



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HAYS COUNTY

## VOTERS GUIDE PRIMARY ELECTIONS - MARCH 6, 2018 -

This Voters Guide lists county candidates who appear on the ballot in the March 6, 2018 Primary Election and includes responses to a questionnaire sent to those candidates in the contested races. Candidates were given a limit on the length of their answers. The last sentence of a response may have ended abruptly for this reason. Responses are printed as submitted.

Races are listed in the order they will appear on the primary ballots. Candidates are labeled as "Uncontested in Primary" if there are not more

than one candidate in a race in one of the parties.

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ELECTIONS OFFICE AT  
512-393-7310**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** State-wide and regional candidates are covered in the LWV Texas Voters Guide, which can be found at [www.lwvtexas.org](http://www.lwvtexas.org) and is also distributed across Hays County in print.

Try [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org) to see a custom ballot, tailored to your specific address.

Vote 411 is the easiest to use of the many Voters Guide services offered by the LWV: [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org) offers a customized sample ballot for any location requested, with candidate responses to LWV questions included for all races that will appear on the ballot for that address. This allows voters to know exactly which races will be on their individual ballot, in that particular precinct of residence.

Voter Registration cards, which are mailed to each voter, are NOT forwarded if an address change occurs, so contact Hays County Elections Office directly to make address changes, 512-393-7310 or [www.hays.elections.co.hays.tx.us](http://www.hays.elections.co.hays.tx.us).

Early voting locations are listed near the end of this Hays County Voters Guide. Voting locations on Primary Election Day are listed on the last page. Voters should locate their precinct number listed on their voter registration card. For more information, or to determine in which precinct a residence is located, call the Hays County Elections Office, 512-393-7310.

Note that candidates are labeled in this Voters Guide as: Democrat (D) or Republican (R). The elected office and names of candidates are listed in ballot order. Candidates listed as uncontested are unopposed within their party in the Primary Election, March 6, 2018.

For complete lists of all candidates and races that will be on the Primary ballots, see [www.elections.co.hays.tx.us](http://www.elections.co.hays.tx.us). Click on March 6, 2018 Primary Election Information. Then choose a link which goes to the sample ballots of the two political parties, or other useful links.

## STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 25

**Donna Campbell (R)**  
**Shannon K. McClendon (R)**

**Steven Kling (D)**  
**Jack Guerra (D)**

*see vote411.com on this race*

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 45

*Description: The House of Representatives, together with the State Senate, constitute the Texas Legislature. The duties of the legislature include consideration of proposed laws and resolutions, consideration of proposed constitutional amendments for submission to the voters, and appropriation of all funds for the operation of state government. All bills for raising revenue considered by the legislature must originate in the House of Representatives.*

### **Amy Akers (R)**

Party: Rep  
Biographical Info:  
Questions:  
Q: 1) Should Texas legalize marijuana for medical use? Why or why not.  
A: - no response -  
Q: 2) What should the state's role be in immigration enforcement? Please explain.  
A: - no response -  
Q: 3) The state's contribution to education funding has decreased in recent years. How could the legislators approach replacing the four-billion dollar cut from public education funding?  
A: - no response -

### **Naomi Narvaiz (R)**

Party: Rep  
Biographical Info:  
Questions:  
Q: 1) Should Texas legalize marijuana for medical use? Why or why not.  
A: - no response -  
Q: 2) What should the state's role be in immigration enforcement? Please explain.  
A: - no response -  
Q: 3) The state's contribution to education funding has decreased in recent years. How could the legislators approach replacing the four-billion dollar cut from public education funding?  
A: - no response -

### **Amber Pearce (R)**

Party: Rep  
Biographical Info:  
Questions:  
Q: 1) Should Texas legalize marijuana for medical use? Why or why not.  
A: - no response -  
Q: 2) What should the state's role be in immigration enforcement? Please explain.  
A: - no response -  
Q: 3) The state's contribution to education funding has decreased in recent years. How could the legislators approach replacing the four-billion dollar cut from public education funding?  
A: - no response -

### **Ken Strange (R)**

Party: Rep  
Biographical Info:  
Questions:  
Q: 1) Should Texas legalize marijuana for medical use? Why or why not.  
A: - no response -  
Q: 2) What should the state's role be in immigration enforcement? Please explain.  
A: - no response -  
Q: 3) The state's contribution to education funding has decreased in recent years. How could the legislators approach replacing the four-billion dollar cut from public education funding?

