



**Abel Mulugheta (D)**  
United States Representative,  
District 30

**PARTISAN DIVISION:** For seven years, I served as Chief of Staff and Legislative Director to State Rep. Rafael Anchía in the Texas Legislature. Throughout that time, Democrats served in the minority and working with Republicans was necessary to get legislation passed. I prioritized good policy over petty politics, regularly working across the aisle to ensure our priority legislation was passed. In Congress, I will continue that spirit of bipartisanship by building relationships with colleagues from all political ideologies to find common ground.

**HEALTHCARE:** We should build on the Affordable Care Act by improving its current premium and cost-sharing subsidies and add a reinsurance program for the individual market to protect insurers against very high claims. We should explore implementing an auto-enrollment mechanism for individuals who receive TANF or SNAP benefits. Longterm, we should work towards universal coverage by passing legislation like the Medicare for America Act, which provides a public option. Finally, I do support allowing Medicare and the government to negotiate drug prices with pharmaceutical companies.

**INCOME TAXES:** We need to eliminate the Trump tax giveaway that benefited corporations and the top one percent. We can use the revenue from reversing the Trump tax giveaway to fund social welfare and climate change programs that are in the Build Back Better Act.

**VOTING RIGHTS:** Yes, I proudly support the For the People Act and would join as a co-sponsor of the John Lewis Voting Rights Act. As has become evident, the only way to pass bold progressive legislation that protects the right to vote is through either the abolishment of the filibuster or by maintaining a 60-seat majority in the US Senate. I fully support the abolishment of the filibuster, not only because it's antidemocratic, but because its history is deeply rooted in racism. I will loudly advocate for the abolishment of the filibuster and campaign wherever I can to help elect Democrats to the US Senate.

**COVID MANDATES:** The federal government has a responsibility and moral obligation to protect all residents of the United States. I support President Biden's vaccine mandate for private sector companies and mask mandates on flights.

**OTHER ISSUES:** As the son of immigrants, immigration is an issue that is personal to me. One in six Texas residents is an immigrant. In Congressional District 30, that figure is slightly higher; approximately 150,000 residents (nearly 20%) are foreign born. I support comprehensive immigration reform that replaces artificial caps with a system that incorporates the principles of supply and demand. Additionally, we must establish a humane asylum and refugee program and improve enforcement by instituting statute of limitations and committing to true due process.

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**Jane Hope Hamilton (D)**  
United States Representative,  
District 30

**PARTISAN DIVISION:** The most important step we can take to lessen the partisan divide in Washington is to reform the redistricting process in the states. If elected, I will advocate for redistricting reform. I am a firm Democrat and, I refuse to engage in the good vs. evil rhetoric that so often divides us from those with different values and opinions.

**HEALTHCARE:** We live in one of the most highly uninsured states in the nation, a fact that is particularly troubling in the middle of a pandemic. If elected, I will support proposals that will provide increased coverage for the residents of CD30.

**INCOME TAXES:** We absolutely need to make sure that everyone is paying their fair and close tax loopholes for corporations. Unfortunately, we started this pandemic already operating under heavy deficits due to Trump tax cuts. We must repeal these cuts. Our current system is regressive with low and middle-income earners paying more than their fair share and that needs to change.

**VOTING RIGHTS:** Yes, I have been heavily involved in the voting rights battle for the past 20 years, including by serving as a plaintiff in lawsuits against the Texas governor related to Texas' Voter ID law and the 2011 redistricting plans. Accordingly, I support both the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, which primarily addresses this issue and more direct assaults on voting rights, and HR 1, which provides additional protections to reform our voting system to make it more equitable for all voters.

**COVID MANDATES:** I believe it's well within the federal government's power to enact regulations to require vaccinations among federal workers & federally connected entities. In addition, it is of course within private entities' rights to require vaccinations & mask-wearing among their employees in order to operate their business safely. I was disappointed by the recent Supreme Court decision that rejected President Biden's mandate for private employers, but I am hopeful that private employers will continue to implement these mandates.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Two issues of importance to me are (1) economic empowerment; and (2) criminal justice reform. Parts of CD30 have been dealing with a lack of economic opportunity for generations. We must implement structural incentives, to encourage businesses to invest in these areas. This includes social programming, which could bring paid family leave, early childhood education, & universal child care to the district. Criminal justice reform would improve economic opportunities. As a black woman who survived police brutality, I am aware that our current system is inequitable and needs to be reformed.

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## United States Representative, District 32

**Colin Allred (D)**

**No Response**

## United States Representative, District 33 (from LWV Tarrant County)

**Carlos Quintanilla (D), Marc Veasey (D)**

**No Response**

Photo ID for voting in Texas! See [www.DallasCountyVotes.org](http://www.DallasCountyVotes.org) for qualifying IDs and where to get them, and alternatives for those who don't have Photo IDs.

# GOVERNOR

Four-year term. The governor is the chief executive of the state. They appoint members to boards and commissions; appoint statewide executive officials, and, when vacancies occur, state judges and district attorneys; deliver the State of the State address; provide guidance to the legislature; call special sessions of the legislature and set the agenda. The governor can veto legislation (including a line-item veto on appropriations), sign legislation, or allow it to become law without their signature. Current salary: \$153,750

**QUALIFICATIONS:** What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

**ELECTIONS:** How would you ensure election laws do not create barriers to Texans' freedom to vote while maintaining safe and secure elections?

**POWER GRID:** What further changes, if any, are needed to ensure that Texas has sufficient power in times of extreme weather conditions?

**HEALTH CARE:** What is your position on reproductive rights and how would you address the economic and health consequences for those who seek and

cannot obtain abortions in Texas?

**IMMIGRATION:** What is the role of the state government in enforcing federal immigration laws?

**AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Under what circumstances should the federal government limit the authority of elected state officials? Under what circumstances should the state government limit the authority of elected local officials?

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## No Response



**Joy Diaz (D)**  
Governor

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Learned about public service from missionary parents who served people who lived in garbage dumps in MX City Former public school teacher & public radio reporter who learned about the intricacies of TX from the stories of Texans Graduated UT's LBJWCS

**ELECTIONS:** In a Joy Diaz administration, we will ensure that everyone who is entitled to vote, has access to safe and secure elections. Recent restrictions in Texas affect families like mine. My husband is a naturalized US citizen - the perfect target for some of the state's recent voter purges that only serve to intimidate and even suppress the vote. Those laws have to go.

**POWER GRID:** We need to ensure fines to companies that don't winterize are not symbolic — meaning, fines are not cheaper than winterization. At the moment, they're a cheap loop-hole. Texas' focus ought to be - first - to protect the lives of Texans. The interest of for-profit companies should be second. To ensure oversight, the PUC board can't be made up solely of political appointees.

**HEALTH CARE:** As a woman who has gone through all her reproductive cycles & as the only woman on the Dem ticket running for governor - my goal is for every woman in TX to have access to an array of options - from free and easy access to contraceptions to - if necessary - abortions. She and her doctor are the only ones who can decide over her reproductive life. The disrespect stops now.

**IMMIGRATION:** The Constitution establishes the federal government controls the border - therefore immigration has been and always will be a federal responsibility. But, Texas has a role to play. We need to partner with both the US and MX governments. At the moment, TX has not been a helpful partner. Instead, state policies have contributed to the chaos for political gain.

**AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Only extreme circumstances merit the intervention of the federal government in state matters. The same is true for the state overpowering local governments. By "extreme", I mean emergencies such as natural disasters or circumstances in which public health or human rights are threatened. During COVID, TX has overpowered against the wisdom of health experts.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website <http://texasneedsjoy.com>



**Beto O'Rourke (D)**  
Governor

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Beto O'Rourke is a fourth-generation Texan, born and raised in El Paso where he has served as a small business owner, a city council member and a member of Congress. He founded Powered by People, a Texas-based voting rights and service organization.

**ELECTIONS:** We can't have fair, safe, and secure elections if our laws are designed to make it harder for communities of color to vote. We must repeal SB1 and then pass online and same-day voter registration, establish nonpartisan redistricting commissions, require the convenient and fair allocation of voting sites, and expand eligible forms of voter ID.

**POWER GRID:** To ensure power for all Texans we must weatherize all elements of the grid - including gas supply, connect to the national grid, provide backup generation at critical facilities like nursing homes, invest in targeted energy efficiency programs, starting with low-income Texans most in need of ratepayer assistance, and provide immediate relief and protection for ratepayers.

**HEALTH CARE:** We should trust Texas women to make their own reproductive health care decisions. If elected governor, Beto will immediately work to repeal SB8 and the dangerous system that places a bounty on the heads of anyone who supports a woman in deciding her own future.

**IMMIGRATION:** We need predictability, order, and the rule of law at our border. We need a governor willing to collaborate with, not work against, the federal government to enforce our immigration laws and update those laws when they don't meet the challenges of today.

**AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** The divisions of authority between state and federal officials and state and local officials, are described in the federal and Texas constitutions (and subsequent statutes), respectively. An elected official's authority should be limited when the official acts in excess of their constitutional and statutory authority or otherwise violates the constitution or law.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website <http://www.betofortexas.com>

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

## Governor — Continued


**Rich Wakeland (D)**  
Governor

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Licensed Engineer & Attorney & Business Owner; Policy Advisor to Commissioner Anderson, Public Utility Commission of Texas April 2013 - April 2018; Retired nuclear submarine Navy Reserve Captain w/ 4 Commands; Power generation and ERCOT expertise.

**ELECTIONS:** Trust but verify! Make registration simple, secure and verifiable. Increase the time period for early voting. Remove restrictions on Church organized voter turnout efforts and restrictions on Church organized voter transportation. Enable Church based efforts to register their parishioners and deliver them to the polls.

**Power Grid:** Reliability can be achieved by a balance of thermal & renewable generation coupled with grid and generation testing. Since 2015 ERCOT has lost 3,000 MW of thermal generation while experiencing growth of over 17,000 MW of wind & solar. An 83%-17% thermal to renewable ratio provides reliability and allows Texas to satisfy the EPA's Clean Power Plan goals. Invest in Texas!

**HEALTH CARE:** U.S. Supreme Court Decisions establish the law of the land, whether or not one agrees with the decisions. Attempts by states to subvert or undermine those decisions are a direct attack on the U.S. Constitution. Women must have the right to control their own bodies. Texas women who seek abortions consistent with Supreme Court law should not be denied access by state laws.

**IMMIGRATION:** None, Both party's administrations have been inept at stopping illegal immigration; therefore do not follow the federal government's approach. Immigration is caused by economics. Texas must build an economic wall, not a physical wall. If we make them pay to be in Texas, we will reduce illegal immigration. Don't wait on the Feds, Texas can take its own economic action.

**AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Federal limiting of State Officials: Only if the health, safety, or welfare of the public is in danger by state official's actions. State limiting of Local Officials: Only if the health, safety, or welfare of the public is in danger by local official's actions. Authority for decisions should be held at the lowest level of government to keep citizens engaged and empowered.

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**Michael Cooper (D)**  
Governor

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I was the President of the Southeast Texas Toyota Dealers association when I secured the naming rights of the Toyota Center. It is we're the Houston Rockets play. My team had great confidence that I could secure the more than 100 million \$ contract.

**ELECTIONS:** I was arrested in Washington DC fighting for voter suppression bills that are now Law. As Governor I will beto those bills and call special sessions to revoke those bills.

**POWER GRID:** It is common sense Governing as we just do the required maintenance. The current Governor is so focused on not working with a Democratic President. We should do repairs beyond what the federal Government requires. The same oil and gas companies made millions on Texans that donated 1 million in to his campaign.

**HEALTH CARE:** Again I have skin in the game as I arrested protesting in the streets of DC, against the heart beat bill. As a person that studied the HIPPA LAWS as I achieved my Masters in Psychology I found out that your medical issues are private and no one else's concerns. As Governor I will work to over turn that law.

**IMMIGRATION:** It is the federal Governments job to secure the boarder. We can work alongside them, but we should not spend 250 million dollars on a fence that does not work. We need to spend any extra money or donated money on teachers pay raise, repairing Dilapidated schools and money for pre-K for all children. We should make all remaining non-citizens - citizens sooner than later.

**AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** If a State or local official is not acting in kind towards the citizens, I believe we would never had integrated schools if it were not for the federal Government forcing Governor Wallace to allow Blacks in all white schools. In Texas we are run by a Republican Party does not recognize all people equal. The federal Government should pass the John Lewis voters act to help.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://www.cooper2022>

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Four-year term. The lieutenant governor is powerful because of their position as president of the Texas Senate, where they appoint the chairs and vice-chairs of committees; appoint senators to committees; assign bills to committees; and control the Senate's agenda. The Lieutenant Governor is also a member of several commissions and boards, and serves as governor in the governor's absence. The salary is that of a State Senator when serving as President of the Texas Senate and that of the Governor when serving in that capacity.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

**POWER GRID:** What further changes, if any, are needed to ensure that Texas has sufficient power in times of extreme weather conditions?

**AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Under what circumstances should the federal government limit the authority of elected state officials? Under what circumstances should the state government limit the

authority of elected local officials?

**HEALTH CARE:** What is your position on reproductive rights and how would you address the economic and health consequences for those who seek and cannot obtain abortions in Texas?

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** What are some solutions to enhance public safety in Texas? How do we balance these solutions with protecting civil rights?


**Carla Brailey (D)**  
Lieutenant Governor

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served Texas as an educator, advocate, and Texas Democratic Party Vice-chair as a champion of people and working families. Equity in education, economics, opportunity, and justice is the best way to move Texas forward for all people.

**POWER GRID:** We must fully weatherize our grid to prepare for extreme weather conditions. We need to fully accept the recommendations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and prepare all of Texas for climate change. We must build better oversight, accountability, and transparency to insure Texans from another failure.

**AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** It is the responsibility of each government entity to work together for the benefit of the people that they serve. We live and serve in a representative democracy and to limit the authority of a government to do what is best for the people is taking away their representation.

**HEALTH CARE:** I am in full support of a woman's right to make choices for her reproductive health. We must provide education and access to every woman in Texas to make the best choice for her and her family. We also must support women by advocating for safe abortions across this state and making way for that to happen even under this archaic law.



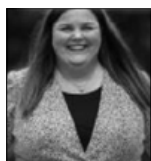
## Lieutenant Governor — Continued

Carla Brailey (D)

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**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Every community should feel safe in their own home and neighborhood and experience their civil rights and liberties. We must start with continuous training for our officers with emphasis on inclusion and diversity, including (1) recruiting, hiring, and promoting women in leadership and (2) increasing community-centered policing, particularly in communities of color.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://www.cooper2022>



**Michelle Beckley (D)**  
Lieutenant Governor

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I was elected to the Texas Legislature in 2018 and became the first Democrat to ever represent District 65 in Denton County. I said I would fight for healthcare, education, & the environment and did. This led to an improved margin win in 2020.

**POWER GRID:** The 87th legislature did not do enough. Texas needs to reverse the course of deregulation and consider the option of connecting back to the national grid. El Paso & Texarkana did not lose power like the rest of the state, both are connected to the national grid.

**AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Texas has been controlled by the GOP for over 25 years. State officials are running amuck due to checks & balances that no longer exist. The federal government needs to address the Voting Rights Bills. We saw our freedom to vote diluted as well as extreme gerrymandering in 2021.

The state government should not interfere with local health regulations.

**HEALTH CARE:** The attacks on women's healthcare should not continue. I voted against HB8. There should not be \$10,000 bounties on women & health professionals. A woman's choice on abortion is between her and her doctor.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** I had a city come to me with the issue of a police officer that had been fired with cause now working at a neighboring city. Municipalities should be able to know this information upon hiring or the problems can't be addressed and will continue. Texas needs to look into solutions to address these issues and solve them.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://www.michellebeckley.com>



**Mike Collier (D)**  
Lieutenant Governor

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Mike spent his career as a CPA and an auditor at PriceWaterhouseCoopers before becoming a CFO of a Texas energy company, helping create good-paying jobs. His experience as an accountant gives him a deep understanding of how our state's budget works.

**POWER GRID:** For years, our state leaders were warned about the grid's vulnerability and did nothing. As a result, Texans froze, Texans died, and corporations got rich. We must winterize our gas supply, invest in smart grid technology, and increase power storage. We must also ensure that Texas families do not pay more when companies pay less for an unreliable grid.

**AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** If the behavior of any official is inconsistent with our constitutional rights, then it is the responsibility of the federal government, particularly the courts, to step in.

That said, local control is key to accountability, and it's at the heart of a healthy democracy. So, as Lt. Governor, I will work closely with duly elected local partners—not against them.

**HEALTH CARE:** Mike will defend our constitutional rights so that women will be masters of their own health and their own destinies. The Principles laid down by Roe v Wade and have guided us for nearly the last fifty years are reasonable and are supported by the vast majority of Americans.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Mike will work to reverse laws that allow criminals to access firearms and put our communities and law enforcement officers at risk. Further, we all want law enforcement that we know, trust, and are accountable to our local communities. We must also invest more in mental health training and restorative justice to create safer, more prosperous communities across Texas.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://CollierforTexas.com>

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

Four-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; oversees collection of child support; administers the crime victims compensation fund; enforces the open records/open meetings acts; approves public bond issues; and enforces consumer regulations. Current salary: \$153,750

**QUALIFICATIONS:** What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

**ELECTIONS:** What is the Attorney General's role in protecting Texans' freedom to vote while maintaining safe and secure elections?

**HEALTH CARE:** What is your position on reproductive rights and how would you address the economic and health consequences for those who seek and

cannot obtain abortions in Texas?

**IMMIGRATION:** What is the role of the state government in enforcing federal immigration laws?

**PRIORITIES:** As Attorney General, what would be your highest priorities for the next four years, and how do you intend to accomplish them?

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**S. "TBone" Raynor (D)**  
Attorney General

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Fresh out of SMU Law School, I became General Counsel at a nationwide financial group involved in hundreds of lawsuits. I jawboned many Sec. of State. Managed two Pro Bono Legal Clinics. General Practice. I believe in balancing Science and Economics.

**ELECTIONS:** The A.G. needs to promote access and justice allowing each citizen to vote and for each vote to count equally. Five years ago, I donated \$10,000 to The Carter Center for election monitoring. A.G.'s role is not to subvert democracy wasting millions. A role of the A.G. should be to help unvaccinated disabled citizens get current ID's through home visits so they can vote.

**HEALTH CARE:** U.S. Judge Jack scolds Texas for abandoning abused foster children—all 250 Texas facilities failed; Texas declined billions in Federal tax dollars for basic health care for millions of Texans who then clog our ER's when worried parents could have taken their kids to an

Internist. I have protected children in CPS, assisted adopting parents. I support Planned Parenthood.

**IMMIGRATION:** United Methodist ministers got me to start a pro bono immigration clinic, Justice For Our Neighbors, staffed with SMU law students from all

## Attorney General — Continued

## S. “TBone” Raynor (D)

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over the world. We ethically helped some folks but turned away others. My firm has assisted school Superintendents for years. The immigration system is broken and the border a mess. I would follow Federal laws tempered with mercy.

**PRIORITIES:** Choosing what laws to enforce using Micah 6:8, not through political corruption requiring loyalty oaths of Collin County Judges. Using the Courts/media to fairly reduce jail populations by mental health treatment; foster care sanctions using churches who have successful people who know how to help; our property taxes. Jail people committing fraud; collect child support.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** No Bio Information



### Joe Jaworski (D) Attorney General

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Licensed TX attorney; 30 years' experience in trial/appellate litigation in TX state and federal courts. TX mediator; 8 years local govt. experience: councilmember, mayor pro tem and mayor of Galveston, TX. Mentored by my grandfather Leon Jaworski.

**ELECTIONS:** I will form a voter access unit from the ashes of the AG's fake voter fraud division because TX voters should turn to the AG's office when their voting rights are suppressed. District and County attorneys may initiate fraud prosecution to keep our elections safe, but access is the key. I will ensure principals are registering high school seniors. Elec. Code 13.046(d)

**HEALTH CARE:** I support the Rule of Law set forth in Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood vs. Casey. Abortion should remain legal and available before fetal viability outside the mother's womb. Government should get out of the way of family planning education and broad reproductive healthcare access. As Texas AG, I would advocate for these positions in court.

**IMMIGRATION:** State government should partner with the federal government to enforce federal immigration laws. For example, as Texas AG I would dedicate part of my \$1.1 Billion budget to hire eight SAUSAs (Special Asst. U.S. Attorneys) to work under the direction of the United States Attorneys for the Southern and Western Districts of Texas to prosecute cartel immigration crimes.

**PRIORITIES:** On day one of my administration, I will dismiss any lingering lawsuits brought by the Texas AG against the ACA before lunch. I will testify in the 2023 Legislature for cannabis legalization (for jobs, to help our veterans, and to give our police a break so they can fight real crime). I will ensure principals register every 18 year old pursuant to Tex. Elec. Code 13.046(d).

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://www.JaworskiForTexas.com>



### Rochelle Mercedes Garza (D) Attorney General

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have experience in immigration, family, criminal, and constitutional law. My work has resulted in the “Garza Notice,” a requirement that teens in immigration detention have a right to access abortion, reinforcing a constitutional right nationwide.

**ELECTIONS:** As AG, I will dismantle the wasteful “election integrity unit” — which is really about enforcing the GOP's voter suppression measures, instead of protecting voting rights — and replace it with a voter protection unit under a fully funded civil rights department. I will ensure voting rights are protected, not undermined, especially for voters of color.

**HEALTH CARE:** Abortion care is health care, and health care is a human right. Reproductive choice is a moral imperative and an issue of racial, economic, and gender justice. I'm committed to restoring abortion access in TX and defending the rights of women and pregnant people anywhere they're threatened. I've defended reproductive rights before and will do so as TX AG.

**IMMIGRATION:** Immigration enforcement falls under federal jurisdiction. As an immigration attorney & border native, I understand the complexities of our immigration system. I have litigated against bad policies, like Remain in Mexico, that have created a humanitarian crisis at the border. Texas' enforcement efforts at the border are unconstitutional, wasteful and only worsen the issue.

**PRIORITIES:** As AG, I will fight for our Texas families. This means protecting constitutional rights, including voting & abortion rights; consumer protection, so our energy grid doesn't fail; and prioritizing public health, so municipalities & schools can protect people in the middle of a pandemic and our rural communities have the infrastructure they need, like clean drinking water.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://RochelleGarzaforTexas.com>



### Lee Merritt (D) Attorney General

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have spent my legal career doing the work of the “people's lawyer” and running one of the leading constitutional firms in the country. My work has been recognized by Our Revolution, NAACP, ACLU, Innocence Project, National Bar Association, and SPLC

**ELECTIONS:** I am committed to engaging more voters, fighting gerrymandering, providing felons with the right to vote, making election day a federal holiday, providing drive through voting, and opposing voter ID legislation. I would also challenge voter suppression laws using, inter alia, the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**HEALTH CARE:** I will litigate on behalf of organizations that provide safe abortions, end over-policing of women who choose to have abortions, and work to expand accessible healthcare. I will work with law makers to codify the protections offered in Roe v. Wade and side with Texas women against extremist conservative legislation.

**IMMIGRATION:** It is a responsibility of the state government to take actions such as conducting immediate investigations on unfair conditions in detention facilities, fighting against private immigration centers, allowing access of overseers in immigration facilities, and providing more resources such as additional judges, attorneys, translators, and social workers at our borders.

**PRIORITIES:** My highest priorities are to improve voter protection, ensure women's reproductive rights, and to protect our public schools. I will focus on engaging new voters through community outreach and work towards public financing of elections. I will cooperate with state and federal legislators to codify Roe vs. Wade. I plan to fight for policies like the College Act.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://www.leemerritt4texas.com>

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

## Attorney General — Continued



### Mike Fields (D) Attorney General

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a former Harris County Assistant District Attorney, former Assistant Texas Attorney General and Retired Judge of twenty years. I have a Criminal Justice degree from Texas State University and a Law Degree from St. Mary's Law School.

**ELECTIONS:** The Attorney General should ensure that all laws passed concerning voting rights and redistricting pass Constitutional muster. If they don't, the AG should work to see that they do.

**HEALTH CARE:** I firmly believe all persons, even those who choose to make the difficult decision of terminating a pregnancy, are "pro-life." Suggesting otherwise is unfair and offensive. Women should have free access to reproductive care and a Constitutionally protected right to make their own reproductive decisions. The AG should fight to make that right a reality.

**IMMIGRATION:** Federal laws should be left to the federal government. The full faith and credit of the United States depends heavily on the consistent application of our federal laws. When individual States interfere in the consistent application of our laws, the entire Nation suffers.

**PRIORITIES:** Texas is seeing unprecedented population and economic growth due, in large part, to our business friendly laws. My highest priority would be to ensure that laws regarding voting, equal rights, reproductive rights and civil rights for all, including the LGBT community, continue to encourage that growth.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://www.mikefieldsforag.com>

## COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Four-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 salary: \$153,750

**QUALIFICATIONS:** What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

**RAINY DAY FUND:** What is the optimal amount to be held in the Rainy Day Fund and what is the criteria for usage? What is your opinion on using the fund to pay down the state's debt vs. using it to help citizens that have been harmed by catastrophes?

**TAXES:** In your opinion, what is the proper balance of tax revenues sources

to fairly fund state government, including public schools?

**FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:** What needs to be done, if anything, to ensure that Texas can meet its long-term financial obligations such as infrastructure maintenance, state employee pensions and health care coverage for public school teachers and employees?

**PRIORITIES:** As Comptroller, what would be your highest priorities for the next four years, and how do you intend to accomplish them?



### Angel Luis Vega (D) Comptroller of Public Accounts

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a purpose-driven professional offering over 20 years in business strategy, finance, operations, managing multimillion-dollar budgets, and large groups of people. Bachelor of Business Administration & Master in Management & Leadership.

**RAINY DAY FUND:** We should increase the fund to 25 billion & allocate 1.75 to 2 billion annually. The primary purpose of these funds should be for natural disasters and recession to support our communities, support people keeping their homes, adequately fund our schools, support any healthcare crisis, provide food assistance and guarantee public safety.

**TAXES:** Suppose we focus on boosting Texans entrepreneurship, attracting new business opportunities, eliminating the corporate tax loopholes, and reducing the unemployment rate to under 3%. In that case, the proper balance of tax revenue could be at 145 billion. For the

spending budget, 140 billion annually, including public school funding and health care.

**FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:** We need to have a transparent tax administration. Be effective in forecasting, identifying the fundamental long-term obligations, putting our community first without eliminating essential funds for our public school teachers, employees, retirees, and community programs. Invest strategically, attract more business ventures to the state and legalize recreational marijuana.

**PRIORITIES:** I would focus on transparency, accountability, efficiency, optimizing the office's capabilities, boosting entrepreneurship, attracting new business opportunities, thriving jobs, and reducing unemployment under 3%. Guarantee retirement security & protect pensions. I will make decisions in the interest of all the people of Texas, not the special interest groups.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://www.angelvega.com>



### Tim Mahoney (D) Comptroller of Public Accounts

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Trained as a journalist in the 1970's (Texas Observer and DMN), went to the LBJ School of Public Affairs (UT-Austin) in the 1980's, then to Law School. I have been a practicing attorney since 1992.

**RAINY DAY FUND:** The Rainy Day fund was set up as a tool to smooth out a revenue source: oil and gas related tax collections. The Fund is not designed to correct chronic underfunding of state services. If there is a need for funding then the Legislature should find a way to provide additional funding. As Texas Comptroller, I will not play games with the important duty the position requires

**TAXES:** The proper balance between tax revenues and the proper funding of state government has been a wrecking ball. Texas officials have played a game of hide and seek regarding tax revenues and the adequate funding of state government for decades, especially including

public schools. We need to break out of the secret codes and share information with our fellow Texans.

**FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:** Long-term financial obligations are not filtered through the legislative process, partly because the Legislature does not care, and the Comptroller has been complicit with that intentionality. Building more powerful regional information structures can thwart the inaction of the Legislature. Building long term policy changes requires a sustained regional interest.

**PRIORITIES:** The Texas Comptroller is the largest public data center in Texas, and we should begin to produce information in a transparent form that enhances every region in Texas. If we understand that there is more power in collaboration than in division, we can begin to build a Texas government that belongs to all Texans. Our Redistricting process should result in compact districts.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://www.TimMahoneyCampaign.org>

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## Comptroller of Public Accounts — Continued


**Janet T. Dudding (D)**  
 Comptroller of Public Accounts

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I'm a certified public accountant (CPA) who's spent my adult life in governmental accounting, auditing, administration and even investigations.

**RAINY DAY FUND:** Government Finance Officers Association recommends a minimum of 2 months of regular revenue or regular expenditures be maintained in a rainy day fund. Typically, rainy day monies mitigate the risk of unstable revenues or unexpected expenditures. Natural disasters fall into the second category. The state of Texas' general obligation debt currently is rated Aaa/AAA/AAA/AAA.

**TAXES:** The Texas Legislature added \$6.5 billion dollars in funding to public schools in 2019. Yet per a 2021 SPLC report, Texas currently ranks 40th in the nation. New revenue streams are needed. Legalizing adult-use cannabis could bring \$1 billion in tax revenue (and decriminalization could save \$300 million). Look at "green" taxes to build revenue streams from green energy.

**FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:** Regarding infrastructure, Texas should accept the \$35 billion of federal Infrastructure and Jobs Act dollars. With fuel efficient vehicles, it would be interested to look at creating a revenue stream from alternative fuels to maintain roads. Public school employees in all but -12 school districts do not participate in social security and they should. Find the money.

**PRIORITIES:** Comptroller has the bully pulpit on how our money is spent. Expanding comp mental health & healthcare to 1.4 million adult Texans saves \$100 million in state tax and our property taxes. Work with local governments re broadband as a local utility, keeping the costs down and creating an income stream. Work with state agencies, reduce methane emissions on state property.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://janetdudding4texas.com>

## COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Four-year term. As head of the General Land Office, the commissioner manages state lands, including oil and gas properties (which supply funds to the Permanent School Fund) and the Alamo. The commissioner chairs the Veterans Land Board, which administers programs for Texas veterans, and is responsible for environmental protection of Texas' coast. Other state boards chaired include the School Land Board and the Coastal Coordination Advisory Committee. Current salary \$140,938

**QUALIFICATIONS:** What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

**ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS:** When federal funds for natural disaster relief and mitigation are allocated, how would you ensure that communities with the highest needs are prioritized?

**THE ALAMO:** As the head of the agency that manages the Alamo, what

story do you believe it should tell?

**COASTAL PLANNING:** What measures would you implement to restore and protect the coast, wetlands, and the built environment to minimize damage from major storms?

**PRIORITIES:** As Land Commissioner, what would be your highest priorities for the next four years, and how do you intend to accomplish them?


**Michael Lange (D)**  
 Commissioner of the General  
 Land Office

**QUALIFICATIONS:** See website. 40 years of small and large business, senior experience. GLO Budget is \$3.4 Billion. 800 Staff. Managed large, diversified groups with intensive risk, investment and leadership skills. City Knowledge/Rural Wisdom. Skillset to serve.

**ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS:** Federal Funds Allocation should be prioritized by where people are suffering the most from the disaster. It is never a political decision. It is a human needs decision. Disaster Priorities are based on human needs. When people get hurt by disasters, they need immediate help to rebuild and more. The people who need it the most get it first. Prioritize according to need.

**THE ALAMO:** The Alamo is the Shrine of Texas Liberty and an essential part of the Spirit of Texas. The Alamo Defenders gave up their tomorrow so we could have Better Lives today. Most of the Alamo Defenders were Immigrants, like my family. People forget that. The Alamo is the symbol of Texas, the world knows. To be preserved for future generations.

**COASTAL PLANNING:** Our Coast is at constant risk. Each disaster can alter the shape of the land, sometimes dramatically. We need to reinforce/enhance the natural barriers that balance nature and the environment. The eco-system is critical and must be maintained. We need to prevent construction that reduces the effectiveness of these natural barriers and erodes the coast. Be prepared always!

**PRIORITIES:** 1. The Safety of the People of Texas. 2. All People Treated with Equal Respect 3. Be a Man for Others. 4. Work constantly to Better the Lives of All Texans. Ensure Texas Veterans and Gold Star Families have the best state benefits in the nation, my plan TEXAS HAS YOUR SIX. Improve Reading levels in K-12. Currently 45th in the Nation. Unacceptable. Small Business Champion.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://LANGEFORLAND.com>


**Jinny Suh (D)**  
 Commissioner of the General  
 Land Office

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Strong science background (B.S., M.S. biology), former teacher, licensed attorney, small business owner, years as community organizer and advocate at Texas legislature, working mom of 2 young children, proven record of fighting for what's right.

**ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS:** State agencies should not play politics with the lives and livelihoods of Texans. Distribution of disaster relief funds should be managed with everyday Texans who need it the most treated as the priority. No Texan should be waiting for years with a tarp roof due to unfair biases, mismanagement, and inefficiency.

**THE ALAMO:** History should not be politicized or used by state leaders to score political points. The story the Alamo tells must be a full and honest history based on facts, evidence, and the standard academic understanding. That story includes the perspectives, contributions, and experiences of all individuals involved—Anglo, Tejano, Mexican, Black, and indigenous peoples.

**COASTAL PLANNING:** There is a lot to be done with our infrastructure in the coastal areas, including better construction to protect and restore our coastline and wetlands in combination with a robust scientific program. I also want to work with other organizations, NGOs, and government agencies that specialize in coastal wetland management, such as NOAA and Project Drawdown.

**PRIORITIES:** I aim to bring all stakeholders to the table to craft proactive solutions including incentivizing development of renewables, preparing our state for weather disasters, and increasing funding for public schools by maximizing revenue generated by state contracts and advocating for an increase in the amount directed to the Permanent School Fund.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://www.jinnysuhfortexas.com>



## Commissioner of the General Land Office — Continued



### **Sandragrace Martinez (D)** Commissioner of the General Land Office

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My expertise in trauma informed care, crisis management, my in-depth understanding of the legislative process, and the desire for educating my community, is a passion that has equipped me with the necessary skills to perform these duties.

**ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS:** Establish meaningful partnerships with all local governments and develop comprehensive insights on potential strains in our communities, is how we can pro-actively begin to manage and prioritize effectively. Mitigating and allocating relief from a natural disaster will depend on the areas hit, the socioeconomics in that region, and their resources.

**THE ALAMO:** When I visit other cities or a different country, and I tour their historical structures and monuments, my initial questions are always, "how did it get here, who built it, and why?" In essence, the story of the Alamo can only begin at that point due to chronological logic, so by default the story will have to involve explanations on how that evolved.

**COASTAL PLANNING:** Our Texas Ports alone, have an impact of nearly 1.8 million jobs and generate somewhere around \$102 billion in personal income, so the protection of our coastline is imperative for supporting the financial well-being of citizens, and projects along the Coastline must provide the required maintenance, development, and improvements to sustain those areas.

**PRIORITIES:** Disaster readiness and prevention with fine tuning the logistics involved are paramount. Honoring our Veterans with the same level of devotion and allegiance that they made to this country, and applying that same devotion to their benefits and healthcare. I want to create more programs and initiatives to help provide funding for public education.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://www.sandragrace4texans.com>



### **Jay Kleberg (D)** COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I grew up working on the King Ranch and have spent my whole career in conservation. I served as the Associate Director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation, and now I own a land-based conservation business and work in environmental education.

**ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS:** I would use the GLO's discretion to administer federal funds to ensure that dense, urban areas are not penalized and that damage claims for lower income homeowners and renters are not ignored. I would also send teams into damaged communities to ensure the timely disbursement of FEMA funds and application for longer-term allocation of funds.

**THE ALAMO:** The Alamo is a symbol of Texan and Tejano pride and we should honor their contributions to the state. We should also consider the role of early Black Texans and slavery in Texas' history, as well as indigenous groups who inhabited the site for centuries. As for the battle, the GLO should tell the comprehensive story and honor the facts of those historic events.

**COASTAL PLANNING:** The GLO will incorporate climate change modeling into the Coastal Management Plan, which will increase the standard for all federal and state investment on the coast. These higher standards would be applied to the Coastal Resiliency Master Plan and the \$30 billion Coastal Spine. These standards would also maximize investments with GOMESA, NRDA, CEPRA and HUD-CDBG funds.

