

TEXAS PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2025

VOTER GUIDE



MISSION:

To advance every members' business potential, connections, and capabilities in the Construction industry across Texas, through advocacy, resources, and training programs, creating economic growth.

HOW TO USE THE GUIDE

The Regional Hispanic Contractors Association (RHCA) advocates for policies that strengthen Texas's construction and infrastructure industries through investment in safety, workforce development, and economic growth.

This guide provides a summary of candidates participating in Texas's 2026 statewide primary elections. The nonpartisan voter guide compiles information from candidates' campaign websites and interviews. Links to each candidate's website are included within their names.

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U.S. SENATE

DEMOCRAT



JASMINE CROCKETT

- Current U.S. Representative- D
 - 30th Congressional District - Dallas
 - Affordability
 - Accountability
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AHMAD R. HASSAN

- Current U.S. Representative
 - 30th Congressional District - Dallas
 - Affordability
 - No deportation without due process
 - Work permits to immigrants to serve our communities
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JAMES TALARICO

- Current Texas Representative- D
- Texas House District 50 - Austin
- Vice Chair of Workforce & Development Committee
- Reduce political corruption
- Expand voter access and civic participation
- Strengthen ethics and accountability across government

U.S. SENATE

REPUBLICAN



JOHN O. ADEFOPE

- Candidate information not available



ANNA BENDER

- Abolish legalized abortion
- Economic and energy development
- Border Security



VIRGIL BIERSCHWALE

- Jobs for Texans required by state contracts
- Second Amendment Right
- Constitutional Law and American Values
- Border Security & Immigration



SARA CANADY

- Establish Justice with reciprocal tariffs
- Insure Domestic Tranquility and Provide for Common Defense

U.S. SENATE

REPUBLICAN



JOHN CORNYN - INCUMBENT

- Securing Texas's border
 - Standing with President Trump
 - Cutting Taxes
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WESLEY HUNT

- U.S. Representative-R
 - 38th Congressional District- Houston
 - Support conservative leadership
 - Strengthen border enforcement
 - Protection of constitutional rights and public safety
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GULREZ "GUS" KHAN

- Strengthen the economy (support rural communities)
 - Secure the border
 - Enact educational and healthcare reform
 - Defend core values of faith-based principles
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KEN PAXTON

- Texas Attorney General
- Support Trump's agenda
- Secure borders
- Support conservative principles

GOVERNOR

DEMOCRAT



PATRICIA ABREGO

- Candidate information not available
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CHRIS BELL

- Former United States Representative
 - Courage, Integrity, Ethics
 - Lower insurance costs
 - Public education
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BOBBY COLE

- Raise minimum wage and support workers' rights to organize
 - Legalize marijuana
 - Lower property taxes
 - Protect veterans
 - Practical solutions to immigration at the federal level
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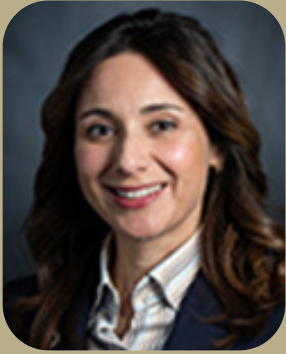


CARLTON W. HART

- Retired event specialist from Houston

GOVERNOR

DEMOCRAT



GINA HINOJOSA

- Texas State Representative -D
 - Texas House District 49
 - Quality and Accessible Healthcare for all Texans
 - Opportunities for small businesses
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JOSE NAVARRO BALBUENA

- Texas Secure Savings Act (Auto-IRA)
 - 10% Credit Card Interest Rates
 - Forbidding AI
 - Integrated TSIA Education
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ZACH VANCE

- Lower property taxes
 - Support public education
 - Affordable Childcare
 - Healthcare reform
 - Women's healthcare
 - Addressing homelessness in Texas
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ANGELA "TÍA ANGIE" VILLECAZ

- Education advocate

GOVERNOR

DEMOCRAT



ANDREW WHITE

- White has suspended his campaign
 - Endorses Gina Hinojosa
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GOVERNOR

