

Hays County Election News

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SHERIFF CANDIDATE VILLALOBOS LEADS STRONG TEAM OF LOCAL LEADERS

Leading the way in Law Enforcement

Hays County voters will have the chance to elect one of the most diverse group of leaders to run the courts and law enforcement in decades. Starting with Sheriff candidate, Alex Villalobos, whose vast experience in law enforcement and having served as the Chief of Staff for Hays County and Kyle City Council, has him well positioned over his controversial opponent who has found himself in legal hot water these last days. (see story Page 4).

Villalobos has vastly more experience and law enforcement training with nearly double the number of training hours and the only candidate with a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's degree in Public Administration.

The only other contested law enforcement position is that of Constable Precinct 2 in the Kyle



Villalobos, leading candidate for Sheriff



Michael Torres, Constable Precinct 2

area. Incumbent Michael Torres has been recognized as a leading voice in local law enforcement and enjoys widespread support in the community. He is the President of the Hays County Criminal Justice Association and has over 23 years of experience in law

enforcement.

District and County Courts and Clerk

Judge for County Court at Law #3, Elaine Brown, has been recognized for her leadership in establishing the first Mental Health Court for Hays County. This specialized critical issue Court is designed to deal with those incarcerated with mental issues and making sure those convicted of crimes are sentenced to appropriate institutions and programs to keep the public safe. Her opponent, the son of a former Judge, has only been a practicing attorney for 4 years and up until last week has virtually been a ghost candidate at public events and candidate forums. Since he shares the same name as his father, many voters, including some group in local Republican circles, erroneously posted his father's website link as if it were the Dad, not the inexperienced son who was running.

Alicia Key, a 26 year veteran of public service including the former Director of the State Office of Court Administration, is clearly the most qualified candidate to sit on the newly created 483rd District Court. Her opponent, the temporary Judge appointed by Gov. Gregg Abbott (required when the new court was created) has already run afoul by secretly taping court proceedings, without



Incumbent Judge Elaine Brown



Alicia Key 26 year veteran of Judicial and Legal Experience



Amanda Calvert 17 year veteran of legal experience

informing legal counsel and where the identity of underage victims may have been broadcast over the world wide web, jeopardizing their safety and anonymity. Key is clearly the more judicious choice for this position.

District Clerk nominee, Amanda Calvert, comes to the election with more than 17 years of service in the legal system. Currently serving as the Felony Administrative Lead supervisor with the Hays County District Attorney's office, she has worked with Republicans and Democrats, to keep our community safe. She will be able to step into the position of District Clerk on Day 1 with the best record of running the office and making sure all functions, like jury selection, accurate criminal and trial records are maintained so that taxpayers can feel safe in knowing this critical position will have experience at the helm. Her opponent, Phillip Muzzy, appointed by the Republican Party as their nominee, may have chosen a candidate who is

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TIME TO SAVE TEXAS AND SEND TED CRUZ ON A PERMANENT VACATION



US Sen Ted Cruz--fleeing Texas for Cozumel

The race for Texas Senate is one of the most closely watched in the nation

Republican Ted Cruz, a polarizing figure both in Texas and nationally, faces a strong challenge from Democratic Congressman Colin Allred. Allred, a well-liked and respected Dallas congressman, former NFL player and civil rights attorney, is known for his common sense, moderate views and

ability to work and connect with voters across all party lines.

Cruz is notorious for his handling of the January 6th Capitol insurrection. He was one of the loudest and most prominent voices supporting challenging the certification of the 2020 election results, and still alleging voter fraud. While his false claims please his extremist MAGA base, it angered many moderate Republicans and Texans who saw through the lie and Cruz's undermining of our democracy, our Constitution and democratic norms.

Texans don't forget.

During the catastrophic winter storm of February 2021--which left 242 people DEAD, millions of Texans without power, without water, food and heat for days. It left roads impassable, and millions of people freezing for weeks without electricity and the basic necessities.

Cruz's solution? Abandon ship and take a little vacay in Cancun.

Our disgraceful Senator was caught flying to Cancun for fun-in-the-sun, while half of the state had no water and millions of his constituents suffered hypothermia and carbon monoxide poisoning from make-shift generators.