**PRIORITIES:** My top priorities for the next four years are to adequately fund our Texas schools through the General Land Office's contribution to the Permanent School Fund, address the effects of climate change and diversify our state's energy portfolio to strengthen our grid, and to prepare for future natural disasters by fortifying our coast and other vulnerable areas of our state.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://jay4tx.com>

## COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Four-year term. The agriculture commissioner's principal job is promoting Texas' agriculture. In that capacity, the commissioner facilitates trade and marketing of agricultural products; regulates weights and measures; regulates pesticide use; 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. Current salary \$140,938

**QUALIFICATIONS:** What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

**IMMIGRATION:** Immigrants have been a vital part of the agricultural industry in Texas. How would you balance the needs of Texas agriculture with federal immigration policy?

**WATER RESOURCES:** As water resources become more scarce, how do we

balance the needs of farmers and the growing demands of urban areas?

**OPPORTUNITIES:** In your opinion, what are the opportunities for the growth of agriculture in Texas? What can we do now to ensure that Texas can capitalize on these future opportunities?

**PRIORITIES:** What are the three most challenging issues for Texas farmers for the next four years, and what are your plans for dealing with number one on your list?



### **Susan Hays (D)** Commissioner of Agriculture

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As an attorney raised in and around agriculture with decades of Texas government experience, I am adept at analyzing then solving problems. With my servant's heart, I will be dedicated to public service, helping farmers, and improving food quality.

**IMMIGRATION:** Federal immigration policy is broken and needs to be torn down to the studs. We need to be honest about that fact that Texas agriculture needs the labor. As commissioner, I will advocate to transform to a policy driven by our economic needs and implemented with humanitarian principles and compassion--just like we learned in Sunday School.

**WATER RESOURCES:** The Republicans have failed to even try to solve this problem. The Department of Agriculture (TDA) can research & promote sustainable practices and less-thirsty crops, but must work across agencies such as the Land Office, the Water Development Board, local water districts & others, and with the Legislature for a comprehensive plan to protect water quality and supply.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Texas ag can flourish by growing more fruits, vegetables & high-value crops. California produces more than 80% of U.S. fruits and vegetables--too many eggs in one basket. We need to diversify & support small & medium size operators. Cannabis should be legalized & regulated to protect public health & safety giving Texans an opportunity to share in the economic opportunity.

**PRIORITIES:** Economic survival, rural health care & climate change--and they are intertwined. I will look for opportunities, analyze the data, advocate to the USDA to change counter-productive policies, and help producers find a path to prosperity & environmental sustainability. Failing rural hospitals are an existential threat to rural communities and must be saved.

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## Commissioner of Agriculture — Continued



**Ed Ireson (D)**  
Commissioner of Agriculture

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I'm a businessman, new father, and proud Texan. My family has been running cattle in Brazos County for 130 years and I've worked with Texas ranchers to help sell their beef direct to consumers across the state.

**IMMIGRATION:** If ranchers and farmers can't hire enough workers to meet market demands, we all suffer. I'll advocate for an immediate expansion of the H-2A visa program, so that we can alleviate labor shortages to help counteract the supply chain constraints faced by all Texans.

**WATER RESOURCES:** Texan farmers and Texan city-dwellers are deeply interconnected. The food, wood, raw materials, and water that comes from our rural environments are critical to the urban lifestyle. As Ag Commissioner, I'll support programs that work with farmers to promote efficiency around their water use, including crop rotations and rotational grazing for livestock.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** The Texas Dept of Agriculture oversees rural infrastructure grants and the development of rural internet services. We need roads, bridges, waterways, and internet connectivity in order to have a strong future for our agricultural sector. We must invest wisely so that the State of Texas provides infrastructure for all Texans, but especially ranchers and farmers.

**PRIORITIES:** 1) Infrastructure 2) Supporting the next generation of farmers and ranchers 3) Access to financial and grant opportunities for rural Texans. Our infrastructure is both expensive and slow — livestock trailers stuck in traffic jams because of failing roads and bridges, and slow or no internet in the homes of our young Texans limiting their educational opportunities.

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## RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

**Luke Warford (D)**

**Unopposed**

## JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3

**Erin A Nowell (D)**

**Unopposed**

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5

**Amanda Reichel (D)**

**Unopposed**

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9

**Julia Maldonado (D)**

**Unopposed**

## JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5

**Dana Huffman (D)**

**Unopposed**

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6

**Robert Johnson (D)**

**Unopposed**

Once registered to vote, no need to re-register unless you move or change your name. Your registration is valid for all elections within your jurisdiction.

# MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Four-year term. The fifteen-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 are not paid, but receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in the course of official business.

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

**CHARTER SCHOOLS:** What is the impact of new independent charter school networks on the funding for local public schools? And is there anything you would do to change that impact?

**INCLUSIVE EDUCATION:** As the developer of Texas public school curriculum, how would you ensure a comprehensive history education that address-

es the needs of all students?

**RECOVERY:** What can the State Board of Education do to assist local school districts to develop programs so that students who fell behind from the pandemic can recover?

**OTHER ISSUES:** What other issues do you believe will be the most pressing for the State Board of Education?

## Member, State Board of Education, District 11



### "DC" Caldwell I (D)

Member, State Board of Education, District 11  
secondary schools -Etc.

**CHARTER SCHOOLS:** Charter schools compete and collaborate with local public schools for state per-student grant funding. Charter grants result in higher average contribution from state budgets on students in that school district's boundaries. Higher state contributions increase the community's share of the state budget as compared to areas with similar student population without charters.

**INCLUSIVE EDUCATION:** To be inclusive and address needs, focus on application--not trivia. I reviewed Texas Administrative Code Title 19, Part II, Chapters 110-130 Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), so I advocate for replacing "understand" with "apply," "identify" with "choose," "discuss" with "demonstrate," and similar replacements to emphasize USING knowledge and practical skills.

**RECOVERY:** The Board can promote implementation of templates for model recovery programs that are already developed, vetted, and optimized for best practices. Existing recovery resources recommend many of the same principles and guidelines that already work well: -Assign support staff -Provide mentorship -Offer a range of choices -Allow scheduling flexibility -Focus long-term -Etc.

**OTHER ISSUES:** The SBOE approved a Long-Range Plan for Public Education in 2018 but did not publish updated legislative priorities for 2021, and I would want to improve some. Looking at the 2019 priorities, I see that the TEKS are based on Texas Education Code Section 4.002, so I recommend an update to the 1995 Public Education Academic Goals that recognizes improvements in technology.

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### Luis Miguel Sifuentes (D)

Member, State Board of Education, District 11

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a former educator, husband and father with a graduate degree (MBA) in management. I have always been passionate about education and I wish to continue serving the students, parents and educators of District 11.

**CHARTER SCHOOLS:** Because funding is based on student enrollment, as students move from public schools to charter schools, they take their student allotment with them. The SBOE should advocate for equitable, fair and transparent funding of our schools and keep that in mind when approving new charters.

**INCLUSIVE EDUCATION:** As a former educator and social studies teacher, I became very familiar with the TEKS. As a general principle, curriculum and instructional material should be based on fact and inclusive of the good, the bad and the ugly. The SBOE should be inclusive curators of history, ensuring that the identities of all students are included, not just the identities of a few.

**RECOVERY:** The SBOE can adopt instructional materials that are relevant and inclusive to help re-engage disconnected students. The SBOE also needs to spur strategies in schools that address the mental health needs of students as they cope with the disruptions and loss brought about by the pandemic.

**OTHER ISSUES:** The SBOE should work to ensure that they are transparent in their decision making while getting feedback from its customers: educators, parents, and students. I will work to ensure that the voices of parents, educators, and students are solicited and acted upon.

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James Whitfield (D)

No Response

## Member, State Board of Education, District 12

Roberto Velasco (D)

No Response



### Alex Cornwallis (D)

MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 12

**QUALIFICATIONS:** In my profession, I solve incredibly complex problems through simple and effective solutions. Also, I am a community leader who has worked extensively with all levels of

government to bring in resources and improvements for our community's education.

**CHARTER SCHOOLS:** Charter schools take away funding from our taxpayer funded public school systems, and due to their independent status, are not very transparent. They will require an additional layer of accountability to be effective and that cost brings no value to our taxpayers. I will deprioritize the new approvals of Charter schools and will increase oversight on the current charters.

**INCLUSIVE EDUCATION:** I understand that history is a collective experience that our forefathers have transmitted to us. It is extremely important to learn from that experience so that we don't repeat the mistakes of the past and are able to plan for a better inclusive future by using history as a guide. Our nation's history needs to be taught as is, with facts, and with absolutely no omissions.

**RECOVERY:** Arrange for a temporary spike in funding so that local school districts can hire additional teachers and also invest on additional remedial materi-

## Member, State Board of Education, District 12 — Continued

Alex Cornwallis (D)

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als to facilitate an unprecedented rapid academic recovery.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Bring parity to teachers' salary. Texas is significantly behind in teachers' salary from the national average. Set a high priority to modernize the curriculum for STEM, arts, environmental sciences, critical thinking, health sciences and sports. The State Board of Education should do everything they can to shield the teachers from unreasonable and confusing legislation.

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## Member, State Board of Education, District 13

Aicha Davis (D)

Unopposed

## Member, State Board of Education, District 14

Tracy Fisher (D)

Unopposed

## STATE SENATOR

## State Senator, District 2

Prince S Giadolor (D)

Unopposed

## State Senator, District 12 - (from LWV Denton County)

**Francine Ly (D)**  
State Senator, District 12

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**Ferdi Mongo (D)**  
State Senator, District 12

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## State Senator, District 16

Nathan Johnson (D)

Unopposed

## State Senator, District 23

Royce West (D)

Unopposed

## TEXAS STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Two year term. Must be 21 or older, a US citizen, resident of Texas and the district represented. Responsible for representing the citizens of the district in the Texas House of Representatives.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION:** What in your opinion should the state legislature's role be in defining what is taught in Texas schools. Consider subjects like Texas and American history, civics, religion, sex education and culturally relevant history.

**LOCAL CONTROL:** What in your opinion should the state's role be in defining the authority of local governments? Consider subjects like local government property taxation, public safety budgeting, environmental controls and incentives, business incentives and COVID related mandates.

**GUN RIGHTS:** Recent Texas legislation allows many people over the age of 21 to carry a handgun in many public places without a permit. Do you support this legislation as is or would you support more restrictions?

**VOTING MODERNIZATION:** What is your position on election modernization measures like online voter registration, automatic voter registration, expanded access to vote-by-mail and local option ranked-choice-voting?

**ELECTRICAL GRID:** Texans experienced a crisis in February 2021 due to electrical grid failures. In response, changes were made in the legislative session. Do you believe the shortcomings in the grid and its management have been adequately addressed? What else needs to be done, if anything?

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



## State Representative District 100



### Daniel Davis Clayton (D) State Representative District 100

**PUBLIC EDUCATION:** As a legislative staffer, I had a front row seat to the Critical Race Theory debate and disappointed in how it was portrayed. Critical Race Theory is NOT being taught in Texas public schools from K-12. I was even more disappointed that the Legislature banned the New York Times 1619 Project and teaching current events related to discrimination. We need to teach our kids about slavery, Jim Crow, Juan Crow, and The Civil Rights Movement as it relates to where we are today and teachers should not have to get approval from politicians in forming their lesson plans.

**LOCAL CONTROL:** I supported what County Judge Clay Jenkins and local leaders did to protect their communities and to stop the spread of COVID especially before vaccine availability. They followed guidance from medical experts and epidemiologists. It is necessary for the

Governor to have the sole authority to declare a disaster area, but it should be limited in scope. I am for local control in property appraisals and taxation, public safety budgeting, environmental controls and business incentives. I trust them to make the right type of budgeting decisions since they are accountable to the voters every 2-4 yrs

**GUN RIGHTS:** I did not support the permitless carry bill. Most police associations across the state testified that permitless carry was a public safety disaster that would make it tougher to determine who the "good guys" and the "bad guys" are in a violent situation. With concealed carry, responsible gun owners are required to pass a criminal background checks and gun training. I look forward to going to the Texas House and to amend the current bill and work with law enforcement and community groups to keep residents in District 100 safe.

**VOTING MODERNIZATION:** As a former member of the Dallas County Citizens Election Advisory Commission and the Dallas County Vote Center Advisory Committee, I am supportive of any tools we can use to make voting easy, safe, and accessible. This includes online voter registration, same day voter registration, expanded access to vote-by-mail, and ballot drop off locations throughout the county. To protect the vote, we need Congress to pass HR1 and the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, as well as reverse changes to election legislation passed by the last Texas Legislature.

**ELECTRICAL GRID:** Over 4 million lost power and hundreds their lives. The legislative response to the failure of the grid was insufficient. The bills passed left room for companies to avoid weatherization improvement which is evident in the 20% drop in gas production during the recent cold snap this month. I agree that more oversight into ERCOT, PUC and the Railroad Commission is needed and am open to reforms that would add practical regulations to the Energy industry without sacrificing the independent spirit of Texas ingenuity.

**OTHER ISSUES:** I will champion for well-paying jobs, strengthen small business, stand up for our public schools, fight for Medicaid expansion and quality affordable healthcare, work with the community and law enforcement to keep our neighborhoods safe, continue to protect the vote and fight for civil rights and liberties. I will work to replace punishment in elementary and middle schools with social-emotional learning to end the school pipeline to prison, and work to kill bad legislation coming from the extreme authoritarian elements of the Republican party.

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### Sandra Crenshaw (D)

No Response



### Marquis Hawkins (D) State Representative District 100

**PUBLIC EDUCATION:** Texas education is underfunded. While the funding increases from HB-3 were substantial, we need to do more to fund education at the state level to take the burden off local municipalities from having to supplement where the state should be responsible. House Bill 3 also capped local school district tax increases, which prevent future revenue for school employee pay raises-we should be trying to attract people to the education field and policies like these make that more difficult. Local ISDs should play the key role is curriculum development with guidance from the State Board of Education.

**LOCAL CONTROL:** I am an advocate of local control particularly in the Medicaid expansion conversation. Local government, not the Governor, should decide on accessing those federal dollars. Additionally, with COVID related mandates, county judges should lead, not the Governor.

**GUN RIGHTS:** The expansion of gun rights is dangerous and should be reversed. Permitless carry bills help puts our citizens at higher risk and I would support greater restrictions.

**VOTING MODERNIZATION:** Voting is a fundamental right. I fully support online voter registration options, expanded early voting periods, and a repeal of voter ID laws that make voting more difficult. Voting is foundational to our democracy and I will support any effort to protect and expand the franchise for Texans.

**ELECTRICAL GRID:** The elected officials who stood by allowing our system to fail in February 2021 through their inaction need to be held accountable and that should happen in this election. The issue of grid stability, however, is not just a Texas issue. Many states across the country are experimenting with new ways to stabilize their grid, such as battery storage, and some companies are distributing smart thermostats to encourage conservation during times of peak demand. I would also propose an Energy Commission that combines the Public Utility Commissioner, ERCOT, and the Railroad Commission.

**OTHER ISSUES:** My top priorities are: Lowering Property Taxes, Expanded Healthcare Lowering Property Taxes: For far too many hard-working Texas, property taxes have become a real financial burden. I'll make sure the state government passes reasonable solutions to lower property taxes for all of us because high property taxes know no political party. Expanded Healthcare: Healthcare is a fundamental right that should be affordable for every Texan. The best way to reduce our state's high uninsured rate is by expanding Medicaid.

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### Venton C Jones (D) State Representative District 100

**PUBLIC EDUCATION:** It is the fundamental role of our state legislature to provide adequate funding to our Texas Educational Agency. We must also be committed to ensuring the delivery of high-quality and fact-based curriculum to our students. As a State Representative, I will work to support legislation that will increase public school funding and advocate on behalf of leaders who support the delivery of age-appropriate curriculum to our students regarding civics, religion, slavery, and teaching the actual events of Texas and American history.

**LOCAL CONTROL:** I believe that local governments must be equipped with the ability to make decisions that are best for the safety and protection of the local communities they serve. Using the COVID-19 pandemic for example, state leaders must not be compelled to usurp the authority of local governments when it does not serve their own political agendas. This was evident in how local mask mandates implemented by local governments were overturned by Governor Greg Abbott. Local mask mandates were not overturned because it put local citizens in danger, it was actually the opposite.

**GUN RIGHTS:** We must take urgent action to turn back the gun violence taking place in Texas. I believe that people over the age of 21 should be able to carry a handgun with a valid license to carry and a full background check. I do not support the current legislation allowing anyone over the age of 21 to have the ability to

## State Representative District 100 — Continued

Venton C Jones (D)

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carry a handgun in a public place without a permit.

**VOTING MODERNIZATION:** We must do everything possible to modernize and secure our elections. I believe bills like SB 1 passed in the last legislative session continue to create barriers and deny our voters access to the polls. I fully support same-day voter registration, online voter registration, automatic voter registration, and expanded access for anyone to request to vote-by-mail.

**ELECTRICAL GRID:** The 2021 weather crisis made it clear that Texas must invest in its infrastructure, including our electrical grid. Almost one year has passed since this catastrophic event and we still have not adequately prepared our state nor our electrical grid for the next major weather event and/or natural disaster. There must be an external investigation and inspection completed of the independent power grid of Texas. Based on these findings, we must provide funding and make the necessary repairs to our system and ensure all equipment meets current regulations, and withstand extreme weather events.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Healthcare – I support the expansion of Medicaid and increasing funding to reduce health disparities in House District 100. Adequate public education funding and support – I support fully funding pre-K programs, increasing teacher pay, and expanding access to career and technical education programs. Infrastructure improvements that support our community – I support legislation to upgrade and repair our streets and drainage, public transportation, and power grid. Equitable access to voting – I support same-day, online and automatic voter registration, and expanded access to vote-by-mail.

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## State Representative District 102

Ana-Maria Ramos (D)

Unopposed

## State Representative District 103

Rafael M Anchia (D)

Unopposed

## State Representative District 104

Jessica Gonzalez (D)

Unopposed

## State Representative District 105

Terry Meza (D)

Unopposed

## State Representative District 107

Victoria Neave Criado (D)

Unopposed

## State Representative District 108



**Freda Heald (D)**  
State Representative District 108

running for State Representative because all of our children deserve access to an education that caters to their needs. I strongly believe there should be more Special Education teachers across the state, and that each school should be able to grant their students the ability to succeed at learning.

**LOCAL CONTROL:** I believe that local governments should be empowered to be able to safely take care of their residents, and not have their hands tied by the State. COVID's impact on our communities has highlighted the need for us to recognize the importance of local politics, and for the need for local units of government to have the flexibility they need to make the best decisions for their community.

**GUN RIGHTS:** I support passing common sense safety measures like requiring licensing and training to carry a gun in public, and like a majority of Americans I support requiring background checks for all gun purchases that keep guns out of the hands of dangerous criminals and domestic abusers. As a teacher, I have watched my schools go through active shooter drills where our students have to prepare for an all too common occurrence in our country. I believe we must enact reforms that include closing loopholes, acting on warning signs, and updating basic security measures to keep our students safe.

**VOTING MODERNIZATION:** Texas is one of the hardest states to vote in. I believe we must repeal Senate Bill 1 and do everything we can to expand voting rights to Texans, not restrict when they are able to make their voices heard. I believe we should be finding more ways to encourage participation like expanded early voting times, mail in voting, and increasing the number of community voting sites.

**ELECTRICAL GRID:** We must take immediate action to fix our state's power grid so that what happened last year, where 246 Texans lost their lives, can never happen again. I witnessed first-hand the effect the failure of the power grid had on the less fortunate in our community when my husband and I took supplies to the Vickery Meadow area in Dallas, only minutes from our house, where young families were struggling to survive the night. I believe we must also make substantial investments into alternative sources of energy and sustainable infrastructure to meet the energy demands of the 21st century.

**OTHER ISSUES:** In the legislature, I will work to provide funding for healthcare and better health care options for all Texas residents. Everyone should have access to high quality affordable healthcare and will work to make it a reality in Texas, and will fight to expand Medicare to ensure that millions of more Texans have access to healthcare and ensure that every child has health care coverage. We must also immediately repeal Senate Bill 8 that puts in place the most restrictive abortion laws in the country and deprives nearly 7 million Texas women of access to essential healthcare services.

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## State Representative District 108 — Continued



**Elizabeth Ginsberg (D)**  
State Representative District 108

**PUBLIC EDUCATION:** Texas legislators should not micromanage the curriculum in Texas schools, and should only offer a broad directive to education professionals. Teaching should be based on truth, science and the development of critical thinking skills. Literacy must be the top priority. History, civics and culturally diverse topics taught in Texas schools must be based on facts, not politics or religious faith. Our children must be able to ask tough questions and not be afraid of the answers. Sex education should be taught based on facts and science, because abstinence-only programs are ineffective.

**LOCAL CONTROL:** Local governments are best suited to address subjects related to property taxation, public safety budgeting, environmental controls and incentives, business incentives and COVID mandates. The state has been attempting to usurp local political interests through state legislation. This is wrong because local governments have a better understanding of what is best for their employees and their constituents. I do believe that local governments should work responsibly to assure that communities do not end up with a patchwork of requirements that confuses businesses, employers and employees.

**GUN RIGHTS:** While I recognize that the Second Amendment confers rights to citizens, gun rights cannot be considered without also considering the responsibilities of gun ownership. I believe that the "constitutional carry" bill should be repealed, and Texans carrying guns should be required to demonstrate that they are responsible gun owners. I also support universal background check and red flag laws. I am deeply concerned about the proliferation of guns and gun violence in our community and its impact on our public health, and I believe that a reasonable legislative response is appropriate.

**VOTING MODERNIZATION:** Our democracy depends on higher voter participation. I support efforts to make voting easier such as simplified registration including online registration, same-day voter registration with a provisional ballot, wider and simplified use of vote by mail, and local flexibility to create solutions that fit the local community needs in order to make voting accessible such as drive-through voting and extended hours. Additionally, higher voter participation can be achieved by ranked-choice or approval voting. This would eliminate run-offs, reduce costs, and decrease the number of elections.

**ELECTRICAL GRID:** The legislature passed laws related to weatherization and natural gas supplies, although there were loopholes that must be closed. We should also consider joining with other surrounding power grids to assure dependability. Long term, alternate energy supplies made possible by new technologies such as wind power with improved battery potential, could address a part of the problem. Under the current system, the cost of failure is borne by consumers and consumer representation must be the focus of future reform. We also must investigate manipulation of the natural gas market during a disaster.

**OTHER ISSUES:** We must reclaim women's rights to control their reproductive health, and expand all Texans' access to quality, affordable healthcare. This includes securing the right to access birth control and abortion, expanding Medicaid coverage, and developing a science-based response to the pandemic. The legislature must address the long term impact of this pandemic, including the health and education crisis when teachers and first responders choose to leave their professions. Fully funding public education, while keeping local property taxes in check must also be prioritized.

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## State Representative District 109

**Carl O Sherman (D)**

**Unopposed**

## State Representative District 110

**Toni Rose (D)**

**Unopposed**

## State Representative District 111

**Yvonne Davis (D)**

**Unopposed**

## State Representative District 112

**Elva Curl (D)**

**Unopposed**

## State Representative District 113

**Uduak Nkanga (D)**

**No Response**



**Rhetta Andrews Bowers (D)**  
State Representative District 113

**PUBLIC EDUCATION:** The state legislature should not have a direct role in defining what is taught in Texas Schools, specifically relating to the history of racism in our country. An unlearned history whether it begins with slavery, the civil rights movement and/or discrimination of any kind has to be taught so that it will not repeat itself. There are ways to teach our history and subjects of this kind that are age appropriate and truthful. We must ensure that we are preparing our students for real life and not shielding them from it, which includes age appropriate lessons in history, civics, and sex education.

**LOCAL CONTROL:** I do believe in local control. As an elected state official, I have had to vote on many of the issues listed above, but I believe that officials at the local level know their communities better and should be given every opportunity to make decisions and/or mandates of any kind at the local level.

**GUN RIGHTS:** I am a gun safety advocate and serve as Vice Chair of the House Committee on Homeland Security and Public Safety, and I believe training, safe storage and more safety measures should be strongly considered. I voted no on this legislation.

**VOTING MODERNIZATION:** I agree - we need election modernization tools like online voter registration, automatic voter registration, and expanded access to vote-by-mail. We should be making it easier for voters to participate in elections. We are now making it harder for voters to participate in the process with the passage of SB 1, which I voted and spoke out against on the House floor. I am proud to have gone to Washington, DC last summer to fight for our freedom to vote and advocate for voting rights and measures like these that make it easier to vote.

**ELECTRICAL GRID:** I believe we have only scratched the surface of the changes needed to update and safeguard our electrical grid during the 87th Legislative Ses-

## State Representative District 113 — Continued

Rhett Andrews Bowers (D)

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sion. Our energy industry needs our support and guidance to swiftly make these changes. Texans are very concerned with the possibility of another winter storm and the inability of the grid to handle such low temperatures and keep Texans safe. As energy companies weatherize their energy plants, we as a state have to come to the table to make sure that what we have in place is updated and ready for whatever lies ahead.

**OTHER ISSUES:** I believe some other issues that will remain amongst the most pressing in our next session will be education and how we close the learning gap, access to quality and affordable healthcare and the COVID crisis, and access to broadband for all. We have to get used to our new normal and figure out how to safely keep students and teachers in our schools, keep Texans working, and save small businesses.

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## State Representative District 114



**Chris Leal (D)**  
State Representative District 114

**PUBLIC EDUCATION:** I teach a Law & Justice class to 7th & 8th graders in Dallas ISD, so classes like mine (social studies elective) are on the front lines of recent legislative attacks on our teachers. I believe our history should be taught honestly and openly, we cannot censor our history and any effort to do so will only hurt our students, our communities and our state for generations. Our public curriculum should be teacher-driven and should teach our students to think critically about our present, past and future. We must also teach sex education; 85% of our ISD's offer abstinence-only or nothing at all.

**LOCAL CONTROL:** I believe our state should set strong minimums/floors for standards and then allow healthy local control for municipalities to make laws/regulations that best fit their communities. Beyond setting healthy minimums, the state should not restrict local governments from managing their property tax revenue, their public safety budgets, their environmental regulations, their minimum wage laws, their paid sick & family leave laws nor COVID mandates.

**GUN RIGHTS:** We must absolutely repeal HB 1927 the "permitless carry" law. With this extremist legislation, Republicans have made it harder to go fishing than it is to carry a gun in public, and they passed it despite concern and opposition from police groups across the state. This law makes Texas less safe, and gun groups are already pushing to expand it to age 18+ and to include concealed carry as well. We must stop this and bring back safe and sensible gun laws, including universal background checks.

**VOTING MODERNIZATION:** Texas is last place or just near it in voter turnout. This should be considered a crisis for our state. We should be making it easier for Texans to participate in our democracy, not harder. That's why our campaign has released a proposal called "Top 10 in 10!" The goal is to take Texas into the top 10 of voter turnout states in the next 10 years. To accomplish this, I believe we need reforms like automatic voter registration, universal vote by mail, removing barriers for Texans with disabilities, youth outreach programs and independent redistricting commissions.

**ELECTRICAL GRID:** We still have much work to do to fix our grid. I believe last sessions SB2 bill was inadequate in fixing these issues, and further reforms are needed to ensure winterization and efficiency standards are increased and satisfied. We also need to go beyond regulations and provide actual investment in this infrastructure, not only on the generation side but also on the residential side. Fixing our grid is a great way to rebuild part of our aging infrastructure, to become more sustainable, and to create good-paying union jobs.

**OTHER ISSUES:** 1. Education Funding: Texas has been defunding education for years. We must take state funding back to 50%+ and reform recapture/Robin Hood. 2. Rebuilding infrastructure: Beyond the grid, we must rebuild our state. It's good for Texas, good for the environment, and good for the economy. 3. We must expand Medicaid & our state healthcare programs ASAP. 4. Wages have been flat for 50 years, we must empower Texas workers to increase wages. 5. End discrimination for ALL - including LGBTQIA+. If all these issues can be attacked at the same time, then we must fight for them all at the same time.

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**Alexandra Guio (D)**  
State Representative District 114

**PUBLIC EDUCATION:** The State Legislature's role is to coordinate with the Texas State Board of Education, School Board Trustees, & advocacy groups to include their input on school curriculum. The State Legislature should not be politicizing our children's education. We need to work on repealing the "CRT" Education bills & allow teachers to teach factual & historical representations of our Texas & United States History. Further, the State Legislature should rely on advocacy groups & evidence-based sexual education programs (which also include abstinence messages) that have been proven to reduce teen births.

**LOCAL CONTROL:** The State should respect the local control of school districts & city & county governments. These governmental entities are often the levels of government closest to the people & they are critical in designing solutions that benefit their community & reflect their priorities. However, local control is under attack in Texas with bills drafted in the Legislature & mandates from the Governor. Texas is huge both geographically & demographically & what serves the Rio Grande Valley, for example, may not serve the needs of Dallas. A return to local control is a return to democracy in its purest form.

**GUN RIGHTS:** I would support additional safeguards regarding the carrying of a handgun in public including requiring permits to open-carry rifles, universal background checks, enhanced gun-carry training and the confiscation of firearms when violent felonies have occurred. Further, I support the passage of red-flag laws that allows law enforcement or a family member to ask a judge to temporarily remove firearms from someone who is considered a danger to themselves or others.

**VOTING MODERNIZATION:** I support automatic voter registration, online voter registration, same day election-day registration, & making Election Day a holiday. I also support expanded access to vote-by-mail for our elderly & disabled community with modifications made to the current law that is resulting in so many applications being rejected. In addition to our restrictive voter ID laws, the pandemic has made obtaining an ID at the DMV difficult. Texas should expand its acceptable forms of voter ID. Local ranked-choice voting should be left for each local city or county government to decide.

**ELECTRICAL GRID:** I believe more could have been done to address the grid failure. The mandatory winterization upgrades need more aggressive deadlines & any exemptions & extended time-limits should be made available to small providers. Greater transparency is also needed in the oversight of this effort & rigorous accounting is needed so that loopholes & exceptions do not overwhelm the goal of the regulation. I would support giving ERCOT an independent & expert Board of Directors (not to be politically appointed) & provide more reliability, transparency, & security to Texans about the state of our grid.

**OTHER ISSUES:** As a former prosecutor who fought for justice for survivors of sex assault & the only woman in this race, I am extremely passionate about fighting for reproductive justice. I will work to repeal SB 8 (abortion ban & bounty hunter bill) or at the very least repeal the portion of the bill that doesn't allow an exception for rape & incest. I will fully advocate for reproductive justice which includes access to safe & legal abortions, access to contraception & access to sex education. Without access to all three, women's (& LGBTQ) rights are being violated, especially in poor communities of color.

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John Bryant (D)

No Response



**Charlie Gearing (D)**  
State Representative District 114

**PUBLIC EDUCATION:** The effort by Republicans in Austin to cover up our Nation's history is shameful. All students are at a disadvantage if they are not taught our full history, the good and the bad, and if our teachers are prohibited from discussing current events and sensitive historical topics. Our teachers should be empowered to provide our students with the highest quality education possible and that includes teaching their students to think critically and ask tough questions. We must return local control to these communities and allow educators, our school board and our PTAs to make decisions.

**LOCAL CONTROL:** I support a return of local control so local government leaders, such as Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins, can address public health crises as needed for this community. Governor Abbott was wrong to deprive local leaders of the tools they needed to protect Texans and stop the spread of dangerous public health threats like COVID, such as commonsense vaccination and masking requirements that allow businesses to stay open safely. The Governor's restrictions are not Texan.

**GUN RIGHTS:** The permitless carry law passed in 2021 is dangerous and wrong for Texas families. As a lawful gun owner, I know that we can protect the Second Amendment and pass common sense safety measures like requiring licensing and training for individuals who choose to carry in public, and by requiring background checks. Like 93% of Americans and 89% of Republicans, I also support common sense background checks that keep guns out of the hands of dangerous criminals and domestic abusers.

**VOTING MODERNIZATION:** I fully support all of these proposals mentioned. Several other states have expanded vote by mail availability, and there is no evidence voting by mail is more likely to be fraudulent. Texas' voter turnout in 2020 was the highest in 30 years, and that fact is a success to be built upon— not a problem to be fixed. Republicans in Austin senselessly injured our democracy with the passage of SB1 in 2021, making it harder than ever for everyone, including disabled, minority, and elderly Texans, to vote. I will fight to repeal the recent attacks on our voting rights.

**ELECTRICAL GRID:** The power grid failure in February 2021 was unacceptable, and the legislature's failure to address ongoing risks is unconscionable. We must immediately fix our state's power grid by doing more than requiring weatherization of natural gas lines. We must also improve requirements for energy providers to disclose measures they have taken to weatherize and to prevent failures from the February 2021 freeze. I also support increased investment or incentives for the construction of more sustainable and renewable energy, to help us diversify our power sources further.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Our healthcare system is broken, and the first step is to expand Medicaid and bring our federal tax dollars back home to work for us. From addressing rising prescription drug costs to keeping hospitals open, we must also take action to ensure that everyone has access to affordable healthcare and the ability to see a doctor when they need to. In addition, extremists in Austin passed the most dangerous and restrictive abortion ban in the country, putting essential health care services out of reach for over seven million Texas women. We must immediately repeal Senate Bill 8.

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**Kendall Scudder (D)**  
State Representative District 114

**PUBLIC EDUCATION:** Politicians should not be making decisions on what's being taught in our schools without direct input and advice from education professionals. As we've seen, the legislature is trying to use our education system to push political agendas and perpetuate fictional culture wars that only serve to rile up political bases. We need to let teachers teach and students learn – I trust our community educators to make curriculum decisions.

**LOCAL CONTROL:** Local elected officials know their communities best. Mandates and executive orders handed down from Austin that are contrary to our community values or the health and safety of our residents need to stop. The state should be working with local officials, not against them, to ensure that they have the resources and tools necessary to keep our communities thriving.

**GUN RIGHTS:** I do not support permitless carry. Responsible gun owners understand that background checks, basic training, and permits are not an excessive ask for a decision of such gravity. Texas has a rich history of gun ownership and I have no interest in diluting that history for reckless individuals who refuse to show the bare minimum of qualification before carrying firearms in public.

**VOTING MODERNIZATION:** I support full and equal access to the ballot for every citizen. The state should be doing everything it can to ensure the right to vote and expand ballot

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

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## State Representative District 114 — Continued

Kendall Scudder (D)

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access. If we can renew our driver's license or car registration online, we should be able to register to vote online. Vote-by-mail should be available to everyone, with no restrictions.

**ELECTRICAL GRID:** Infrastructure is a primary responsibility of state and local government that is often neglected in pursuit of more flashy topics that politicians use to showboat. We saw the devastating effects of this during the Texas Freeze, when 246 people died because our power grid wasn't able to stand up to extreme temperatures. Republicans in Austin failed to adequately address the issue, deciding instead to focus on issues that divide rather than unite. I'm committed to doing whatever is necessary to modernize our grid to prevent future tragedies like the Texas freeze.

**OTHER ISSUES:** The shameful attacks on reproductive rights in Texas have got to stop. A person's right to abortion, birth control, and other family planning services are a decision made between them and their doctor, not their government. Additionally, Texas has consistently been ranked one of the lowest states in the country when it comes to healthcare access. Our state should be coordinating with healthcare providers and the federal government to ensure that every Texan has access to quality, affordable healthcare and low-cost prescription drugs, including mental health services.

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## State Representative District 115

Julie Johnson (D)

Unopposed

## JUSTICE, 5TH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT

## Justice, 5th Court of Appeals District, Place 4

Maricela Moore (D)

Unopposed

## Justice, 5th Court of Appeals District, Place 7

Nancy Kennedy (D)

Unopposed

## CIVIL DISTRICT JUDGE

Civil cases heard by District Courts include personal injury and property damage suits, landlord-tenant matters, election contests, contractual and other business disputes. Must be a US citizen and Texas resident between 25 and 74 years old, a practicing lawyer or judge or both combined for at least 4 years (per 2021 constitutional amendment this requirement changes to 8 years for terms beginning after 1/1/25), and have lived in Dallas County for at least 2 years. 4 year term.

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

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

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** What, if anything, should be done to improve access to justice for low income residents?

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** In your opinion, are there enough courts and judges to service the needs of your jurisdiction? Should the number of courts be expanded or are there other measures that could be implemented to ensure timely justice?