A: - no response -

### **Austin Talley (R)**

Party: Rep  
Biographical Info:  
Questions:  
Q: 1) Should Texas legalize marijuana for medical use? Why or why not.  
A: - no response -  
Q: 2) What should the state's role be in immigration enforcement? Please explain.  
A: - no response -  
Q: 3) The state's contribution to education funding has decreased in recent years. How could the legislators approach replacing the four-billion dollar cut from public education funding? A: - no response -

### **Rebecca Bell-Metereau (D)**



Party: Dem  
Biographical Info:  
Education: BA, MA, PhD Indiana University  
Experience: Peace Corps; Fulbright, Interpret 4 Air Force; Recycle Comm, Bond Commission; TxState Special Asst to Pres; Planning/Zoning; HOA Pres; Dir Media Minor  
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Questions:  
Q: 1) Should Texas legalize marijuana for medical use? Why or why not.  
A: Texas should legalize marijuana for medical use because it has proven

benefits for a variety of symptoms, including glaucoma, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, side effects of cancer treatment, some types of epilepsy, to name just a few. Because of a variety of factors, including the lobbying influence of alcohol and some pharmaceutical industries, information about the beneficial medicinal properties of marijuana has been suppressed, and research into other uses discouraged. Let's follow the model of states that have successfully implemented its use and relieve many people's suffering.

Q: 2) What should the state's role be in immigration enforcement? Please explain.  
A: The state should follow laws regarding refugees, provide humane and legal assistance for those who turn themselves in to border police seeking asylum. This has been an international standard for decades, and it is enshrined in our tradition as a nation. The state should not take over duties of federal agencies, and it should institute laws that help ameliorate the condition of people seeking asylum from violence, rape, exploitation and trafficking, offer temporary family shelter and not separate children from their parents, provide just, humane treatment of fellow human beings seeking refuge.

Q: 3) The state's contribution to education funding has decreased in recent years. How could the legislators approach replacing the four-billion dollar cut from

public education funding?

A: We should immediately tap the rainy day fund to fill shortfalls; state should fund 50% of education, relieving property tax increases. Let's seek long-term solutions by reallocating our budget. We spend \$160,000 per year to house each prisoner in excessive jail sentences, including long-term solitary confinement, which is costly and constitutes cruel and unusual punishment, not rehabilitation. We should eliminate the costly high-stakes testing doled out in no-bid contracts &



increase funding for special education to the national average. Education is key to progress and must be a top priority.

**Les Carnes (D)**

Party: Dem  
 Biographical Info:  
 Education: BA, Economics--University of Texas, Secondary School Teacher Certification--University of Texas  
 Experience: Retired from TX Comptroller's Office after 27 yrs in Revenue Accounting, Criminal Investigations, and Local Government Assistance  
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Campaign Phone: (512) 228-6073

Questions:

Q: 1) Should Texas legalize marijuana for medical use? Why or why not.

A: Absolutely, provided the science supports it. For those who suffer from glaucoma, epilepsy, anxiety disorders, chronic pain and other medical conditions, marijuana is promising as an alternative to highly addictive opioids. In fact, Congress is now considering a bipartisan bill to streamline the approval process for research studies on marijuana's medical benefits. I wholeheartedly support this bill.

Q: 2) What should the state's role be in immigration enforcement? Please explain.

A: The responsibility for determining who is permitted to enter this country, and under what conditions, lies with the Federal government, and as such, should be funded and enforced by the Federal government. The state isn't funded, staffed, trained or equipped to enforce immigration policy.

Q: 3) The state's contribution to education funding has decreased in recent years. How could the legislators approach replacing the four-billion dollar cut from public education funding?

A: We need an educated workforce to keep our economy growing and to meet the needs of 21st century Texas. One way to help fund education is by closing corporate tax loopholes. Cabela's, for example, received substantial local and state tax subsidies for providing a specific number of jobs. It repeatedly fell short of projections, but paid only small penalties. Moreover, an astonishing 40% of Cabela's property is considered a museum, making it tax-exempt. In 2014, a state

audit revealed Cabela's never even filed a formal request for a state subsidy. This kind of corporate welfare must end.

**Erin Zwiener (D)**



Party: Dem  
 Biographical Info:  
 Education: Bachelor of Science in Natural Resource Conservation Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing, Emphasis Nonfiction  
 Experience: Conservation Partnership Builder for Nonprofits Writing Educator for K-12 Students Organizer of Indivisible Town Hall in Dripping Springs  
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Questions:  
 Q: 1) Should Texas legalize marijuana for medical use? Why or why not.

A: Yes, and furthermore, I support full legalization of marijuana. Medical marijuana provides therapeutic and palliative benefits to people who suffer from multiple ailments and is a far safer alternative to opiate pain medications. Marijuana in general is less dangerous than alcohol and could be safely regulated and taxed for state income. In addition, enforcement of marijuana-related crimes disproportionately impacts people of color and low income people. The people of Texas get no benefit from marijuana being illegal, and our law enforcement resources should not be wasted on it.

Q: 2) What should the state's role be in immigration enforcement? Please explain.

A: Immigration enforcement is a federal responsibility, not a state one. Our immigration system has needed reform for three decades. The existing system encourages people to come here for work and then punishes them for it. The State of Texas should have no role in propping up that broken system. I will fight for an immediate repeal of the discriminatory law Senate Bill 4 that encourages our law enforcement to racially profile Texans. I will also work to prevent undocumented immigrants from needlessly getting into legal trouble by giving them access to Texas drivers' licenses.