Two-Hundred and Forty-Two people died and Cruz flew the coop!

By contrast, Congressman Colin Allred is talking about common sense fixes to kitchen-table concerns. Colin Allred has a common-sense approach to life and will always put Texans and the Constitution first.

Allred's story is a uniquely Texas. A fourth generation Texan, Colin was born and raised in Dallas by a single mom, who was a public-school teacher and often worked two jobs to make ends meet. With help from his aunt and uncle, he and his mom moved to North Dallas, where his mom and aunt and uncle still live a street apart. When not at a YMCA

camp, he often spent summers visiting his grandmother in Brownsville, where his grandfather was a customs officer after fighting in the Pacific with the Navy in World War II.

Allred knows the generosity of Texans, because it's what made his story possible.

With the support of his teachers, coaches, and counselors at the YMCA, he was able to chase his version of the American dream. He was elected Class President at Hillcrest High School, earned a full-ride scholarship to play football at Baylor University where he deepened his faith. He understands team-work and leadership. He captained the Baylor football team while earning First Team Academic All-Big XII honors and graduated with a degree in history. From there he moved to law.

Allred knows that Texans are fed up--with politics, with lies and with the divisive politics pitting Texans against each other.

We deserve a Senator who will put YOU FIRST, who doesn't jet off to Cancun while Texans are freezing in the dark and with someone who cares more about your job, your health care, your retirement and your kids' education than about hosting a podcast three times a week.

It's time for Texas to send the most hated man in Washington, in either party, on a permanent vacation and elect a real Texan, Colin Allred to the United State Senate.



Colin Allred with local supporter

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MY BODY, MY CHOICE: THE BATTLE FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION

As we near the November election, and we measure the party differences and our vote, one issue rises above the divisive partisan noise, igniting conversations in homes, workplaces, and online forums: The fight for women's rights and personal bodily autonomy.

"My body, my choice" isn't just a slogan—it's a rallying cry for millions of women and the men who love, respect, and support them. This year's election may be one of the most pivotal in determining the future of basic women's-rights and the rights of their little girls as they grow into young women.

For decades, women have fought for control over their own bodies, but recent political developments driven by the ultra-conservative faction of the Republican Party have thrust a woman's right to her own body back into the spotlight.

With the proudly-hailed overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, led by Donald Trump and his ultra-conservative faction, the landscape of reproductive rights in America has shifted dramatically and promises to continue even more so under the promise of Project 2025.

Women in many states now face dangerous limitations to basic

healthcare namely, limited access to abortion, contraception, and essential healthcare related to women's reproductive health.

Politicians are making decisions about women's bodies, their futures and the futures of their families without fully understanding the complexities and personal nature of those choices.

But what if the conversation shifted? What if, instead of policing women's bodies, the focus was on policing and controlling men's semen? After all, men's role in reproduction is just as essential as a woman's.

Yet, our politicians don't focus controlling men's fertility or imposing regulations on their reproductive choices. They focus instead on women and continue attacks on women's healthcare and bodily autonomy.

Imagine laws that required men to undergo mandatory vasectomies after a certain number of children or before they reach a specific age. Or perhaps men could face penalties for not using condoms, with legislation requiring them to provide proof of contraception. If this sounds absurd, consider the restrictions placed on women: from forced waiting periods

to the invasive scrutiny women face when they seek information and have to make difficult decisions about abortions. Controlling men's semen with the same intensity would spark outrage, yet we accept similar restrictions on women without blinking an eye.

For women, the issue is not just about abortion; it's about the fundamental right to make decisions about their health, future, and family. And for the men who truly stand beside them, supporting women's bodily autonomy is a matter of equality, respect and love. It's about understanding that these decisions are deeply personal for women and should be held by women and their doctors, not by political interference.

This November, voters have the chance to make their voices heard. This is not about party lines; Trump versus Harris, men versus women, it's about basic human rights and the direction our country will take as we move forward.

American women deserve to live in a society where their choices are respected and their health is prioritized and

confidential.

Men who stand with women in this fight play a crucial role in ensuring that their children and future generations enjoy the same freedoms and protections.