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

## District Judge, 44th Judicial District

Veretta Frazier (D)

Unopposed

## District Judge, 68th Judicial District

Martin Hoffman (D)

Unopposed

## District Judge, 101st Judicial District

Staci Williams (D)

Unopposed

## District Judge, 116th Judicial District

Tonya Parker (D)

Unopposed

## District Judge, 134th Judicial District

Dale Tillery (D)

Unopposed

## District Judge, 160th Judicial District

Aiesha Redmond (D)

Unopposed

## District Judge, 191st Judicial District

Gena Slaughter (D)

Unopposed

## District Judge, 192nd Judicial District


**Maria Aceves (D)**  
 District Judge, 192nd Judicial District

**BACKGROUND:** I am the best person to hold this position because I have the civil experience and a staunch dedication to fairness, justice, and efficiency. I have represented individuals on both sides of the docket starting off as a civil defense lawyer and then switching over to the plaintiff's side, which would make me a fair and impartial jurist. I am also bilingual in Spanish and previously interned for a Dallas County civil court, similar to the one I am seeking in this election. I will be ready to serve from day one due to my experience and qualifications.

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** I am an award-winning Dallas civil litigation attorney focusing on personal injury matters representing injured individuals and their families. I have successfully litigated civil cases for my clients at my own firm for the past four years. I have also handled many guardian ad litem appointments representing minor children's interests in civil cases. Prior to starting my own firm, I did civil defense work for several years at a prominent firm and worked at a boutique catastrophic injury firm. I also interned for a civil district court judge in Dallas County. No reprimands or suspensions.

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** I will provide access to justice for low income residents by keeping the docket moving and making rulings competently, efficiently, and quickly so that litigants can have their day in court. I will provide access by instituting technological innovations including remote hearings. I will provide access by instituting a court that is fully bilingual and accessible to Spanish-speaking litigants. Lastly, I will institute a Foreclosure Fairness program, similar to the one created by Judge Martin Hoffman, allowing homeowners a say the foreclosure process, among other programs.

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** With the pandemic, the courts' dockets have become very congested. While it would be nice to have additional courts to assist in decongesting the court system, the question of expanding the civil district courts remains with the legislature. That is why it is critical to have judges that are competent, efficient and able to move the docket so that litigants can have access to the courthouse and have their day in court.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Other issues that are pressing to this court are access to the court. I plan to institute efficient methods that will keep the docket moving and keep the court accessible to all. Specifically, I plan to institute innovative methods and implement technological advancements to allow all litigants access to the courthouse including remote hearings. I will also provide access to Spanish-speaking litigants due to being bilingual and will make sure to provide bilingual services. Lastly, I will institute internship and mentoring programs geared at students interested in a career in the law.

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**Tracie M. Shelby (D)**  
 District Judge, 192nd Judicial District

**BACKGROUND:** I have 22 years of civil law experience in state and federal court. I clerked for two federal district court judges. I have an MBA in Finance from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College and Master of Laws in Securities and Financial Regulation from the Georgetown University Law Center. I have experience in Mergers and Acquisitions and Private Equity taking Real Estate Investment Trust Companies (REITs) from public to private and acquiring portfolios of real estate and mortgage loans.

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** I have over 22 years of experience in state and federal court as well as handled an array of transactional matters. I am the Principal of The Shelby Law Firm, P.C. I was Law Clerk to the Honorable Petrese B. Tucker of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of PA in Philadelphia and the Law Clerk to the Honorable Clifford Scott Green of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of PA in Philadelphia. I worked as

General Counsel for Intimate Apparel Company in Washington, D.C and Assistant General Counsel for a non-profit in Philadelphia, PA. No reprimands or suspensions.

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** A low-bono legal services that the fee is reduced, offer incentives to attorneys like student loan reductions and fellowships with student loan forgiveness. A mandatory Pro-Bono requirement for each attorney. A program that law students and paralegals can assist residents. A program for Pro-se filers to provide an overview of the civil litigation/ Create Civil Procedures, Evidence, and Court Rules for Pro-se Filers. Make it mandatory that all law students have to complete a 1-year fellowship in low-income clinic and expense paid by the government with student loan reduction.

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** No, there are not enough courts and judges to sufficiently and thoroughly hear each case and give each case the amount of time and attention it needs. The population has grown over the years and the number of cases has greatly increased. The number of Courts should be expanded to ensure timely justice, help with the backlog, and give the Courts more time to thoroughly spend with each case. More specialty Courts need to be created to help with homeless, mental health, and veteran issues.

**OTHER ISSUES:** The backlog in civil cases. I will take non-complex commercial litigation cases and mediate them myself. This will be an informal process where the parties can lay all of their evidence before the Court and the Court can discuss the strength and weakness with each party alone to help bring a different perspective and an opportunity to settle. Access to justice for undocumented residents - Educate undocumented community on the court system, teach them that the civil courts are open, they have a right to file cases, and civil courts do not report immigration status to the government.

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## District Judge, 193th Judicial District

Bridgett Whitmore (D)

Unopposed

## District Judge, 194th Judicial District

Ernest White (D)

Unopposed

## District Judge, 195th Judicial District

Hector Garza (D)

Unopposed

## District Judge, 203rd Judicial District

Raquel "Rocky" Jones (D)

Unopposed

## District Judge, 204th Judicial District



**Tammy Kemp (D)**  
District Judge, 204th Judicial District

**BACKGROUND:** I believe that my life experience, and work ethic, make me the best fit for the job at hand. I have worked as a prosecutor and as a defense attorney. As a prosecutor, I served under three unique District Attorneys, and each instilled values that have impacted me and made me a better judge. As a defense attorney, I became aware of the challenges defendants and their attorneys face in preparing a defense. While serving as a judge, I have become keenly aware of the difficulties that victims, defendants, witnesses, and jurors encounter when involved in the criminal justice system.

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** I have never received any discipline from the State Bar of Texas or the State Commission on Judicial Ethics.

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** We should undertake an educational effort throughout the community to educate everyone about their rights as an accused person as well as a victim before they become a part of the criminal justice system. State and/or local government should underwrite this educational effort. The educational initiative could be implemented in middle and high schools, community centers, churches, crime watches and through other civic organizations.

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** This is difficult to answer, given our current battles with the pandemic over the past two years. I am hopeful that once the pandemic subsides we will be able to provide more timely services to all defendants and there will not be a need to increase the number of courts in Dallas County.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Our most pressing issue relates to the pandemic and the limitations it has presented in our ability to provide jury trials as soon as possible. The safety of our citizenry must be paramount. The modernization of our courts with media friendly equipment will help immensely in our ability to dispense justice and permit the public to be able to witness the same and hold the participants accountable.

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Bree West (D)

No Response

## District Judge, 254th Judicial District

Kim Brown (D)

Unopposed

## District Judge, 255th Judicial District

VONDA BAILEY (D)

No Response



**Kim Cooks (D)**  
District Judge, 255th Judicial District

**BACKGROUND:** I began my legal career as a prosecutor. I practiced family and criminal law prior to being elected as judge in 2014. I am currently the Presiding Judge of the 255th Family Court and Protective Order Court. I have patience, I treat everyone with dignity and

fairness. My goal in family court is to do what's in the best interest of the children, mend the broken families while following the law. I have compassion for people and believe they deserve mercy the same way God has shown us mercy. I have the experience as a Judge, Community Leader, and as a Public Servant.

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** I was licensed to practice law in Texas in 2002. I practiced family as well as criminal law prior to being elected as judge in 2014. I am seeking re-election to my third term as judge. My Court was acknowledged for best budget. I have received numerous

community service and leadership awards. I have spoken at a number of Family Law Continuing Educations Seminars. I am currently the Presiding Judge of the 255th Family Court and Protective Order Court.

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** I have partnered with the local law schools where we have scheduled clinics to assist and improve justice for low income residents or persons who wish to represent themselves.

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** There are an adequate number of Courts to serve the needs in our jurisdiction. I believe more specialized Courts will be beneficial, such as a drug court in family court and a mental health court in family court. These specialized courts would address the needs of the parents, so that the families can be mended back together. I believe it would take specialty courts in order to address and assist with the root of the family problem.

**OTHER ISSUES:** I believe that every person deserves dignity especially where in family court, emotions are running high. There is a consensus that people do not wish to have the most intimate details of their relationship publicized on YouTube. The Court is open to the public and this can be accomplished by providing the Zoom Code or welcoming spectators to the Courtroom.

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## District Judge 256th Judicial District



### **Sandre Streete (D)** District Judge, 256th Judicial District

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

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** I am the Managing Attorney in the Moncriffe Law Firm, a Family Law firm. In my previous position as an ADA with the Dallas County District Attorney's Office in the Juvenile Law Division (2011-2017), I prosecuted Child Welfare/CPS cases, in the Family

District Courts. Prior to working as an Assistant District Attorney, I successfully operated a Family Law practice for almost 10 years. My legal experience has afforded me the opportunity to work on a broad variety of Family Law cases, which is well suited for the role of Judge. I have no reprimands or suspensions.

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

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** Adding Courts is solely in the purview of the State Legislature. Nevertheless as effective public servants, we have to ensure that we are using all of our resources, moving dockets efficiently; and avoiding unreasonable delays for litigants. However, navigating the pandemic has certainly created some more avenues to get the job done in ways we never envisioned, i.e Zoom, Teams, etc. More clerical, administrative and paraprofessional staff is always desirable.

**OTHER ISSUES:** 1) Partnering with non profit resources to provide parenting classes, anger management counseling, individual counseling, etc for non CPS cases where parents/children could benefit from such services but cannot afford to pay for such services; 2) A streamlined prove up process for Pro Se litigants; 3) Encourage participation in specialty courts for CPS cases involving drug use by parents; 4) Ensure oversight of CPS cases in the permanency court; 5) Provide information for low cost mediation and legal help at court and 7) More Interpreters to assist with Prove ups or regular dockets.

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### **David Lopez (D)** District Judge, 256th Judicial District

**BACKGROUND:** After graduating from Texas Tech Law School in May 1993, I was in private practice for 13 years often in court daily in various counties like Dallas, Tarrant, Collin and Denton. I experienced judges in many jurisdictions. My experience allowed me to experience highly qualified judges and others not so qualified. My goal as a judge today is to continually acquire the skills of the highly qualified jurists I experienced and to avoid the traits of jurists I disliked. Since becoming judge in 2007 I have attended every annual Advanced Family

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** I have been the Presiding Judge of the 256th Family Court since January 1, 2007. I have presided over countless trials and hearings over the past 15 years. I have gained a tremendous amount of institutional knowledge at being an effective trial court

judge. Not only do I have 15 years experience, but I have been among the top performing Family District Court Judges in Dallas County, according to the Dallas Bar Association survey conducted before each election among its members, lawyers. Certainly, I have been evaluated many times over my 15 years and in short while not perfect my evaluation

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** Despite many organizations attempting to address this barrier and provide law services at a reduced or no fee, they need more funding to be able to serve more clients. Law schools in the area should be opening clinics that allow law students to meet these people and under the guidance of a lawyer provide access to legal advice to help get the merit worthy cases to court. We, in the family court, can address this growing population of people representing themselves by exercising more patience, understanding and flexibility, including continuing Zoom appearances as well.

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** To maintain the current level of service, currently, in the family courts, we do have enough courts and judges; however, the civil and criminal courts are likely to need more judges and courts. To improve service overall we will need more judges and courts. Unfortunately, the COVID crisis has interfered with court function and caused many courts, criminal and civil, to be severely backlogged with the only hope being more courts and judges to resolve it. We need to utilize more alternative dispute resolution techniques, including mediation and other forms of negotiation to allow some disputes

**OTHER ISSUES:** Currently, the COVID crisis has presented new challenges. One silver lining is low income litigants seem to participate in greater numbers in Zoom proceedings. My experience is many are even at work and seemingly allowed to participate in their trials without loss of employment. The Courts are going to have to continue to provide people with this Zoom opportunity. So, as the pro se population increases so will the trials; therefore, my court will keep cases moving by ordering alternative dispute resolution methods and creating additional docket space to address pro se cases by Zoom.

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## District Judge, 265th Judicial District

**Jennifer Bennett (D)**

**Unopposed**

## District Judge, 282nd Judicial District



### **Teresa Jan Hawthorne (D)** District Judge, 282nd Judicial District

**BACKGROUND:** I have spent much time preparing my website which answers all of these questions. There is an announcement which will inform you as to why I am running for this specific position. There is a short letter to voters with an important warning to voters of

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** See Website. [www.judgeteresa.com](http://www.judgeteresa.com) I have had 2 public reprimands which I do regret; I never dreamed at the time that I was doing anything wrong. If you would like a copy of my explanation please request by email [tjhawthorne@aol.com](mailto:tjhawthorne@aol.com). I will send you exactly what happened. Thank you

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** I believe that there is more of a lack of justice in the civil courts than in the criminal courts which is unfair to children. All people in any court should have a right to court appointed attorneys. So many people are abused in many ways and cannot afford attorneys with civil matters

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** If more judges would be on their benches no later than 9:00 a.m. every day and they worked until 4:30 each day like our clerks do at least 60% more cases could be disposed. The moral and ethical work ethic of most judges is a disgrace to the public.

## District Judge, 282nd Judicial District — Continued

Teresa Jan Hawthorne (D)

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**OTHER ISSUES:** I have addressed them in my website. [www.judgeTERESA.com](http://www.judgeTERESA.com) I ask for your vote; it is time for a change in the 282nd. The entire work environment needs changing in the 282nd. All employees would look forward to doing their jobs. I would be the Judge not a dictator. There would be more efficiency. I would not require the bailiffs to follow me around like I was a queen. I would not call my volunteers and demand they meet me in court on Saturdays. I would not set a vast amount of cases for trial and require all attorneys to sit in the 282nd court for hours holding up other court's dockets.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Age: 9/8/1948; Occupation: Attorney & Counselor @Law; Education: JD St. Mary's School of Law M.S. Texas A & M / ETSU B.S. Texas A & M ETSU; Website: <http://www.judgeTERESA.com>; Campaign Phone: (214) 724-5498; Email: [tjhawthorne@aol.com](mailto:tjhawthorne@aol.com)



**Amber Givens (D)**  
District Judge, 282nd Judicial District

**BACKGROUND:** I am the only candidate in this race that has created a supplemental felony program to reduce recidivism [Empowerment Program]. I am the only candidate in this race that has created a community education program [Word of Mouth Series]. I am the only candidate in this race that has implemented a youth based crime prevention program [Pipeline to Possibilities]. I am the only candidate in this race that has not been overturned by a higher Texas Court.

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** I have never been reprimanded by the Texas State Commission on Judicial Conduct, nor have I ever been suspended by the State Bar of Texas. I started my legal career as an Assistant District Attorney (ADA) at The Nassau County District Attorney's Office (8/2006 - 5/2008). Then I had a criminal defense practice. I continued my career as an ADA at The Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office (8/2009 - 8/2012). I served as an ADA at The Dallas County District Attorney's Office (8/2012 - 12/2014). I currently serve you as the Presiding Judge of the 282nd Judicial District Court (1/2015-present).

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** I sympathize with the Public Defender's Office, and I appreciate their hard work. Much like Legal Aid attorneys, they are among the most over-worked and underpaid attorneys. Fortunately, the Fair Defense Act allows relief. Courts may appoint private-sector attorneys to represent indigent individuals accused of a crime that cannot afford to hire their own attorney. Any accused individual who cannot afford private counsel has access to appointed counsel in my Court.

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** My Court (MC) consistently receives one of the highest number of case assignments (CA) per month. In July 2020, MC received 1,027 CA and a neighboring Court (NC) received 473 CA. In August 2021, MC received 1,314 CA while the same NC received 767 CA. I am proud of my Court team as we work aggressively to efficiently handle our assigned caseload and remain focused on ensuring that justice and equality for all is a reality. My Court team and I work to ensure that the rights of the victims and those accused are simultaneously protected.

**OTHER ISSUES:** In 2020 after witnessing the horrors unfold after George Floyd's murder, some Dallas County defense attorneys posted on social media calling Black Americans "animals" and "subhuman." I questioned how an attorney can protect someone's Constitutional Rights if they do not believe they are a person? I spearheaded the first anti-discrimination policy in the County that addresses an individual's fundamental right to have appointed counsel that believes ALL people are constitutionally entitled to a criminal defense. This policy is now in effect and is a part of our Indigent Defense Plan.

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Andy Chatham (D)

No Response

District Judge, 283rd Judicial District

Lela Lawrence Mays (D)

Unopposed

District Judge, 291st Judicial District

Stephanie N Mitchell Huff (D)

Unopposed

District Judge, 292nd Judicial District

Brandon Birmingham (D)

Unopposed

District Judge, 298th Judicial District

Emily Tobolowsky (D)

Unopposed

District Judge, 363rd Judicial District

Tracy Holmes (D)

Unopposed

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# CRIMINAL DISTRICT JUDGE

Has jurisdiction in all criminal actions involving felonies and in misdemeanor cases involving official misconduct. Must be a US citizen and Texas resident between 25 and 74 years old, a practicing lawyer or judge, or both combined for at least 4 years (per 2021 constitutional amendment this requirement changes to 8 years for terms beginning after 1/1/25), and have lived in Dallas County for at least 2 years. 4 year term.

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

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

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** What, if anything, should be done to improve access to justice for low income residents?

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** In your opinion, are there enough courts and judges to service the needs of your jurisdiction? Should the number of courts be expanded or are there other measures that could be implemented to ensure timely justice?

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

## Criminal District Judge, Number 1

Tina Clinton (D)

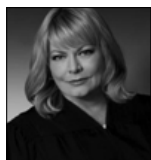
Unopposed

## Criminal District Judge, Number 5

Carter Thompson (D)

Unopposed

## Criminal District Judge, Number 6



**Nancy Mulder (D)**  
Criminal District Judge, Number 6

**BACKGROUND:** I've practiced criminal law in Dallas County for 26 years. Twelve as a prosecutor, eight as a criminal defense attorney and the last seven as Judge of County Criminal Court #4, a misdemeanor court. I've prosecuted and defended everything up through capital murder cases on both sides, handling thousands of cases in court. As a Judge in misdemeanor court 4, I am proud that in the first few years on the bench I reduced the pending caseload in the court by 41%. I've worked hard to manage this court's docket and am ready to use my knowledge and experience in a felony court.

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** From 2016-2018 I was the Presiding Judge over all of the misdemeanor courts and led the fight which ended the automatic issuance of warrants when a probationer could not pay his or her court costs. I helped created a program that is still in place where the mentally ill are immediately identified when they are booked into jail, given a PR Bond if they are eligible, and driven to Metrocare for services. In 2017, I created the Cite and Release program with Dallas Police to end on-site arrest for possessing low level amount of marijuana. Please see my website for other initiatives.

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** We need to take our legal aid programs and public defenders to the low income neighborhoods so that the people who don't have transportation so they can talk to a civil attorney or criminal defense attorney about their legal issues. In addition, we need many more attorneys working pro bono who speak Spanish. Unfortunately neither the State nor County have the money to help with this. I think our large, wealthy, civil law firms could easily rent small office space in the poorest communities for legal aid and the public defender to use.

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** Yes, we have enough courts in Dallas County, but we need FUNDING for our pre-trial release division, probation, and court systems. Our infrastructure needs a lot of updating as well. Our pre-trial release division has 15 people managing all of the defendants on bond who are being monitored on ELM, GPS ELM in domestic violence cases, and on alcohol monitoring for all 30 criminal courts. That is just not enough people. Only 40% of the Dallas County probation department is funded by the State. The other 60% of the funding comes from the fees the probationers pay themselves. We need help.

**OTHER ISSUES:** This court needs a Judge to who can effectively run the docket. There is a large back log of cases in this court. I would first review the jail cases and make sure that no one is sitting in jail in who could be released with conditions of bond. I would discuss the probation cases to find out who is in need of particularized treatment and see that s/he gets it. I would then tackle the backlog of cases by running a "double docket", meaning using a retired judge to come in and sit in an empty court, hearing pleas, motions or jury trial at the same time I am doing the same in Court 6.

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Alison Allen (D)

No Response

## Criminal District Judge, Number 7

Chika Anyiam (D)

Unopposed

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# FAMILY DISTRICT COURT

Civil cases heard by Family District Courts include divorce and marriage annulment, adoptions, birth records, child welfare, custody, support and neglect. Must be a US citizen and Texas resident between 25 and 74 years old, a practicing lawyer or judge, or both combined for at least 4 years (per 2021 constitutional amendment this requirement changes to 8 years for terms beginning after 1/1/25), and have lived in Dallas County for at least 2 years. 4 year term.

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

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

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** What, if anything, should be done to improve access to justice for low income residents?

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** In your opinion, are there enough courts and judges to service the needs of your jurisdiction? Should the number of courts be expanded or are there other measures that could be implemented to ensure timely justice?

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

## Family District Judge, 301st Judicial District

Mary Brown (D)

Unopposed

## Family District Judge, 302nd Judicial District

Sandra Jackson (D)

Unopposed

## Family District Judge, 303rd Judicial District



**Ladeitra Adkins (D)**  
Family District Judge, 303rd Judicial District

**BACKGROUND:** Legal experience – Over 21 years of practice in all aspects of Family Law. Political and electoral experience – Worked with and for the Dallas County Democratic Party. Judicial campaign consultant – Founder/operator of Dallas County benches. State Bar of Texas experience – Past grievance committee chair.

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** Legal experience – Over 21 years of practice in all aspects of Family Law. I do not have any public reprimands or suspensions.

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** With regard to the Family Courts, when appointments are made the Court has to make sure those that take appointments have the necessary training to effectively represent indigent parents. Also, making sure information for Legal Aid is available to parties that enter into the Court system.

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** In my opinion, there are enough courts and judges to serve the needs of Dallas County. I believe if the judge runs an efficient Court justice will be served.

**OTHER ISSUES:** I believe that one of the most important responsibilities of any judicial officer is to ensure litigants access to the courts; this is critical. Accordingly, I will work hard to afford the public accessibility to my court by being present and working efficiently. Also, I have always believed that information is power and will therefore, ensure that the communication of information to the public about court-related services is made readily available.

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## Family District Judge, 304th Judicial District

Andrea Martin Lane (D)

Unopposed

## Family District Judge, 305th Judicial District

Cheryl Lee Shannon (D)

Unopposed

## Family District Judge, 330th Judicial District



**Andrea Plumlee (D)**  
Family District Judge, 330th Judicial District

**BACKGROUND:** As a third term incumbent Family District Judge in the 330th Judicial District, I preside over complex property cases, child welfare cases and Suits Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship as well as paternity and enforcement actions. In 2020, my colleagues elected me as the presiding Judge over the 7 family courts. I assisted in the development and implementation of policies and procedures during the pandemic to insure public access to the Courts. We were able to transition from in person hearings to remote hearings without losing productivity during this critical time.

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** Prior to my judicial tenure, my practice included state and federal litigation, including Title VII cases. I also had a productive mediation practice. After being certified to conduct family and child welfare mediations, I was sought by my colleagues to assist in difficult and complex termination cases. The mediation practice helped me understand how meaningful it was to move these cases off the Court's docket. The 330th utilizes private mediators to assist in the movement of its docket. I have not had a public reprimand nor a suspension.



## Family District Judge, 330th Judicial District — Continued

Andrea Plumlee (D)

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**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** The 330th conducts pro se dockets four (4) times a month. We see approximately 50 - 60 litigants during these dockets. We take the time to read their pleadings for deficiencies and have developed a host of resources for them if we determine that they are unable to navigate the legal system without some type of professional help. We have streamlined the process for them, especially on non-contested divorces.

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** The 330th District Court as well as the 6 other family district courts maintains an active caseload of about 3600-3900 cases each year. On average, the 330th disposes of 350-390 cases each month. We run a specialized docket to move cases that sit for 90 -120 days without activity. This pushes most cases to trial within 16-18 months. On more complicated matters, it may take slightly longer. I do not believe it is possible or prudent to move a case through the process much quicker than where we are currently targeting. In my humble opinion, the current number of courts and judges are fine.

**OTHER ISSUES:** The next pressing issue for the court will be to re-imagine how we conduct hearings post pandemic. Since we have been handling full dockets remotely, we have determined that we may be able to streamline some of the motion dockets. Trials should most definitely be handled in-person for pragmatic reasons, however, it will take some buy-in from the bar to change course once again. I am hopeful that adjusting the dockets again will have the benefit of saving time and money for the litigants.

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## CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY

4-year term. Must be 18 years or older, a U.S. citizen, a practicing lawyer, a resident of Texas, and a resident of the district represented. Represents the citizens of Dallas County in prosecuting misdemeanor and felony crimes, and acts as legal counsel for county government.

**EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE:** Please outline your legal experience, including any specializations and peer review status. Describe any public reprimands or suspensions you have received.

**IMPROVEMENTS:** What changes would you like to implement in this position?

**PREVENTION:** What measures would you support, if any, to reduce the crime rate?

**BAIL SYSTEM REFORM:** What changes, if any, would you support in the current bail system?

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

John Creuzot (D)  
District Attorney

**EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE:** I am a nationally-recognized leader in criminal law and criminal justice reform, with more than 30 years of experience. I was elected District Attorney in 2018 and am seeking a second term. Before serving as the District Attorney, I was a Texas Criminal District Court Judge for 21 years, and also worked in private practice. At the beginning of my career, I served for seven years as a Dallas County Assistant District Attorney and Chief Felony Prosecutor.

**IMPROVEMENTS:** Goals: 1) Lead by example; 2) Train a new generation of prosecutors who distinguish violent from non-violent criminals; 3) Engaging all sectors of the community in establishing goals and values for the office; 4) Bail reform to reduce jail costs; 5) Improving and establishing innovative diversion programs to save lives and money; 6) Expanding access to mental health services to reduce crime; 7) Improving conviction integrity; 8) Expanding efforts to release innocent individuals from prison; 9) Commonsense approaches to low-level offenses.

**PREVENTION:** My office is focused on violent and serious crime and keeping our community safe, while introducing reforms that help people, save money, and free up resources to address major crime. For example, I spearheaded the DALLAS DEFLECTS program to give the homeless and mentally ill wrap-around services, rather than incarcerating them and placing an undue burden on a jail system that is not equipped to properly help these individuals. We have also stopped prosecuting low-level offenses, such as possession of marijuana for personal use. These ideas free up law enforcement to address serious crime.

**BAIL SYSTEM REFORM:** We need a bail system that does not reward people based on their ability to pay. The current system in many cases makes it possible for those with means to make bail regardless of their level of flight risk. At the same time, people who are struggling economically who many have done something minor, and who really do not pose a flight risk, are unable to make bail. These situations can be devastating to people who lose jobs, can't take care of children, or get in even more financial trouble. We need to place a fact-based risk assessment at the center of our bail system.

**OTHER ISSUES:** We have done a lot of good work (diversion programs for select first-time offenders, new programs to help people who need treatment instead of jail, improving conviction integrity, freeing innocent persons) to improve the efficacy of our system and reduce mass incarceration. In my next term, I intend to focus not only on bail reform, but also on probation reform so that we can address "mass surveillance" of people who are self-correcting. I intend to continue trying and evaluating ways for the justice system to be fair and equitable and to be focused on outcomes - especially keeping us safer.

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## Criminal District Attorney

Elizabeth Davis Frizell (D)  
District Attorney

**EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE:** Criminal District Court 7, Presiding Judge, Dallas County, Texas, Felony Court; • County Criminal Court 11, Presiding Judge, Dallas County, Texas, Family Violence Court; • City of Dallas, Associate Municipal Court Judge; • City of Princeton, Municipal Court Judge; • City of Lucas, Municipal Court Judge; • City of Balch Springs, Municipal Court Judge; • The Frizell Firm

**IMPROVEMENTS:** Justice at the criminal court has improved from when I started trying cases almost 30 years ago. However, there is still room for improvement. For example, the District Attorney's Office still has a computerized system that documents when jurors find a defendant not guilty. It allows prosecutors to use preemptory strikes against potential jurors to ensure they do not serve on juries in the future. Courthouse lawyers nicknamed it the "Bad Juror List." The District Attorney's Office can expand opportunities for all Dallas County residents

by eliminating this system of strikes.

**PREVENTION:** Violent crime is one of the greatest public safety concerns in Dallas County. It should be addressed by focusing on family violence, repeat violent offenders, and human trafficking.

**BAIL SYSTEM REFORM:** We should have 24/7 criminal defense lawyers, prosecutors, and Judges available to conduct bond hearings throughout the day and night at the jail to determine whether defendants should be released or held. Defendants who are held will have a right to have their bond decision reviewed

## Criminal District Attorney

Elizabeth Davis Frizell (D)

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after a Judge/Magistrate has ruled to detain. If there are exigent circumstance a bond review hearing may be held in a shorter time period than other cases or may be waived with the consent of both the state and the defense.

**OTHER ISSUES:** I believe the most pressing issue in the years ahead is reforming the criminal justice system. We should give second chances and protect the criminal records of first time offenders who have changed their behavior. We should also prosecute repeat offenders and violent offenders.

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DALLAS COUNTY  
JUDGE

4 year term. Must be 18 years or older, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Texas and a resident of the district represented. Responsible for presiding over the Dallas County Commissioners Court, which conducts the general business of the county and oversees financial matters. Despite the name of the office, this is not a judicial position and the officeholder is not required to be an attorney.

**BUDGET:** What areas of the budget would you like to see increased or decreased during the next term and please explain why and the impacts to your jurisdiction?

**MANAGING THE PANDEMIC:** Dallas County received high marks from many for its management of the vaccination program and other public safety measures related to the pandemic. Do you agree with this assessment? What changes would you make, if any, in management of future public health crises?

**VOTING:** What improvements, if any, would you make to how Dallas County manages elections? Are training programs adequate? Are there the right number of polling places for various elections? Are appropriate security measures in place to protect the vote?

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

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



**Billy Clark (D)**  
Dallas County Judge

**BUDGET:** I would like Emergency Mgmt. increased. We have reacted to deficiencies in our emergency mgmt. plan during last years winter storm and the ongoing pandemic. I would put more funding into ensuring that the county is prepared to save Dallas County lives. -I would increase funding to support more contracts for Health Care Providers. Our healthcare providers are exhausted to a critical point. The increase in provider contract could help fight the pandemic surge and transition to supporting other medical needs other than pandemic support. -I would decrease spending in county vehicle purchases.

**MANAGING THE PANDEMIC:** I disagree. My changes would have started with a massive education program. The vaccination program has been met with much resistance due to lack of official info. regarding the various vaccine options. I would have ensured that the vaccine roll-out would have included county-led mobile teams to target the community with information and actual vaccine. I would target those identified in the "vulnerable" zip codes through support from actual members of said community. I would NEVER encourage giving away monetary gifts as part of encouraging vaccination. The message should be public health.

**VOTING:** Our voting process should always be one which is based on widespread availability and security control of the process. I would encourage more support of the voting process again through proactive information. We must educate folks on the voting process BEFORE they are actually at the polling location; this would allow for a more secure and reliable election. Our current voting locations are adequate for previous elections, but as more citizens become more informed in the voting process and are willing to actively participate, then we should have more sites to accommodate the voter increase.

**HOMELESSNESS:** We need to encourage homeless individuals to make obtainable changes. Many of the homeless folks that I've talked to are just in need of a voice to advocate for their issues. Food, clothing, and shelter remain a top concern for the basic needs to sustain life--but drug counseling, education, and healthcare are also important to help end homelessness. For those that are in danger of becoming homeless, our county should have a quick reaction program to provide immediate support for those close to becoming homeless.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Emergency Mgmt. Program. We should focus our efforts on ensuring that our county is proactive in its approach to handling an emergency crisis. -Leadership. Our county has been making news because of its lack of oversight in various depts. which has resulted in employee thefts. Even after notice of security breaches and vulnerabilities, no changes have been made. My position is to lean forward on fixing any breaches that have been identified, but better yet, to be proactive in reducing the ability for such fraudulent acts. -Crime is a problem. The county should take lead in fighting crime.

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**Clay Jenkins (D)**  
Dallas County Judge

**BUDGET:** We have a chance to use American Rescue Plan and Infrastructure Bill funds to make a difference in Dallas County not just for a few years but for generations. We'll do so by improving access to high-speed internet, a necessity that should be available and affordable for everyone. Mental health access must be increased.

This year we'll spend \$110M of ARPA funds to expand mental health services. Infrastructure funds must be spent equitably and in ways that strengthen and reunite communities. We can connect Dallas County making walking, cycling or driving to work or the grocery store easier.

**MANAGING THE PANDEMIC:** I made my peace early on to follow the science. Following the science, listening to the doctors and calmly executing their advice has saved lives and businesses. I know our response has not always been perfect. But I do expect that we get better every day and we don't ignore things that aren't working, we try to improve them. The Fair Park vaccine site administered the highest number of vaccine doses in the state, but I know we had a rocky start and had to adjust. The same is true with our testing sites, but we've moved quickly to address the issues to improve access and customer experience.

**VOTING:** I'm concerned about the efforts to cast doubt on our elections. We have learned how to make voting easier and more accessible from past elections that did not run as smoothly as I expected. We brought in a new elections administrator who has been working to respond quickly to the delayed census data and the new law which restricts us. I'm proud that we pay our election workers a living wage, more than the state reimburses us. We need to pay election workers to train as it will increase proficiency and is the right thing to do. We have sufficient polling locations and robust security in place.

**HOMELESSNESS:** We recently partnered with the City of Dallas, Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance and other cities and private groups to provide housing to more than 2,700 people over the next two years. We're investing \$72 million mostly from the American Rescue Plan. This historic partnership will increase the

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Clay Jenkins (D)

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quality of trauma-informed care, save taxpayer dollars and make Dallas County a better place to live. In the last three years we've launched three new complexes with Catholic Housing Initiative as our partner. Soon we'll announce a large-scale project that will be impactful to the chronically homeless.

**OTHER ISSUES:** I see the other challenges we face as opportunities to put in place the right programs and systems to help everyone in Dallas County thrive. By coordinating, collaborating and executing American Rescue Plan and Infrastructure funds, we can improve our infrastructure and expand access to mental health services, broadband and tutoring. Our kids are behind due to the challenges of remote learning and we must help them catch up. It's going to take experienced leadership working with the federal, state and city governments, and organizations, to do that well, which is why I want to be re-elected.

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## JUDGE, COUNTY COURT AT LAW

Civil cases heard by County Courts at Law include personal injury and property damage suits, landlord-tenant matters, contractual and other business disputes. Must be a US citizen and Texas resident at least 25 years old, a practicing lawyer or judge, or both combined for at least 4 years, and have lived in Dallas County for at least 2 years. 4 year term.

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

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

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** What, if anything, should be done to improve access to justice for low income residents?

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** In your opinion, are there enough courts and judges to service the needs of your jurisdiction? Should the number of courts be expanded or are there other measures that could be implemented to ensure timely justice?

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

## Judge, County Court at Law 1



**Ledouglas Johnson (D)**  
Judge, County Court at Law 1

**BUDGET:** I am an experienced litigator and a devoted public servant. Over the years, I have built my legal knowledge practicing diverse areas of civil litigation including complex commercial, intellectual property, contractual and business dispute, mortgage fraud, toxic tort, class action, and constitutional litigation. I served the City of Dallas on the City Planning Commission and the Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee. I regularly volunteer at the CAW Clark Legal Clinic and earned the volunteer of the Year Award for Outstanding Support in 2016 and the Social Justice Award in 2017.

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** I'm experienced in many of the types of cases that regularly come before this court. My legal career began with intellectual property litigation and progressed to toxic tort defense. I established and ran my own firm for a number of years and gained experience with personal injury, evictions, mortgage fraud, and small business disputes. Currently, I practice complex commercial litigation

and my time with the City Planning Commission and the Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee has further enhanced my community connections and real estate knowledge. I have no public reprimands or suspensions.

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** Access to justice is one of the main reasons why I'm in this race. Dallas County deserves access to a court that will timely hear matters and issue rulings without delay that manifest fidelity to the law. Dallas County Court at Law #1 ranks DEAD LAST among civil courts on every measure polled by the Dallas Bar including (1) preparedness, (2) timely orders, (3) impartiality, (4) knowledge of the law, (5) proper temperament, and (6) overall performance. The first thing that should be done to improve access to justice for all residents including low-income residents is to support my campaign.

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** There are not so many courts and judges that Dallas County can afford to have the judge of County Court at Law #1 simply fail to perform the duties owed to the people of this county. Without intending to sound impertinent, the first way to address the impasse facing this court is to replace any public officials who have lost sight of their responsibility to the electorate. The notion that any public official is entitled to hold public office without performing the duties must be defeated. This bench belongs to the public and it's past time that it be reclaimed for their benefit.