Q: 3) The state's contribution to education funding has decreased in recent years. How could the legislators approach replacing the four-billion dollar cut from public education funding?

A: Education must be restored as a priority in Texas. Free public education was included in the original constitution of our state, but the legislature has pushed more and more of the cost burden onto local school districts. In 2017, the state only funded 38% of the cost of public education. I will support an amendment to the state constitution to require the state to fund at least 50% of those costs every year. Recommitting to public on will come with a price tag, and we must have hard conversations about revenue. We must shore up the franchise tax and investigate new revenue streams.

## VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED AT POLLS

Take your voter registration card with you to vote. Identification is required to vote. Take a driver's license or other photo identification issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) such as a personal i.d. card, a concealed handgun license, or an election identification certificate. Photo i.d. cards issued by the U. S. government, such as a passport, military i.d. card, or a citizenship certificate or naturalization certificate with photograph, are also acceptable identification for voting.

For more information re exceptions, talk to the Hays County Elections office at 512-393-7310 or see [www.elections.co.hays.tx.us](http://www.elections.co.hays.tx.us).

## DISTRICT JUDGE, 428TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

*District courts are the trial courts of general jurisdiction of Texas. District courts have original jurisdiction in all felony criminal, civil and family law cases. The geographical area served by each court is established by the Legislature, but each county must be served by at least one district court.*

### Bill Henry (R)

Party: Rep  
Biographical Info:  
Education: Baylor University, BA Baylor Law School, JD  
Experience: 29 years legal experience 12 years as a district judge hearing complex cases Former Prosecutor Board Certified in Civil Trial and Family Law  
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Questions:  
Q: 1) Do you believe that all citizens have adequate access to legal assistance in the legal system? If not, what can be done to provide wider and better access?  
A: Many people do not have access to the system. We need to follow through with the Texas Supreme Court's initiative and help young lawyers partner with low and middle-income clients to handle smaller cases. That way people can get their day in court and inexperienced attorneys can get the courtroom experience they need.  
Q: 2) What do you perceive as the greatest obstacles to justice in the court system?

A: Cost and complexity. When I deal with individuals who are in court without an attorney, I focus additional time and resources to make sure they understand their rights and are treated equally.  
Q: 3) How would you ensure that cases are being heard in a timely manner?  
A: I try to make an early determination of cases that are filed without an attorney and make sure that they get the appropriate setting at the appropriate time.

### Benjamin Wetmore (R)

Party: Rep  
Biographical Info:  
Questions:  
Q: 1) Do you believe that all citizens have adequate access to legal assistance in the legal system? If not, what can be done to provide wider and better access?  
A: - no response -  
Q: 2) What do you perceive as the greatest obstacles to justice in the court system?  
A: - no response -  
Q: 3) How would you ensure that cases are being heard in a timely manner?  
A: - no response -

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY

### Wes Mau (R)

*uncontested in primary*

## HAYS COUNTY JUDGE

*The County judge, as presiding supervisor of the Commissioners Courts, helps govern county government, which includes: providing safety protection, water, public transportation, parks, hospitals; and is also involved with zoning, permit regulations, levying and collecting taxes for county and municipal organizations as established by Texas statutes.*

### Will Conley (R)

*uncontested in primary*

### Ruben Becerra (D)



Party: Dem  
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Questions:  
Q: 1) How will you balance the need to improve

transportation within the county with the need to preserve environmentally sensitive areas and protect water quality?  
A: Redirect our efforts to a regional commuter rail system. Install a rapid bus system along the IH35 corridor with connectivity to our smaller communities. This will require collaboration with state agencies, municipal and county jurisdictions. I will build solid relationships based on trust, integrity and the shared desire for a high functioning multi-model transportation network. Doing this will increase our quality of life, preserve our air and water quality by reducing CO2 emissions, and eliminate the need to build additional roads on the recharge zone which fill our rivers and creeks.  
Q: 2) What is your position on the type of voting machine the county should choose? What is your position on voting centers?  
A: Our county government has generated distrust with the handling of our 2016 election boxes. The remedy is a simple one. We need a voting machine that will record citizens' votes and provide an auditable paper trail. Secure voting centers are a must. Every machine should be able to receive all votes cast from all citizens in Hays County. In addition, there should also be an auditable paper trail.

### Abel Velasquez (D)



Party: Dem  
Biographical Info:  
Education: Graduate SMHS Attended National University  
Experience: 30 years Military Service 20 years leadership experience 10 year as Safety Specialist for Hays County Customer Service Experience Public

## Speaking

Campaign Phone: (512) 878-3754

## Questions:

Q: 1) How will you balance the need to improve transportation within the county with the need to preserve environmentally sensitive areas and protect water quality?