The stakes are high, and the message is clear: "My body, my choice" must remain a cornerstone of women's rights in America.

The outcome of this election will have lasting consequences, and it's up to all of us—women and men alike—to make sure our voices are heard.



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FOR

HAYS COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK

✓ EXPERIENCE

✓ EDUCATION

✓ LEADERSHIP



QUALIFICATION

- 11 YEARS EXPERIENCE WITH THE HAYS COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
- BACHELORS DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY
- ATTENDED GRADUATE PROGRAM FOR LEGAL STUDIES AND RECEIVED PARALEGAL AND MEDIATION CERTIFICATE
- 17 YEARS LEADERSHIP/SUPERVISOR EXPERIENCE

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ELECTION DAY: NOVEMBER 5TH

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Project 2025

PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION PROJECT

“Directs the federal government to use "every available tool, **including the cutting of funds**, to ensure that every **state reports exactly how many abortions take place within its borders...**"

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Credit: Robert Reich explains Project 2025

RE-ELECT

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✓ FAIRNESS

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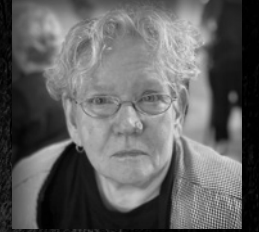
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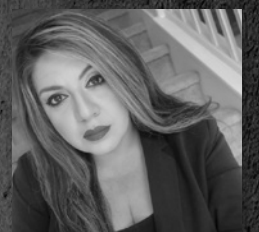
County Court at Law No. 3

Women of Hays County



"No woman can call herself free if she can't even control her own body!"

"I can't believe my daughter will have fewer rights than I had"



"WE CANNOT GO BACK TO BACK ALLEYS AGAIN"

"Vote like your daughter's life depends on it"

"Hand Maids Tale coming to real life"



"A \$10,000 BOUNTY ON TEXAS WOMEN WHO GET AN ABORTION AFTER 6 WEEKS"

"Freedom to control my own body."

"I stopped sharing my menstrual cycles with my doctor"



"The emphasis must be not on the right to abortion but on the right to healthcare, privacy and reproductive control."



We are NOT going back.

- Kamala Harris



"Women are dying because doctors are afraid to provide care—they don't want to go to jail"

"Keep your hands off my body."



"Women are only fertile roughly 24 days per year, while men are fertile 365 days a year. Why aren't men's bodily functions being regulated!"

"WE MAY ENCOUNTER MANY DEFEATS BUT WE MUST NOT BE DEFEATED."

"Only punishment for the woman, nothing happens to the man"

"As a woman, I hope I can have as many rights as my gun."



"We cannot ALL succeed when half of us are held back."



GOP...TOO EXTREME FOR HAYS COUNTY

In recent years, more and more people have learned of the beauty and lifestyle of Hays County and have made this county their home. But with the growth has also brought newcomers who want to exploit Hays County for their radical political agendas.

Several state and national news organizations have written extensive articles about some of the bizarre and out of touch propaganda being pushed by some members of the Hays County Republicans.

From hostile rhetoric on immigration, to calling for banning books and firing teachers who dare to educate their students about such issues as slavery, the Holocaust, or the Civil Rights Movement. To their utter disdain for members of the LGBTQIA+ community, where the favorite topic is to attack gay and transgender youth.

One local Republican cornered a Democratic Congressional candidate claiming gay high school students have a higher rate of suicide because they are ashamed of being gay. How about maybe the suicide rate is higher because people like her shame them for who they are and make them feel less welcome in society.

Election integrity has also become a focal point of Republican extremism in Hays County. Following the 2020 election, despite no evidence of widespread voter fraud in Texas, some local Republicans have pushed baseless conspiracy theories about election rigging, fueling distrust in the electoral process.

While the official Hays County Republican Party has worked well with their Democratic counterparts to ensure fair and accurate elections, factions within the local Republicans have supported resolutions in the GOP Party Platform in support of a return to paper voting rolls, the elimination of countywide voting locations, a return to precinct only voting and manual hand counting of paper ballots at precincts. All designed to make the process slower and discourage voter participation.