REPUBLICAN



GREG ABBOTT - INCUMBENT

- Lower taxes and better affordability for a more prosperous Texas
 - Unleashing the Texas economy created the Small Business Freedom Council
 - Secure the border and defend Texas
 - Protect our communities
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- Restore excellence in education
 - Make higher education more affordable
 - **Provided \$850 million to support career workforce training and programs offered by the Texas State Technical College System**

RHCA ENDORSED CANDIDATE



GOVERNOR

REPUBLICAN



BOB ACHGILL

- Housing affordability by increasing the homestead exemption
 - Water and grid security
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EVELYN BROOKS

- Member of the Texas State Board of Education
 - Education priorities
 - Affordability and Safety protections for Texans
 - Protects the border
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PETE "DOC" CHAMBERS

- Secure the border & stop human trafficking
 - Abolish property in Texas
 - Energy and Water Security
 - Decentralizing Texas Public Education
 - Prevent H1B visa overuse and abuse
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CHARLES CROUCH

- Anti- Sharia law
- Education reform
- Stopping Property Taxes

GOVERNOR

REPUBLICAN



ARTURO ESPINOSA

- Chemical engineer
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MARK GOLOBY

- Lower local property taxes
 - End corporate welfare
 - Give Texans a bigger voice in public education
 - Support the agriculture industry
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KENNETH HYDE

- Border Security and the Invasion Clause
 - Eliminating Property Taxes
 - Energy and Water Scarcity
 - Parent Choice in Education
 - Address H-1B Visa Abuse
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STEPHEN SAMUELSON

- Medically retired veteran
- Community activist

GOVERNOR

REPUBLICAN



RONNIE TULLOS

- Government transparency/efficiency
 - Border security
 - 2nd Amendment rights
 - Property taxes
 - Improving education
 - Protecting women
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NATHANIEL WELCH

- Self-employed
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ATTORNEY GENERAL

DEMOCRAT



TONY BOX

- Served in the Army and the FBI
 - former federal procecutor
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JOE JAWORSKI

- Protecting democracy & voting rights
 - Environmental justice
 - Reproductive freedom
 - Economic opportunity & workers' rights
 - Immigrants rights
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NATHAN JOHNSON

- Texas Senator District 16 - Dallas
 - Rooting out corruption
 - Protecting consumers
 - Affordablility
 - Community safety
 - Against federal overreach
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ATTORNEY GENERAL

REPUBLICAN



JOAN HUFFMAN

- Texas Senator District 17
 - Tough on crime
 - Securing Texas border
 - Secure elections
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MAYES MIDDLETON

- Secure the border
 - Protect babies and children
 - Crack down on crime
 - 2nd amendment support
 - Protect taxpayers and jobs
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AARON REITZ

- Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy of the United States
 - Support President Trump
 - Secure the border
 - Secure elections
 - Faith and family
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CHIP ROY

- U.S. Representative
- 21st Congressional District
- Border security
- Election integrity
- Healthcare Freedom

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

DEMOCRAT



VIKKI GOODWIN

- Texas Representative- District 47 Austin
 - Increase public school funding
 - Invest in water infrastructure
 - Pass the Fair Rent Incentive Act
 - Repeal the state's abortion ban
 - Expand Medicaid
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COURTNEY HEAD

- Cannabis legalization
 - Autonomy, access, dignity in healthcare
 - Education investment
 - Transit investment
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MARCOS VELEZ

- Provide more property tax relief
 - Increase the minimum wage
 - Increase public school funding
 - Protect rural water and farmland
 - Support working families
 - Increase affordability for seniors
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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

REPUBLICAN



PERLA HOPKINS

- Eliminate property taxes
 - Education reform
 - Stop foreign land grabs
 - Constitutional Rights
 - Abortion ban
 - Safety
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TIMOTHY MABRY

- Eliminate property taxes
 - Infrastructure independence: utility, transportation
 - Support rural Texas
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DAN PATRICK- INCUMBENT