**OTHER ISSUES:** County Court at Law #1 is notorious for delay & ineffectiveness. When elected, I will enact protocols to ensure cases won't be lost, forgotten, or ignored: 1. Make the court available to litigants during regular business hours. 2. Answer the phone and respond to email. 3. Set and rule upon matters without delay. 4. Show up to hear scheduled matters on the docket instead of canceling. 5. Allow litigants to agree to choose mediators by agreement. 6. Draft orders that follow the law. 8. Treat everyone impartially regardless of campaign contribution. 9. Treat everyone with dignity and respect.

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**D'Metria Benson (D)**  
Judge, County Court at Law 1

**BUDGET:** I am the sitting Judge of Dallas County Court at Law No.1., and have been for 15 years. During this time I have handled a wide range of cases, encompassing various levels of complexity and value. I have acquired a level of experience vital to this position. I am patient and a good listener, work hard, apply the law to the facts, and treat everyone with dignity and respect. I believe in the sanctity of the of the right to trial by jury and I value the time of those citizens who provide jury service to the community

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** I have a Certificate of Special Competence in Civil Jurisprudence from the Texas College for Judicial Studies. I have been licensed to practice law for nearly 40 years, and prior to becoming a judge I had my own practice with an emphasis on employment law. My early early career consisted of serving as an Assistant City Attorney for the City Attorney Offices of the City Fort Worth and

and the City of Dallas. No public reprimands or suspensions.

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** Resources to help low income residents improve access are currently available but more are needed. The bigger problem is making the information more broadly known. For example, people who are indigent and cannot afford court costs and filing fees may be able to file an affidavit in a court proceeding which allows them to pursue their case without incurring filing fees. Many sources of free legal services exist like free legal clinics through the Dal-

## Judge, County Court at Law 1 — Continued

D'Metria Benson (D)

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las Bar Association, churches and other entities as well as Legal Aid. I provide a list of available resources to those who request or need it.

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** The Office of Court Administration, tasked with determining future court needs, has already projected that Dallas County will require additional civil courts to ensure that caseloads remain manageable. Dallas County has two kinds of civil courts; district courts and county courts. Both types of courts have identical jurisdiction to handle cases of the same size and complexity. It is not currently known if additional county or district courts will be added. Until additional courts are added, one way to address future needs would be to utilize visiting judges if and when the needed.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Maintaining efficiency while ensuring due process is always a careful balancing act that requires constant attention. I listen to the parties and their needs in each case in order to give them the attention their case requires. I value their time and that of the jurors, and discourage undue delays. The remote court proceedings developed in 2020 have been well received and very successful. I believe that such proceedings have improved efficiency and ease of access to the court. Remote proceedings along with traditional ones may be useful in addressing future demands on court resources.

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## Judge, County Court at Law 2

Melissa J Bellan (D)

Unopposed

## Judge, County Court at Law 3



**Sally Montgomery (D)**  
Judge, County Court at Law 3

**BACKGROUND:** Longest serving State and County Trial Judge in Dallas, Texas, (23 years). CCL#3 is open to all types of Civil cases. Consequently, my education as well as extensive experience in business, science, construction, land title, and as well as high school and college teaching are critical. One of only two judges in Dallas to receive a Certificate of Special Competence from the Texas College for Judicial Studies in Civil Jurisprudence as well as Texas Bar Presidential Commendation for Individual Leadership in Improving Justice state-wide.

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** Less than 1% reversal rate demonstrates knowledge of the law. Co-Authoring legal articles on Landlord Tenant Law & Ethics, and Collection Law and spoke on these topics as well as countless presentations on Civil Practice to the Dallas Women Lawyers' Association, Dallas Bar Association, and Texas Creditor's Bar Association for Credit and Collections. Consistently rated Excellent in

Juror Appreciation Surveys, as well as being fair, impartial and efficient. Chosen to Represent Dallas County Courts to the Tx Assn of County Cts at Law 14 years and served as President. No reprimands, suspensions.

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** Unlike Criminal Courts, legal representation is not guaranteed in Civil Courts. I ensure that all parties have adequate representation. This should be legally guaranteed. I also ensure that any necessary translation is available. Co-Recipient of the Texas Young Lawyers Award as well as the ABA Young Lawyers National Award for serving as Board Liaison to the Legal Information to Immigrants DAYL Committee, the results of which committee should be used to broadly educate immigrants.

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** There are enough courts and judges to service the needs of our jurisdiction. Due to the pandemic, it may be helpful to bring in a limited number of visiting judges to address the backlog of jury trials. Use of online technology motion hearings when practical has been very effective and should be continued.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Backup facilities and equipment need to be established and available in the case of physical damages. For example, extensive repairs were needed over the last 11 months, but only recently expedited due to County Judge Jenkins to fix flood damage to CCL#3 due to the February 2, 2021 storm. This enabled us to catch up on the resulting backlog in case closures.

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**Misti Mosteller (D)**  
Judge, County Court at Law 3

**BACKGROUND:** I have been a practicing civil litigation lawyer for 22 years. I've practiced in Fed. Court, District Court, and County Court. I am licensed & practicing in Texas, Oklahoma, and Michigan. I have extensive experience in the courtroom, negotiating with opposing counsel, and managing trial teams. I understand the importance of a judiciary that is hard working, unbiased, respectful, professional, and fair to all. My temperament makes me the perfect choice for Dallas County Court-at-Law #3. I have built a reputation among my peers as respectful, patient, compassionate, open-minded, and decisive.

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** I began my legal career with DeHay & Elliston, LLP in 1999 and became partner in 2013. My practice has included products liability, toxic tort, personal injury, family law, employment law, and insurance defense. Over my 22 years as a litigator, I have served as a coordinator for Fortune 500 companies, prepared cases for trial and mediation, coordinated defense as local counsel and national counsel, managed litigation across the state of Texas, Oklahoma, and Michigan, including preparing cases from initial pleading to trial readiness, and negotiated hundreds of settlements.

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** There is a very real gap between legal services needed & the availability of services. As the need for legal aid has grown, funding has not mirrored the demand - at the state or federal level. Adding to the problem is the amount of income required for qualifying for legal aid (household income 125%-200% below Federal Poverty Guidelines) and restrictions for use of aid that are often political in nature. Increased funding, raising the income levels that qualify for legal aid, and eliminating unnecessary restrictions are initial ways to improve access to the courts for low-income individuals.

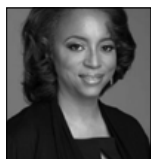
**NUMBER OF COURTS:** In a county of 2.6 million people, it's hard to imagine more courts would not be beneficial. However, in most instances, I believe the current Dallas County Courts can service the needs of our community with attention to case-flow management. As judge, I will work to reduce wasted time, encourage parties to work out disputes, and develop court proceedings that streamline the life of a case. I will also work with counsel to streamline the court docket to ensure attorneys and their clients are receiving the benefit of court resources.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Handling cases efficiently & timely is a pressing problem for Dallas County Court-at-Law #3. As judge, I will spend the time doing the work to ensure all parties get their day in court. I will evaluate cases at their start, and will provide judicial involvement when needed to keep the parties moving forward. I will also hold a case management conference at the start of each case and discuss with the parties any potential problems and important deadlines. I will rule decisively and quickly with thoughtful care of the evidence and law. Lethargic motions practice can drive up costs and delay.

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## Judge, County Court at Law 4



### **Dianne Kathryn Jones (D)** Judge, County Court at Law 4

**BACKGROUND:** I have 32 years of legal experience. I have tried hundreds of cases in state and federal court. I am a hard worker, fair and committed to equal access to justice for all.

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** Assistant District Attorney, Dallas County Texas 12/1989-1/1993 represented the State of Texas in the prosecution of hundreds of cases. Tried numerous jury and bench trials ranging from murder, aggravated robbery, assault and crimes against children. Supervised misdemeanor prosecutors and investigators. Assistant Federal Public Defender, Northern District of Texas 1/1993-9/1994 represented indigent clients in federal court. The representation included jury trials, plea negotiations, sentencing hearings and revocation hearings. Prepared briefs and argued a case before the Fifth Circuit Court.

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** I have represented many people at a reduced rate and some for free.

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** I believe there are currently enough courts and judges in Dallas County, Texas. I believe it is important for each judge to handle their trial docket efficiently. Cases often settle when they are called to trial. Therefore, it is important to have a consistent trial and appearance docket.

**OTHER ISSUES:** This court handles appeals from the Justice of the Peace courts. Therefore, it is important to run an efficient appellate docket giving individuals a quick resolution of their cases.

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### **Paula M Rosales (D)** Judge, County Court at Law 4

**BACKGROUND:** I have had a varied legal practice that include both civil and criminal litigation and appellate advocacy. During my first term as the presiding judge of County Court at Law No.4 ("CCL4"), I have proven to be a hard-working, efficient, fair and welcoming. I have the right temperament to preside over complicated cases. I am proud to serve the Dallas County community while treating everyone with dignity and respect. Lawyers who have practiced before me have approved of my work as a judge. See DBA Judicial Polls. I bring an experienced and balanced approach due to my varied background.

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** I am the only candidate who has presided over civil cases and who has done so during these global pandemic unprecedented times. As a CCL4 judge I preside over all matters of legal disputes involving personal injury, professional malpractice, property rights, employment, commercial and consumer debt, contractual rights, and trade secrets. I am also the appellate court in cases appealed from the JP courts. My experience handling the kinds of cases that are filed in CCL4 makes me uniquely qualified to continue my service. I have received no public reprimands or suspensions.

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** Low income families suffer genuine hardships in family matters, healthcare, living conditions and numerous other real life challenges with regard to access to the legal system. Lack of counsel is not the only impediment experienced by self represented litigants. Simple knowledge of which courts to file a petition or an answer can pose a daunting challenge along with court fees and procedural knowledge of the workings of our courts. For nearly a decade I have participated in court education programs and I believe our community must fund and expand court advocacy and education programs.

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** The number of courts should be expanded. Dallas County is one of the fastest growing communities in the country. To respond to such population (and businesses) surges, we need to add more courts. Such expansion should include additional specialized courts such as consumer-debt and eviction remediation courts. A social worker budget should be allocated to these courts who can have the ability to provide rehabilitation programs and speed up rulings. Increase in courts will greatly assist in ensuring that everyone continues to have prompt access to the courts and have their legal matters heard.

**OTHER ISSUES:** I have long championed low income and non-English speaking peoples' access to the court system in an effective way. In my court, I strive to ensure that those representing themselves are aware of the particulars of their cases and those who need it have access to an interpreter. A day in Court can change a person's life, along with their families, and we must strive to ensure that justice is not contingent on miscommunication nor a person's financial status.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Age: 12/29/1981; Occupation: Judge; Education: JD, Texas Wesleyan School of Law (now Texas A&M Law School) Bachelor of Arts, SMU; Website: <http://judgerosales.com>; Campaign Phone: (972) 904-5507; Email: [campaign@judgerosales.com](mailto:campaign@judgerosales.com); Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/JudgePaulaRosales>; Twitter: [twitter.com/JudgeRosales](https://twitter.com/JudgeRosales)

## Judge, County Court at Law 5



### **Juan Renteria (D)** Judge, County Court at Law 5

**BACKGROUND:** Previously served as associate judge for the City of Dallas, currently the incumbent for the court and I have been recognized for the most efficient court since taking office. I have the experience and track record of running an efficient court.

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** I am licensed in Texas and New York. Have over 16 years of legal and judicial experience. As an attorney, I focused on criminal and civil cases. No reprimands or suspensions.

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** First and foremost, we need to better educate the community about the free/low cost legal services available. This can be done through community outreach and providing information online.

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** No. The number of courts should be expanded to accommodate the population growth of DFW, the backlog of cases and the coming eviction caseload. Special consideration should be given to expanding county courts specifically given the sheer number of eviction cases.

**OTHER ISSUES:** The court needs to modernize and find a way to alleviate the backlog in cases caused by Covid19.

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### **Nicole Taylor (D)** Judge, County Court at Law 5

**BACKGROUND:** I have 21 years of litigation experience practicing before Dallas County civil courts on a wide range of legal matters including motions, discovery disputes, jury and bench trials. My litigation experience includes commercial litigation and litigation management in both federal and state courts. I represent Unions, businesses, governmental entities, non-profits, foundations, and social service organizations. My practice areas include corporate and business, labor and employment, real estate, finance, and taxation matters. I will treat all parties fairly, with dignity and respect.

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** I have 21 years of litigation experience practicing before Dallas County Court at Law and have tried more than 300 cases to conclusion in this court representing plaintiffs and defendants. My civil practice areas include business litigation, contract and real estate disputes before the bench and juries in Dallas County. Civil trial experience matters! It matters in managing the docket and expediting the disposition of the cases before the court when the judge has experience in actual civil trials. Non-civil judicial experience does not overcome a lack of civil trial experience.

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** 1. Continuation of Virtual Hearings for Non-Jury Trials: Parties are able to participate in court from their jobs or from home. Addresses

## Judge, County Court at Law 5 — Continued

Nicole Taylor (D)

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childcare issues and missing time from work is alleviated. The court could provide the devices needed. 2. Improve Court Resources for Unrepresented Parties: Partner with Legal Aid and Dallas Bar Volunteers to provide access to legal representation. 3. Provide List of Certified Interpreters to Assist in Court: Court staff contact parties before trial to determine if this service is needed and provide a list to reduce barriers to participation.

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** I believe there are enough courts and judges to service our County and there is no need to expand. I would increase the referral of qualified cases to Dallas County's Alternative Dispute Resolution Center. This center is a subsidized resource created for Dallas County residents who need the assistance can't pay for mediation. Referral expedites the resolution and disposition of cases. Mediators who participate in this program provide pro bono services and this Center provides an affordable alternative to resolving legal disputes.

**OTHER ISSUES:** 1. COVID Fear of Jury Trial Participation: Manage the docket to eliminate non-essential parties in the courtroom during trial. Increase access to daily COVID testing before the hearing. Containment of the parties and juries to attempt to create a space free from exposure during trial. Always follow CDC guidelines for safety. 2. Case Backlog Due to COVID Closures: Refer qualified cases to the Alternate Dispute Resolution Center for expedited disposition. Continue the use of virtual hearings to expand the court's ability to hear cases throughout the day, rather than just the morning docket.

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## JUDGE, COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT

County Criminal Courts hear criminal cases involving misdemeanors where the fine is greater than \$500, cases involving occupational driver's licenses, and appeals of suspension of driver's licenses. Must be a US citizen and Texas resident at least 25 years old, a practicing lawyer or judge, or both combined for at least 4 years, and have lived in Dallas County for 6 months. 4 year term.

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

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

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** What, if anything, should be done to improve access to justice for low income residents?

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** In your opinion, are there enough courts and judges to service the needs of your jurisdiction? Should the number of courts be expanded or are there other measures that could be implemented to ensure timely justice?

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

## Judge, County Criminal Court No 1

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**Dan Patterson (D)**  
Judge, County Criminal Court No 1

**BACKGROUND:** After graduation from law school I served as an Assistant District Attorney in Dallas County for 6 years in the Trial Division. I was involved in hundreds of criminal trials at all levels, including organized crime and capital murder. I left the DA's office to start my solo law practice where for 10 years I represented clients at the municipal, state and federal levels. My practice included both trial and appellate work. I was elected Judge of my current bench in 2006 where I have presided over hundreds of trials and pleas.

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** Throughout the years my court has been recognized as being among the most highly rated in the Dallas Bar Association's periodic Bar Poll. This includes their most recent survey as well as the current Dallas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association's rating poll. I have never been reprimanded, sanctioned or suspended.

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** My Court has worked hard through the years to ensure that indigent persons receive high quality legal representation at no cost. The system as a whole benefits when all courts have this as the goal.

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** There are a sufficient number of Courts in my opinion.

**OTHER ISSUES:** We have worked very hard to make sure that no one remains in jail simply because they cannot afford to post bond on their case. Due to a great deal of diligent effort, the situation has improved markedly over the last 2 years and we will continue to ensure this most basic right is protected.

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Marilynn Mayse (D)

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## Judge, County Criminal Court No 2

Julia Hayes (D)

Unopposed

## Judge, County Criminal Court No 3

Audrey Faye Moorehead (D)

Unopposed

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## Judge, County Criminal Court No 4



### Angel Mata (D) Judge, County Criminal Court No 4

**BACKGROUND:** I have been an attorney for 12 years and during the entirety have focused almost exclusively on criminal law. I was a prosecutor for 4 years, defense attorney for 8 years and for the past 6 years I have also been appointed as an associate municipal judge in the City of Hutchins. I have handled well over a thousand criminal cases in my career and have had 97 criminal jury trials.

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** Apart from the above I have been nominated to be part of the Texas Bar College which is an exclusive membership for attorney's who go above and beyond in legal education. I have never been reprimanded or suspended or had a sustained grievance of any type.

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** In Dallas particularly we need to ensure that the attorneys who take court appointed cases are properly qualified and have an adequate workload so that they can devote the time necessary to handle all their cases included the court appointed cases.

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** No. In Dallas County, the courts are incredibly backlogged. This was a problem prior to covid and has only been exacerbated. Dallas County needs 2 -4 more courts to handle the needs of the community. In addition, the public defenders office needs to be expanded and there should always be 3-4 prosecutors assigned per court instead of the 2 that we see regularly in Dallas misdemeanor courts.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Efficiency and backlog are two dire areas that need to be addressed. I would implement a rocket docket and an internal audit to clear old cases and warrants.

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### Dominique Torres Williams (D) Judge, County Criminal Court No 4

**BACKGROUND:** I am running because I believe that while justice maybe a noun it requires action. Throughout my years of being an attorney and social justice advocate, I always strive for fairness and equality for my clients and my community. With my legal

acumen, experience and commitment to the virtues of fairness and equality, anyone who enters the Court find a well run Court that allows all people to be heard and treated with respect, compassion and fairness. I have a goal of restoration and rehabilitation and I want to work with all sides on achieving those goals for defendants through programs.

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** I have been in the legal field since I was 18 years old. I started out as an legal intern through Sen. Royce West's Emmett J. Conrad Program. I also interned for two summers at the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice in the Parole Division. I worked throughout undergraduate and law school as a legal assistant and law office manager. I started my career as an attorney as a civil litigator and then started my law firm in 2016. My legal practice consists of criminal defense, family law and immigration.

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** I believe that Dallas County should increase the budget for court-appointed attorneys. While all criminal courts have an assigned public defender, they have a heavy case load and often indigent defendants are appointed private practicing attorney and the State, really the County, pays for the representation. A court appointed attorney for indigent defendants is a constitutional right and I believe should be funded adequately. Additionally, if elected I will do my best to ensure timely payment is made to those court appointed attorneys.

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** Dallas County has 13 misdemeanor courts which hear Class A and B misdemeanors. The pandemic has cause a backlog within the Courts and along with population growth, I do believe it would be helpful to expand the number of courts.

**OTHER ISSUES:** I believe one of the most pressing issue in this court is bail hearings. I want to make sure those are a priority on the docket to ensure that pre-trial defendants are not solely detained because of being indigent.

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## Judge, County Criminal Court No 5

Lisa Green (D)

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## Judge, County Criminal Court No 6

Angela M King (D)

Unopposed

## Judge, County Criminal Court No 7

Remeko Tranisha Edwards (D)

Unopposed

## Judge, County Criminal Court No 8

Carmen White (D)

Unopposed

## Judge, County Criminal Court No 9

Peggy Hoffman (D)

Unopposed

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## Judge, County Criminal Court No 10


**Elissa Wev (D)**  
 Judge, County Criminal Court No 10

**BACKGROUND:** Assistant District Attorney - Dallas County Public Integrity Responded to, investigated, and presented to the Grand Jury all incidents of officer involved shootings and deaths in custody. Family Violence Prosecuted over 500 criminal cases of felony level offenses involving intimate partner violence including murder, aggravated assault and strangulation. Misdemeanor Served as Chief Prosecutor in County Criminal Court #11, a misdemeanor domestic violence court. Assistant Public Defender - Dallas County Defended indigent clients from poverty-biased practices + punishments.

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** As a Public Defender I provided bilingual criminal defense to indigent persons. I was responsible for a high-volume docket, with cases numbering in the hundreds. I secured case dismissals and multiple acquittals, & counseled non-citizen clients to minimize immigration consequences. As a prosecutor, I spent several years litigating family violence cases, including murders and aggravated assaults. I trained junior ADAs and determined which accused persons were appropriate for pre-trial diversion as a Court Chief. I am a 2x presenter at the Conference on Crimes Against Women.

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** In the criminal court context, anyone who is found to be indigent is entitled to court appointed counsel. However, the legal needs of community members who face food and housing insecurity are not exclusive to or singularly centered in the criminal justice context. More legal advocates are needed to help fight against housing discrimination and work place harassment. A greater number of community lawyers is needed to provide counsel regarding small business formation and advise homeowners about their property rights. State + County should support the pipeline of advocates into this work.

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** I think our criminal justice system is functioning at or beyond its capacity. We need more of everything, and less people being arrested and charged. More courts - good; more courts AND a greater number of skilled attorneys representing indigent clients - better; more courts, a greater number of skilled attorneys representing indigent clients AND decriminalizing non-violent, nuisance-based offenses while moving towards a restorative justice model of community oversight - best. This is a "both and..." conversation.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Docket management and Diversion. My first priority will be addressing the backlog caused by COVID delays and increased by the rate of intimate partner violence increasing while people stayed in place. The current state of the Court must be assessed by collecting and analyzing the existing data regarding the backlog of trials and cases. To support greater access to justice I would invite the Public Defender's Office to return to serving CCC10 and I would work with the criminal defense bar to encourage private attorneys to return to the Court's appointed cases wheel.

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Etta J. Mullin (D)

No Response


**Monique J. Bracey Huff (D)**  
 Judge, County Criminal Court No 10

**BACKGROUND:** I have an undergraduate degree in social work where I worked at a crisis counseling hotline while matriculating. I've worked in domestic violence shelters directly with victims & their families during undergraduate & law school at SMU. I interned in the Family Violence Unit of Dallas County DA's office. For 13 years, I've had my own law firm defending individuals accused with family violence offenses & other crimes. I have a holistic view on how the legal justice system & domestic violence collide; & I've practiced in this concentrated field my entire legal career, including indigent clients.

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** I have worked with victims getting transitional housing, crisis counseling, & obtaining protective orders. In addition, I worked in domestic violence shelters, the DA's office, & 13 years as a defense attorney make me specifically qualified for this bench. I was publicly reprimanded & suspended. I failed to take care of the needs of my client. This is why I'm deeply connected with rehabilitation & 2nd chances. The experience caused changes in my practice & creating more responsive practices for client communication. As a result, I continue counseling for stress management & self-evaluation.

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** The court needs a new judge so that private attorneys return to the court & attorneys begin accepting appointments out of the court. The Court needs a Public Defender, which provides consistent services to the indigent. I personally want to provide anger management & BIPP courses in the courtroom, after-hours for low-income Defendants. I plan on writing grants & using those funds to provide computer equipment, staffing, & instructor costs. This would provide a reliable low income option for services for those not technology savvy & where costs have been a prohibitive factor to services.

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** Yes, there is a sufficient number of county courts to service Dallas County. I think some of the bar to timely justice is failures at the polls. Not all judges have handled the changes required by COVID-19 well. The closures mandated upgrades in technology & case management. Not all judges were able to balance their concern with personal health & safety with their judicial obligations. I think this can be rectified at the ballot box. Judges who don't return to the bench to manage their dockets in-person or find technological methods to do so shouldn't be reelected. Voters must educate themselves.

**OTHER ISSUES:** As a misdemeanor family violence court, it's a court of opportunity. We have the opportunity to build stronger families, thus stronger communities, & provide healing through education & support to those caught in the domestic violence cycle. As a judge, I believe I can provide the accused resources--job assistance, anger management classes, BIPP, & I can give the Defendant a choice about their future & empower them to make better choices for their children & families. Justice delayed is justice denied. This court is my opportunity to institute the changes I want to see for our communities.

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## Judge, County Criminal Court No 11

Shequitta D Kelly (D)

Unopposed

# JUDGE, COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT OF APPEALS

## Judge, County Criminal Court of Appeals No 1

Kristin Wade (D)

Unopposed



## Judge, County Criminal Court of Appeals No 2

Pamela Luther (D)

Unopposed

## JUDGE, COUNTY PROBATE COURT

County Probate Courts hear cases involving probate of wills of a deceased person, declares heirs of a deceased person who died without a will, establishes guardianship for incapacitated persons and minors, supervises court-ordered involuntary mental health commitments, and hears lawsuits involving an estate or a decedent or ward or suits by or against a personal representative of a decedent's or ward's estate, and actions by or against a trustee. Must be a US citizen and Texas resident at least 25 years old, a practicing lawyer or judge, or both combined for at least 4 years, and have lived in Dallas County for at least 2 years. 4 year term.

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

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

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** What, if anything, should be done to improve access to justice for low income residents?

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** In your opinion, are there enough courts and judges to service the needs of your jurisdiction? Should the number of courts be expanded or are there other measures that could be implemented to ensure timely justice?

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

## County Probate Court No 1

Julia Malveux (D)

Unopposed

## County Probate Court No 2



**Lanasha Houze (D)**  
County Probate Court No 2

**BACKGROUND:** Legal experience with probate, family law, bankruptcy and child protective services case. Obtained managerial and budgetary skills by serving as the Director of Probate Court Operations for Dallas County and serving on the Executive Cabinet of Jarvis Christian College. Extensive guardianship litigation experience. Experience drafting, editing, and negotiating contracts for Jarvis Christian College and Fortune 500 companies. Served as Financial Restructuring Associate at Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft in the DC and NYC offices.

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** No reprimands or suspensions no specializations. In addition to the information listed above, I served as Director of Operations for the Probate Courts previous to and during the pandemic. One job responsibility of this position included serving as the attorney for Court Investigators' Office, which department oversees approximately 3100 active guardianships in Dallas County. Contact person listed in Judge Clay Jenkins' emergency administrative orders to ensure the probate courts initiated legal intervention for incapacitated persons. I maintain active guardian ad litem certification.

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** A key component is ensuring indigent citizens have access to pro bono legal services and how to obtain pro bono legal services. Methods could include providing educational materials at the Dallas County Clerks' Office, court websites, and courtrooms about pro bono or reduced fee services available through law libraries, law school clinics, bar association clinics, Legal Aid, Dallas Volunteer Attorney Programs and the Affidavit of Inability to Pay process.

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** I do believe that in the near future the Dallas County Probate Courts will need to expand to meet the needs of the growing Dallas County elder and incapacitated population. I do believe that judges must be good stewards of the current resources available to them, and a request for an additional court or judge should not occur until all three probate courts are operating efficiently and effectively. More cost efficient measures include improving employee retention in Probate Court No. 2, adding a dedicated briefing attorney, staff attorney, and clerk position to each probate court.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Issue: Lowest efficiency and overall performance rating of all 3 probate courts per the 2021 Dallas Bar Association Judicial Poll Solution: Do not create law from the bench; create uncontested will prove-up docket; increase employee retention Issue: Lowest employee retention of all 3 probate courts, over 12 turnovers (includes civil servants not retirees) Solution: Cross-train staff to increase ability to utilize vacation and sick days; increase virtual opportunities for staff. Issue: Lack of transparency regarding ad litem appointments Solution: Comply with Texas Government Code regulations

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**Ingrid Michelle Warren (D)**  
County Probate Court No 2

**BACKGROUND:** The University of Texas School of Law, J. D. Texas A&M University, Bachelor of Science in Political Science Before I was elected to the bench, I owned and managed a successful estate planning, probate litigation and administration firm. As the judge of Probate Court No. 2, I handle hundreds of cases monthly and thousands of cases annually. I also serve as an instructor to the Texas College of Probate Judges assisting other judges and their staff across Texas navigate the legal issues in probate and guardianship law.

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** Public Reprimands: None Legal Experience: Bankruptcy Law Clerk, Hon. Steven A. Felsenthal, United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas Bankruptcy Associate, Jenkins & Gilchrist, P.C., Dallas, TX Bankruptcy Attorney, Kirkland & Ellis, Chicago, IL Mahomes, Bolden & Warren, Partner IWarren, P.C., Managing Partner

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** I believe all Dallas County citizens should have access to justice. Because some citizens lack the knowledge and resources, we can improve the access of low income residents by providing legal clinics devoted to helping people understand and assisting with nonjudicial informal probate administrations. Not all estates require a formal probate otherwise known as court proceedings. Low income residents can often benefit from understanding affordable mechanisms for transferring assets from one generation to the next.

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** I believe Dallas County needs a fourth probate court. The existing courts are strained to meet the growing needs of Dallas County and its aging population. I have and I will continue to work on the expansion and development of the court's infrastructure. For example, in 2015 when I was elected to serve, recognizing we were understaffed, the courts were successful in expanding the staff from 4 employees to 7 total staff members.

**OTHER ISSUES:** The most pressing issues facing this court are the court's ability to provide access and efficient services to the public.

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## County Probate Court No 3

Margaret Jones-Johnson (D)

Unopposed

## DISTRICT CLERK

The District Clerk is charged with care and safekeeping of all court records for proceedings heard in District Courts including accounting for all money paid as deposits, fines or fees. The office also processes all child support payments. The District Clerk serves a 4 year term.

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

**IMPROVEMENTS:** What changes would you like to implement in this position?

**PERFORMANCE:** How would you rate the performance of the Dallas District

Clerk's office in the processing of court records and jury selection? Does this office interact smoothly with other departments and the public?

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



### Amye Thompson Hollins (D) District Clerk

**OTHER ISSUES:** Staffing in the District Clerks office will be tough to maintain unless strides are made to equalize pay with industry standards. We must fill positions with skilled, multi-cultural employees who are hired on the basis of their abilities, education and experience. I will revise the District Clerk's handbook to remove out-of-date and discriminatory language. I plan to make the office a place where people are proud to work and that the community wants to interact with.

**IMPROVEMENTS:** I plan to submit budget revisions for consideration by the Commissioners that allows for restructuring of positions. I plan to hold job fairs to fill vacancies in an unbiased consistent manner, filling positions with skilled experience multicultural employees who exceed the qualifications of the job. I plan to meet with Tyler Communications and other vendors regarding available products that make records availability more accessible outside of the hours off 8am-430pm. I plan to allow scheduling flexibility to meet the needs of the e-file desk.

**PERFORMANCE:** I would rate the output of records as a "does not meet expectations" because of the complaints about slow filings and filing rejections because of procedural errors and mistakes in filings. The clerks office does not handle jury selection, but the office does process payments for jury duty and to those serving on a grand jury. In my opinion the interaction between the District Clerk's Office and some of the judiciary, as well as the relationships with some attorneys, process serves and pro ses could improve. It is necessary for services to be rendered excellently and equally to all.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Accessibility Of Records; The District Clerk's Office must make ALL records available. unless otherwise directed by a Judge. Technology improvements are necessary to increase the availability of records, including redacted and missing files like probable cause affidavits, as well as files that should be available outside of normal business hours. Technological advancements are available so that Attorneys of Record can be qualified to view these secure files so that the constituents can be served in a timely manner.

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### Felicia Pitre (D) District Clerk

**OTHER ISSUES:** The state Office of Court Administration has been steadily moving the district courts of the state toward a more unitary system where, among other things, trial court records are shared and available throughout the state and electronic filing is mandatory. Mandatory e-filing has already transformed the operations of even the smallest county systems and is putting enormous pressure on those offices to digitize their processes. I expect further efforts on the part of the state to impose a uniform e-filing environment by standardizing case types and fees.

**IMPROVEMENTS:** The office's major project is the multi-million dollar implementation of a new criminal case management system to replace the current antiquated Dallas County mainframe application from the mid 1970s. Deployment is expected in late 2022 and promises to completely change the way cases are handled in our district felony courts. The challenge is to appropriately train staff in order to avoid the snafus that occurred in the civil courts in 2005. I expect hiccups during deployment which is only natural when making such a vast change, but am working to ensure they remain only hiccups.

**PERFORMANCE:** The Dallas County District Clerk's office, like the Tarrant County District Clerk, do not manage jury selection. Under the local rules of the district courts, that process is managed by an administrator appointed by the board of district judges. Given the size of Dallas County and the volume of cases that the office processes every year, I would rate the performance of my office in processing court records as excellent. The system has largely been digitized and the records are managed electronically which has meant that the transmission of records is rapid and seamless.

**OTHER ISSUES:** There seems to be growing support for abolishing the partisan election of Texas judges. Although the clerks office has no role in determining the structure of the judiciary, it probably will change in the future and the clerks office will have to be nimble enough to adapt to it.

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# COUNTY CLERK

4-year term. Must be 18 years or older, a U.S. citizen, and a resident of the county. The County Clerk records the proceedings of the county courts and maintains a wide variety of legal and vital records that include marriage licenses, birth and death certificates, land records, power of attorney filings, bonds, plats, marks and cattle brands, assumed names, and beer and wine sales permit applications.

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** Please outline your relevant experience, including any specializations and peer review status.

**IMPROVEMENTS:** What changes would you like to implement in this position?

**PERFORMANCE:** How would you rate the performance of the Dallas County Clerk's department in the processing of public documents such as foreclo-

tures, deeds, marriage and other licenses, and other county documents? Are the needs of the public being met?

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



**Marcus Turner Jr (D)**  
County Clerk

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** I have 8 years of Deputy Clerk experience for various departments including Lew Sterrett Magistrate Court, Dallas County Family Courts, Family and Civil File Desk. This experience allowed me to operate, maintain, create and accept, court records. This allowed me experience court systems like Forvus, EFileTX, Odyssey. My diverse customer service experience plus a combination of my undergrad in Business Administration, Business Management and grad studies in Public Leadership will allow me to strengthen efficiency and value entry level and department suggestions on how to improve services.

**IMPROVEMENTS:** The changes I would like to make in this position is using our staff to more efficiently be able to serve the public and their interest. \*Cancel the Automated Answering Machine and have live clerks answering calls \*Assign a Task Force to go collect judicial orders every

two hours to ensure timely court records updates. \*Quarterly E-FILE clinics training the public, attorney, pro se litigants on how to use the online filing system. \* Monthly Updates to Filing Fees, Location of Offices and break down of roles and responsibilities of our offices and services that inform the public.

**PERFORMANCE:** I would rate the performance of the Dallas County Clerk's department as average. Speaking with the public and research shows it's really up to constituents to update themselves. For example, the records building has been open a few months yet if you visit online certain departments still have the Renaissance Tower as location. Under my leadership, Dallas County can go from average to good with using tech to inform the public of updates, and from good to great with implementing essential task forces to tackle issues of efficiency as it pertains to customer service and processing documents.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Other issues will be addressing the language barriers and diversity of language from Texas residents accessing our departments. I believe we need additional representation or adequate equipment to provide a diverse population with equal access and opportunities in relation to the court systems, filings, and records. We also have to embrace technology and social media outlets and the role it could play in informing the public and updating the public of essential information. I'm for making the innovative necessary changes to include the public and make the courts more efficient for all.

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**Ann Cruz (D)**  
County Clerk

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** I have spent my entire career within Dallas County for 35 years working within the Criminal Courts. I was a Criminal Court Clerk and Court Supervisor for 21 years and I have been a Court Coordinator for the last 13 years. This year our Court Staff was voted Criminal Court Staff of the Year by The Dallas Bar Association.

**IMPROVEMENTS:** Promote a stronger work ethic lead by example. Bring consistency, teamwork, transparency and efficiency to the Departments within the County Clerks Office so to provide a great customer service experience to the citizens of Dallas County that we are here to serve.

**PERFORMANCE:** I work daily in a Criminal Court and I see a great need in better training for leadership and clerks as a whole. Paperwork does not always have a quick turn around rate as needed, high turn over rate within the staff needs to be looked into and addressed. Need better

communication with the County Clerks Office and The Judges that we serve as well as with the Dallas Defense Bar. Customer Service ratings are low within several departments within the County Clerks Office and must be assessed.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Making sure all departments are run to the highest standards. Make sure proper training of all personnel is being done from the top positions down. Make sure all departments are providing the best customer service for everyone that comes in to do business with us.

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**John F. Warren (D)**  
County Clerk

**PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE:** I have over 35 years of court management experience at the federal, state and local court level. I've served as a court manager and court coordinator for the county courts at law. Court administrator for the Dallas civil district courts, also, systems administrator for the civil courts software applications platform. Because of my experience, I have been appointed by the Texas Supreme Court's Judicial Committee for Information Technology and the Supreme Courts Advisory Committee. I have also served as a paralegal specialist for the US Department of Justice, Criminal Division/Fraud Section.