Recent Examples of Right-Wing Extremism in Hays County

2020--Biden Bus Incident—Failure

by Hays County Sheriff Department (Republican)

An aggressive caravan of Donald Trump supporters attempted to force a Biden campaign bus off I-35 while traveling through San Marcos on October 30, 2020. San Marcos Police Department and the Hays County Sheriff's Department ignored repeated 9-1-1 calls from the bus for assistance and requests for an escort, something they were granted in both New Braunfels and Kyle.

2023—Mastermind of Jan 6 Coup Attempt Honored in Wimberley

On Sunday, September 17, 2023 — the anniversary of the signing of the US Constitution — the Wimberley VFW hosted a forum featuring Trump-aligned Attorney John Eastman. Eastman is currently facing multiple criminal indictments as one of the masterminds behind the Trump January 6, 2021 coup attempt.

2020—Election Fraud Plan Crafted in Dripping Springs

Dripping Springs resident and former Army Colonel Phil Waldron is deeply involved in election denial movement and participated in the 2020 Trump fake electors scheme in multiple states. Waldron is a named co-conspirator in the Fulton County, Georgia fake electors case for his participation in attempting to overthrow that state's election results.

2024—Local Republicans Hanging out with National GOP Extremists

Dripping Springs School Board Secretary Olivia Barnard regularly posts about her visits to Mar-a-Lago and interactions with extremist MAGA politicians. She recently posted a selfie with disgraced North Carolina Republican candidate for Governor and self-described "Black NAZI" Mark Robinson, with Barnard saying, "This man is a HERO! Fighting for everything America stands for." She has yet to apologize for her post or retract her endorsement.

2024—Before Trump & Vance claimed people were "eating the dogs"—Hipolito and Isaac hung out with confessed puppy killer.

State Representative Carrie Isaac and



Anthony Hipolito with admitted puppy killer Kristi Noem

Republican Sheriff nominee Anthony Hipolito have proudly posted about discussing policy with South Dakota Governor and admitted puppy murderer Kristi Noem. Briefly listed on the Trump VP short list, Noem became



Noem defender Carrie Isaac

2023—Carrie Isaac—Vote for Me or Don't get to Vote at All

After students turned out in force in 2022, helping turn Hays County blue, State Representative Carrie Isaac

authored a bill to ban students from voting where they are in college. The issue of college students being able to vote where they live was settled decades ago by the courts. But that didn't stop Carrie Isaac from trying to ban them anyway. But it also would apply to our deployed military members, who also have long been allowed to register and vote where they are deployed in the US. Isaac's bill was so popular, not a single Republican joined her in co-authoring the bill. Even THEY knew it was too extreme—and unconstitutional.

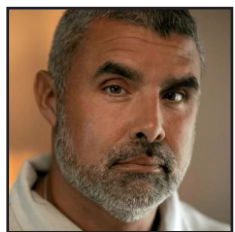
These are just a few of the many examples of how local Republicans have joined the ranks of radicalism. As Vice Presidential candidate Tim Walz said, "some of these people are just weird."



1 mo after Uvalde School Shooting--Tone Deaf Carrie Isaac raffling an AR-15

ANTHONY HIPOLITO

THE CANDIDATE THAT COULDN'T SHOOT STRAIGHT — WITH THE VOTERS, THE LAW OR THE TRUTH.



Anthony Hipolito: So many unanswered questions

Anthony Hipolito, the Republican nominee for Hays County Sheriff is not having a good month.

A no show at candidate forums, including potentially his own, to possibly committing a Class A Misdemeanor campaign finance violation, to being caught in a photograph with a nationally disgraced figure. Things just aren't going well.

No Show for Candidate Forums

For the past two elections, local Hays County Republicans have refused to attend the League of Women Voters sponsored candidate forum. The LWV is historically known for their unbiased conducting of candidate information events, but the local Republicans have now conveniently "had scheduling conflicts" two election cycles in a row. This year the League had planned to conduct candidate forums on zoom to maximize the number of people who could participate.