A: First of all we must analyze the needs of the county's transportation requirements and search for alternate transportation solutions. Identify possible routes that may cause the least amount of damage to the local environment and to the everyday life of citizens, and neighboring municipalities. In this manner I believe we are protecting natural areas that may have rare species of plant, insects, animals or aquatic life and promotes environmentally sensitive development. With

citizen participation, communities will have better understanding of how sensitive and fragile our eco systems is.

Q: 2) What is your position on the type of voting machine the county should choose? What is your position on voting centers?

A: The ES&S system that was introduced to the public back in June of 2017 should be the preferred voting machine. It provided a registration card, a separate touch pad for voting and the main data base system with paper trail. As one voter put it, "Our elections department needs to be run like a bank. It has to have receipts, it has to have audits, it has to have paper." As for voting centers, I believe they're the future but we must be fair as to where these centers are placed and how many, specifically East of IH-35 from San Marcos to Buda where polling locations are limited.

## JUDGE, COUNTY COURT AT LAW, PLACE 1

Robert Earl Uprove (R)

*uncontested in primary*

## JUDGE, COUNTY COURT AT LAW, PLACE 2

*A County Court-at-Law Judge can issue writs of injunction, mandamus, attachment, garnishment, sequestration, and habeas corpus in cases where the offense charged is within the jurisdiction of the court. The Judge also can punish for contempt, and has all other powers and duties of the County Judge.*



### David S. Glickler (R)

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Education: B.A. Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J. 1990. J.D. Southern Methodist University School of Law, Dallas, TX. 1993.

Experience: 2015-today, Judge, County Court-at-Law #2. 2001-2014. Asst. Atty General, Texas Attorney General. 1995-2000. Asst. County Attorney. Williamson Co.

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Campaign Phone: (512) 573-9067

Questions:

Q: 1) How would you prepare yourself

to handle cases involving unfamiliar areas of the law?

A: As a Judge for three years, and having had a diverse case load in my prior career, I have handled cases dealing with many areas of the law. When I have a case in an area I am unfamiliar with, I gather any educational resources available before my hearing. I always review all filings in the case prior to the time of the hearing. At the hearing, I encourage attorneys to present me all of their arguments, and any case law for review. I will read and discuss the issues with all sides at the hearing. Then I will review the material and my notes on the arguments back to review prior to ruling.

Q: 2) What is your general judicial philosophy?

A: Holding individuals who harm society accountable for their actions while providing a structure for individuals seeking to improve themselves to reverse the course of negative consequences that resulted from poor decisions. The role of a Judge is not to wield a "hammer" but to harmonize the power of the justice system with a respect for all parties to a case, employing an appropriate level of accountability and opportunity for individuals to regain a positive path for their futures. It is also important to consider that many courtroom participants are in an unfamiliar place, so be encouraging.

### Chris Johnson (R)

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Education: South Texas College of Law, J.D., 2001 (Mock Trial Competition - Best Speaker 2000); University of Dallas, B.A., 1996 (Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society)

Experience: Prosecution (trial & appeal) of all categories of criminal cases, including DWI, sexual assault & murder. Civil law experience - plaintiff & defense.

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Questions:

Q: 1) How would you prepare yourself to handle cases involving unfamiliar areas of the law?

A: I would begin by reading the pleadings to become familiar with the issues in the case. Hornbooks are a great starting point, but they are no substitute for the candid advice of others, especially of experienced judges. Westlaw and Lexis are helpful once the issues are made clear. However, a judge's greatest asset is that before most decisions are made, the judge has recourse to the attorneys arguing the case. I would listen to the arguments of counsel and where appropriate ask for the attorneys to brief the issues.

Q: 2) What is your general judicial philosophy?

A: Duty. Honor. Justice. It will be my first duty to apply the law as I understand it to be, not as I may wish it to be. I will keep in mind the limited nature of judicial power. It is for the court to apply the law and for the legislature to write it. The judge should rule promptly, firmly and courteously. The judge should be open, fair and even handed with all; favorites with none. Lastly, the judge must remember that it is the people's power with which the judge is entrusted for the good of all. Justice results when the judge honors the people's trust and does the judge's duty.



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## **DISTRICT CLERK**

**Beverly Cowan Crumley (R)**

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## **COUNTY CLERK**

**Liz Q. Gonzalez (R)**

*uncontested in primary*

**Elaine Hanson Cardenas (D)**

*uncontested in primary*

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## **COUNTY TREASURER**

**Britney Bolton Richey (R)**

*uncontested in primary*

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## **COUNTY SURVEYOR**

**Kelly R. Kilbert (R)**

*uncontested in primary*

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## **COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2**

**Mark Jones (R)**

*uncontested in primary*

**Richard Cronshey (D)**

*uncontested in primary*

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## **BALLOT BY MAIL INFORMATION**

For more information or to download an Application for Ballot by Mail, go to [www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/earlyvoting](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/earlyvoting) or you may call the Hays County Election Administration office at (512) 393-7310 for an application.