**IMPROVEMENTS:** As the current county clerk, we have implemented a number of process improvements. Going forward, we are currently working on the implementation of a case management system for the criminal courts. I will be implementing systems to give us the ability to fully conduct

virtual processes, making it possible for the citizens to conduct business with the county virtually. This will reduce the time citizens spend waiting in lines. I also plan to implement fully virtual court processes. This will aide in further managing our jail population as well as the backlog we currently have in our courts.

**PERFORMANCE:** Under my leadership, the county clerk's office continues to be the most efficient in the state. I have received 4 best practices awards, over 10 Five Star awards from the State Department of State Health Services for vital records. My office was the first in the state to have all records from 1846 to current date digitized and available to the public online; first in the state to implement a property fraud alert system; one of the first large counties to publish foreclosure sales online; first to make all court records available free to the public online. We meet the needs of our citizens.

## County Clerk — Continued

John F. Warren (D)

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**OTHER ISSUES:** With the COVID pandemic, our courts are backlogged by 3 years, according to the office of court administration. Addressing the backlog in our courts will help reduce jail population and resolve the issues related to evictions. As we manage our ability to continue to provide services to the citizens of the county, we must use lessons learned from this pandemic and use technology to implement new processes that will allow us to conduct more business virtually, and be prepared for future pandemics of catastrophic events that may happen. Lastly, continued awareness to the public on property fraud.

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## COUNTY TREASURER

Pauline Medrano (D)

Unopposed

## DALLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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

**BUDGET:** What areas of the budget would you like to see increased or decreased during the next term and please explain why and the impacts to your jurisdiction?

**MANAGING THE PANDEMIC:** Dallas County received high marks from many for its management of the vaccination program and other public safety measures related to the pandemic. Do you agree with this assessment? What changes would you make, if any, in management of future public health crises?

**VOTING:** What improvements, if any, would you make to how Dallas County manages elections? Are training programs adequate? Are there the right number of polling places for various elections? Are appropriate security measures in place to protect the vote?

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

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

## Dallas County Commissioner Pct 2



**Andrew Sommerman (D)**  
Dallas County Commissioner Pct 2

**BUDGET:** Two areas need an increase in their budget. First, provide more funds to the election department. Hire more election officials and train them to work the elections. There should be an emergency response team to deal with any crisis at polling places, whether it be staff out with illness or challenges to at the polls. Second, we must have a special sheriff's task force whose members are trained to deal with mental health issues, domestic violence and homelessness. We must have infrastructure to treat and train them to return to the workforce.

**MANAGING THE PANDEMIC:** I have represented Clay Jenkins as his lawyer to fight for sound reasonable scientific measures to mitigate Covid. There was a tremendous headwind against those efforts that caused Dallas County to go it "alone" without State help. Masks work. Vaccines work. Testing works. Over a third (33 1/3%) of the population of Dallas County has yet to receive a single dose of vaccine. Less than 20% of the population has received their booster. We must coordinate with civic leaders to educate the public that vaccines are safe and effective.

**VOTING:** 35%-60% (depending on voting demographics) of voters don't vote because it's not easy to vote, not easy to understand, and for some, not trusted. I have and will fight to ensure elections are run safely, run fairly, and that every vote is counted and protected. I will assure we have more well-trained workers for elections and have a well-trained emergency response team to deal with any challenge that may occur during elections.

**HOMELESSNESS:** We must have a special sheriff's task force whose members are trained to deal with mental health issues, domestic violence and homelessness. We must also have infrastructure for the homeless, the mentally ill, and victims of domestic violence to treat, rehabilitate, house and return to the workforce all able-bodied citizens. Affordable housing is a key element of this plan. We must expand and finance Mental Health Care at Parkland Hospital to help those who are in need. We must also protect our thriving and diverse economy to assure all who can work will have a job.

**OTHER ISSUES:** We need rational decisions that are not driven by irrational party politics in protecting the citizens of the County from diseases, crime and corruption. Political theater should not drive policy. Covid is the enemy; not each other. Science and effective management should guide the way the County is run.

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## Dallas County Commissioner Pct 2 — Continued



### Michelle Ocker (D) Dallas County Commissioner Pct 2

**BUDGET:** I want to increase mental wellness programs for families during this time. Two years of isolation have taken a toll, and many families are struggling. In addition to work programs and help for small businesses, we need to make sure that we are helping provide domestic violence prevention and drug addiction programs. We also need to make sure children aren't hungry when schools are shut down. Our budget shows our priorities, and the health of our families should be our highest priorities.

**MANAGING THE PANDEMIC:** Clay Jenkins has done a wonderful job managing this crises. I would like to see more emphasis on helping residents with the depression that comes from social isolation. Many parents I know are struggling emotionally, and this area of our lives is often overlooked by policy-makers. I want to make sure that people know they are not alone and that we take the struggle seriously. The county could hire counselors and have a service available to the public. There need to be creative solutions to help.

**VOTING:** I have served as an election judge multiple times for Dallas County elections. The office does an amazing job. Election law is extremely complex, and the dedicated workers have to take unpaid trainings that can last a day or more. I would make sure that people are paid for their time learning the new laws. Also, having worked for more than ten different elections, I can say without hesitation that we have a safe and secure vote. We do need to increase access for the disabled and the elderly, and curbside voting needs to be expanded to early voting as well as election day.

**HOMELESSNESS:** We definitely need a better safety net for our population. Warming stations need to be set up during extremely cold temperatures, and we need to be better at providing mental health services and other social safety measures to help people get back on their feet, especially for all the children who are currently experiencing homelessness.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Antisemitism and Islamophobia are pressing issues. A synagogue was recently attacked, and as a Jew, I know that fear is running high in our community right now. Many members of my community feel as though our warnings of the rise of antisemitism are not being taken seriously by our elected officials. I want to assure the North Dallas community that I have been affected by antisemitism, and I take it extremely seriously. Also, my grandfather's last name was Habeeb. He experienced Islamophobia after 9/11. I will work with the Muslim community that has welcomed me so warmly to ensure safety.

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### Philip Kingston (D) Dallas County Commissioner Pct 2

**BUDGET:** Wages aren't keeping up with inflation resulting in real-world losses for county employees. Commissioners Court should commit to paying competitive wages and demanding excellent work. But the budget is of secondary importance to properly deploying the large amount of federal recovery and infrastructure funds allocated to the county. These need to go toward transformative projects to improve the sustainability of the county's economy and the welfare of its residents including affordable housing and transit improvements and continuing the effort to move Parkland's care into the community.

**MANAGING THE PANDEMIC:** I do agree. The change I would make would have been to go to court sooner and more aggressively to stop Greg Abbott's illegal meddling in county affairs. My text thread with Clay is a contemporaneous record of my advocacy on this point.

**VOTING:** The "security" measures in place are entirely excessive and designed to deprive the poor, people of color, and the elderly of their right to vote. Election contest lawsuits are being used by Republicans to undermine public confidence in what are demonstrably free and fair elections. I successfully defended Adam Bazaldua in one of these frivolous contests and saw the corruption first hand. The county's Elections Department must be turned into a bulwark against the unprecedented Republican attacks on the franchise and a proactive registration program.

**HOMELESSNESS:** I want the county to shift its resources toward rapid rehousing in partnership with the cities in the county. But the county also should invest in affordable housing because the severe spike in homelessness is directly tied to the lack of affordable housing in the county. One program I want the county to participate in is the sublease program from the City of Dallas's Comprehensive Housing Plan (that I helped write). Small incentives to get infill landlords to accept vouchers is the fastest way to get a couple of thousand voucher holders housed. As a certified voucher landlord, I can help.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Jobs. The county has inadequate job growth and inadequate wage growth within the existing job base. The county should not be in the business of direct subsidies such as with the disastrous Uber incentive package, but it can be a very effective economic development partner to the cities in the county by investing in the infrastructure allowing cities to attract employers and grow existing employers.

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### Tom Ervin (D) Dallas County Commissioner Pct 2

**BUDGET:** The Dallas County budget is almost \$1b annually, mostly administrative costs tied up in running the County's hundreds of functions. I will be a good steward of these resources. I want to expand public health services in satellite clinics throughout the County to help all residents, including the over half of a million uninsured residents. I also want to push for a transition to net-zero energy facilities for Dallas County, including expansion in solar, wind, and other renewables. Our residents deserve a healthy, sustainable future, and investing in public health and a greener County will help.

**MANAGING THE PANDEMIC:** I admire how the county mobilized resources from throughout Dallas County to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine. Judge Jenkins and his supporters on the Commissioner's Court deserve commendation for his efforts to protect our residents in these difficult times. We need to move on from reactive public health policy and be proactive; We must invest in public health infrastructure and education; We need to bring

healthcare infrastructure to the communities that need it most; We also need to reestablish community trust so that all residents take public health guidelines seriously. **VOTING:** Audits have shown our elections are secure. I am more worried about our voting infrastructure. Every election day, we hear stories of issues at the polls ranging from missing personnel to malfunctioning equipment. We need to spend our resources to ensure we have all of our polling centers adequately staffed and equipped so that Dallas County residents can vote quickly and easily. The more convenient, the better. The Texas GOP has worked hard to limit the options Counties have to make the vote easier to access. We need to be creative in combating these policies.

**HOMELESSNESS:** As a County Commissioner, I will push at every possible opportunity for truly affordable housing. Too often, this housing is priced for those mak-

## Dallas County Commissioner Pct 2 — Continued

Tom Ervin (D)

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ing an area's median income. In Dallas County, this simply does not work. Affordable housing should be accessible for every Dallas County resident. Another issue is property tax pushout. As our neighborhoods see increased demand, values skyrocket and taxes increase. We must find ways to reduce the property tax burden on our most vulnerable residents. We should close commercial tax loopholes that allow corporations to avoid paying their fair share.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Our priorities will be to improve, expand, and develop our public infrastructure, with an emphasis on public healthcare services, affordable housing for our frontline workers, and quality public childcare. We cannot wait for the State Legislature to expand Medicaid coverage, as we have over 500,000 residents in Dallas County that do not have health insurance. These are our neighbors who have suffered the most from the effects of Covid. We can and must come together as a community to make positive changes for all of us.

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## Dallas County Commissioner Pct 4

Elba Garcia (D)

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DALLAS COUNTY  
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

4 year term. Must be a citizen, 18 years or older and a resident of the district represented. Does not need to be a lawyer. Responsible for civil and criminal misdemeanor cases punishable by fine only: assault, bail jumping, criminal mischief, bad check writing, public intoxication. Can hear civil cases up to \$10,000. Issues occupational drivers licenses. May perform marriages, issue commitment papers for the mentally ill and search and arrest warrants.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** What experience and training qualify you for this position?

**ACCESSIBILITY:** The JP Courts are often referred to as "The People's Courts." What measures do you support to make the JP courts more accessible to the people

**EVICIONS:** Is there a need to make JP court more equitable in the eviction process and, if so, how could this be accomplished?

**OTHER ISSUES:** What other issues do you believe will be most pressing for JP courts and how would you address them?

## Justice of the Peace Pct 1 Place 1

Thomas G Jones (D)

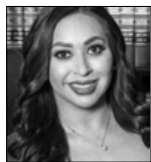
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## Justice of the Peace Pct 1 Place 2

Valencia Nash (D)

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## Justice of the Peace Pct 2 Place 1



**Atalia Garcia Williams (D)**  
Justice of the Peace Pct 2 Place 1

Eastern District of Texas, United States Tax Court, and the United States Supreme Court. I am also a mediator. I have become versed in many different areas of law, primarily because I want to help the everyday person. I have practiced landlord/tenant law, real estate law, civil law, family law, probate law, immigration law, and bankruptcy law.

**ACCESSIBILITY:** There must be equal access to the system. I will provide nonstandard times by adding the availability of court during the times people are available such as evenings. I will implement language translation services, interpretation, and mediation availability. I will also I will create

digital access and inclusion for everyone in the courtroom. I plan to make the court more accessible to the public because the community should be familiar with their Justice of the Peace. I aim to build a more community-focused Justice of the Peace court.

**EVICIONS:** Yes, there is a need to make the JP Court more equitable in the eviction process. The Justice Court is there to provide a speedy and inexpensive remedy for the determination of who is entitled to possession of the property. Because of this, the court tends to favor the individuals or entities seeking possession. In some cases, the case is not as simple as just possession but may involve title disputes that the Judge may not be aware of at the time of the forcible detainer hearing. In such a case, the court could benefit from the use of a public defender and/or a court-provided interpreter.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Pandemic-induced case issues have aggravated the need for accessibility of digital justice court case information, and I will advocate for it. The demand for bilingual court staff is rising. I will improve customer service as it is vital to any establishment. The Justice of the Peace courts needs to have staff smiling and answering people's questions. I never want anyone to walk out feeling like they could not answer a question because the support staff or clerks did not make themselves available or approachable. I will ensure that individuals have their voices be heard.

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## Justice of the Peace Pct 2 Place 1


**Christina Sowell (D)**  
 Justice of the Peace Pct 2 Place 1

the training that will come from the Justice

**QUALIFICATIONS:** While this particular position does not require any specific prior training or qualifications, I believe my 18 years of experience in the legal profession, as a legal secretary and paralegal, in various areas of law, both as plaintiff and defendant, along with the Training Center best qualify me for this position.

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Accessibility is high on my list of priorities for this court. Measures I would take to make this court more accessible would include the option of virtual hearings as well as in person hearing, having a Spanish translator available for those appearing before the court that only speak Spanish, moving to accepting electronic filings (e-filing) in alignment with the county and district courts, as well as having one (1) day a week with extended hours for those who aren't able to attend court during "regular business hours".

**EVICTIONS:** Absolutely. This pandemic has affected each of us in one way or another. I believe that as a Judge, regardless of our background, prior careers, etc., we should look at each case from a human standpoint and on an individual basis. We should go into each case openminded, ready to be fair and just. We should have resources available to help those facing evictions and, in those cases where eviction is unavoidable, we should have a resource available to assist with placement in a temporary shelter.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Hearing cases in a timely and effective manner is a priority for me as well. Being open, fair and just, allowing individuals a reasonable amount of time to cure any judgment/ruling/fine assessed is needed as well. Most importantly, respect for each and every individual that walks through the court door is a must! Allowing everyone to be heard and showing appreciation of court staff are all issues that will be addressed should I take office for this position.

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**Margaret O'Brien (D)**  
 Justice of the Peace Pct 2 Place 1

trains all the justice court judges in Texas. I am also a licensed real estate broker (licensed 2004), so I am familiar with leases and real estate transactions which are assets for civil/eviction cases in the court. I have legal training in dispute resolution/mediation from SMU which helps in all case types in which I preside.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been in this position since elected in Nov. of 2018. I am familiar with all aspects of the JP Court staff and functions of the court. As of 2021, I was asked to be on the faculty and teach curriculum for the Texas Justice Court Training Center which

**ACCESSIBILITY:** I support online court filings, webconferencing for hearings and increasing the staff to accommodate longer office hours. I do have staggered lunch periods for my clerks so we are open during lunch hours. I have made efforts to create a user friendly webpage ([www.judgemo.org](http://www.judgemo.org)) to assist litigants who are self-represented. I also was conducting a pre-trial docket prior to COVID, which was an informative session to assist litigants on the rules of the JP Court and where they could find resources to be successful with their case.

**EVICTIONS:** The role of the Justice Court is to accept the filing, hear the case and render judgment. The applicable statutes are less equitable at times for the Defendant, but the court cannot give legal advice or favor one side or the other. I have made a resource sheet available to all parties prior to court appearances for legal assistance, rental assistance and information about the eviction process.

**OTHER ISSUES:** The Dallas County JP Courts are still on a paper filing system, utilize an outdated computer system and have high staff turnover. Antiquated process and lack of modern functionality have hindered the overall success of servicing the constituents in an efficient and modern manner. This pressing issue was highlighted even more during COVID because of the lack of online functionality for the court. This has been an ongoing issue for several decades in Dallas. The County Commissioner's Court has decided to implement an updated software system, but it has not been rolled out yet to JP Court.

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**Henry Brown (D)**  
 Justice of the Peace Pct 2 Place 1

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I would have to say, my volunteering in community-based services has helped me to prepare. -4B Board Member -Mesquite Park Master Plan Advisory Board Member -Keep Mesquite Beautiful Board Member -Crime Watch President -Mesquite Police Chief Search Panelist -Black Business Symposium Of Mesquite Founder -Mesquite MLK Annual Parade Founder & Commemoration Organizer -Former Chief Advisor of Minority Affairs and Equity for Former Mesquite Mayor Bruce Archer -Co-founder of the Mesquite Behavioral Health Scholarship for MISD Students -Founder of the Annual Mesquite 50 Job Summer Job Challenge.

**ACCESSIBILITY:** I will give each case the attention it needs, by listening earnestly. I will go above and beyond to help both sides; the renter and the landlord who also has to pay bills. I will pull together literature and helpful information to assist all parties. A lot of resources are available, but all parties aren't utilizing it. I will provide a 24-hour hotline to help resolve concerns and provide helpful information to both parties. Most courts have holding cells, the JP's deal with Class C Misdemeanors cases and truancy. My court's holding cell will be transformed into an accessible legal library.

**EVICTIONS:** My argument with the current JP's based on a personal listening tour with residents in the district. First, JP's must have compassion with all that come before their courts. They must understand that in this current climate with the Covid-19 pandemic, residents and landlords are struggling. Secondly, we must share with all residents that are facing eviction, Texas Eviction Diversion Program, and other community resources to assist renters that may have been affected by extenuating circumstances. I will also institute a hotline in an attempt to resolve cases prior to civil proceedings.

**OTHER ISSUES:** My vision for the courts are: -Create a rental assistance hotline for families to aid families before eviction filing takes place -Partner with nonprofits to reduce truancy and assist struggling young adults -Develop a publicly available legal library -Establish a monthly pro bono legal clinic with attorney partners -Offer night and weekend court availability -Partner with local law enforcement to develop a driver's license reinstatement program

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## Justice of the Peace Pct 2 Place 2


**Katina Whitfield (D)**  
 Justice of the Peace Pct 2 Place 2

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I've had the honor of serving in this position since January 2019. Before running for this office, I was a certified senior paralegal and an accredited legal professional. I earned my CRPTM from National Federation of Paralegals Association, (NFPA). That same year I earned my ALP, from The National Association for Legal Professionals, (NALS). As a member of various city, county and even statewide legal organizations, I've earned the respect and trust of the legal community.

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Absolutely. We have an open door policy in place as is and our court is only 1 of 2 jp courts in Dallas County that offers e-filing. We have and will continue to make our court and justice more accessible to the public.

**EVICTIONS:** Yes. There's definitely a need. I find that most of the time, the tenants aren't aware of their rights, therefore, unable to effectively defend themselves in an eviction trial. The Justice of the Peace should enforce the property code for both parties. Not just the landlords.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Lack of available resources. While I understand that we are very busy, we are the people's court. 90% of our cases are pro se litigants. We must be able to provide litigants with the necessary resources, within ethical and legal guidelines, to present or argue an effective case.

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**Denise Brennan (D)**  
 Justice of the Peace Pct 2 Place 2

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Having grown up and lived in Garland, East Dallas and Rowlett my entire life, I have a passion for my community and surrounding cities. I'm a hard worker and put myself thru college while working two jobs. It was then I learned working in a diverse team atmosphere, offering supreme customer service, is where I excelled. I have been working as a Product Development Manager for over 12 years, acting as a departmental liaison, so I know how to listen to all parties and make an informed decision that progresses our team forward, keeping the train on the tracks!

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Although I cannot craft legislation to deal with this matter, it is my intent to provide information to pro-se litigants in my courtroom where legal services can be obtained if they cannot afford them, such as North Texas Legal Aid.

**EVICTIONS:** While there is room for improvement, I don't believe the eviction process should favor one party over the other. To the extent the State of Texas Supreme Courts directs deferment of eviction cases to deal with the pandemic, I will follow the law & reset those cases until they can be properly heard. To the extent Texas or Dallas County funds services to help those pro-se litigants in need, I will do my best to provide notification for services available to them. This helps both tenants and landlords. I cannot advocate for or against any tenant or landlord but can evaluate this more if elected.

**OTHER ISSUES:** I am running to better improve the efficiency of Precinct 2, Place 2. This particular Court is not in good shape. The productivity has been in constant decline over the last two years, per the Texas Office of Court Administration ([www.card.txcourts.gov](http://www.card.txcourts.gov)). I plan to get back to the basics by showing up, doing the job and administering justice as quickly and fairly as possible.

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**Denise Upchurch (D)**  
 Justice of the Peace Pct 2 Place 2

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My experiences, as a Conflict Management Specialist has allowed me to home in on certain soft skills that I believe are complimentary to the skills needed to be a successful Justice of the Peace. Those skills would be impartiality, active listening, effective communication and firm negotiations. As a leader in the NAACP, I have been challenged in many ways. Community Activism gives you the opportunity to work on issues that can also pertain to legal matters for our community.

**ACCESSIBILITY:** The term "The People's Court." rings true to my own personal ethos, which reflex on my long history of community activism held within the NAACP, as well as sitting on numerous boards and committees. I (along with my staff) would try too make the JP court more accessible to the people by continuing to support an online footprint which allows people to make their own payment

arrangements, requests to dispute traffic tickets, as well as paying traffic fees. I would like to place someone who could keep the community updated of changes relevant to them via the JP website.

**EVICTIONS:** The JP court should be more equitable. For many tenants, missing their court date coincides with their inability to take off work to attend. This creates a negative impact within the community as well as with hard working families. As the JP, I would look into establishing one day a week, in which hours would be modified in order to make court accessible to those who need later hours. I would like to explore possible online options to assist with those who have medical issues or touched by COVID. I also would like to create a flowing process for evictions between Tenant & Management.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Issues are constant but the key is effective problem solving. As JP, I would seek to make the Precinct 2, Place 2 more efficient. I would do this by establishing an internal checks and balance system within all departments that will allow, me to stay abreast of our progress as well as create initiatives that will highlight areas that may need additional assistance. Addressing the backlog while simultaneously staying current with current eviction is a must. My plan is to create a unique review group designed to address backlogged case, therefore allowing me to focus on current evictions cases

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## Justice of the Peace Pct 3 Place 1

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## Justice of the Peace Pct 3 Place 2

Chris Suprun (D)

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## Justice of the Peace Pct 4 Place 1



**Mike Jones (D)**  
Justice of the Peace Pct 4 Place 1

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am the current Justice of the Peace and I currently receive yearly required continuing education. In addition, I have a background in Real Estate that is vital in handling real estate evictions including being an Adjunct Professor. I have a certification in Mediation that allowed me to bring in on site mediators to help settle cases before trial. In addition, I served on city council as the Mayor Pro Tem for the city of Glenn Heights where I collaborated with other elected officials to help make positive changes in the community. Lastly, I have an extensive background in municipal government.

**ACCESSIBILITY:** I have implemented an electronic filing system (e-file) to allow litigants to file cases at any time and not have to come in person. I currently utilize a court call platform which allows parties to have their hearings virtual or telephonic. Parties are now able to conduct most of their business online and access many of the court's forms through the court's website.

**EVICTIONS:** Any eviction processes would need legislative review to measure how the current laws are performing and then make necessary changes with our state law makers. I currently made the court more equitable by collaborating with Dallas County Eviction Diversion program officials to share programs with landlords and tenants for rental assistance. Additionally, I have North Texas Legal Aid onsite to assist tenants who need legal representation with their case. I recently held and eviction relief seminar in my court to help reduce the number of evictions in my precinct.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Currently, I am leading Dallas County JP courts with the implementation of our new case management system to replace our current inefficient and outdated system. Additionally, I recognize the significant increase in mental health warrants I sign and I will be hosting a Mental Health Seminar. This seminar will bring together long-term care for people who maybe facing mental health crisis.

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**Lasonja Flowers-Ivory (D)**  
Justice of the Peace Pct 4 Place 1

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been an educator for more than 25 years, 18 of which I was a high school principal. With both positions, I have experience in researching and understanding the impact of policy and the law. As a high school administrator, truancy was also a part of my responsibilities. I also have completed advanced family dispute resolution techniques training. In addition, the role of Justice of the Peace requires the ability to critically think and administer Justice with equity and care; I have demonstrated this skill set in every position I have been privileged to serve.

**ACCESSIBILITY:** In an effort to create an environment where all are treated respectfully and with a spirit of excellence, my first priority would be to build a healthy, professional, and inclusive culture for the staff. I will schedule a listening tour to better understand the needs of all stakeholders and welcome feedback. I will demonstrate in word and deed that I am a lifelong learner and desire to continually improve.

**EVICTIONS:** I do feel there is a need to make the JP court more equitable in the eviction process by providing greater access to resources and legal advocacy to help tenants and landlords navigate the system.

**OTHER ISSUES:** My focus has been on the office of Justice of the Peace, 4-1 and the pressing issues for that particular court are: the lack of processes and procedures, lack of leadership as it relates to professional development, lack of internal controls, and a disregard for county policies. I would address these by, creating and implementing policies and procedures along with adequate training for reinforcement, hiring a staff that is willing to accept the challenge of diligently serving to restore the court to a level that we can all be proud of.

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## Justice of the Peace Pct 4 Place 2



**Sasha Moreno (D)**  
Justice of the Peace Pct 4 Place 2

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am currently the sitting judge for this position and in my third year of my first four year term. I am licensed to practice law in Texas and California. I graduated with my Juris Doctor degree and Master's Degree in Dispute Resolution from Pepperdine School of Law in 2011. Since taking office, I have continued to take courses to become a better judge and to stay apprised of the new laws affecting our courts.

**ACCESSIBILITY:** In 2019, our office launched night court. We are open the first and third Tuesdays of the month until 7 pm so people can take care of their legal matters after normal business hours. We are currently the only JP court with this schedule. I also implemented mediation for civil cases so cases could be settled out of court. This saves litigants money and time instead of proceeding with trial. We have also partnered with other local courts to host virtual hearings so people can appear virtually from a court closer to their homes instead of driving to Grand Prairie for an in-person hearing.

**EVICTIONS:** Eviction cases have been hit especially hard due to the pandemic. The federal, state and local eviction laws are constantly changing. I've held numerous virtual forums to inform landlords and tenants of the latest changes so they are aware of their rights. My court also sends out rent relief resources with every citation. We also have a Dallas County Housing Liaison and Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas on-site to assist tenants when they arrive to court for their hearings. While we can't stop evictions, we can provide resources to assist individuals during this difficult time.

**OTHER ISSUES:** It's been a difficult few years for the JP courts due to the pandemic. Most individuals represent themselves and do not have attorneys. Unfortunately, our courts do not have a permanent e-filing system in place so most individuals file their legal documents in-person or via mail. People also have limited access to technology making virtual video hearings difficult to proceed with. We are using solutions such as email filing and telephonic hearings to address these problems so we can still provide individuals with access to justice without jeopardizing their health and safety due to COVID.

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## Justice of the Peace Pct 4 Place 2 — Continued


**Dareia Jacobs (D)**  
 Justice of the Peace Pct 4 Place 2

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a proven servant leader. As an experienced educator, journalist, author and speaker, I have been able to establish a successful track record of service. I am highly active in my professional, faith and community networks. As a volunteer with Keeping Families Connected, an initiative that seeks to reconnect families impacted by the justice system, I am well-acquainted with the issues facing our community. As Justice of the Peace, I will work to bring a community-centered approach to the bench and lead with integrity and compassion.

**ACCESSIBILITY:** I will work to make the court system accessible and easy for the community to navigate through online forms, simple payment options, and extended hours. If elected, I will be available beyond typical business hours, 365 days a year. I will stay abreast and make sure staff receive adequate training in current court procedures to ensure the efficient processing of different cases. As judge, I

pledge to work smarter, faster and harder with accuracy to ensure residents have a quality courtroom experience. I will also provide fair accommodations to individuals with special needs.

**EVICTIONS:** The global health pandemic has further exacerbated the challenges facing our community, especially as it relates to housing needs. With evictions at an all-time high, it is important that the community is aware of different community resources. As Justice of the Peace, I will take proactive steps to keep residents informed about housing resources and legal assistance programs to help offset the financial challenge. I will enforce local, state, and federal evictions protections as well as encourage landlords and tenants to negotiate an agreement that is beneficial for both parties.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Truancy violations is another pressing issue facing JP courts. As a lifelong educator, I understand the value of a solid education and the importance of school attendance. As judge, I will adopt a community-based approach and work with key stakeholders including schools, counselors, teachers and parents to address truancy violations. I recognize that every case is unique and as judge, will decide in the best interest of each individual student. I will also work to expand access to youth mentoring programs and provide meaningful alternatives to probation for at-risk youth.

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## Justice of the Peace Pct 5 Place 1


**Andre Turner (D)**  
 Justice of the Peace Pct 5 Place 1

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have 25 years of experience as a Misdemeanor Court Officer for Domestic Violence. I have served on the Dallas Community Oversight Board of Commission, the Judicial Nominating Commission; Former member of the National Association for Blacks in Criminal Justice; Founder of the A. L. Turner Mentoring and Education (Non-Profit); and President and Vice President of the local chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity, Inc. (Alpha Sigma Lambda Chapter - Dallas). I hold a Bachelor's of Science in Elementary Education and Master of Arts in Professional Development.

**ACCESSIBILITY:** I will step up and walk the extra mile for a better, stronger Dallas and serve the people of Dallas and this JP court with integrity and honesty. I will pour into this court and community; bringing pride and value to continue the community to grow and flourish. I will bring transparency to the community through education and being accessible and working with the community to build trust 24 hours around the clock. As a servant leader, I will serve as a community worker; while working for the community,

**EVICTIONS:** Yes. Equality should happen in any court when following the law. However, there should be education opportunities within the community prior to citizens getting to the point of evictions. One opportunity for the JP courts to do is provide information to the citizens concerning renter/landlord rights; this can be accomplished through various community organization partnerships and at community events. We can also make the eviction docket operate efficiently by allowing e-filing in the JP courts.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Citizen safety. We will review safety protocols monthly or weekly depending on heightened concerns to ensure all safety measures are in place for the public esp. in the times of COVID. Our main focus will continue to efficiently handle the depositions of cases to prevent a backlog of cases.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Age: 6/4/1964; Occupation: Adult Probation Officer; Education: Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education Master of Arts in Professional Development; Website: <http://www.DRE4JUSTICE.com>; Campaign Phone: (214) 668-6619; Email: [dre4justice](mailto:dre4justice)


**Sara Martinez (D)**  
 Justice of the Peace Pct 5 Place 1

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am the incumbent and have been serving as Judge at Precinct 5, Place 1 for the past 7 years. I have been licensed to practice law in Texas since 2008. I also served as a Dallas County Public Defender where I represented indigent defendants. I have also practiced law in JP, misdemeanor, felony and family courts in Dallas and contiguous counties prior to being elected.

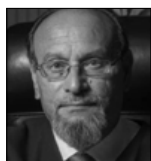
**ACCESSIBILITY:** In order to make the court more accessible, we need to create the ability to allow litigants to electronically file cases online. Currently the process toward e-filing is underway but not yet available in all JP courts. Another effective measure would be to have legal organizations present at the court to provide legal services to those in need. My future plans include hosting education sessions at our local community centers or libraries to inform residents of what type of cases can be filed in JP courts and educate them on the legal process.

**EVICTIONS:** Yes. Often times landlords are represented by attorneys and tenants are not aware of all the legal protections or defenses that they may have available. Having legal aid available to them on a regular basis would lead to a more equitable process. During the pandemic several legal organizations are now appearing in court to represent tenants facing eviction. We need to find the resources to make their presence permanent.

**OTHER ISSUES:** As a result of the pandemic, JP courts are seeing greater numbers of people not being able to pay for traffic citations or defaulting on payment plans. Although there is a process for indigent defendants to discharge their fines, we still need to redouble efforts in educating people on how to resolve their citations despite their inability to pay. Evictions will continue to be crucial in the months to come as well.

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## Justice of the Peace Pct 5 Place 2



**Juan Jasso (D)**  
Justice of the Peace Pct 5 Place 2

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been a Justice of the Peace for 27 years and a municipal court judge for 5 years prior. I am a licensed attorney since 1986

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Our court website has forms for people to download to file their particular case. I also have an open door policy for people to contact me regarding questions they may have regarding filing in JP court

**EVICTIONS:** The state legislature over the past years has passed legislation that protects the rights of tenants and I have adhered to them.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Evictions have always been the most challenging and have been even more so during the pandemic. Applying applicable laws (like the City of Dallas eviction ordinance) and informing people of rent relief programs administered by the federal, state and local governments has been crucial in making sure people are not thrown out without a safety net

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Age: 6/24/1957; Occupation: Justice of the peace ; Education: University of Houston (JD 1986) Pan American University (BA 1981); Website: <http://www.judgejuanjasso.com>; Email: [Electjuanjasso@gmail.com](mailto:Electjuanjasso@gmail.com); Facebook: <http://@judgejuanjasso>



**Desmond Dez Cooks (D)**  
Justice of the Peace Pct 5 Place 2

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been a licensed attorney for the past 14 years. As a former City prosecutor, I have represented the State of Texas in criminal matters and have acted as lead counsel in over 70 jury and/or bench trials. I have prior experience representing clients in commercial and business litigation, real estate disputes, defending complex commercial disputes, and general litigation. In 2016, I was appointed as an Associate Municipal Judge for the City of Dallas.

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Our world is continuously changing, and therefore we must change with it. We must explore operating the court using both electronic media (Zoom) and in-person hearings at the courtroom. Additionally, citizens should be allowed to appear at least one weekend in the month to resolve minor issues. I pledge to be an active and inclusive public servant who listens and meets with county residents to

promote a safe and welcoming community. I hope you will honor me with your vote and join me in ushering in a new era.

**EVICTIONS:** The rules and procedures for eviction cases are designed to be simple and straightforward. Landlords, property owners, and tenants are entitled to equal treatment under the law. However, the Justice of the Peace court should encourage litigants to explore eviction diversion programs, rental assistance programs and/ or other assistance programs to ease the burden of litigation.

**OTHER ISSUES:** The Justice of the Peace's primary function is to hold civil court both justice and small claims as quickly and judiciously as possible. Our mission should be to relieve any backlog and ensure all new cases are processed promptly to avoid further delay.

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**Kaletha Dotson (D)**  
Justice of the Peace Pct 5 Place 2

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been a paralegal for over 20 years, with experience in mediation and arbitration. My paralegal services business offers legal assistance, research, tax services, bankruptcy services, and office management. I have worked in legal settings with individuals, families, and organizations from all different types of backgrounds. As a parent, who has had to show up for truancy court, and a small business owner, who's had to show up for small claims cases, I understand, better than most, the frustrations with the JP 5-2 Courthouse.

**ACCESSIBILITY:** I believe people should have the option to attend court without the risk of losing their job or accruing more expenses in order to get to court. Accessibility is a main priority. I want to integrate a consistent schedule for: Online Court - Video Chat Night court -

Extended hours on certain weekdays Weekend Court - Court on Saturdays and Sundays I also plan on working with other agencies to create workshops that will introduce resources to people so they can access and resolve their own issues, so that a courtroom visit would be a last resort.

**EVICTIONS:** In order to make the eviction process more equitable, we must provide a cushion to tenants, and intentionally enforce tenant rights, due to power imbalances in the system. Information on tenant rights should be readily public & available. Cases should be screened for domestic violence victims and special care should be taken. JP Courts should offer mediation methods to provide landlords and tenants a method of conflict resolution, in some cases, so eviction can be avoided. I also believe tenants removed from their homes should have temporary housing.

**OTHER ISSUES:** People have reported visiting this courthouse has been a subpar, and sometimes even dehumanizing experience. There seems to be a disconnect between the visitors, staff, and the JP Judge. People leave feeling defeated. I believe in fostering a healthy culture and environment that is intentional about customer services and helping people. I will require staff to take diverse, equity and inclusivity trainings. With monthly assessments from diverse staff who can provide a unique perspective and feedback for improvement, we will work to eliminate implicit bias and discrimination in the courthouse.

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# CONSTABLE

4 year term. Must be 18 years or older, a US citizen, resident of Texas and a resident of the district represented. Responsible for serving warrants and serving as bailiff in the Justice of the Peace courts.