Even though given several date options, Oct. 10 was the date chosen based on preliminary conversations with

candidates in both parties. But then as if on cue, all but one local Republican notified the League they were no longer available and had a scheduling conflict. This was odd, considering it was a date recommended as a possible date for a joint Democrat-Republican sponsored debate.

Even more bizarre, Hipolito's excuse was he had a "Meet and Greet" event featuring himself as the lone candidate. Advertised on the Hipolito campaign social media was an invitation to attend the Highpointe at the Amenity Center in Austin from 6-8 pm. Only problem, people who showed up at 7:30 found the building locked and dark. So it was either a very short meet and greet or never happened at all.

Campaign Finance Violation—Could it Cost him the Job if elected

In 2023, Hipolito paid his wife \$8,000 for campaign services. Only problem is that, since 1991, the Texas Election Code Chapter 253.041 expressly forbids paying spouses using campaign funds and states this is a Class A Misdemeanor. In 2001, the Texas Ethics Commission issued an opinion confirming the 1991 law that paying your spouse is strictly

prohibited.

You would think the person campaigning to be the top law enforcement officer in the County would have taken the time to know the law.

After being caught, Hipolito doubled down and stated, **"I don't care what the optics look like. It's either legal or illegal. People need to understand I am not a politician and don't play stupid games. My wife has put in hundreds and hundreds of hours for the campaign. I paid her and will pay her again."**

But days later on Oct. 8, he performs a flip-flop and now says they will return the money and made a mistake.

The problem is that just because the bank robber returns the money, doesn't mean a crime wasn't committed. In some law enforcement agencies, a Class A misdemeanor could result in the loss of the job and badge.

Hipolito has yet to apologize to the people he attacked on social media who brought this to his attention.

The bottom line is **Hipolito is the candidate who can't shoot straight—with the voters, the law or the truth.**

Let's Flip Chip!

DR. KRISTIN HOOK
for U.S. CONGRESS TX-21



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"TOP CANDIDATE OF THEM ALL."
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ineligible to run, as records show he voted in the 2024 Democratic Primary. Proper vetting of their candidate would have shown this to be a violation of state law, but it was too late to remove him from the ballot. So the question remains, if he were to be elected, would he be disqualified from serving?

Commissioners Court Precinct 3

This is by far the most lopsided race on the ballot. Veteran Wimberley City Council woman and Mayor Pro Tem, Rebecca Minnick has shown her dominance in both elective leadership on the Wimberley City Council to receiving the most bi-partisan support of any candidate in the race. The 61 year old realtor has been known as the person who gets things done in City Government. She has led the way on roads, water and supporting law enforcement and is well positioned to carry that knowledge to Commissioners Court. While the area is politically split between Republicans and Democrats, many local Republicans are supporting Minnick because they recognize with the Commissioners Court already having a 3-2 advantage for Democrats, that electing a Democrat to the position who already has a proven ability to work across the aisle, will be the most beneficial for the Citizens of Pct. 3



Rebecca Minnick—The “get it done” candidate for County Commissioner Pct 3 and current Mayor Pro Tem of Wimberley

Congress and Texas Legislative Races

Flipping Chip. Bursting on the scene is Dr. Kristin Hook is the fresh face looking to replace controversial Congressman Chip Roy. So many people, Republicans, Independents and Democrats are tired of his grandstanding and giving countless rambling speeches to an empty House Chamber, meanwhile voting against his own District by voting down support for Military Veterans, Women, Public Schools, Teachers and the list goes on. Having served as the former Chief of Staff for Sen. Ted Cruz, the other most hated man in Washington, D.C., it is little wonder that so many have added the word “off” to the official Hook campaign slogan of “Flip Chip”.

Dr. Hook, a scientist by profession has been a whirlwind candidate knocking on doors, attending campaign forums, (to no show Roy) making it a clear voter’s choice of



Dr. Kristin Hook The Scientist with the right Chemistry for Congress

“Scientist over Partisan Hack”. It will be refreshing to have a Representative that believes in science and actually votes to represent her constituents.

Congressman Greg Casar is running for a 2nd term in Washington where he quickly became a rising star. Unlike Republicans who voted against the Biden-Harris Build Back Better Infrastructure Initiative, Casar came to Kyle and San Marcos with checks for nearly



US Rep Greg Casar presenting Build Back Better Check in Kyle

\$2,000,000 for water and other infrastructure needs. Thanks to Casar’s efforts, people and the towns of District 35 are well represented with and effect and respected Congressman.