For specific information about special voting procedures available for members of the military and U.S. citizens overseas, go to: [www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/militaryoverseas](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/militaryoverseas).

Ballot applications and ballots voted by mail by those registered in Hays County may be sent to:  
Hays County Elections Administrator  
712 S. Stagecoach Trail, Suite 1045, San Marcos, TX 78666  
Attention: Early Voting Clerk

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3, UNEXPIRED TERM

County Commissioners serve on the Commissioners Court, the governing body of the county, with the County Judge. County Commissioners carry on county government, which includes: providing safety protection, water, public transportation, parks, hospitals; and is also involved with zoning, permit regulations, levying and collecting taxes for county and municipal organizations as established by Texas statutes.

### Jimmy Alan Hall (D)

uncontested in primary

### Colin McFerrin (R)



Party: Rep  
Biographical Info:  
Education: B.S., Molecular and Cell Biology, Texas A&M University; J.D., Texas Wesleyan School of Law, cum laude

Experience: Successful small business owner, business and family law attorney, Air Force veteran, blessed husband, and proud father of three amazing children.

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Questions:

Q: 1) In your opinion which roads are in greatest need of improvement in your precinct and how will you achieve the work of road improvement?

A: There is little doubt many roads in Hays County require updating and safety improvements due to our explosive growth. In the last ten years, Hays County has seen a 45.6% increase in population and now has over 204,000 residents traveling our roads. And with increased drivers comes increased safety

concerns. Even with the recent improvements along RR 12, our citizens continue losing their lives due to drivers recklessly using turn lanes as passing lanes. Accordingly, one of my priorities will be the addition of passing lanes along Ranch Road 12 from RM 32 to Wonder World to improve safety.

Q: 2) What is the priority issue for your precinct? How will you gain support in the commissioner's court for this issue?

A: There are two priority issues to address. First, Hays County has the eighth highest effective property tax rate in Texas according to EmpowerTexans.com. I will ensure we no longer tax our veterans and those on a fixed income out of their homes by implementing conservative, fiscally-sound policies. The second issue is the staggering debt incurred by the previous and current commissioners. Texas Comptroller data clearly states Hays County has the SECOND highest debt-per-capita in Texas. I will cut the irresponsible, rampant spending to prevent our children from facing such unsustainable debt.



Lon A. Shell (R)

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Education: Graduate of San Marcos High School, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Texas A&M University, College Station

Experience: Current Hays County Commissioner, 7 years as Hays County Chief of Staff, President of San Marcos Hays County EMS, small business owner

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Questions:

Q: 1) In your opinion which roads are in greatest need of improvement in your precinct and how will you achieve the work of road improvement?

A: Safety improvements on FM 3237, RM 12 in and near Wimberley, and in school zones. Continuation of Improvements to roads within Woodcreek North. Improvements to Posey Rd, Centerpoint Rd and McCarty Ln between IH 35 and Hunter Rd. Drainage and safety improvements on Lime Kiln Rd and Hilliard Rd. This work can be achieved by continuing to leverage County funds and our strong financial management practices to access transportation funding from other resources which will reduce the burden on the county taxpayer. These improvements are necessary to ensure our families are able to travel safely.

Q: 2) What is the priority issue for your precinct? How will you gain support in the commissioner's court for this issue?

A: We must protect our quality of life in a fiscally responsible way. Hays County is growing, which requires sound planning and investments to improve emergency services and road safety and protect our water supply, while maintaining balanced budgets and lower tax rates. My background as a successful businessman will help me to accomplish this by reducing bureaucratic waste, finding cost effective solutions to problems, planning for future needs, and leading with integrity.

# SEE PAGE 11 FOR EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

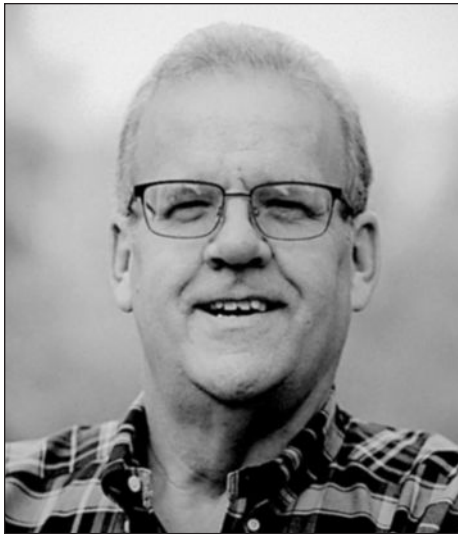
## COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4

*County Commissioners serve on the Commissioners Court, the governing body of the county, with the County Judge. County Commissioners carry on county government, which includes: providing safety protection, water, public transportation, parks, hospitals; and is also involved with zoning, permit regulations, levying and collecting taxes for county and municipal organizations as established by Texas statutes.*

### Omar Baca (D)

*uncontested in primary*

### Jimmy Skipton (R)



Party: Rep  
Biographical Info:  
Education: Attended Sam Houston State University  
Experience: \*Vice-President and former President of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District  
\*Director, Dripping Springs Water Supply Corporation  
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Campaign Phone: (512) 658-5046

Questions:

Q: 1) In your opinion which roads are in greatest need of improvement in your precinct and how will you achieve the work of road improvement?