**BACKGROUND:** What in your background makes you qualified to handle the challenges of the Constable role?

**PROCEDURES:** What changes, if any, are needed in the procedures used by Dallas County Constables?

**SERVICE LEVEL:** How well do you think the citizens of your jurisdiction are being served? Is the work load appropriate for the staffing level?

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

## Constable Precinct No 1



### Tracey Gulley (D) Constable Precinct No 1

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have 25 years of experience with the Constables office at Precinct 1. I have ascended through the ranks of leadership in the Constable's office, exceeding all expectations and mastering every mandatory level of achievement. As my career developed, I became increasingly knowledgeable on the process and procedures of the Constable's office. Today, as Constable of Pct. 1, I manage the day to day operations of this office, with envisions of an even stronger future.

**PROCEDURES:** As Constable, I have been persistent in making a difference in the community by protecting our children and promoting family values. At Pct.1, we have and will continue to make any necessary changes in making a difference in the community by educating and bringing the community together with Law Enforcement.

**SERVICE LEVEL:** One of the outstanding qualities that I have obtained is the ability to balance the mandated law enforcement duties with the Civil and Justice of the Peace Court operations in a manner that provides excellent customer service to our taxpayers and constituents. This has helped make Precinct 1's office number one in service delivery. Precinct 1 is known for its professionalism and for efficiently processing and serving more than thirty thousand citations, subpoenas, notices, writs, garnishments, attachments, and executions annually. The work load is appropriate as this is the largest Pct.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Pressing issues that we are dealing with now, more than we have before would be the large number of evictions being processed. Because of the Pandemic, so many people have lost their jobs and are unable to pay their rent. Fortunately there are so many programs that are assisting residence with this issue. However, so many people in the community are unaware of these programs which is the reason I have decided to reach out the other community leaders such as Pastors, Social media, the radio stations, and Townhall meetings to keep the community informed.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Age: 11/30/1965; Occupation: Constable at Pct.1; Education: Masters Peace Officer License, Certified Law Enforcement Instructor, Firearm Instructor; Campaign Phone: (214) 808-4063; Email: Lawgrl103@att.net; Facebook: <http://TraceyGulley>

M. Yolanda Freeman (D)

Unable to contact

## Constable Precinct No 2

### Deanna Hammond (D) Constable Precinct No 2

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### Bill Gipson (D) Constable Precinct No 2

**BACKGROUND:** For over the last 23 years, I have served in various roles within the criminal justice and law enforcement field. As well serving a total of 20 years in the Army Reserves, most recently being selected to attend the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy. With the extreme disconnect throughout communities and law enforcement entities - not only in Dallas County, but America as a whole, I saw that we are in a time where this country need voices; voices that will stand for righteous and fight for justice for all mankind.

**PROCEDURES:** Bringing technology to the Constable office is crucial in order to advance them in the 21st century of policing. I was chosen to be the polite office for the Constable office for a new system coming in the near future called Soft Code. This program will allow the Constables office to electronically submit their citation returns directly to the courts in real time. Eliminating lost paperwork and creating greater efficiencies in both the District and County Courts.

**SERVICE LEVEL:** With the obstacles surrounding COVID-19 we have made it our greatest concern to make sure that the citizens are provided with the best service. My staff and I are equitable when executing our day to day operations.

**OTHER ISSUES:** We have also dedicated office space to Legal Aids of North Texas and Sharing Life Community Outreach to consult with tenants and landlords to access the circumstance and provide the appropriate assistance and possible prevent them from going through the eviction proceedings.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Age: 7/6/1979; Occupation: Elected Constable PCT. 2; Education: Bachelor- Stephan F. Austin Masters - Texas Southern; Website: <http://www.billgipson.com>; Campaign Phone: (469) 605-1273; Email: [gipsonforconstable@gmail.com](mailto:gipsonforconstable@gmail.com)

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## Constable Precinct No 3



### Henry Curry (D) Constable Precinct No 3

**BACKGROUND:** I am currently a Deputy Constable and I'm a former Assistant Chief. As Assistant Chief, I oversaw daily operations, staff management, and training. I also assisted with budget preparation and writing policy standards. I am an Instructor and subject matter expert for Civil Process, which is the core duty of the Constable's Office. I have worked in every facet of the Constable's Office including Deputy, Sergeant, Assistant Chief, Training Coordinator, Civil, Warrants, Traffic, and Writ Enforcement.

**PROCEDURES:** Most procedures are already in place, however it is great to have a Department Head that actually has experience in all facets of the Constable's Office, including writing policy. I will ensure that the office maintains Professionalism, is held Accountable, and remains Transparent.

**SERVICE LEVEL:** The citizens of Precinct 3 are currently receiving a disservice. The current Constable is rarely in office and does not participate in community events. I will be both present for duty and I'll be Informed, Involved, and Engaged in the community.

**OTHER ISSUES:** As Assistant Chief during the COVID-19 Pandemic, I constantly communicated with the Dallas County Civil District Attorney's office to stay informed of all Statute, Policy, and Procedural changes. I then conducted regular office meetings to ensure all updated information was passed down to deputies and office support staff.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Occupation: Deputy Constable; Education: Two years of college; Website: <http://www.curryforconstable.com>; Email: [Henrycurryforconstable@yahoo.com](mailto:Henrycurryforconstable@yahoo.com)

### Demondre Montgomery (D)

No Response

## Constable Precinct No 4



### Eddie Brown Jr (D) Constable Precinct No 4

**BACKGROUND:** I currently hold a Master Peace Officer certification from TCOLE and currently employed as a Police Officer. My training in the basic Police Academy in Collin County and current compliance with yearly TCOLE requirements. I currently work as a Patrol Officer and have daily contact with the public concerning Criminal and Civil matters.

**PROCEDURES:** I feel that Constables should be required to wear a body camera while in uniform. That would be for on duty and off duty. Use of body cameras have been proven to reduce the amount of citizen complaints. Constables should have in car laptops with NCIC connection to check subjects. This allows the Constable to know if their is an active warrant or possible Emergency Protective Order. Constables should have radio access to each Police Department in Precinct 4. This would be a safety concern and allows for immediate dispatch of back up Officer. Constables should try and offer resources to citizens

**SERVICE LEVEL:** I feel the citizens aren't being served well due to the lack of visibility by leadership. I'm a big fan of Community Policing and each community needs to be represented equally. If you are fully staffed I feel that the work load should be appropriate. The area should be broken up into different sectors so papers can be processed in a timely manner.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Since the Pandemic there has been a great deal of Evictions. I feel that Constables should provide rental assistance resources when they serve Evictions. I believe in educating the community about issues and providing them with solutions before the courts get involved.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Age: 4/1/1977; Occupation: Police Officer; Education: Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from University of North Texas; Website: <http://eddiebrownjr4constable.com/>; Campaign Phone: (214) 538-1974; Email: [eddiebrownjr2016@gmail.com](mailto:eddiebrownjr2016@gmail.com)



### ED Wright (D) Constable Precinct No 4

**BACKGROUND:** I currently serve as the elected Constable in Precinct 4 since 2018, and I've worked in the law enforcement field since 1989. I've written policies and managed a budget that's nearly 3 million dollars. During my first month in office I hired reserve officers (unpaid positions), and place them in our building which allowed our regular officers more time to work in the field. I also saved Dallas county over 10,000 dollars in overtime my first year by placing our reserve officers in the Tax office during the end of each month. Normally the Marshall's officers would work during these busy periods.

**PROCEDURES:** At this time I'm in discussions with our county administrators about possibly changing over our squad cars to alternate fuel, this could be another huge savings for our department. The training of our supervisors needs to be reconstructed, normally a supervisor is appointment instead of having to test for promotions. I believe this would allow us to get to best person for the job. These are not a procedures, but I believe they're worth stating here. As far as procedures/instructions go, working on limiting inconsistencies and identifying why we make mistakes is most important.

**SERVICE LEVEL:** I believe we're listening and learning daily from our citizens. We're attending city council meetings and HOA meetings in order to gain a different perspective as well as offer support. We're fully staffed and making adjustments daily as we deal with the COVID virus. We've assisted the community in food giveaways and Covid-19 screening recently. We've established ourselves in all of the cities in Precinct 4 and we'll continue to work towards being a stable in our communities.

**OTHER ISSUES:** A large percentage of the work our Constable's offices receive comes from the JP courts. Because of the Covid-19 virus our numbers have dipped substantially. Evictions have dropped as well as the amount of papers we receive for service. We've instructed our officers to stay engaged with property owners and tenants by supplying them with the proper paperwork needed during the changes with Covid-19. Officers have been provided with the essential equipment to stay safe while battling the virus as well.

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## Constable Precinct No 5



**Sophia L. Graham (D)**  
Constable Precinct No 5

**BACKGROUND:** I've worked at precinct 1 and precinct 5 in various positions.  
**PROCEDURES:** Have to wait until I get there to review the current policies and procedures to see if there's a need to make changes.

**SERVICE LEVEL:** I would have to wait until I get into office in order to assess that situation.

**OTHER ISSUES:** I believe mental health insurance he needs to be addressed. I would work with the commissioners court and various leaders in the community to address the needs of the community.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Age: 10/30/1966; Education: Bachelors degree; Campaign Phone: (214) 957-0611; Email: sgraham1066@yahoo.com; Facebook: <http://SophiaGrahamfor constable>

**Michael Orozco (D)**

**No Response**



## UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

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

**PARTISAN DIVISION:** Legislation and other action often stalls along partisan lines. What would you do to foster more cooperation and less partisan competition in Washington for the good of the nation?

**HEALTHCARE:** What legislation would you support, if any, to ensure comprehensive affordable healthcare for all? Include consideration of prescription drug costs.

**INCOME TAXES:** How would you rate our current income tax code? Do you believe we need to increase tax rates on very high income individuals or on large businesses? What other changes should we make?

**VOTING RIGHTS:** Do you think Congress should enact additional

safeguards to protect voting rights and, if so, what safeguards would you enact?

**COVID MANDATES:** What do you think are the responsibilities of the US Government for mitigating the spread of dangerous infectious diseases? Consider whether private or public sector entities should be allowed to mandate vaccinations and/or masks or whether states should be able to impose mandates or override federal mandates.

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

### United States Representative, District 5

**Lance Gooden (R)**

**No Response**

### United States Representative, District 6

**Jake Elizev (R), Bill Payne (R), James Buford (R)**

**No Response**

### United States Representative, District 24

**Beth Van Duyne (R), Nate Weymouth (R)**

**No Response**

### United States Representative, District 30

**James J. Frank Harris (R)**

**Unable To Contact**

**Kelvin Goodwin-Castillo (R), Angeigh Roc'ellerpitts (R)**

**No Response**

## United States Representative, District 30 — Continued


**Dakinya "Kinya" Jefferson (R)**  
 United States Representative, District 30

**PARTISAN DIVISION:** I as a voice for my district ,would continuously remind all that we are really here to be a voice and servant to our people not squabble among one another fighting over who is red or blue. We are all the red, white ,and blue who are believers in democracy and a republican form of governance. I would then call for us all to stand on the white line common ground to surrender our self will and party affiliation so we can fight for the people's voices to be heard as a vital part of our decision making. I would show the how their elected officials need to work for & remind voters of recall option

**HEALTHCARE:** Corporate persons must never have superior claim over live people of America. Mandates for reasonable price / profit margins for corps must be enforced for drug mfg. Reasonable tax from all with higher for corp fictions should be assessed to cover healthcare for all Americans. I propose a higher rate of medicare being taken from payroll checks with employer matching. The gov can open mfg companies and hire great scientists to find cures and be in direct competition with private industry( with oversight of the people )

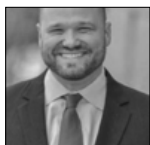
**INCOME TAXES:** The poor and middle class are carrying too much of the tax burden while the ultra rich pay little or no tax via trusts. ect. The codes are outdated and need to be reformed. People should not fear the IRS as if it is a god. It is a private owned business working money control for debts of governments. No taxation without representation or consent. We the people make no national debts ; we should not be forced to pay what we do not agree to. All should pay taxes but according to ability. The ultra poor should pay little or no tax. New businesses should have grace pay pending growth& profit

**VOTING RIGHTS:** Yes, all people should have both right to vote and access to ballots. There should be uniform ,easy guidelines for Federal elections and states must be held liable for enacting laws , statues, and policies which violate constitution. Election day should be a holiday and we need to come into 21st century voting via internet & email with copy of vote forwarded to voter

**COVID MANDATES:** Government control is limited; and consist of awareness, educating, and assistance. Gov can't impose restrictions as if a slave master, but can encourage consideration, and safeguards. Only in the most serious emergency should lock downs occur and only by consent. The gov shouldn't exert authority over church entity. A private business may mandate a mask code for those who care to use it and can't deprive people of real air. No business public or private can mandate that a free person wear masks or take a vaccine period point blank ! Fed law trumps state yet both void if violates constitution

**OTHER ISSUES:** Poverty which is the leading cause of most of our society problems., Immigration problems including the why of why people come, Ethics in politics should not have to pay to run for office, Ballot access & Two party system, affordable Housing , Climate change, Revamping Social Security / Medicare system, Discriminating practices,

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**James Rodgers (R)**  
 United States Representative, District 30

**PARTISAN DIVISION:** I will be beholden to the constituents in my community and to my ideological principles of small government, free market economics, and a strict interpretation of the Constitution and the liberties it affords the citizens. In that regard, I am a true conservative who will fight for those ideals alongside all who agree and against any who oppose. I will also focus my most vicious rhetoric on the ideas, not the individual. The goal being a revival of civil discourse in the halls of Congress.

**HEALTHCARE:** No Response

**INCOME TAXES:** No Response

**VOTING RIGHTS:** No Response

**COVID MANDATES:** No Response

**OTHER ISSUES:** No Response

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**Lizbeth Diaz (R)**  
 United States Representative, District 30

**PARTISAN DIVISION:** I plan on working together with both parties of our democracy for the good of my community and all of District 30. If I am elected to Congress, I plan on bringing change by breaking political barriers and stereotypes. I believe it is time for change, and the time is crucial to bringing change in our community. We must work together with both parties to pass the best legislation for our community.

**HEALTHCARE:** I support Medicaid and Medicare for all people who need it. We need Medicare reform, and to ensure that our elders are getting the healthcare insurance they need.

**INCOME TAXES:** I support lower taxes for families or higher taxes for individuals who make very high income. We must continue to ensure every family in our district thrives and is successful.

**VOTING RIGHTS:** We must continue ensuring that every person that is eligible to vote, becomes a voter and that every person born in the U. S., or that becomes a United States Citizen votes once that person turns eighteen.

**COVID MANDATES:** During a world wide crisis like Covid-19, it is imperative that we all work together to stop the spread off this deadly disease. Hundreds of thousands have died not only in the U. S., but all over the world, and we must do all we can to take the necessary measures to protect each other and our children. Mandates or laws to get vaccinated do depend on a private employer for his or her company, and at the same time, people have the freedom of choice because they have the ability to decide for themselves, even though it is a mandate.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Inflation, healthcare, education, infrastructure, equal voting rights will all be pressing issues next congress session. We definitely need border security in our Southern border, and to deal with the Human Trafficking crisis in our country.

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## United States Representative, District 32

Antonio Swad (R), Justin Webb(R)

No Response

## United States Representative, District 32 — Continued



**Darrell Day (R)**  
United States Representative, District 32

**PARTISAN DIVISION:** My voting will be focused on America-first proposals that are grounded in the U.S. Constitution. The Constitution INTENTIONALLY makes it difficult to pass legislation, in order to limit an over-reaching government from interfering with the liberty of our citizens. This is a “feature” in the Constitution... not a “bug.” Legislation often “stalls” because it’s a bad idea. I will negotiate in good faith with Democrats when they propose affordable, common-sense solutions that will help the American people.

**HEALTHCARE:** More government interference cannot solve the problems created by government interference. The very best way to ensure comprehensive and affordable healthcare for all is to remove the government from the process. Private and public charities as well as charity hospitals are the solution for those truly in need.

**INCOME TAXES:** The solution to our budget crisis is LESS SPENDING, not MORE REVENUE. Our current income tax code is an abject failure. We do not need to increase taxes on the very high income earners or the very wealthy. We may need to eliminate some of the loopholes and subsidies so that they are paying more than they are, but less than the government wants.

**VOTING RIGHTS:** All citizens by birth or naturalizing are entitled to vote, with the exception of criminal felons. Voting security and integrity are the responsibility of the states, as outlined in the U.S. Constitution. A better question is: When citizens must produce an ID to fly, purchase alcohol or open a bank account, how is it suddenly “racist” to display an ID to vote? Without producing a photo ID, there is no way to ascertain the true identity of a voter, and voting fraud will run rampant.

**COVID MANDATES:** I am pro-vaccine, but strongly anti-mandate. I believe these responsibilities and decisions regarding any type of mandate belong at the local or State level, as long as they do not violate the Constitution. At present, the Covid vaccines have not been fully approved and are still under Emergency Use Authorization. No animal tests have been published. Since these vaccines have been available for over a year, some responsible pharmaceutical company should have completed animal tests.

**OTHER ISSUES:** 1. Border Security: We must immediately secure funding to finish the border wall, and ensure that everyone entering this country is doing so legally, is fully vetted and has a clean bill of health. 2. Re-implement work requirements for able-bodied recipients of federal assistance programs. 3. School Choice and the prohibition of tax dollars implementing Critical Race Theory. 4. Modify legislation to encourage energy independence, including the Keystone Pipeline. 5. Encourage/support American industry and agriculture instead of stifling them and forcing our companies to off-shore jobs.

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**Brad Namdar (R)**  
United States Representative, District 32

**PARTISAN DIVISION:** My entire life I have had to find solutions to problems and work in a collaborative manner to accomplish a goal; from being a small business owner dealing with day-to-day logistics (where I have to lead), being a former H.S. public school teacher, college soccer coach, and a former NCAA Division 1 Football athlete, all of these experiences offer me unique experiences, insights, and approaches to dealing with the partisan divide in Washington D.C. Additionally, as a 33-year-old U.S. Congressional Candidate, I feel that our next generation is ready for the tasks ahead.

**HEALTHCARE:** I would support a system that allows for us to understand, recognize, and come to the realization that we are in 2022. I support healthcare initiatives that allows the individual the right to try various therapeutics, without burdensome government regulations.

I support a free market approach that allows for competition across State lines, and I support protecting pre-existing conditions, while ensuring we never forsaken those who need Medicare or Medicaid. I believe that private insurance companies should make a standard part of their coverage for mental health, and reduce drug pricing.

**INCOME TAXES:** I believe that the Trump administration TAX Policies were far better than the Biden administrations. We need to create a tax code that allows for the middle class to thrive, and have the opportunity for prosperity without rising taxes & inflation that is hurting so many Americans across the country in the middle of a pandemic with uncertain times for many Americans during this rapid/tense times regarding our domestic economy.

**VOTING RIGHTS:** When elected to the United States Congress I will follow the U.S. Constitution and will not impede on the rights of the Texas State House regarding voting laws/procedures that are passed by our State legislature. I do however advocate that all legal votes should have the opportunity to vote without discrimination, and a valid form of I.D. at the time of voting.

**COVID MANDATES:** I am 33-years-old, we need younger members of Congress to address issues that have become hyper partisan and in reality, bring out the worst in us. The U.S. Congress does not have the right to mandate any actions. The Federal Government should not overreach on our Liberty's to the point of the massive turmoil we are in right now. Our country was united in the initial stop the Spread, PPP Loans, but no one could anticipate the long term damages this was going to have on our country. The private sector does have the right to make vaccinations a requirement for employment if they chose so.

**OTHER ISSUES:** I believe we are going to have to legislate a new form of Cyber Law, Commerce, and look at many issues with foreign policy and securing our southern border. I believe we must immediately secure our southern border, invest in a stronger cyber infrastructure to handle this new e-commerce world we live in, and ensure we have a strong foreign policy platform to restore the the United States as both the moral and unquestionable super power on the global stage.

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## United States Representative, District 32 — Continued



**Nathan Davis (R)**  
United States Representative, District 32

**PARTISAN DIVISION:** The extremist Biden administration has called Republicans, parents, and a majority of Americans: the enemy, domestic terrorists, akin to the 9/11 terrorists and like the Japanese who bombed Pearl Harbor. The Biden administration is wielding the nation security apparatus to criminalize political opponents. They don't want to comprise. They must be defeated. We might be able to find common ground with a couple Democrats in the northwestern states on strengthening gun rights, and some members of the Congressional Progressive Caucus on dealing with Silicon Valley's dictatorial censorship.

**HEALTHCARE:** Healthcare is an incredibly complex and difficult national problem to solve. Many politicians and experts on both sides of the partisan aisle have attempted comprehensive fixes, but our healthcare continues to worsen. Our campaign is focused on increasing healthcare access and bolstering quality while lowering cost. We have developed 15 policy items to address this goal. See the full plan at [www.nathandavistx.com](http://www.nathandavistx.com), under the 'Solutions' section.

**INCOME TAXES:** Taxes should be substantially lowered on small and mid-size businesses. Federal taxes should be totally removed on families with four or more children (and restored once the youngest child reaches 18 years of age). We should levy tariffs on imported products from countries engaging in unfair trade practices and currency manipulation. For any U.S. company offshoring/outourcing jobs, we will remove their tax deductions and double their statutory corporate tax rate.

**VOTING RIGHTS:** The whole purpose of the voting booth is to settle political differences peacefully. If Americans do not believe in the integrity of U.S. elections, our enormous political divisions will only grow, and political violence will become a mainstay in American politics. To ensure a peaceful political arena, I support requiring photo ID (linked to citizenship) to vote. Voting must happen in-person and on a single election day. All voter rolls must be audited annually for registration accuracy. We must ban the mass mailing of ballots and ballot harvesting.

**COVID MANDATES:** We believe the decision on whether you should get the COVID-19 vaccination is between you and your medical doctor. The vaccine should not be mandated either by a government official or a CEO. Companies that fire unvaccinated employees (due to a mandate) should be severely punished. Any federal agents coming into red states to enforce COVID-19 mandates should be arrested by local/state police and held without extradition. We need to focus on broad accessibility of accurate: COVID-19 and antibody tests. Natural antibodies/immunity must be a significant component in our public health conversation.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Education: I will fight for nation-wide school freedom, where school dollars will follow the student instead of funding monopolistic institutions. We oppose the application of any immoral ideology that teaches our children to hate based on identity. To that end, we reject the implementation and use of divisive critical race theory (CRT) principles in the classroom. Economy: we will require that all critical infrastructure be manufactured solely in the U.S. Crime: we support abolishing crime, not the police. We will fight for doubling local police funding.

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**EE Okpa (R)**  
United States Representative, District 32

**PARTISAN DIVISION:** Reach across the aisle and build cooperation, collaboration and trust to move agenda forward. It serves the interest of America better when we set aside political differences to work on what makes America better.

**HEALTHCARE:** Our healthcare is out of control and expensive. Drug companies dictate prices, and Americans have no way to rein them in. We must continue to have discussions on what approaches provides Americans the best options. Americans ought to be duly informed on what the obstacles are to affordable healthcare legislation that way they impress on the elected officials to do more. Often useful information is absent as to what we can do to make sure corporations are responsive to public needs.

**INCOME TAXES:** I believe in income tax that is reflective of income one earns. No taxpayer should be penalized because of what they earn instead of has to be equitable and fair. Our tax codes are written to create confusion and there are various loopholes. When we address the waste inherent in our spending, we will not need to tax Americans as we currently do. Our revenue should match the spending.

**VOTING RIGHTS:** As it is, I have no idea what to suggest except that there should strict laws forbidding those not authorized by law to vote, not to. Am about election integrity and severe punishment for anyone who violates the election laws. I support Voter ID.

**COVID MANDATES:** There is too much politics on this when the science should have dictated what to do. I am of the opinion every state should have an Allergy and Infectious Disease expert who will collaborate and work with the federal expert to address pandemic. That means 50 + 1, and they must all review the data and recommend/suggest actions to a bipartisan Committee who then inform the President on actions to take. Right now, one federal bureaucrat is in charge.

**OTHER ISSUES:** All issues that affect our liberty and freedom must be paramount. Am for America First and us paying attention to socio-economic challenges facing us. A sensible immigration laws must be passed and those here illegal we need to be committed to legitimizing their stay such we know who they are. We may add penalty for violating our immigration laws, and only limit them to holding Green card but never becoming citizens.

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## United States Representative, District 33 (from LWV Tarrant County)

**Robert Mac Glaflin (R)**

**No Response**

Once registered to vote, no need to re-register unless you move or change your name. Your registration is valid for all elections within your jurisdiction.

## United States Representative, District 33 — Continued (LWV Tarrant County)



**Patrick David Gillespie (R)**  
United States Representative, District 33

### WHAT TRAINING, EXPERIENCE, AND BACKGROUND QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS POSITION?

Patrick David Gillespie: Studying Law and History

### HOW WOULD YOU ENSURE ELECTION LAWS DO NOT CREATE BARRIERS TO AMERICANS' FREEDOM TO VOTE WHILE MAINTAINING SAFE AND SECURE ELECTIONS?

Patrick David Gillespie: If You must show a photo I.D. fly on an airplane, receive IRS personal information on line, get a Passport, cash a check at a bank. If You can't show a photo I.D. to cast a ballot to secure not only the election but secure our most treasured right there is something very wrong. A utility bill is not secure because illegal aliens pay for utilities. My friend is a poll watcher and saw a lady open her purse and saw a Mexican Consular Card and the lady pulled out a water bill to vote in Dallas.

### WHAT ARE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE, IF ANY, AND WHAT MEASURES NEED TO BE TAKEN TO ADDRESS THEM?

Patrick David Gillespie: Stop calling China, Brazil, and India developing countries which are the major polluters. I have seen images taken from space by cameras detecting CO2. China, India, and Brazil show huge build up of Greenhouse gases. Giving these countries a pass up to year 2070 shows this whole climate change crap is just a cash cow.

### WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS THE ECONOMIC AND HEALTH CONSEQUENCES FOR THOSE WHO SEEK AND CANNOT OBTAIN ABORTIONS IN TEXAS?

Patrick David Gillespie: I am a man. A young man acts like an idiot. It is up to both a man and a woman to prevent having a baby. Condoms and vaginal dams cost very little money about \$5 a pack. The bottom line, when you are ready money stable, mentally ready, married or not then it is time to reproduce.

### WHAT POLICY CHANGES ARE NEEDED SO THAT THE U.S IMMIGRATION SYSTEM IS EFFECTIVE WHILE TREATING IMMIGRANTS HUMANELY?

Patrick David Gillespie: President Biden is wanting to send U.S. Troops to Europe because Russia is sabre rattling at Ukraine. He said it is because Ukraine has a border...He does not give a damn about his own country letting over 500,000 illegal immigrants since October 1, 2021. The foreign people are promised vast amounts of money, in Biden's Build Back Broke bill, 1 Billion Dollars will be given to illegals. Open borders left after the fall of the Roman Empire. Close the borders and complete the wall.

### CONSIDERING EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL THREATS, WHAT MEASURES DO YOU SUPPORT TO ADDRESS OUR NATION'S SECURITY?

Patrick David Gillespie: Fund the police. Close the border in South Texas and build the wall. People from 150 countries have been arrested at the border.

### WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT CHALLENGES FACING OUR COUNTRY AND HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO ADDRESS THEM?

Patrick David Gillespie: Having an idiot as President. Having Socialist Communist running the United States. We are a Republic meaning we are Sovereigns not sheep lets lead this country if our elected servants don't.

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## GOVERNOR

Four-year term. The governor is the chief executive of the state. They appoint members to boards and commissions; appoint statewide executive officials, and, when vacancies occur, state judges and district attorneys; deliver the State of the State address; provide guidance to the legislature; call special sessions of the legislature and set the agenda. The governor can veto legislation (including a line-item veto on appropriations), sign legislation, or allow it to become law without their signature. Current salary: \$153,750

**QUALIFICATIONS:** What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

**ELECTIONS:** How would you ensure election laws do not create barriers to Texans' freedom to vote while maintaining safe and secure elections?

**POWER GRID:** What further changes, if any, are needed to ensure that Texas has sufficient power in times of extreme weather conditions?

**HEALTH CARE:** What is your position on reproductive rights and how would you address the economic and health consequences for those who seek and

cannot obtain abortions in Texas?

**IMMIGRATION:** What is the role of the state government in enforcing federal immigration laws?

**AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Under what circumstances should the federal government limit the authority of elected state officials? Under what circumstances should the state government limit the authority of elected local officials?



**Chad Prather (R)**  
Governor

**QUALIFICATIONS:** 20 year resident of Texas 49 years old Current: Television host, Blaze TV and Blaze Media Former: Executive with Granger Industrial (Fortune 300 company) Senior church pastor in Georgia and Alabama

**ELECTIONS:** We must ensure legal, valid voter rolls. Texas must focus on in-person voting with absentee ballots utilized when legally necessary. We must not allow the practice of mail in voting or ballot box drops. Polling places must be easily accessible and a valid ID should be required. Ballots are to be counted manually and forensic audits should be utilized.

**POWER GRID:** Our coal plants need to be turned on and not dormant. In our last weather crisis coal could have been utilized effectively and saved lives. Our grid must be maintained and managed properly by directors within the state of Texas. Green energy must no longer be subsidized by taxpayer dollars when they fail. More nuclear should be added when it makes sense financially.

**HEALTH CARE:** I believe that life begins at fertilization and is created in the image of God. Abortion should be illegal in Texas. In the case of a mother's health being placed at risk by pregnancy then there must be physician guided assistance. However that is a statistical anomaly that is extremely rare and should be handled on a case by case basis.

**IMMIGRATION:** State government must establish state sovereignty which includes protecting state borders from illegal crossings. Article 4 Section 7 of the Texas Constitution states that the governor is the commander in chief of the state with direct authority to enforce such immigration.

**Autonomy of State and Local Government:** In the case of constitutional violations or illegal actions or proceedings.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website <http://Prather2022.com>

## Governor — Continued

**Rick Perry (R)**  
Governor

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Originally the founding fathers set up our form of Government for citizen legislators to serve. We need more citizens to step up and less "experienced" politicians. I am qualified for that reason. I believe in the Constitution and will fight for it.

**ELECTIONS:** It is extremely easy to vote in Texas. Texans need to have confidence their lawful votes will be counted and be assured that people who commit fraud are punished. Many jurisdictions now cannot be audited because there is no paper trail. We need auditable elections and harsher penalties for vote harvesting and voter fraud.

**POWER GRID:** The deregulation scheme we have in Texas did not work last February. Yes deregulation can drive prices down, but as we saw in the power outage last year it also can be exploited by the politically-connected for profit. We need to ensure our grid is independent, secure, and reliable, and that it serves the needs of the people, not the politically-connected.

**HEALTH CARE:** Killing babies in the womb is not healthcare. Dressing it up as women's healthcare does not change that fact. Abortion clinics don't provide healthcare — they kill babies. Fifty-nine percent of abortions were people in their twenties. Seventy-four percent are black. Abortion is a genocide of a race of people.

**IMMIGRATION:** The Federal Government was created by the States. Texas is a sovereign State that is being invaded by hordes of immigrants that have no desire to make America any better than where they've come from. Texas has a duty to her citizens to secure the border and resist the Federal officials who are trying to undermine that duty.

**AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** This issue is also about sovereignty. The Federal Government has no authority to limit anything in our State without our consent. The States created the Federal Government to serve them not the other way around. There is a reason why the Constitution limits what the Federal Government can do. Local officials should be limited when they act against the will of the people.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website <http://PerryForTexas.com>

**Kandy Kaye Horn (R)**  
Governor

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am an educated and successful businesswoman, able to make decisions, delegate responsibilities and hold people accountable for their results. I have compassionate and empathetic concern for post Pandemic Texans experiencing hardship. I bring Hope.

**ELECTIONS:** As Texans are allowed to vote by mail, every vote must be validated as true and correct to ensure accurate results. It should be electronically possible to verify the identity of voters. Election laws cannot be passed that would prevent Texans the right to cast a vote in an election, regardless of mailing in a ballot or voting in person at precinct.

**POWER GRID:** In order to alleviate power surges on the power grid, additional forms of power must be used to assure that the grid can service our growing population, including more wind turbines and Nuclear power plants. Nuclear energy has proved to be safe and efficient in other states. Infrastructure upgrades to the current power grid should be made for power surges due to weather.

**HEALTH CARE:** I believe there are alternatives to abortion, including many organizations that can assist a woman through gestation and delivery of a child. Adoption is an option. Due to personal religious beliefs, I cannot support the act of abortions. I believe life begins at conception.

**IMMIGRATION:** The federal government has neither the manpower or the ability to stop illegal immigrants from crossing our vast border without cooperation of state law enforcement personnel. People who pass through our border without proper documentation are breaking the laws of immigration and shortcutting the path to citizenship. Illegal immigration is an intentional crime.

**AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** When federal laws are broken by states, federal government has a right to intervene and protect citizens. The same authority is given to state government to protect the citizens of any municipalities. The system of checks and balances is the cornerstone of democracy and prevents individuals from taking the authority of their office to detrimentally harm Americans.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Non Provided

**Paul Belew (R)**  
Governor

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Although possessing no political experience, I am a criminal defense attorney and as such have a very strong personality and strong presence. My ability to navigate through many jury trials have given me the proper tools and education to be elected.

**ELECTIONS:** We should all want secure yet accessible elections. I believe voter id and poll watching are viable non-restrictive options. Also I am not opposed to expanding voter locations IF properly secured and against voter fraud. We all should strive to make voting accessible, yet those elections should be valid and elections with integrity. THOSE elections we can trust as valid.

**POWER GRID:** Power grid needs to be managed by Texans. Texans know Texas and as such Texans should govern over the power grid. It is my understanding that the turbines in certain areas are still not insulated and ready for what happened last year. This is unacceptable. People in charge need to take charge and ensure that protocols are developed and followed; if not consequences result.

**HEALTH CARE:** As a criminal defense attorney, I am bound what is called "The Rule of Law." At this time, Roe v. Wade is the law of the land. Texas has tried indirectly to supplant that decision and it will be interesting to see what the result will be as not everyone agrees with Roe v. Wade. At this time though it is the seminoe case on reproductive rights, but that may change soon.

**IMMIGRATION:** State government especially a border state such as Texas should have great authority in enforcing federal immigration laws, however, in reality we as a state do not. The Feds normally prosecute illegal aliens. Our hands are tied somewhat in that if we take a position contra to that of the Feds, the Feds threaten and do at times with hold certain state funding; unacceptable.

**AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Federal government should only limit the authority of elected state officials in very limited and special circumstances as any intervention by the Federal government could lead to an intrusion on the 10th Amendment. As to state government limiting authority, I believe at times it is necessary when the actions and/or policies of local officials adversely affect Texas State.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://www.paulbelew2022.com>

**Danny Harrison (R)**  
Governor

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Current Small Business owner and and manager of a \$6 million dollar per year business that is growing in size every single year. Former: Texas State Historical Commission; Former Luxury hotel manager. Former Rural Development Specialist

**ELECTIONS:** I would propose making our local national guard units conduct fair and secure elections for all counties.

**POWER GRID:** That is a simple question for me. I think we need to improve old electrical grid infrastructure and make it compatible with current usage demands. Simply put, some of our older lines that went down had never been replaced and when we chose energy deregulation to get cheap electric, companies like Oncor and Texas New Mexico and others stopped investing.

**HEALTH CARE:** I strongly support the idea that Roe must be overturned in the courts and the abortion under any voluntary circumstance should be made illegal. Point blank it saves lives and public money.

**IMMIGRATION:** We need a human shield and our national guard should be used as a wall until we can get one built. Point blank—if the Federal government is not going to protect our border then Texans will and if we need to deputize and train Texans to serve and defend our border then I say that we do it.

## Governor — Continued

Danny Harrison (R)

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**AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Everything boils down to local support and control. Who knows better than local leaders how to manage their local government? Simply put--nobody. That being said, I do believe that County Judges and Mayors should operate independently, as well. They each have their own jurisdiction and they each should be able to make their own judgement calls for their constituents.

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Allen B. West (R), Greg Abbott (R), Don Huffines (R)

No Response

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Four-year term. The lieutenant governor is powerful because of their position as president of the Texas Senate, where they appoint the chairs and vice-chairs of committees; appoint senators to committees; assign bills to committees; and control the Senate's agenda. The Lieutenant Governor is also a member of several commissions and boards, and serves as governor in the governor's absence. The salary is that of a State Senator when serving as President of the Texas Senate and that of the Governor when serving in that capacity.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

**POWER GRID:** What further changes, if any, are needed to ensure that Texas has sufficient power in times of extreme weather conditions?

**AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Under what circumstances should the federal government limit the authority of elected state officials? Under what circumstances should the state government limit the

authority of elected local officials?

**HEALTH CARE:** What is your position on reproductive rights and how would you address the economic and health consequences for those who seek and cannot obtain abortions in Texas?

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** What are some solutions to enhance public safety in Texas? How do we balance these solutions with protecting civil rights?

Trayce Bradford (R), Daniel Miller (R), Dan Patrick (R)

No Response



**Zach Vance (R)**  
Lieutenant Governor

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am truly a good person who loves Texans and wants to make their lives better and easier. I'm a Marine who will always do the right thing, especially when no one else is looking! And most importantly I believe in bipartisanship and working together.

**POWER GRID:** I believe we can have both affordability AND reliability. Energy companies and gas providers make enough money to ensure that they are prepared and protected from extreme weather WITHOUT additional costs to the consumer. If elected I will charge the "Temporarily Winter Storm Surcharge" on your utility bill to gas providers that posted profits of 20 percent or higher.

**AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** The balance between Federal, State, and Local control is a tight line to walk. The line breaks though when ANY of the elected officials stop doing what is in the best interest of the whole and only do things to appease their base. I believe most authority should remain under local control, but it depends on the issue. I believe city and county leaders know what is best.

**HEALTH CARE:** I believe in freedom and limited government and that means that lawmakers don't have the right to tell a woman she cannot choose when to become a mother. Instead of focusing on ending abortion, the state needs to focus on giving foster children better lives and make it easier for loving families to adopt a child. Abortions should be easily accessible and affordable.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** We need to severely punish violent criminals, thieves, sex criminals, and people who use a firearm to commit offenses. Helping women get out, and stay out, of abusive relationships will be a top priority of mine. As well as severely punishing the offender/abuser while doing a better job of protecting the victims. Texans safety is of the utmost importance to me!

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://www.4abettertexas.com>



**Todd M. Bullis (R)**  
Lieutenant Governor

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am and have been a Local Precinct Chair in Denton Texas for the last two sessions and have been a delegate during that time as well. I have worked to make abortion illegal across this nation.

**AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** I believe Texas needs to oppose the federal Gov and leave the USA. It is time for Nullification to start with while we work on Secession.

**HEALTH CARE:** I am an Abolitionist, Abortion must become a crime. If Abortion becomes a crime 99% of it will go away. The Government is not the parent and people need to be responsible for themselves. Family and churches should step up and help. I believe in equal protection under the law and abortion is murder.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** I believe we harshen many of the criminal penalties. Abortion, rape, murder, molesting, and attempted murder should be death penalty crimes. No more housing and parole for death penalty crimes. We need to allow everyone that is not in jail to carry a gun.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://electtoddbullis.com>



**Aaron Sorrells (R)**  
Lieutenant Governor

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Successful small business owner with 26 employees and growing. Managed people most my life with corporations and now as an owner. I understand how to manage people, money, and budgets.

**POWER GRID:** Winterizing the grid is borderline impossible and ultimately won't work because when the roads are frozen, nothing can move on the road. We need to move away from green energy and start utilizing the resources of Texas like Natural gas plants, Clean Nuclear, and coal. No one is going to make those plants though when they are only utilized in an emergency. Too expensive.

**AUTONOMY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** The federal government only has authority delegated to them by the Constitution. Anything outside of that belongs to the State. It's that simple. We no longer follow those rules and that's why we are in this position today.



## Lieutenant Governor — Continued

Aaron Sorrells (R)

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**HEALTH CARE:** There is no such thing as a reproductive rights. I don't care how the left wants to word it. This is another way to get around the concept of Abortion. Abortion should be abolished. I do not believe we should criminalize the women who still manage to get abortions illegally and instead prosecute the doctors that disobey the law.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** There are no solutions to enhance public safety. Safety is an illusion. Our government was not meant to keep us safe and protected. It was meant to keep us free. The government needs to stop interfering in our lives and we will have less civil rights problems because most people just want to go to work, live their lives, and be left alone.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://s4tx.com>

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

Four-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; oversees collection of child support; administers the crime victims compensation fund; enforces the open records/open meetings acts; approves public bond issues; and enforces consumer regulations. Current salary: \$153,750

**QUALIFICATIONS:** What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

**ELECTIONS:** What is the Attorney General's role in protecting Texans' freedom to vote while maintaining safe and secure elections?

**HEALTH CARE:** What is your position on reproductive rights and how would you address the economic and health consequences for those who seek and

cannot obtain abortions in Texas?

**IMMIGRATION:** What is the role of the state government in enforcing federal immigration laws?

**PRIORITIES:** As Attorney General, what would be your highest priorities for the next four years, and how do you intend to accomplish them?


**Eva Guzman (R)**  
**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My legal career spans three decades—including 22 years as a judge and over a decade on the Texas Supreme Court. I am the only candidate with experience in criminal, civil, family law and complex constitutional cases. I know how to win cases because I know how to think like a judge. As AG, I will bring integrity that has been woefully lacking under our AG. I've earned the respect of my colleagues, attorneys and Texas voters, and the support of law enforcement, business, professional, women's and

**ELECTIONS:** To ensure every Texan has confidence in our elections, we must have the appropriate oversight and enforcement of our laws. It is the Legislature's job to determine how best to do that, and I am ready to defend those laws if challenged in court. The Court of Criminal Appeals was wrong to invalidate the statute giving the AG's Office authority to prosecute election fraud ...

**HEALTH CARE:** I am strongly pro-life. I believe life begins at conception and ends at natural death, and I am prepared to stand up on day one to fight for life and Texas' right to protect it.

**IMMIGRATION:** Securing our borders is more than a talking point and photo op. I am committed to seizing every opportunity—and to fully utilizing every resource the Legislature has provided—to defend the border from illegal immigration and cartel violence, and the associated drug and gun crimes. That includes taking legal action to make the federal government reimburse the taxpayer dollars Texas communities have spent dealing with the influx of illegal immigrants, finishing the border wall and immediately ending catch-and-release policies—it is illogical to think that someone who broke the law to cross the border is suddenly going to play by the rules and a

**PRIORITIES:** Our AG's own inner circle resigned or were fired after reporting him to the FBI for breaking the law. Now the office doesn't have the staff it needs and is farming out lawsuits to expensive private law firms. Our AG is distracted by legal problems and losing major cases due to strategic errors. My priority on day one is to restore credibility and experience to the office.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://evaguzman.com/>

Louie Gohmert (R); Ken Paxton (R)

No Response


**George P. Bush (R)**  
**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I hold a law degree from The University of Texas and ... Candidate's response did not meet the criteria as listed in this Voters Guide.

**ELECTIONS:** The AG must ensure that our elections system is fair, just, and secure. As Attorney General, I will rebuild trust with our District Attorneys, lead the charge in prosecuting cases on election fraud and expand our state's election integrity unit.

**HEALTH CARE:** To me, nothing is more important than protecting life in Texas. As a lifelong catholic, where I stand on the issue is very clear. Life is not negotiable. Our children deserve an Attorney General who isn't going to just file lawsuits in the name of life, but one who can file suits and find innovative ways to win on behalf of the right to life.

**IMMIGRATION:** Our Attorney General is the first line of defense against the federal government. As Attorney General, I will: 1) Work with the Governor to deploy more National Guard troops to the Texas/Mexico border; 2) Toughen criminal penalties on drug smugglers and human traffickers; 3) Finish President Trump's wall and continue building the Texas wall.

**PRIORITIES:** My top priorities will be restoring integrity back to the Office of Attorney General, protecting our borders and elections, standing up to the federal government to protect Texans' constitutional liberties, and defending and standing with law enforcement. Texans can rest assured that I won't just file suit against the Federal Government, but I'll also win the cases filed.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://GeorgePBush.com>

# COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Four-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 salary: \$153,750

**QUALIFICATIONS:** What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

**RAINY DAY FUND:** What is the optimal amount to be held in the Rainy Day Fund and what is the criteria for usage? What is your opinion on using the fund to pay down the state's debt vs. using it to help citizens that have been harmed by catastrophes?

**TAXES:** In your opinion, what is the proper balance of tax revenues sources

to fairly fund state government, including public schools?

**FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:** What needs to be done, if anything, to ensure that Texas can meet its long-term financial obligations such as infrastructure maintenance, state employee pensions and health care coverage for public school teachers and employees?

**PRIORITIES:** As Comptroller, what would be your highest priorities for the next four years, and how do you intend to accomplish them?



## Glenn Hegar (R) COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

hard work and integrity

**RAINY DAY FUND:** Texas is blessed to have a strong Rainy Day Fund, which is designed and should be used to smooth out the state's revenues during an economic downturn, to assist in a disaster, and for one-time expenses that are strategic for Texas' economic health and well-being. I fought to manage these dollars more effectively to guard against inflation and protect them for generations.

**TAXES:** Funding public schools in Texas has been a shared burden split between state funds and local property taxes. Until recently the local share was allowed to grow unchecked creating increased pressure on local property taxes. I helped compress local property tax rates and rebalance the burden between state funds and local taxpayers. But now more must be done to lower taxes.

**FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:** Since practically my first day in office I have sought to shine a light on the state's balance sheet and the need to address our long-term obligations. I fought to address threats to our state's fiscal health and ensure Texas teachers can access quality healthcare. I helped lawmakers pass historic pension reform to put our state on firm footing and avoid credit downgrades.

**PRIORITIES:** I will continue to focus on the core constitutional duties of my office and that means maintaining my attention on the Texas economy. Navigating the last 2 years has been incredibly challenging, but I have always remained focused on the trends, challenges and opportunities in our state economy. We must fight to keep Texas a place where freedom creates new opportunities.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://glennhegar.com>



## Mark V. Goloby (R) COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Technologies.

**RAINY DAY FUND:** The Comptroller should seriously investigate a reduction in the state sales tax rate. Texas is blessed with a significant surplus. That equates to taxpayers of Texas paying too much in taxes. A sales tax is the most regressive tax there is and a 1/2% reduction would be a relief across all socioeconomic levels. A healthy reserve for Texas is good, an exorbitant one is not.

**TAXES:** Current property taxes are out of control. But that is the fault of a fundamentally flawed appraisal district process and local taxing authorities that refuse to lower tax rates to at least offset some of the increase in the tax base. It is unconscionable that Texans are getting taxed out of their homes while Chapter 313 is giving 37.5% discounts in ISD taxes.

**FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:** These are critical obligations Texas has entered into and must be adhered. Even the completely egregious Chapter 313 agreements must be honored even though they will continue to cost Texas Taxpayers a \$1billion+ per year until 2037. The Comptroller is derelict in his fiduciary responsibility by not reviewing whether the companies getting these subsidies are honoring their

**PRIORITIES:** The comptroller should be a watch dog on how the financial resources entrusted by the taxpayers to Texas as spent judicially. The legislature sets the spending plans, the Comptroller is in oversight to let the legislature know if the state is getting the best utilization of the taxpayer's dollars. Taxpayers know government needs funding, but not corporate bottom lines.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://www.goodgovernance.today>

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# COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Four-year term. As head of the General Land Office, the commissioner manages state lands, including oil and gas properties (which supply funds to the Permanent School Fund) and the Alamo. The commissioner chairs the Veterans Land Board, which administers programs for Texas veterans, and is responsible for environmental protection of Texas' coast. Other state boards chaired include the School Land Board and the Coastal Coordination Advisory Committee. Current salary \$140,938

**QUALIFICATIONS:** What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

**ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS:** When federal funds for natural disaster relief and mitigation are allocated, how would you ensure that communities with the highest needs are prioritized?

**THE ALAMO:** As the head of the agency that manages the Alamo, what

story do you believe it should tell?

**COASTAL PLANNING:** What measures would you implement to restore and protect the coast, wetlands, and the built environment to minimize damage from major storms?

**PRIORITIES:** As Land Commissioner, what would be your highest priorities for the next four years, and how do you intend to accomplish them?

Benjamin Armenta (R)

No Response



## Weston Martinez (R) COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

**QUALIFICATIONS:** visit [www.westonfortexas.com](http://www.westonfortexas.com) for full details: Only person running who has served as a Texas Statewide Commissioner for almost 7 years, Oil and Gas ; Real Estate, Telecom background that includes corporate infrastructure engineering-planning.

**ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS:** I have a plan for a new process in to deploy where we put Texas 1st. 2. The process is broken, FEMA reports that 30-70 % of flooding zones are under or unreported...so you have no way to provide real relief, because you're not using real data to solve problems. This is why, using my engineering, water development, infrastructure, disaster recovery background is vital

**THE ALAMO:** I am the only native of the Alamo city (San Antonio) running to serve & I know we should tell the heroic story of the 13 day battle of the Alamo at the Alamo. Day 1 \*I will return the annual prayer service to the Alamo. \*I will advise the united nations they are no longer welcome. \*I will end burials taking place in the alamo grounds allowing remains to be comingled

**COASTAL PLANNING:** This is another key area where my expertise professionally will allow me to serve and protect the people of Texas. 1: inventory current civic and stormwater drainage/mitigation plans, determine which flooded areas have been missed by FEMA's own omission, overlay that with current development plans to create a updated model 4 storm water run off and watersheds impact

**PRIORITIES:** We have an Alamo that is under siege, we have veterans nursing homes in Texas that suffered twice the death rate of the national average, we have a border that is unsecured, and we have school financing For both grade school and public universities that must be maintained but reigned in. We have veteran cemeteries that must be honored. visit [www.westonfortexas.com](http://www.westonfortexas.com)

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://www.westonfortexas.com>



## Tim Westley (R) COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a former two-time nominee for U.S. Congressional District 15, PhD. in Educational Leadership, U.S. Army Veteran, & Non-profit Community Leader. I have researched, provided solutions, & worked on or with all the major areas the position covers.

**ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS:** I would have liaisons ready to work with mayors before disasters strike to map areas that fit into U.S. Depart. of Housing & Urban Development's (HUD) basic requirements for fund disbursements. Next, I would recommend placing them on a mapping database so that as disasters happen, they are quickly identified by area. Finally, ensure funding procedures are known by all.

**THE ALAMO:** The Truth. As Historian of the Republican Party of Texas, the story of the Alamo has already been written and told. It does not require a rewrite or revision. Such history I have shared in the city of San Antonio and beyond. This historical story is one I've told publicly at the foot of the Cenotaph in the Alamo footprint on many occasions and will continue to tell.

**COASTAL PLANNING:** I would be proactive by view current studies for protection and seeing what we can readily implement. I would also encourage investment in hurricane surge protection projects. Ultimately, I would ensure consistent talks with experts in the field such as engineers, geoscientist, and other partners to develop and implement mitigation plans at the earliest stage.

**PRIORITIES:** Identify all public lands on our 1254 mile southern border and Partner with other organizations to secure it. Help advance oil, gas, & mining exploration through increased land lease opportunities so that Texas leads the way to energy independence while providing jobs for Texans. Ensure the \$43 billion Permanent School Fund is used properly to raise level of education.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://www.texans4tim.com>

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

## Commissioner of the General Land Office — Continued



### **Dawn Buckingham (R)** COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Landowner experienced in land management & physician used to making major decisions. Senator & Sunset Commission member where I reviewed state agencies, fixed inefficiencies, cut waste, & improved outcomes for taxpayers. Ready to lead the GLO on day 1!

**ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS:** I would immediately identify what communities were hit the hardest by a storm and also identify which communities have the most daunting path to recovery. We must ensure that these federal funds are going to communities that are directly impacted or are prone to be affected by the next storm on the horizon. Using the benefit of hindsight, we can plan before it's too late.

**THE ALAMO:** There will be no reimagining the Alamo under my watch. As a State Senator, I initiated the legal challenge that kept the Alamo Cenotaph in its rightful place, out in front, and passed the only piece of legislation protecting our historical monuments. The GLO is the tip of the spear in defending our rich Texas history we know and love, and I will always fight to protect it.

**COASTAL PLANNING:** By protecting our wetlands and coast with land management practices such as proper sand dune rebuilding, we will be able to naturally minimize damage in our coastal communities. We must also work with the Federal Government to ensure we build the Coastal Spine Barrier Project, known as the Ike Dike, to protect our Texans along the coast, oil & gas industry, and refineries.

**PRIORITIES:** I'll secure our border by identifying available state lands on the border and begin building a border wall as soon as possible. I'll also continue to fight to preserve the Alamo as we know it for generations to come and keep our commitment to our Veterans and children by providing them with quality care and education through the Veterans Land Board & Permanent School Fund.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://www.dawnbuckingham.com>



### **Victor Avila (R)** COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a retired Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Homeland Security Investigations (ICE-HSI) Special Agent, I have the firsthand experience necessary to provide the battle-tested leadership Texas needs to secure the border.

**ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS:** Flood mitigation must be our first priority. For every dollar we spend mitigating flooding or other factors, we save several times that amount in relief, as well as avert the human costs of natural disasters. Furthermore, by lowering the risks associated with natural disasters, we can drive down outrageously high flood insurance in coastal Texas.

**THE ALAMO:** I am proud of my Mexican-American heritage. No matter what others may say, the Alamo is a symbol of Texan courage and fortitude. It reminds us there are causes greater than ourselves for which we should be willing to lay down our lives. Recognition of the values that bind our nation together should be used to heal and unify, not to divide.

**COASTAL PLANNING:** One of the most effective means to mitigate the damage caused by flooding is preserving coastal wetlands. Coastal wetlands also prevent coastal erosion and serve as a habitat to a variety of species. To that end, I plan to prioritize funding provided to the General Land Office through the Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act (CEPRA) to preserve coastal wetlands.

**PRIORITIES:** We must secure the border by constructing the Texas wall. Construction of this wall is already underway, and the General Land Office is playing a key role as much of the wall is being built on public lands. After years of supervisory experience in the Department of Homeland Security, I have the knowledge and experience necessary to ensure Texas gets this project right.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://VictorAvilaTX.com>



### **Jon Spiers (R)** COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a heart surgeon, a former member of the US Army Reserve, and, after a hand injury, retrained as an attorney. Each experience has enhanced my ability to lead and relate to the needs of Texans. Texas needs a leader with guts. I am that leader.

**ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS:** There are many metrics utilized to determine where best to allocate funds; each community and group will have their favorite. To best address specific needs, impacted regions will be subdivided into small areas of action and administration. To avoid the temptation to divert funds to other projects, performance markers will be tied to fund release and waste recouped.

**THE ALAMO:** The Alamo is famous for the 13 day Battle of the Alamo. It is an enduring symbol of Texas grit and willingness to stand fast in the face of oppression. This is the story known around the world, inspiring Liberty-loving people everywhere. This is the story that must always be central to the Alamo narrative.

**COASTAL PLANNING:** We must recognize there is no perfect solution to the dangers posed by major storms. We must be decisive and proactive. Barrier projects, hardening of coastal industry, and coordinated drainage and flood control measures are all part of a comprehensive plan. A coordinated response will minimize damage and enhance recovery.

**PRIORITIES:** We must restore the GLO's reputation with citizens and other state agencies. The GLO should adopt the role of a collaborative ally instead of a competitor. This would boost relations between the GLO and the public, restore faith and transparency in the operation of the Alamo, improve tarnished relations with Texas Veterans, and enhance Permanent School Fund performance.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://DrJonSpiers.com>



### **Rufus Lopez (R)** COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been an attorney for 57 years, practicing in real estate, oil & gas, right of ways, surveys, and land development. I became Board Certified in both Residential Real Estate, and Farm & Ranch Real Estate, in addition to being a litigator.

**ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS:** As Land Commissioner receipt and allocation of funds for natural disasters is very important, since they effect our tidelands, gulf coast, oil & gas industry. Where our state lands and resources are involved, the funds would be prioritized to the areas most affected, such as the gulf coast and wind damage industry and development off shore.

**THE ALAMO:** The Alamo is our single most treasure of Texas Independence and the story should continue to be told of the defense needed to allow Sam Houston the time needed to fight the ultimate battle. The story is one of bravery by all the defenders to stall the army of Santa

Ana in the fight for Texas independence.

**COASTAL PLANNING:** Build sea walls where needed; continuously maintain the coastline and help repair and restore the infrastructure of the communities. Increasing the energy development utilizing the new science and environmental safety mechanisms is the wave of the future, including the wind turbines.

**PRIORITIES:** Promote and Protect the investments of the Permanent School Fund, through careful investments to increase the maximum returns. Promote the Oil & Gas drilling in the Texas owned lands by encouraging this development Promote greater benefits to the Texas Veterans by encouraging housing and land purchases Encourage the sale and development of state-owned lands. Promote Parks

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Non Provided



## Commissioner of the General Land Office — Continued



### **Don W. Minton (R)** **COMMISSIONER OF THE** **GENERAL LAND OFFICE**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Don W. Minton, West Point graduate & former Texas Dist. Ct Judge is an investor/CLO of a mineral extraction company. Minton was also a FINRA licensed Financial Principal. He is ready to steward on Day 1 all Texas Public Lands, including the Alamo.

**ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS:** The highest need communities are best prioritized when communications with federal, state, and local officials are clear, candid, and concise. Having worked in the executive branch of both federal and local governments, I have the expertise and motivation to remove barriers and cut red tape to ensure that those communities in the greatest need receive the highest priority

**THE ALAMO:** The story of the Alamo is critical to our identity as Texans, and indeed what makes the Lone Star State unique. That story includes the story of the 200 souls who made the ultimate sacrifice in March 1836 on behalf of our new Republic, along with the countless other souls who walked those hallowed grounds in the years prior (and indeed after).

**COASTAL PLANNING:** The GLO has slated 123 individual projects to make the Texas Coast more resilient. With a \$4.3 billion pricetag, the GLO needs a good steward over these projects to provide taxpayers with a positive return on investment. The Commissioner must balance the competing needs of waterborne commerce; energy & chemical industries; commercial & recreational fishing; and tourism.

**PRIORITIES:** 1. Revamp the VLB to provide a mortgage route for Texas Veterans which is superior to a VA Loan. 2. Leverage critical minerals from Texas Public Lands, simultaneously increasing the Permanent School Fund while reducing our nation's vulnerability to its enemies. 3. Ensuring that every soul which has graced the grounds of the Alamo has his or her story told.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://www.minton4glo.com>

## COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Four-year term. The agriculture commissioner's principal job is promoting Texas' agriculture. In that capacity, the commissioner facilitates trade and marketing of agricultural products; regulates weights and measures; regulates pesticide use; 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. Current salary \$140,938

**QUALIFICATIONS:** What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

**IMMIGRATION:** Immigrants have been a vital part of the agricultural industry in Texas. How would you balance the needs of Texas agriculture with federal immigration policy?

**WATER RESOURCES:** As water resources become more scarce, how do we

balance the needs of farmers and the growing demands of urban areas?

**OPPORTUNITIES:** In your opinion, what are the opportunities for the growth of agriculture in Texas? What can we do now to ensure that Texas can capitalize on these future opportunities?

**PRIORITIES:** What are the three most challenging issues for Texas farmers for the next four years, and what are your plans for dealing with number one on your list?

Side Miller (R)

No Response



### **Carey A. Council (R)** **COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** 30 year Business owner and real estate investor and developer. 20 year Professor of Economics and Business at Texas Junior College Lifelong 5th generation Farmer/Rancher owning and operating Cattle/Hay operation.

**IMMIGRATION:** \* Tighten immigration \* Stream line process for legalization and work visas \* Migration based on merit

**WATER RESOURCES:** \* Water desalinization in plants along the Texas coast Until then, water resources, when in high demand, must be limited in urban areas. No water for agriculture means no food for Texans and the United States.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Several grocery store support "buy local" campaigns. As more Texas retailers convert to "buy local" the more consumers will be aware of where their food comes from.

**PRIORITIES:** 1. Disparity between consumers and producers. Solution: The disparity is with the top 4 in the packing industry. Texas must create a farmer co-op packing house. With the help of the Beef Check Off Program, a co-op could be established. 2. Water Rights 3. The border crisis that is directly affecting south Texas rancher/producers and indirectly all Texas rancher/producers

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://www.CouncilAcrossTexas.com>



### **James White (R)** **COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Tx Agriculture Code 11.005 outlines the requirements. As a six-generation Texan, who is a small beef cattle producer and six-term legislator, I satisfy paragraphs 1-3: <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/AG/htm/AG.11.htm#11.005>

**IMMIGRATION:** Following current law, I will facilitate the existing agricultural visa program, H-2A, which Congress passed in 1986. H-2A visas discourage foreign worker exploitation, protect wage-earning power of US workers, and is consistent with maintaining homeland security. <https://www.uscis.gov/working-in-the-united-states/temporary-workers/h-2a-temporary-agricultural-workers>

**WATER RESOURCES:** We must balance science and technology, championing property rights, and collaboration. We must continue laying the groundwork for desalinization expansion and brackish water use. Many agricultural producers own senior water rights. We must allow thoughtful discretion to maximize their farm income. More intrastate and interstate collaboration on conservation and flows.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Maintaining a favorable regulatory environment which continues to attract agricultural operations from states that have hostile business environments for animal production related agriculture; facilitating enhancements to our ports, roads, bridges, and oil/gas energy infrastructure; persuading the Texas Legislature to open new market opportunities (i.e., hemp/cannabis)

**PRIORITIES:** Securing South Tx farms/ranchers from narco-transnational gangs (constructing barriers & funding law enforcement); meeting water needs (see above); avg age of producers is 59 yrs old (facilitate more youth and veterans to become producers); burdensome regulations (decrease state regulatory footprint & pushback against federal regulations); infrastructure (See above)

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://JamesWhiteForTexas.com>

# RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

Six-year term. The Railroad Commissioner is one of the three-member Texas Railroad Commission. The commission regulates the oil and gas industry, gas utilities, pipeline safety, safety in the liquified petroleum gas industry and surface coal and uranium mining. It has no regulatory authority concerning railroads. Current salary: \$140,937

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

**ETHICS:** Since candidates for Railroad Commission often raise money from the oil and gas industry, how can citizens be assured that campaign donations will not influence how commissioners regulate that industry?

**EMISSIONS:** How important is the impact of methane emissions on climate change? What are effective ways to reduce methane emissions in the oil and

gas industry?

**NATURAL GAS FACILITY WEATHERIZATION:** What further changes, if any, are needed to ensure that Texas has sufficient power in times of extreme weather conditions?

**SEISMIC ACTIVITY:** What are the most important measures the Railroad Commission can implement to reduce the risk of seismic activity or earthquakes caused by water disposal from oil and gas drilling?



**Wayne Christian (R)**  
Railroad Commissioner

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have a proven conservative record & regulatory experience. As Chairman of RRC, I have stabilized staffing levels for the first time in a decade, reducing permitting times & streamlined inspections. Candidate's response did not meet the criteria.

**ETHICS:** Campaigns cost money to run, so all candidates for all offices must raise money. The standards for RRC are no different than any other office. My job is to represent the people of Texas and ensure they have access to cheap, plentiful, reliable energy. Contributions have not and will not impact my dedication to doing what is right for the people of Texas.

**EMISSIONS:** A clean environment & a thriving oil & gas industry are not mutually exclusive. Since 1970, the six major pollutants regulated by the EPA have decreased 77% while our economy has grown 285%, population has grown 60%, & energy consumption has grown 48%. We've reduced flaring/methane from 2.38% in Jan. 2019 to 0.21% in Sept. 2021 under my leadership w/out overregulation.

**NATURAL GAS FACILITY WEATHERIZATION:** The RRC recently designated natural gas facilities as critical during energy emergencies and put in place weatherization requirements to ensure our oil and gas assets are prepared for emergencies. We must also ensure we are prioritizing energy generation from reliable sources through eliminating subsidies and preferential treatment for less reliable forms of energy.

**SEISMIC ACTIVITY:** The Railroad Commission takes seismic activity very seriously and has a seismologist on staff to advise the agency to ensure our regulatory actions are based on sound science. In response to recent earthquakes in West Texas, the RRC ordered the indefinite suspension of all deep oil and gas produced water injection in the Gardendale Seismic Response Area.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://ChristianForTexas.com>



**Sarah Stogner (R)**  
Railroad Commissioner

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am an attorney who has dedicated the past 13 years of my life to helping various stakeholders in the oil and gas industry with no desire to be a politician. I will end the crony capitalism preventing meaningful change to tackle the real problems.

**ETHICS:** I'm not accepting donations because our current regulators are bought by the industry they are charged with regulating. Plain and simple - the current regulators have enriched themselves and their friends at the expense of Texans. We're having earthquakes and losing our freshwater aquifers. Texas must handle or the federal government will intervene. End crony capitalism!

**EMISSIONS:** We should not be venting or flaring methane. It's a vital energy source that should be put to beneficial purposes. We should incentivize leak prevention. We should incentivize alternative uses (such as cryptocurrency mining). And we have to hold bad actors accountable. Climate change will be the least of our concerns if we don't fix our groundwater and seismic issues.

**NATURAL GAS FACILITY WEATHERIZATION:** Natural gas facilities are vital to maintaining the integrity of the Texas grid. We need to consult with experts on how to properly winterize facilities and ensure we do not have a repeat winter where Texans die. But we cannot foist this expense on the taxpayers either. Operators should not be able to opt out of vital winterization of natural gas facilities.

**SEISMIC ACTIVITY:** Seismic activity is a real issue. We need to look at the big picture of what is happening geologically. We are extracting & injecting into different zones millions of barrels of water per day in the Permian Basin alone. We should not be using fresh water for drilling or completing wells. We need to incentivize innovation to tackle this complicated issue.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://www.sarah4RRC.com>



**Tom Slocum Jr. (R)**  
Railroad Commissioner

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have over 15 years experience working in upstream oil and gas in Texas, Louisiana, & offshore in the Gulf. I have plugged over 1,000 wells. I have operated two small oil and gas companies in Texas & I am a Texas-educated Aggie, 4th gen Oil & Gas

**ETHICS:** I have not taken any campaign donations from oil and gas, but I also do not have any conflicts of interests. I do not own minerals or royalties, or working interests in wells. I will not allow cronyism to grow in Texas at the RRC and I will not take donations in return for favors down the line!

**EMISSIONS:** Eliminating methane emissions from flared gas and vented gas can be done without implementing further regulations. By repealing the flared gas tax we can eliminate almost ALL of the flared gas in the state! Free market solutions to eliminate flared gas and secure our grid with more electricity is what we will bring if I am elected. Smart regulations benefit all Texans.

**NATURAL GAS FACILITY WEATHERIZATION:** Texas must audit our Nat Gas power generation critical points and listen to experts hired by the RRC, who are from INSIDE the industry. There are Texans who can help us achieve energy freedom and keep us away from another February disaster. Leadership in Austin must listen and have a PLAN in PLACE. Our base-load power must be secured. We can't allow another black out!

We must monitor all seismic activity in the Permian Basin closer, & especially monitor damage to taxpayer infrastructure. If damage is being done that will cost property owners and taxpayers money, then we must re-evaluate the system of disposing SWD fluid & make necessary changes to protect the production of oil and gas as well as our property & infrastructure from harm.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://Slocumfortexas.com>

## Railroad Commissioner — Continued



### Dawayne Tipton (R) Railroad Commissioner

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have over 18 years of experience in the oil and gas industry from a rig hand to subject matter expert. I assessed and mitigated risk of oil and gas operations and facilities. I want to put that experience to work for Texas families.

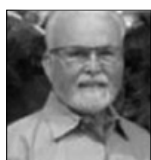
**ETHICS:** I've had to work hard for everything I have. My ideals and dedication cannot be bought or sold. I don't have aspirations for higher office and I don't have vested business interests to profit off of. I'm just a regular guy that has a set of skills to fit well in this role and give Texans the expertise they need to utilize resources and protect jobs for the middle class.

**EMISSIONS:** In my work experience, I've worked in ways to be the most efficient and resourceful. I would reduce methane emissions by putting it into production instead of being released. If that's not an option, then there are ways to reduce emissions further (like vapor recovery units and ECBs). For me, the real goal is to eliminate waste, which is also good for the environment.

**NATURAL GAS FACILITY WEATHERIZATION:** First, remove natural gas producers' abilities to exempt themselves as noncritical. Second, we need to understand the critical path for power generation with regard to our natural gas grid. Once there is a clear consensus on the most critical infrastructure from exploration to power generation, we put forth a winter storm plan that goes into action when storms are forecast.

**SEISMIC ACTIVITY:** First, reduce the barrels of salt water injection allowed from 10,000 barrels a day to 7,000 a day. Then, as the data comes in on seismic activity, you take the data and further reduce the amount allowed until seismic activity levels off and you heavily enforce the mandated levels that work.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://www.tiptonfortexas.com>



### Marvin 'Sarge' Summers (R) Railroad Commissioner

**QUALIFICATIONS:** 21 years of leadership training in the United States Army and 30 years in oil and gas.

**ETHICS:** I can't speak for the other commissioners or the candidates that oppose me in this race. I can not be bought.

**EMISSIONS:** It is very important. We must capture these emissions and mitigate these gasses.

**NATURAL GAS FACILITY WEATHERIZATION:** What happened this past February with ERCOT must never happen again. Every effort and precaution must be employed to make sure our facilities remain operable and ready to serve the citizens of this great state.

**SEISMIC ACTIVITY:** Great question especially in view of recent earthquakes measuring better than 3.0 in the Gardendale area North and West of Midland, TX. We must limit the depth of SWD's. Lower permitted injection rates. Lower the injection pressure. Daily recording of injection volumes and pressures.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Non Provided

## JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT

Six-year term. A justice is one of the nine-member Supreme Court, which issues final decisions on civil and juvenile appeals, issues certain orders to governmental officials to act and to individuals to appear before the court, and has jurisdiction over orders or judgments of trial courts, if the Supreme Court determines them important to the jurisprudence of the state. Median salary: \$201,600

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

**STANDARDS:** A recent Constitutional Amendment passed by Texas voters requires that candidates for this Court be licensed in Texas for at least 10 years and have no suspensions or revocations of their license in that time. What are the positive and negative impacts of this change?

**EQUITY:** What can be done to improve access to justice for all, including

persons or groups who may be underserved?

**ETHICS:** Since judicial candidates solicit donations and raise money to be elected, how can voters be assured that campaign donations will not impact how judges interpret the law and review lower court decisions?

**OTHER ISSUES:** What issues do you believe will be the most pressing for the Texas Supreme Court?

## Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3

Debra Lehrmann (R)

Unopposed

## Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5

Rebecca Huddle (R)

Unopposed

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## Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9



**David J. Schenck (R)**  
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I've served as a justice on the state's largest intermediate court. I clerked for the Chief Judge of the 5th Circuit, led a major appellate practice at Jones Day, am broad certified in civil appellate law, and chair the commission on judicial conduct.

**STANDARDS:** The positive is that the candidate at least have some demonstrable minimal competence and lack of actual record of corruption. It does not, however, require any judicial service experience or address the more critical problems with the initial selection and appointment, which is the manner by which the vast majority of appellate judges initially come to the bench.

**EQUITY:** I believe that any system of gov't that targets groups for disparate treatment — whether for malign or benign motives — implicates the equal protection clause. All Texas citizens are entitled to equal access to the courts, and I'm proud to have received the Texas Bar's highest award for promoting access to pro bono legal services to those who cannot afford it.

**ETHICS:** At present, voters are not assured of this and the appearance that donations affect rulings has been demonstrated repeatedly without any meaningful effort at reform—making this issue most critical. I have publicly called for reforms to assure Texans the right to a constitutional, impartial process and have shown by my record that I will not yield or accept anything less.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Until the foregoing is resolved, there is very little of significance that the Court can achieve. Judicial decisions are followed only because — and to the extent — the public accepts that they are based on reason and principle. They've lacked that confidence for over a decade. Separately, the Supreme Court must show that the judiciary is independent of other branches.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://www.schenckfortexas.com>



**Evan Young (R)**  
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Texas Supreme Court Justice; law clerk, Justice Antonin Scalia; Counsel to U.S. Attorney General; U.S. Government rule of law mission in Iraq; many arguments at U.S. & Texas Supreme Courts and other courts; UT law professor; Texas Judicial Council.

**STANDARDS:** Almost all positive. The Amendment ensures that candidates meet basic minimum standards, and Texas deserves a high-quality judiciary. The only "negative" is that we must be cautious when restricting voters' options. But here, the people themselves prioritized minimum judicial qualifications by ratifying this limitation within our Constitution.