Texas Senate and Texas House

Former High School Principal Dr. Merrie Fox, believes its time Republican Donna Campbell be sent to the Principals office. Campbell’s desire to defund public schools in favor of school vouchers and Charter schools, has led this former Educator to speak out and offer voters a better choice. Fox’s no-nonsense campaign has made it clear she the choice for those who support Women’s Rights and Public Schools.

Community Leader Sally Duval is leading the charge to unseat controversial incumbent Carrie Isaac. Duval, a committed defender of personal freedom and women’s rights, drew national attention for her recent campaign video about decriminalizing marijuana. Her stances show the stark contrast to her opponent, Isaac, who is so out of touch with her constituents where one month after the Uvalde school shooting, was proudly promoted a raffle to sell an AR-15 to fund her campaign. The words “tone deaf” were commonly heard in the 2-county district.

Three term incumbent, State Rep. Erin Zwiener has become one of the strongest



Hays County Democrats attend rally in San Antonio

advocates for her district in decades. The TV Show Jeopardy Champion turned Legislator has become a go-to member of the Legislature on rules and parliamentary procedure. Earning the respect of her colleges has enabled her to secure resources and funds for her District in a Republican dominated House of Representatives. She has also successfully killed legislation that would have harmed the LBGTQIA+ community and our public schools. Watch out for Erin Zwiener, she is truly a Texas Rising Star.

Republicans were unable to recruit people to run for several positions. These offices face no opposition in the General Election and will fill the elected positions in January.

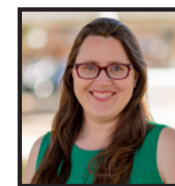
- 453rd District Judge Sherri Tibbe (re-elected)
- Tax Assessor-Collector Jennifer Escobar
- County Commissioner Pct 1 Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe (re-elected)
- Justice of the Peace Pct 1, Pl 1 Jo Anne Prado (re-elected)
- Justice of the Peace Pct 2, Pl 2 J.R. Mendoza



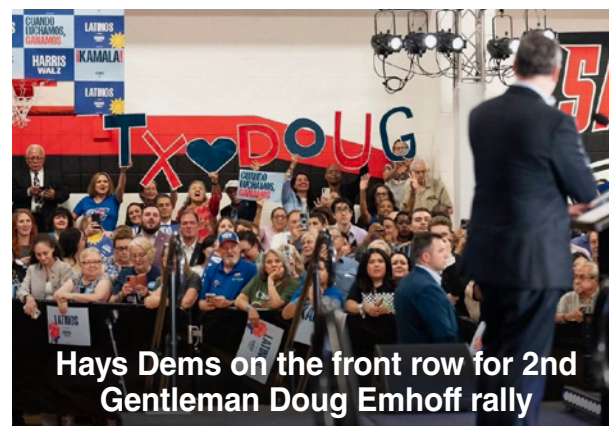
Dr. Merrie Fox A Woman of Principles



Sally Duval Personal Freedom and Community Leader



St. Rep. Erin Zwiener A Texas Rising Star



Hays Dems on the front row for 2nd Gentleman Doug Emhoff rally

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★★★★★
MICHAEL TORRES

For Hays County Constable Pct. 2

As your elected Constable, I would like to thank you for the interest, support and trust shown for this office, by you, the voter. We are continuing to build and staff this office with professional, experienced peace officers to better serve you.

EXPERIENCE

- Current Hays County Constable, Pct. 2
- Master Peace Officer License
- 23 years experience in Law Enforcement
- Texas Constable Leadership College—Sam Houston State
- Texas Narcotics Officer Association—Vice President of Central Region
- Former Narcotics Detective
- TCOLE Instructor Certification
- President of the Hays County Criminal Justice Association

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JENNIFER ESCOBAR

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PROJECT 2025—THE TRUMP PLAN TO DISMANTLE DEMOCRACY

So much is at stake in this election. The MAGA-fueled Republican Party led by Donald Trump and the extreme right-wing groups that support them has developed a policy playbook called Project 2025. Developed by the right-wing Heritage Foundation and other extreme conservative groups, is being touted as a roadmap for a future Trump administration.