A: Within Precinct 4, the Highway 290 corridor, Ranch Road 12, and FM

1826 are critical transportation arteries that continue to require improvements to improve safety, reduce congestion, and meet the increased demands of Hays County's rapidly increasing population. I will promote comprehensive road planning and will work with TxDOT to bring increased transportation resources to Precinct 4 including the use of the TxDOT Pass-Through Funding Program to reduce the burden on Hays County taxpayers.

Q: 2) What is the priority issue for your precinct? How will you gain support in the commissioner's court for this issue?

A: Water is a top priority issue for Precinct 4. As one of the fastest growing areas of our county, Precinct 4 needs a representative who has experience protecting current water resources and planning for future water needs. As President of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District and a representative for Texas Groundwater Management Area 9, I worked to build consensus on water issues. As your next Commissioner, I will work with the other Commissioners to increase water conservation, encourage water reuse, and bring new water resources to the region.

### Walt Smith (R)



Party: Rep  
Biographical Info:  
Education: B.S. Agriculture Education, Texas A&M University, 1997 M.Ag Agricultural Development with an Emphasis in Policy Certified Teacher  
Experience: 20 years of public policy experience as a Teacher, Congressional Staffer, Presidential Appointee, Non-profit Executive, Rancher & Small Business Owner

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Campaign Phone: (512) 250-5446

Questions:

Q: 1) In your opinion which roads are in greatest need of improvement in your precinct and how will you achieve the work of road improvement?

A: The center of Dripping Springs as well as the future development from the Belterra/Sawyer Ranch area through Driftwood are creating the greatest needs. Public safety is the most important aspect of planning and prioritizing road construction. Given continually increasing population in Precinct 4, its no surprise our current road system is being stretched to its limits. Our current Commissioners have done a good job of forward planning for this expansion, but the fact is, new construction and shifting population makes continual review and reprioritization of these projects a necessity.

Q: 2) What is the priority issue for your precinct? How will you gain support in the commissioner's court for this issue?

A: The every growing population and the need for water stand out. Our portion of the county is growing faster than any other and the needs related to water resources and basic infrastructure are constant. In the past the county has focused on its East side, but we are experiencing greater needs in the western portion in every aspect from public safety to water resources. I think there is a realization with the Court that this is the case. Using hard numbers and facts, not rhetoric and conjecture, will be key in educating fellow Commissioners on the importance of these issues to Precinct 4.

# ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES

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## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1, PLACE 2

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### Lisa Hernandez DeLeon (D)



Party: Dem  
Biographical Info:  
Education: Graduate from SMHS 1998, Graduate from TX State: BA in Criminal Justice, Magna Cum Laude, August 2017, TX State Graduate Student in Legal Studies  
Experience: Over 8 years working with the courts in Hays County. Past 6 years experience working for Justice of the Peace 1-1, JoAnne Prado.  
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Questions:

Q: 1) How would you ensure equitable sentencing in cases that come before you?

A: I would ensure equitable sentencing because I will consider each case individually. Everyone that comes before my court will be treated with dignity and respect. Factors to consider would be the offense, criminal history, if the court finds the defendant indigent, and if the defendant is a minor. Class c misdemeanors are the only criminal cases filed in the Justice of the Peace Court. These are punishable by fine only, no jail time. In lieu of the fine, the JP can order community service, and a deferral is an option as well.

Q: 2) What do you see as the priority issue for the office of Justice of the Peace in your precinct and how would you address it?

A: Making sure the office of the Justice of the Peace is running smoothly, efficiently, and effectively. I would address this by being available full time. My presence will be known in the office. I would make sure cases are being filed, heard, and disposed of in a timely manner. The experience I have now will allow me to verify that cases are not backlogged. Since JP 1-1 and JP 1-2 share office space I will be able to communicate and collaborate with JP 1-1 so that we can work together as a whole to better serve our precinct.

### Maggie Hernandez Moreno (D)



Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

Education: -100+ hours of Judiciary education from the TJCTC -Certificate in DWI Interlock Ignition Devices -Senior status at UTSA majoring in Criminal Justice

Experience: -Presided over civil, truancy and criminal cases -Magistrated 1000+ individuals -Conducted 75+ inquests -Reopened court after 15 months of inactivity

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Questions:

Q: 1) How would you ensure equitable sentencing in cases that come before you?