- Lower property taxes by increasing the school homestead exemption
 - Expand “school choice” through school vouchers
 - Prevent illegal immigration
 - Ban sale of THC products
 - Preserve Texas’ abortion ban
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ESALA WUESCHNER

- Legalize marijuana and Psychedelics
- Ban censorship by private companies
- Open the school curriculum for religious studies
- Breaking housing monopolies

COMPTROLLER

The Texas Comptroller oversees the state's financial operations, including managing public funds, collecting taxes, issuing state contracts, and projecting revenue to determine how much funding is available for the state budget. The office also plays a significant role in administering Texas' school voucher program, which provides eligible families with public funds to help pay for private school tuition or homeschooling expenses.

DEMOCRAT



SARAH ECKHARDT

- Texas Senator- District 14
 - Stop no-bid contracts
 - Audit school vouchers
 - Lower healthcare cost
 - Break single-party rule
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MICHEAL LANGE

- Job creation
 - Affordability
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SAVANT MOORE

- Protecting taxpayers from hidden fees and waste
- Tax dollar transparency
- Support small businesses
- Fair investment in rural Texas
- Restore HUB program
- Strong oversight for school vouchers

COMPTROLLER

REPUBLICAN



MICHAEL BERLANGA

- End school property taxes
 - Universal school choice
 - Fix the appraisal and taxation system
 - Government transparent spending
 - Protect businesses from tax shifts
 - Taxpayer rights education
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CHRISTI CRADDICK

- Transparent spending; Increased audits
 - Government efficiency task force
 - Upgrade outdated technology
 - Faster refunds for businesses
 - Conservative budget and spending limits
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KELLY HANCOCK

- Former state senator, current acting comptroller
 - Border security
 - End DEI in state contracting
 - Texas education freedom
 - Texas DOGE
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DON HUFFINES

- DOGE Texas Government
- Transparent, conservative budget
- Education freedom
- Make gold and silver legal tender

LAND COMMISSIONER

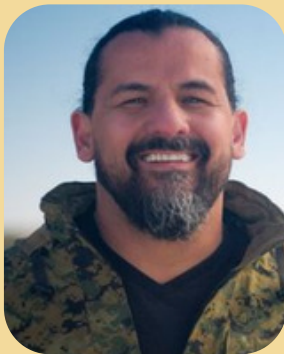
The Commissioner of the General Land Office oversees millions of acres of state land, including property that generates funding for public education through the Permanent School Fund. The office also distributes federal disaster recovery funds, manages the Alamo, and oversees certain state land initiatives, including recent land acquisitions for state-funded border wall construction

DEMOCRAT



BENJAMIN FLORES

- Fund public schools
- Veteran home loan and support services
- Protect coastline



JOSE LOYA

- Protecting Texas beaches
- Worker safety
- Energy industry
- Disaster protection
- Strengthen public schools
- Veterans

REPUBLICAN



DAWN BUCKINGHAM- INCUMBENT

- Border security
- Public education
- Veterans
- The Alamo
- Energy
- Disaster Relief

AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER

The agriculture department supports farmers and regulates the agriculture industry, which includes overseeing pesticide use, certifying organic produce, and ensuring the accuracy of measuring devices found in grocery and retail stores. The agriculture commissioner also administers school lunch and other nutrition programs.

DEMOCRAT



CLAYTON TUCKER

- Break monopolies
- Affordability
- Water Security

REPUBLICAN



SID MILLER- INCUMBENT

- Property tax reform
- Global trade and tariffs
- Supply chains
- Pro-Life laws
- Warer security



NATE SHEETS

- Texas-first trade
- Clean food
- Labor security for border security
- Rural economic development
- Agro-terrorism

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

In Texas, the Railroad Commission regulates oil and gas production, including drilling permits and waste disposal through underground wells. It was originally established to regulate railroad tariffs, but railroads are now overseen by a division of the Texas Department of Transportation. Members of the three-person board are elected statewide.