In 2020 Trump would boast the Heritage Foundation would be putting together a blueprint for his future administration. But when the document actually came out, the public backlash was so severe that Trump immediately claimed no knowledge of the 900-page document. Records show more than 100 former Trump Administration staff wrote key components of the plan that literally mentions Trump by name more than 300 times. Worse still, his own Vice-Presidential running mate, JD Vance, wrote the forward for the entire document.

However, this proposal represents a direct threat to many hard-won social, economic, and environmental gains. While it claims to restore “traditional American values” and streamline governance, the worst aspects of Project 2025 lie in its regressive stance on climate change, civil rights, and worst of all, the erosion of democratic norms.

Climate Change Rollbacks

One of the most alarming components of Project 2025 is its intent to dismantle current efforts to combat climate change. The project envisions a massive rollback of environmental regulations, particularly those enforced by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It advocates reducing the agency’s power and defunding climate-related programs, effectively

nullifying decades of progress. Progressives and moderates view this as a catastrophic blow to global climate efforts. As the world grapples with rising temperatures, extreme weather events like massive hurricanes and extreme drought, and biodiversity loss, Project 2025’s anti-climate stance represents an abdication of America’s responsibility in the fight for a sustainable future. This move threatens to increase emissions, disproportionately harm marginalized communities, and worsen the impacts of climate disasters, like the multiple Hurricanes that hit Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina. Project 2025 also calls for the eliminating FEMA and privatizing its function like we’ve done with the electric grid in Texas. Just ask the people of Houston who still don’t have power how that is working.

Attacks on Civil Rights

Another deeply concerning aspect is the project’s open hostility to civil rights protections. Project 2025 proposes reducing the scope and power of institutions like the Department of Justice’s Civil Rights Division, which has been critical in protecting voting rights, combating racial discrimination, and upholding LGBTQ+ protections. The plan promotes a more restricted view of civil rights, one that aligns with conservative interpretations of religious liberty and “states’ rights,” often at the expense of marginalized communities. This is a blatant rollback of protections for vulnerable groups, particularly Black and LGBTQ+ Americans. By undermining the enforcement of civil rights laws, Project 2025 risks reversing and deepening many of the systemic inequalities that persist in housing, education, and employment.

Undermining Democratic Norms

Perhaps the most troubling aspect of Project 2025 is its ambition to centralize executive power in the presidency while eroding checks and balances. The plan calls for an overhaul of the federal bureaucracy, giving the president unprecedented control over key institutions. This could lead to the firing of civil servants en masse and replacing them with partisan hacks, like third world dictator run governments like Venezuela and North Korea. This would undermine the core principles of democracy — impartial governance and the rule of law. Such a consolidation of power risks creating an authoritarian-like state where dissent is quashed, and oversight is minimal.

Moreover, the project’s vision of the federal judiciary suggests a deliberate effort to pack courts with ultra-conservative judges. By reshaping the courts, Project 2025 would likely secure a legal environment that prioritizes conservative social agendas over individual rights, a nightmare scenario for progressives fighting to preserve reproductive

rights, gender equality, and access to healthcare.

Social Safety Net Erosion

Project 2025 also targets social safety net programs, framing them as wasteful and inefficient. It suggests slashing funding for programs like Medicaid, Social Security, and food assistance, under the guise of reducing federal spending. Progressives fear this will leave millions of Americans without crucial support, exacerbating poverty and widening economic inequality. At a time when income disparity is growing, these cuts would hurt the most vulnerable populations, including the elderly, disabled, and low-income families, undermining decades of work toward a fairer and more just society.

The bottom line is Project 2025 represents a systematic dismantling of environmental protections, civil rights, democratic governance, and social safety nets. Rather than moving the country forward, it seeks to revert to an imaginary past that ignores the challenges and realities of today’s interconnected, diverse, and environmentally fragile world.