A: A justice of the peace presides over cases that are punishable by fine only. In civil cases when I award a judgment, I award a monetary amount that is fair and relevant to the case brought before me. When presiding over truancy cases my goal is to place conditions that ensure the child attends school and ultimately graduates from high school. When presiding over criminal cases if a defendant is found guilty, I impose a judgement of court costs and fines that are fair. When serving as a magistrate I set bonds based on the safety of the community and the likely hood a person will appear in court

Q: 2) What do you see as the priority issue for the office of Justice of the Peace in your precinct and how would you address it?

A: The DWI Bond Schematic Program is part of a statewide plan to reduce the incidence of DWI offenses by assisting Texas counties in improving procedures for setting, monitoring and enforcing bond conditions in DWI cases. The program has shown to be effective in reducing the number of DWI drivers on roads and highways, thereby improving public safety throughout the state. I would like to work with my fellow Justices of the Peace to implement this program in Hays County. Implementing this program in Hays County can reduce the number of people negatively impacted by alcohol related accidents.

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 2

### James Kohler (R)

*uncontested in primary*

### Beth Smith (D)

*uncontested in primary*

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 3

### Andrew W. Cable, (R)

*uncontested in primary*

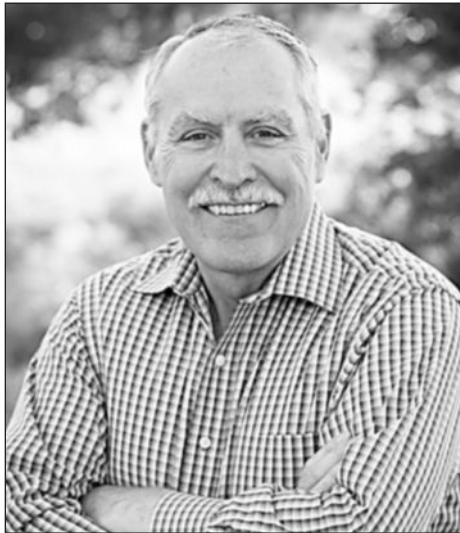
## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 4

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### Robert Avera (R)

Party: Rep  
Biographical Info:  
Questions:  
Q: 1) How would you ensure equitable sentencing in cases that come before you?  
A: - no response -  
Q: 2) What do you see as the priority issue for the office of Justice of the Peace in your precinct and how would you address it?  
A: - no response -

### John Burns (R)



Party: Rep  
Biographical Info:  
Education: JD, U.C. Davis School of Law, with honors; PhD, Baylor College of Medicine; Bachelor's and Masters degrees in Microbiology  
Experience: Practicing attorney for over 20 years. Veteran- retired Navy (5 years active, 17 reserve); Naval Intelligence Officer; Top Secret security clearance  
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### Questions:

Q: 1) How would you ensure equitable sentencing in cases that come before you?

A: Everyone is entitled to equal treatment under the law. As Justice of the Peace, I will make sure that each person is treated fairly in Justice Court. Before reaching a decision, I will carefully consider the facts and circumstances of each case in light of the applicable law. While each case must be determined on its individual merits, it is important that people in similar situations receive similar outcomes. In my opinion, it is the obligation of every judge to make sure that "equal justice for all" is a reality, not just an expression. As JP, I will make sure this is the everyday reality

Q: 2) What do you see as the priority issue for the office of Justice of the Peace in your precinct and how would you address it?

A: I think two of the biggest problems are the unwillingness to listen to other's points of view and a general lack of responsibility and accountability. As an attorney and an intelligence officer in the Navy, I've learned to be a good listener. While situations sometimes occur beyond our control, how we respond is up to us. We always need to act responsibly and be accountable. As your JP, I will serve as a positive role model and will try to help those who need positive guidance. As a Mentor in Hays Co. Veterans Treatment Court, I have gained valuable experience helping vets who need guidance.

### Jason Carter (R)

Party: Rep  
Biographical Info:  
Questions:  
Q: 1) How would you ensure equitable sentencing in cases that come before you?  
A: - no response -  
Q: 2) What do you see as the priority issue for the office of Justice of the Peace in your precinct and how would you address it?  
A: - no response -

### William "Bill" D. Davis (R)

Party: Rep  
Biographical Info:  
Education: UT Austin School of Law - Juris Doctor; UT Austin - Master of Science in Engineering; UT Austin - B.S. Electrical Engineering  
Experience: Dad, husband, brother, inventor, professional engineer, consultant, Texas attorney licensed in 3 states, multiple federal courts, and patent attorney  
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### Questions:

Q: 1) How would you ensure equitable sentencing in cases that come before you?

A: The vast bulk of JP work is civil in nature. JPs hear misdemeanor criminal cases. Misdemeanor case sanctions may include fines, jail, or some combination of the two. Sentences should consider a number of factors and reflect the severity of the crime as well as the particulars of the defendant. When governments adopt for-profit scams deeming citizens guilty without a hearing/trial like Hays County did it is the duty of the JPs to follow the higher law. I had to sue Hays County to end one of these scams. As a JP I would ensure procedural and substantive constitutional due process.