**EQUITY:** Ensuring open courts is fundamental to public confidence in our judiciary and to protecting individual rights. The Access to Justice Commission, Texas Legislature, and Texas Supreme Court have made great progress in marshaling public and private support for expanded representation of underprivileged Texans and making judicial proceedings more efficient and comprehensible.

**ETHICS:** That risk diminishes when judges have a sound, stable method of judicial decision-making, like Justice Scalia's. Their analysis can be tested, in case after case, for rigor and consistency. Judges must hold themselves and each other accountable, too. I make the same promise to those who support me and those who don't: I will follow the law wherever it goes in every case.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Among the most pressing work for the Supreme Court will be ensuring, even in times of crisis, and without fear or favor, that the limitations of the U.S. and Texas Constitutions are respected—the lines between different branches of government, between the state and local governments, and between government power and individual liberty.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://JusticeEvanYoung.com>

## JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

### Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2

**Mary Lou Keel (R)**

**Unopposed**

### Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5

**Scott Walker (R)**

**No Response**



**Clint Morgan (R)**  
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Nine years as an appellate prosecutor I have written nearly 400 appellate briefs and presented 39 oral arguments. Before that I worked at the Court of Criminal Appeals as a clerk and staff attorney. I am board certified in criminal appellate law.

**PHILOSOPHY:** I am an originalist. I believe constitutions and statutes should be interpreted by giving words the meaning they had at the time of adoption. This approach ensures it's the legislature and voters—not judges—who make the law.

**STANDARDS:** The changes from this amendment regarding the Court of Criminal Appeals are small. The constitution already required ten years of legal practice. The most notable change is that a lawyer must be ten years removed from any license suspension, but I've never seen anyone run for this court after having his or her license suspended. This change will probably have no impact.

**EQUITY:** The criminal justice system provides justice by protecting victims, punishing the guilty, and allowing people to live in safety. We must punish those who prey on the underserved as harshly as we punish other criminals. Everyone should have the opportunity to live in safety. As a judge, I will treat all who appear before me equally and fairly.

**ETHICS:** The only way to elect an honest judiciary is for voters to learn about the candidates and elect men and women with integrity. Every system of judicial selection is vulnerable to corrupt behavior, and judges can be corrupted by forces outside the selection process. One advantage of an elected judiciary is that voters can remove judges who seem corrupt.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://www.clintforjudge.com>



## Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6

Jesse F McClure, III (R)

Unopposed

## MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Four-year term. The fifteen-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 are not paid, but receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in the course of official business.

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

**CHARTER SCHOOLS:** What is the impact of new independent charter school networks on the funding for local public schools? And is there anything you would do to change that impact?

**INCLUSIVE EDUCATION:** As the developer of Texas public school curriculum, how would you ensure a comprehensive history education that address-

es the needs of all students?

**RECOVERY:** What can the State Board of Education do to assist local school districts to develop programs so that students who fell behind from the pandemic can recover?

**OTHER ISSUES:** What other issues do you believe will be the most pressing for the State Board of Education?

## MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 9

Keven M Ellis (R)

Unopposed

## MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 11

**“DC” Caldwell (R)**

MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 11

ties, 4 community colleges, 3 elementary, and 4 secondary schools -Etc.

**CHARTER SCHOOLS:** Charter schools compete and collaborate with local public schools for state per-student grant funding. Charter grants result in higher average contribution from state budgets on students in that school district's boundaries. Higher state contributions increase the community's share of the state budget as compared to areas with similar student population without charters.

**INCLUSIVE EDUCATION:** To be inclusive and address needs, focus on application—not trivia. I reviewed Texas Administrative Code Title 19, Part II, Chapters 110-130 Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), so I advocate for replacing “understand” with “apply,” “identify” with “choose,” “discuss” with “demonstrate,” and similar replacements to emphasize USING knowledge and practical skills.

**RECOVERY:** The Board can promote implementation of templates for model recovery programs that are already developed, vetted, and optimized for best practices. Existing recovery resources recommend many of the same principles and guidelines that already work well: -Assign support staff -Provide mentorship -Offer a range of choices -Allow scheduling flexibility -Focus long-term -Etc.

**OTHER ISSUES:** The SBOE approved a Long-Range Plan for Public Education in 2018 but did not publish updated legislative priorities for 2021, and I would want to improve some. Looking at the 2019 priorities, I see that the TEKS are based on Texas Education Code Section 4.002, so I recommend an update to the 1995 Public Education Academic Goals that recognizes improvements in technology.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: [http://ballotpedia.org/DC\\_Caldwell](http://ballotpedia.org/DC_Caldwell)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** 4 years military leadership development training -Law degree (JD) -8 years teacher certified -More certification areas than any other candidate -Student experience at 4 universi-

Joshua Tarbay (R)

No Response

**Patricia “Pat” Hardy (R)**

MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 11

with a wealth of knowledge. Being an incumbent has increased that knowledge.

**CHARTER SCHOOLS:** Charter schools impact local districts if they draw students away from the district, creating lower enrollment, the same impact if a student moves out of district. The vast majority of growth in charter schools is due to expansions of existing charters and not from granting new charters. The method of finance for charter schools has been determined by the Legislature.

**INCLUSIVE EDUCATION:** The state social studies standards are inclusive. Realizing that our state school population is now minority majority, the Board needs to ensure that the standards are factual as well as sensitive to our changing demographics. We are the only state that offers two ethnic studies courses for state credit. Next year we will add a third ethnic studies course.

**RECOVERY:** The state legislature addressed this in the last session by sending funding to districts for remediation for the students with gaps resulting from Covid. The effectiveness of remediating students after a full day of class concerns me greatly. I would support a temporary change in the STAAR testing, making it solely diagnostic thus removing the report card pressure.

**OTHER ISSUES:** School safety concerns me greatly. Much volatility is resulting from bullying situations. I think that building a more secure sense of community and respect for all students might be something that could be folded into the soon to be revised Social Studies TEKS.

As a board we need to delve into the pros and cons of virtual schooling. Districts were not prepared for Covid.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://hardyforeducation.com/>

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## MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 11 — Continued



**Rebecca Garcia (R)**  
MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 11

**CHARTER SCHOOLS:** The charter schools are competition for the federal education dollars; However, they offer a superior product to our students. No, I believe funding should follow the student whether public or private education.

**INCLUSIVE EDUCATION:** Students should be taught about American or Texas History in our Education. Our responsibility is to teach true history, of the country and the contribution of all people make in the country.

**RECOVERY:** The school can promote peer to peer tutoring, and study groups for a subject. Provide for additional teacher assistance to help with interactive study. Provide some Saturday school study.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Safety for students and staff. Students need to be taught in the different learning styles, adequate for each individual. Students need to be taught the basics.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://www.garciabck2basics.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I worked with children teacher assistant in private and public schools for over 12 years. I am an active mother of four and grandmother of fourteen that has been active in their education.

## MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 12

**Pam Little (R)**

**Unopposed**

## MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 13

**Ajua Mason (R), Kathryn Monette (R)**

**No Response**



**A. Denise Russell (R)**  
MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 13

guidelines.

**CHARTER SCHOOLS:** The local public schools are receiving 100% of the funds allocated towards the students enrolled in their schools. Inclusive Education: I would review the current history curriculum versus the actual account of the incident to ensure that what is being taught presently is what actually occurred in history.

**RECOVERY:** The State Board of Education can work with the Texas Education Administration to develop a common program for all local schools to use on students that have fallen behind due to the pandemic.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Creating more life-applicable courses in order to graduate Texas students who are better socially and financially prepared for success after high school.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://adeniserussell.net>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been in the education field for over 20 years. I have served on local school district committees that have recommended textbook adoptions and established curriculum



**Natalie Kohn (R)**  
MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 13

district wide top testing scores. Today I am a parent, and PTO member.

**CHARTER SCHOOLS:** I do not believe that charter schools pose a major threat to the public school system. A fiscal challenge, perhaps, but not such a negative impact that a school district will immensely suffer. We are putting an enormous amount of tax payer dollars in public schools, so parents should be able to direct their student and their money to whichever school they choose is best.

**INCLUSIVE EDUCATION:** I do not believe in discounting any merits made in history. Along with any great accomplishment, disparity and hardship played a crucial role in its development. Teach history unvarnished, acknowledge that very sensitive issues still exist today, but avoid any manner of instruction that establishes division.

**RECOVERY:** Initially, reengage disconnected students that feel lost or too far behind by providing them with support and interventions to cover lost ground. Break out groups for small group tutoring in the morning for those students who have been identified as needing help. Outside of school provide students with access to learning technology and engaging learning material.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Teacher retention is a huge issue. I do not believe in continuously raising the starting salary for entry level teachers. Those available funds should be either spent on veteran teachers, or on programs for new teachers still in their first 5 years, or a more cost efficient incentive program. Money is a temporary fix - teachers need to feel valued, supported, & respected.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Non Provided

**QUALIFICATIONS:** High school physics teacher for Fort Bend ISD & Dallas ISD. Curriculum writer for secondary science in FBISD, as well as assistant principal intern. I've earned multiple awards for



**Evelyn Brooks (R)**  
MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 14

school program, summer STEM science youth camp program, and facilitator.

**CHARTER SCHOOLS:** On average, charter schools receive \$676 less per student than local public schools, and receives no local revenue. Charter schools receive 100% of funding from Texas state sources, and is the only funding they receive. Local public schools receive both local property tax revenue, and state sources. I would not change that impact.

**INCLUSIVE EDUCATION:** In the name of Inclusive Education, many children think socialism is good, and few know the difference between thinking and feeling. I will defend the civil liberties and rights guaranteed to every child, and ensure the development of a history curriculum that is untainted by any political agenda, and teaches all students our American national heritage.

**RECOVERY:** This year Texas students' math test performance dropped from 50% of students meeting their grade level in 2019, to only 35%. The State Board of Education can assist local school districts by developing programs that invest most ESSER resources into math and reading programs that accelerate learning and supports all students and teachers.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Other issues I believe will be the most pressing for the State Board of Education is to address the overreach of influence and control of our local school districts by the taxpayer funded lobbyist groups TASB and TASA, the moral corruption of Comprehensive Sexual Education, and the invasive teachings of emotional and behavioral control through Social and Emotional Learning

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Campaign Website: <http://evelyn4texaseducation.com>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have over 23 years of teaching practice and experience. This experience includes classroom teaching, tutoring, homeschooling, mentoring, the founder of a small Frisco home-

## MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 14

Sue Melton-Malone (R)

No Response

## STATE SENATOR

State Senator, District 2

Bob Hall (R)

Unopposed

State Senator, District 12 (from LWV Denton County)

Tan Parker (R), Chris Russell (R)

No Response

State Senator, District 16

Brandon Copeland (R)

Unopposed

TEXAS STATE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES

State Representative, District 102

Susan Fischer (R)

Unopposed

State Representative, District 105

Allan E Meagher (R), Gerson Hernandez (R)

No Response

State Representative, District 108

Morgan Meyer (R)

Unopposed

State Representative, District 111

Benny Flores Yrigollen (R)

Unopposed

State Representative, District 112

Angie Chen Button (R)

Unopposed

State Representative, District 114

Mark Hajdu (R)

Unopposed

State Representative, District 115

Melisa Denis (R)

Unopposed

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## JUSTICE, 5TH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT

Justice, 5th Court of Appeals District, Place 4

Emily A Miskel (R)

Unopposed

Justice, 5th Court of Appeals District, Place 7

Kristina Williams (R)

Unopposed

## CIVIL DISTRICT JUDGE

District Judge, 44th Judicial District

Ashley Wysocki (R)

Unopposed

District Judge, 303rd Judicial District

Rhonda Hunter (R)

Unopposed

## CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY

District Attorney

Faith Johnson (R)

Unopposed

## DALLAS COUNTY JUDGE

4 year term. Must be 18 years or older, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Texas and a resident of the district represented. Responsible for presiding over the Dallas County Commissioners Court, which conducts the general business of the county and oversees financial matters. Despite the name of the office, this is not a judicial position and the officeholder is not required to be an attorney.

**BUDGET:** What areas of the budget would you like to see increased or decreased during the next term and please explain why and the impacts to your jurisdiction?

**MANAGING THE PANDEMIC:** Dallas County received high marks from many for its management of the vaccination program and other public safety measures related to the pandemic. Do you agree with this assessment? What changes would you make, if any, in management of future public health crises?

**VOTING:** What improvements, if any, would you make to how Dallas County manages elections? Are training programs adequate? Are there the right number of polling places for various elections? Are appropriate security measures in place to protect the vote?

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

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

Lauren Davis (R)

No Response

Once registered to vote, no need to re-register unless you move or change your name. Your registration is valid for all elections within your jurisdiction.



## Dallas County Judge — Continued



**Edwin Flores (R)**  
Dallas County Judge

**BUDGET:** I would immediately cut spending on the failed contact tracing system that the county will never deploy before the pandemic is over. I review and cut consulting agreements. I would increase the budget for law enforcement and the jail to make the intake system more efficient and to reduce the wait time for law enforcement officers at the jail. Currently, law enforcement officers wait 4 or more hours to process a suspect, which are 4 or more hours that they are not serving and protecting.

**MANAGING THE PANDEMIC:** I disagree. A recent headline in the Dallas Morning News sums up the county's response to the pandemic, "Rocky start: COVID-19 tests now by appointment only at Dallas' Ellis Davis Field House". It is unconscionable that after 96 weeks from the beginning of the pandemic we still have "rocky starts". The vaccine rollout was a fiasco, with friends of the judge being given immediate access to the vaccine, while those that needed the vaccine (high-risk individuals) had to wait days or weeks. We had to travel to Canton for my vaccine, as none were available in Dallas County.

**VOTING:** We need to make it easy to vote, and hard to cheat. Recent legislation will help on both those accounts, however, we need to make the entire system for voting is more efficient. We need an external audit of the security systems and the implementation of those recommendations. The access to information about voting has improved, but the website needs significant upgrades to make it easier to navigate.

**HOMELESSNESS:** We need to work together with various cities in the county, and non-profit organizations, to enhance the private-public partnerships that help the homeless, including better access to health care at Parkland. For example, in Dallas ISD, we partner with religious, non-profit, and philanthropic organizations to provide housing for homeless students, unfortunately, as a percentage, the fastest-growing demographic of students. These have helped students graduate and enter the workforce.

**OTHER ISSUES:** To start, I would fix the typos in the jury applicant intake system. We must reform the intake system of the jail to reduce the time that law enforcement officers are waiting (on average 4 or more hours) by very publicly posting the current wait time outside the jail and revamping the system. Likewise, we must take the resources of Parkland out to the communities where there are no doctors and nurses, as Dallas ISD is doing with its 4 community hubs. Finally, public-private partnerships and philanthropy can be used to increase access to accessible and affordable high-speed internet.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Age: 8/29/1966; Occupation: Patent Attorney; Education: B.S. Microbiology UT Austin Ph.D. Immunology Washington University, St. Louis Law degree, UT Austin; Website: <http://edwin4dallas.com>; Campaign Phone: (214) 393-2883; Email: [cm@edwin4dallas.com](mailto:cm@edwin4dallas.com); Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/edwinfloresfordallascountyjudge>

## JUDGE, COUNTY COURT AT LAW

## Judge, Dallas County Court at Law No 1

Mike Lee (R)

Unopposed

## Judge, Dallas County Court at Law No 4

Jessica Lewis (R)

Unopposed

## Judge, Dallas County Court at Law No 5

Jordan Montgomery Lewis (R)

Unopposed

## COUNTY TREASURER

## County Treasurer

Shelly Akerly (R)

Unopposed

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER

## County Commissioner Precinct 2

J J Koch (R)

Unopposed

# JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

4 year term. Must be a citizen, 18 years or older and a resident of the district represented. Does not need to be a lawyer. Responsible for civil and criminal misdemeanor cases punishable by fine only: assault, bail jumping, criminal mischief, bad check writing, public intoxication. Can hear civil cases up to \$10,000. Issues occupational drivers licenses. May perform marriages, issue commitment papers for the mentally ill and search and arrest warrants.

**BUDGET:** What areas of the budget would you like to see increased or decreased during the next term and please explain why and the impacts to your jurisdiction?

**MANAGING THE PANDEMIC:** Dallas County received high marks from many for its management of the vaccination program and other public safety measures related to the pandemic. Do you agree with this assessment? What changes would you make, if any, in management of future public health crises?

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

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

## Justice of the Peace, Pct 2 Place 1



**Stephen W. Stanley (R)**  
Dallas County Judge

**BUDGET:** I have over 38 years experience in the Real Estate industry. Having assisted/represented clients in evictions hearings over the entirety of my professional career for both residential and commercial owners and tenants I fully understand the needs from both perspectives. One of the requirements to maintain a Real Estate License in Texas is 18 hours of Mandatory Continuing Education with 8 Hours in Real Estate Law. With the overwhelming majority of the caseload in JP Courts being evictions, I believe I am uniquely qualified. Adding to my Real Estate background I have 10 in local public office.

**ACCESSIBILITY:** The Courts and/or it's offices should be accessible a minimum of 6 hours a day to the public to allow for all needed Court filings as well as the ability of the public to be able to ask questions of Court staff. I would look into an enhanced website with more FAQ's so the public can have a better understanding of what they can and cannot do in a Justice of the Peace Court. While the JP Courts are the

People's Court, the Judge and/or Court staff cannot give either party any legal advice. There is Legal aid available to those who qualify and who most needs these services.

**EVICCTIONS:** The law is very specific in how the eviction process is to be conducted and leaves very little up to the discretion of the Court. Should the losing party feel wronged in the JP Court they always have the legal right to appeal to a higher Court of Law in Dallas County. The JP Courts should always be considered and held up to the Ideal of "Equal Justice for All".

**OTHER ISSUES:** Justices of the Peace should have better and more detailed training in handling and deciding cases in the "Small Claims Court" under their responsibility. With the ongoing National health issues it is incumbent on all the Courts in Dallas County to do all they can to assure safety to the public and remain open to the public as much as feasibly possible. Communicating with the public is key and they must know that the Justice of the Peace Court is their Court and that the JP's are there to serve them whenever possible.

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Age: 9/7/1964; Occupation: Lic. Realtor for 38+ yrs.; Education: Grad S. Garland High 83' Assoc. Arts & Applied Science Dallas College 1988; Website: <http://stephenstanley4jp.com>; Campaign Phone: (214) 870-6266; Email: [stephenstanley4jp@gmail.com](mailto:stephenstanley4jp@gmail.com); Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/stephenstanleyforjustice>

**Billy Gallion (R)**  
Dallas County Judge

**BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Age: 10/16/1962; Occupation: Facilities Management; Education: Graduate of Mesquite High School Graduate of Amberton University B/A in Professional Development; Website: <http://www.billygallion.org>; Campaign Phone: (469) 628-0685

## Justice of the Peace, Pct 2 Place 2

**Deborah (Debby) Bobbitt (R)**

**Unopposed**

## Justice of the Peace, Pct 3 Place 1

**Gregg Shalan (R)**

**Unopposed**

## Justice of the Peace, Pct 3 Place 2

**Steve Seider (R)**

**Unopposed**

## Justice of the Peace, Pct 4 Place 1

**Nicole Thibault Frette (R)**

**Unopposed**

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# CONSTABLE

## Constable Precinct No 2

Vince Griffin (R)

Unopposed

## Constable Precinct No 3

Ben Adamcik (R)

Unopposed

## Constable Precinct No 4

Deputy Bryan D Woodard (R)

Unopposed

## Constable Precinct No 5

Gerald W (Jerry) Jones (R)

Unopposed

## 2022 Ballot Propositions for the Texas Republican Party Primary

Answer Yes/No

### PROPOSITION 1

In light of the federal government's refusal to defend the southern border, Texas should immediately deploy the National Guard, Texas Military Forces, and necessary state law enforcement to seal the border, enforce immigration laws, and deport illegal aliens.

### PROPOSITION 2

Texas should eliminate all property taxes within ten (10) years without implementing a state income tax.

### PROPOSITION 3

Texans should not lose their jobs, nor should students be penalized, for declining a COVID-19 vaccine.

### PROPOSITION 4

Texas schools should teach students basic knowledge and American exceptionalism and reject Critical Race Theory and other curricula that promote Marxist doctrine and encourage division based on creed, race, or economic status.

### PROPOSITION 5

Texas should enact a State Constitutional Amendment to defend the sanctity of innocent human life, created in the image of God, from fertilization until natural death.

### PROPOSITION 6

The Republican-controlled Texas Legislature should end the practice of awarding committee chairmanships to Democrats.

### PROPOSITION 7

Texas should protect the integrity of our elections by verifying that registered voters are American citizens, restoring felony penalties and enacting civil penalties for vote fraud, and fighting any federal takeover of state elections.

### PROPOSITION 8

Texas should ban chemical castration, puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and genital mutilation surgery on all minor children for sex transition purposes.

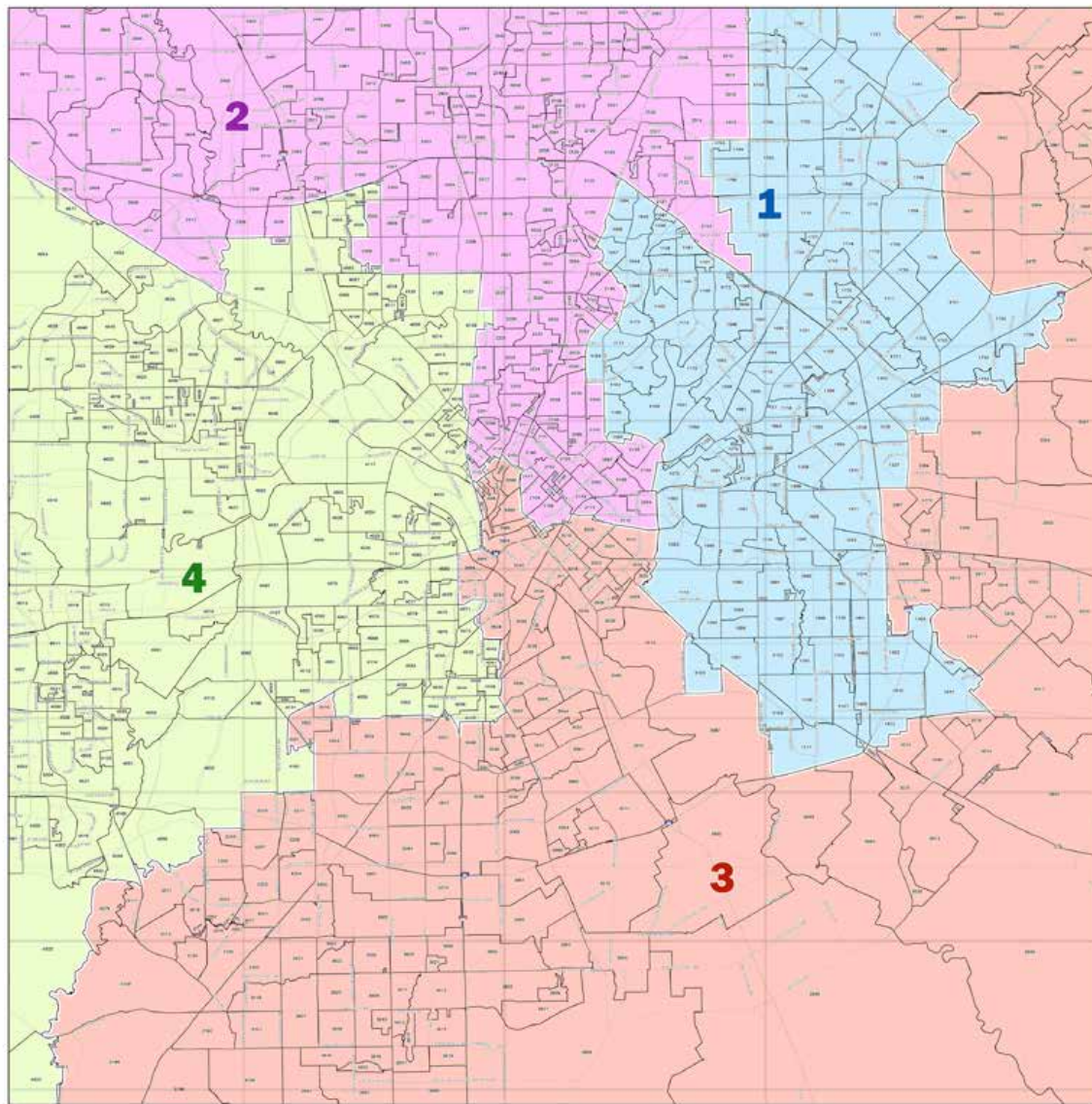
### PROPOSITION 9

Texas parents and guardians should have the right to select schools, whether public or private, for their children, and the funding should follow the student.

### PROPOSITION 10

Texans affirm that our freedoms come from God and that the government should have no control over the conscience of individuals.

# Dallas County Commissioners District Map



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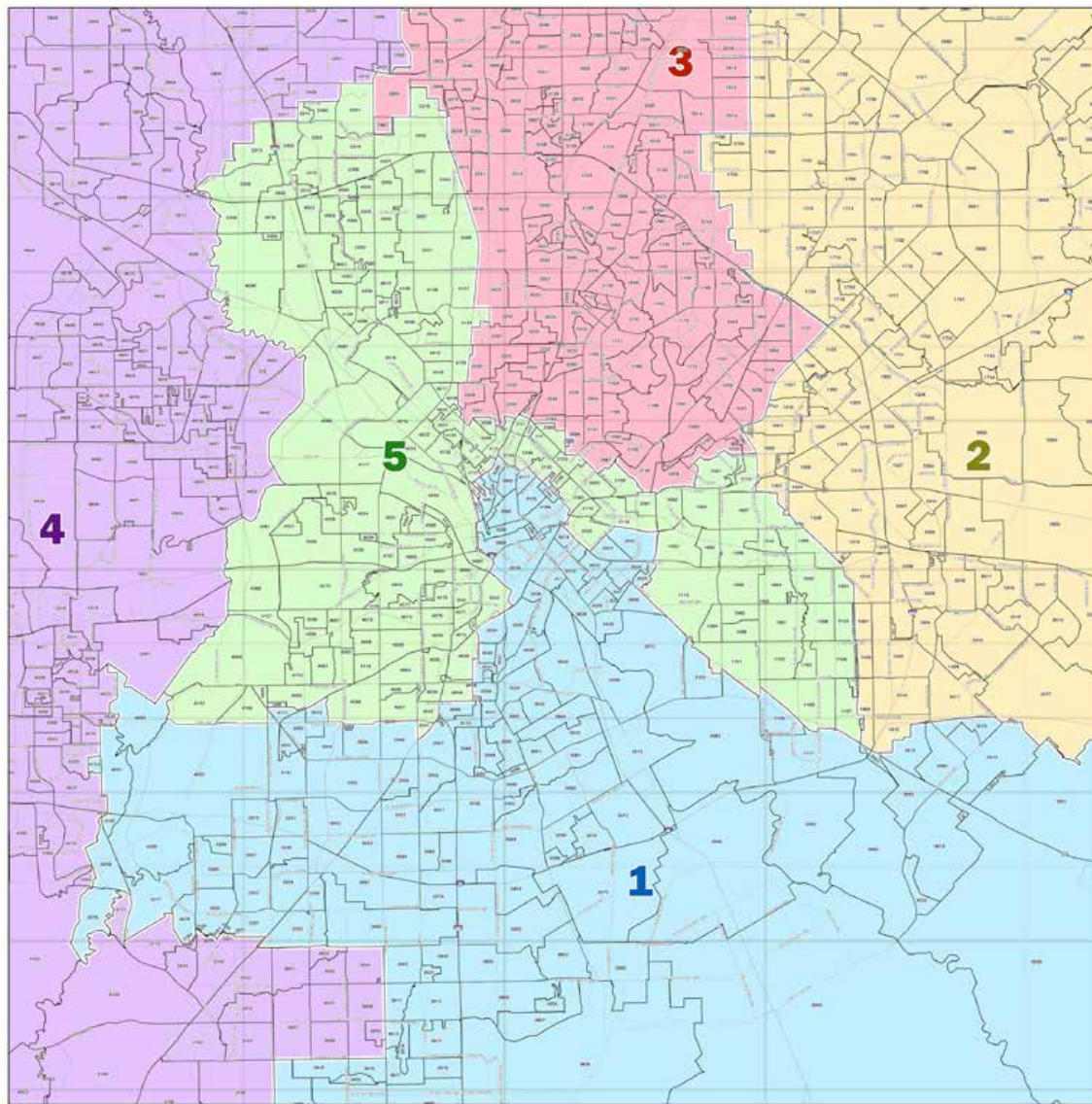
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# Justice of the Peace Precinct Map



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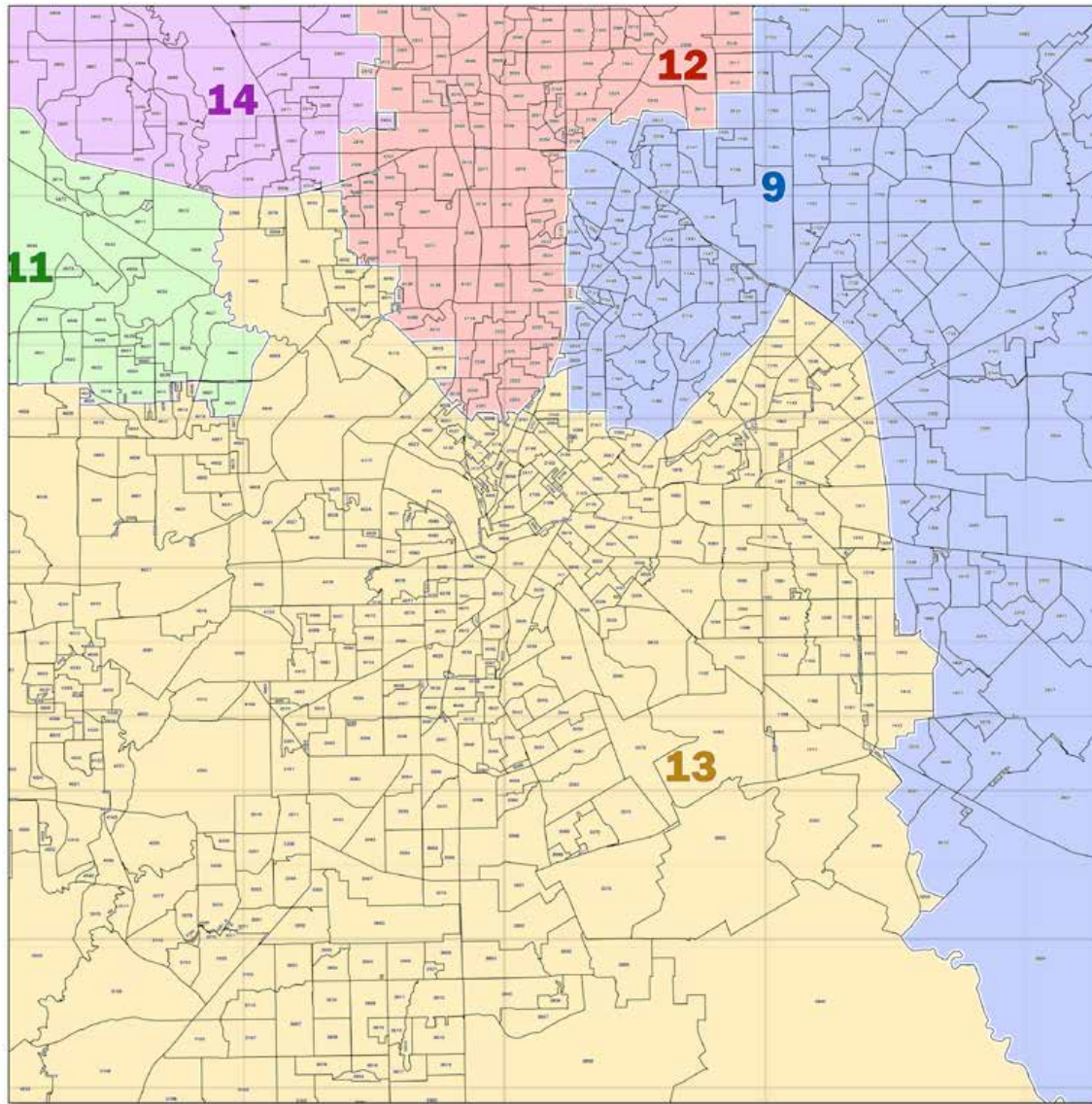


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# State Board of Education Map



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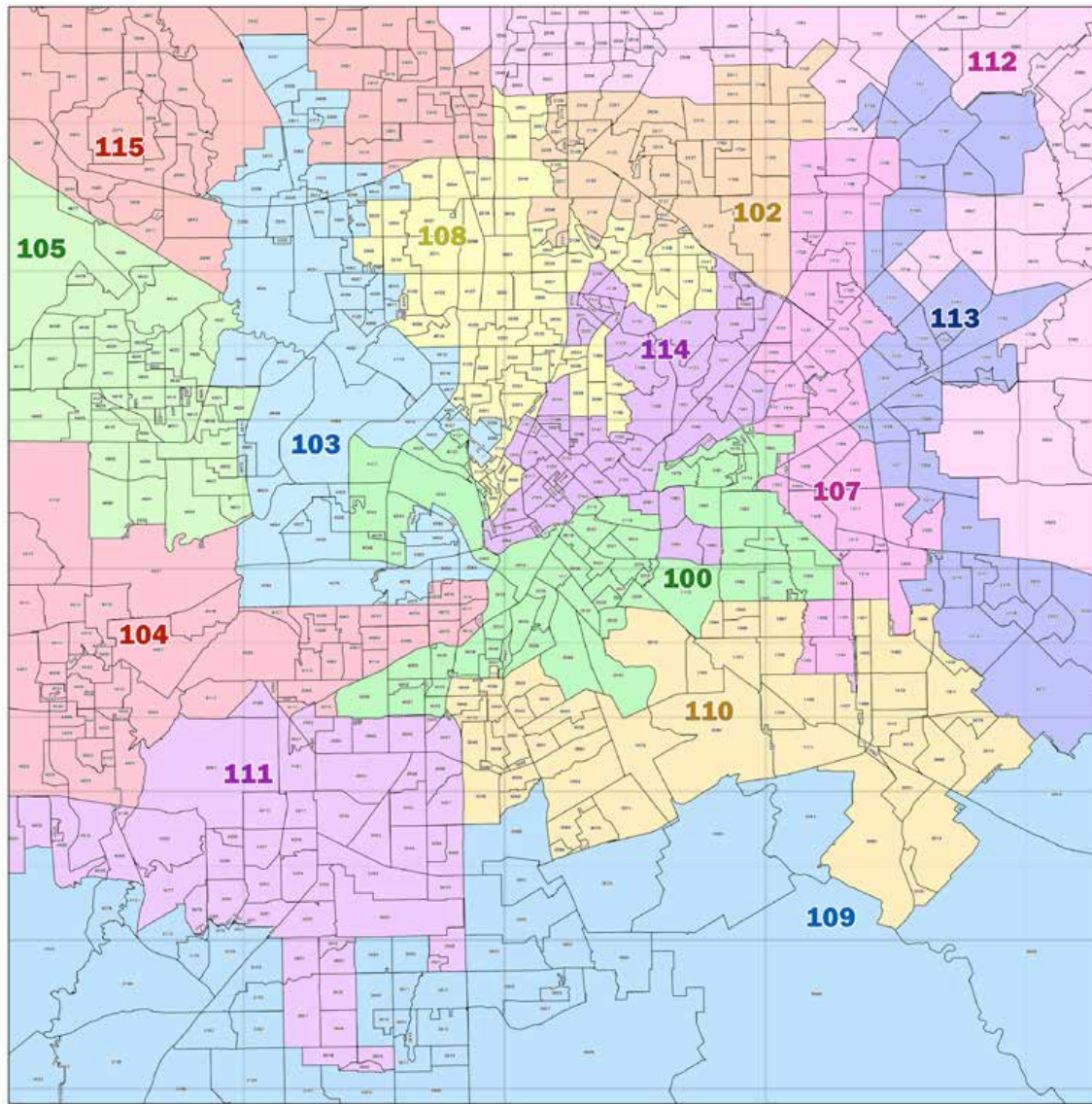
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# State House Districts Map



## 2021 State House Districts Dallas County Election Precincts

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