DEMOCRAT



JON ROSENTHAL

- Member of Texas House of Representatives - District 135
- Utility Security and cost transparency
- Clean air and water
- Community Safety
- Job creation

REPUBLICAN



KATHERINE CULBERT

- Affordability - Energy efficiency
- Adaptability- modernization
- Accountability



HAWK DUNLAP

- Small government
- Public interest
- Transparency

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

REPUBLICAN



BO FRENCH

- Cut regulations
 - Protect Texas
 - Protect Life
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JAMES "JIM" MATLOCK

- Technical consultant for oil and gas producers
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JIM WRIGHT- INCUMBENT

- Protect Texas energy
 - Limit regulation
 - Plugging orphaned wells
 - Promote innovation
 - Defend landowners and surface rights
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TEXAS SUPREME COURT

The Texas Supreme Court is the state's highest civil court and has decided on a wide-range of high-profile cases. Four of the nine seats on the Supreme Court, including chief justice, are up for election in 2026. Justices are elected statewide, and Republicans currently hold all the seats. All four Republican incumbents up for election face no challengers. In the Democratic primary, two races have more than one candidate.

TEXAS SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE

DEMOCRAT

REPUBLICAN

CORY CARLYLE
MAGGIE ELLIS

JIMMY BLACKLOCK - INCUMBENT

TEXAS SUPREME COURT PLACE 2

DEMOCRAT

REPUBLICAN

CHARI KELLY

JAMES P. SULLIVAN - INCUMBENT

TEXAS SUPREME COURT PLACE 7

DEMOCRAT

REPUBLICAN

GORDON GOODMAN
KRISTEN HAWKINS

KYLE HAWKINS

TEXAS SUPREME COURT PLACE 8

DEMOCRAT

REPUBLICAN

GISELA D. TRIANA

BRETT BUSBY

TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals is the state's highest criminal court. In addition to hearing appeals from lower courts, the court hears all death penalty cases, as well as "habeas corpus" appeals from convicted felons who claim they were unlawfully punished or detained.

TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS PLACE 3

DEMOCRAT

REPUBLICAN

OKEY ANYIAM

BRENT COFFEE

LESLI FITZPATRICK

ALISON FOX

THOMAS SMITH

TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS PLACE 4

DEMOCRAT

REPUBLICAN

AUDRA RILEY

KEVIN YEARY- INCUMBENT

TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS PLACE 9

DEMOCRAT

REPUBLICAN

HOLLY TAYLOR

JENNIFER BALIDO

JOHN MESSINGER

U.S. HOUSE

Texas has 38 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, and all of them are up for election this year. To see which candidates will appear on your ballot, visit [Vote 411](#)

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

There are [15 districts](#) within the [State Board of Education](#), which sets curriculum standards and approves instructional materials for Texas public schools. The board also works closely with the Commissioner of Education and Texas Education Agency to develop policies and approve new [charter schools](#). Eight district seats are up for election this year, to see which candidate will appear on your ballot visit: [Vote 411](#)

TEXAS SENATE

In the 31-member [Texas Senate](#), only 16 seats are up for election in 2026. In addition to passing new laws and the state budget, the Texas Senate must confirm most appointments by the governor for [boards and commissions](#). To see which candidates will appear on your ballot, visit [Vote 411](#)

TEXAS HOUSE

There are 150 members of the [Texas House](#), the lower chamber of the Texas Legislature. The state Legislature meets every other year to pass a two-year state budget that funds public schools and state agencies and often includes other measures like lowering [property taxes](#). State lawmakers can also pass new laws that affect Texans across the state or address the needs of residents in their district. To see which candidates will appear on your ballot, visit [Vote 411](#)

VOTING RESOURCES

The RHCA supports legislation that directly strengthens the construction industry by promoting workforce development, construction safety, and economic growth.

By maintaining an informed and proactive advocacy stance, RHCA ensures that policies at both the state and local levels advance opportunities for small businesses, their employees, and the communities they serve.

Visit our website for more information: regionalhca.org.

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