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KAMALA HARRIS
President



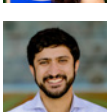
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COLIN ALLRED
US Senate



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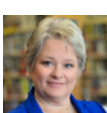


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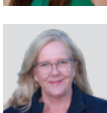
KATHERINE CULBERT
Railroad Commission



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ERIN ZWIENER
State Representative, District 45



SALLY DUVAL
State Representative, District 73

COUNTY



ELAINE BROWN
County Court at Law Judge #3



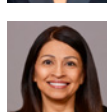
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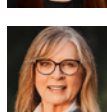
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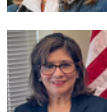
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Tax Assessor-Collector



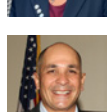
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Precinct 1 Commissioner



REBECCA MINNICK
Precinct 3 Commissioner



JO ANNE PRADO
Justice of the Peace 1-1



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Justice of the Peace 2-2



MICHAEL TORRES
Precinct 2 Constable

JUDICIAL



SHERRI TIBBE
453rd District Court Judge



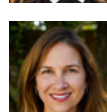
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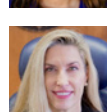
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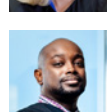
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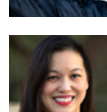
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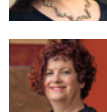
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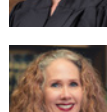
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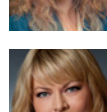
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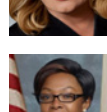
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Justice, Supreme Court Pl. 6



HOLLY TAYLOR
Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals



NANCY MULDER
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Pl. 7



CHIKA ANYIAM
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Pl. 8

THE ISSUES

1. Economy & Inflation

DEMOCRATIC: Continue fighting to rebuild the middle class, growing the economy from the bottom up. America's prosperity depends on a strong middle class. Take on big corporations who used the pandemic to gouge consumers.

REPUBLICAN: More tax breaks for greedy billionaires and more record-breaking profiteering by corporations.

2. Abortion, IVF & Birth Control

DEMOCRATIC: Women together with their doctors can make their own health care decisions. Keep politicians out of the exam room and the bedroom.

REPUBLICAN: Texas Republicans banned abortion with no exception for rape & incest. Women must be in grave danger to access abortion. Limit access to in vitro fertilization for those trying to conceive. Restrict access to birth control.

3. Gun Safety

DEMOCRATIC: Enact common sense gun safety laws supported by millions of Texans. Universal background checks, red-flag laws for those with mental health issues, raise the age to 21 to purchase firearms.

REPUBLICAN: Whatever the NRA says. Permittless carry, campus carry, no red flag laws, 18-year-olds can purchase semi-automatic weapons.

4. Climate

DEMOCRATIC: Climate change is real and a threat to our future. Support technological advances that address climate change. Maximize use of renewable energy and limit the release of greenhouse gases.

REPUBLICAN: Ignore the science. Climate change is not caused by human activity. Drill, baby, drill.

5. Education

DEMOCRATIC: Education is the great equalizer. Increase per student funding to at least the national average. Increase teacher pay to a level that is competitive. Stop holding public school tax dollars hostage. Address the skyrocketing cost of college.

REPUBLICAN: Defund public schools. Let public tax dollars to be used by the rich for private school tuition. Ban books. Arm teachers. Replace school counselors with chaplains. Continue to saddle college students with staggering debt.

6. Healthcare

DEMOCRATIC: Democrats capped prescription prices and annual out of pocket drug costs for Medicare. Expand the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid to deliver health care to more Americans.

REPUBLICAN: Repeal Affordable Care Act, throwing millions off insurance and causing health care costs to skyrocket. Under Republicans, Texas is still one of only 10 states that hasn't expanded Medicaid and has dropped 1million Texas children from Medicaid rolls.

7. Immigration

DEMOCRATIC: Address the root causes of the immigration crisis. Crack down on immigrant trafficking. Improve immigration courts to quickly process claims and protect asylum seekers and vulnerable populations. Create a path to citizenship. Keep families together.

REPUBLICAN: Border walls, razor wire, river buoys, militarize and politicize the border. Undermine any and all solutions — even Republican ones — on Trump's orders.

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FIRST DAY OF
EARLY VOTING

November 5
ELECTION DAY

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