Q: 2) What do you see as the priority issue for the office of Justice of the Peace in your precinct and how would you address it?

A: 1. We have an unelected "general counsel" working primarily for the benefit of one [former] county commissioner to "advise" or dictate to other elected officials. This impermissibly interferes with the duties and performance of independent officials of Hays County. I filed suit to bring a halt to one example of it. As an elected JP I would maintain the office independent of these "advisers". 2. The county interferes with access to JP court records. Texas constitutionally mandates open courts. I follow the Texas constitution rather than county "advisers" who prefer closed courts.

## Justice of the Peace, Precinct 5

### Karen Marshall (R)

*uncontested in primary*

### Scott J. Carey (D)

*uncontested in primary*

# VOTERS GUIDE PRIMARY ELECTIONS

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

# **ELECTION EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC LOCATIONS**

## **Government Center Conference Room, 712 S. Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos**

Feb. 20 thru Feb. 24	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Feb. 25 (Sunday)	1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Feb. 26 thru Feb. 28	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
March 1 and 2	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## **Hays County Precinct 2 Office, 5458 FM 2770 @ Crystal Meadow Drive, Kyle**

Feb 20 thru Feb 24	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Feb 26 thru 28	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
March 1 and 2	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## **Wimberley Community Center, 14068 Ranch Rd. 12, Wimberley**

Feb 20 thru Feb 24	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Feb. 26 thru Feb.28	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
March 1 and 2	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## **Hays County Pct. 4 Office, 195 Roger Hanks Parkway, Dripping Springs**

Feb. 20 thru Feb 24	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Feb. 26 thru 28	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
March 1 and 2	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## **Texas State University, LBJ Student Center, 700 Student Center Drive, San Marcos**

Feb. 20, 21 & 22	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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## **Buda City Hall, 121 N. Main St., Buda**

Feb. 27 and 28	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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## **Eikon Church, 400 Old Post Road, Kyle**

Feb. 20, 21 and 22	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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## **Live Oak/Health Dept., 401 Broadway St., San Marcos**

Feb. 20 and 21	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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# ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES

## IN HAYS COUNTY, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Republican and Democratic primaries, March 6 2018

Check voter registration card for the precinct number. Look up the location below.

Or call Hays County Elections Office (512-393-7310) to look up the address and precinct number. Take photo identification along to the polling place.

<b>PCT.</b>	<b>POLLING PLACE.</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>CITY</b>
110/113	Live Oak Health/Health Dept	401-A Broadway	San Marcos
111/112	Dunbar Center	801 MLK Dr.	San Marcos
120	San Marcos Housing	820 Sturgeon St.	San Marcos
125	Chapa Middle School 3311	Dacy Ln.	Kyle
127	Tobias Elementary School	1005 E FM 150	Kyle
129	City of Kyle Fire Station #2	150 Bunton Rd.	Kyle
221	ACC Campus, Kohler Crossing	Kohlers Crossing	Kyle
223	Kyle City Hall	100 W Center St.	Kyle
224	Buda City Hall	121 N Main Street	Buda
225	Hays County Pct 2 Office	Jack C Hays Trl.	Kyle
226	Hays Hills Baptist Church	1401 N FM 1626	Buda
228	McCormick Middle School	5700 Dacy Ln	Buda
230/236/238	Southern Hills Church of Christ	3740 Ranch Rd 967	Buda
232	Dahlstrom Middle School	3600 FM 967	Buda
229/234	Goforth Water Supply	8900 Niederwald Strasse	Niederwald
301/315	First Bapt. Church – San Marcos	325 W McCarty Ln.	San Marcos
316/317	Hernandez Elementary School	333 Stagecoach Trl.	San Marcos
318/330/334	Crockett Elementary School	1300 Girard St	San Marcos
332	Travis Elementary School	1437 Post Rd	San Marcos
333/335/339	Wimberley Community Center	14068 Ranch Rd 12	Wimberley
336	Brookdale Senior Living (Formerly Horizon Bay at San Marcos)	1720 Old Ranch Rd 12	San Marcos
337	VFW Post 6441 Hall	401 Jacobs Well (Veterans Park off RR 12)	Wimberley
413/414/415	Allenwood Homes Auditorium	1201 Thorpe Ln.	San Marcos
416/417/418	Blanco Vista School	2951 Blanco Vista Blvd	San Marcos
419/420/421	Wallace Middle School	1500 W Center St	Kyle
440/441	Dripping Springs Church of Christ	470 Old Hwy 290 West	Dripping Springs
442/443	Belterra Centre/WCID	151 Trinity Hills	Austin
444	Sunset Canyon Baptist Church	4000 E Hwy. 290	Dripping Springs
447	Promiseland Church	1650 Lime Kiln Rd.	San Marcos
449	DSISD Administration Office	510 W Mercer St.	Dripping Springs