

The Democratic Difference

The Texas Democratic slate of candidates for state and federal offices has the depth of experience, integrity, and commitment to public service to make life better for working families, not billionaires.

Vote Democratic all the way down the ballot!

U.S. Senator		James Talarico - increase minimum wage & expand overtime pay; cancel medical debt; repeal tax breaks for top 1% in One Big Beautiful Bill; universal childcare/paid family leave; cut nat'l debt by closing billionaire tax loopholes, cracking down on tax cheats, ending forever wars; invest in renewable energy while working with oil & gas industry		Ken Paxton - felony indictment on securities fraud; impeached by TX House Republicans; allegations of illegal voting; whistle-blower retaliations; alleged extra-marital affairs; owns 11-15 properties & homes on gov't salary
Governor		Gina Hinojosa - will invest in TX public schools; let TX decide on data centers, small business, healthcare; focus on affordability crisis; use rainy day fund to send \$1500 to every TX family		Greg Abbott - took \$1B from TX schools for private school vouchers; took millions from data center contractors & winners of no-bid contracts; 170+ school closures
Lt. Governor		Vicki Goodwin - Texas-Cares Plan insurance program for the uninsured; funding for public schools; expand Pre-K & reproductive rights, increase minimum wage		Dan Patrick - voucher scam; targets THC; will reduce school ratings for failure to ban books; for 10 Commandments in schools
Attorney General		Nathan Johnson - State Senator, 20+ year attorney; protects consumers; passed bill to help 350K Texans get health insurance; root out corruption; create safer communities; will lead fight against MAGA		Mayes Middleton - inherited oil & gas fortune; supported bills to ban THC; for school vouchers; supports Trump's agenda; for book bans
Commissioner of Agriculture		Clayton Tucker - rancher & fair trade advocate; make food & farming affordable; protection from data centers; Secretary of Texas Farmers Union		Nate Sheets - backed by Big Ag instead of local farmers & ranchers; campaign donations from data centers/big tech
Comptroller of Public Accounts		Sarah Eckhardt - champion for fair & minimally intrusive govt; protect public schools; will audit voucher scheme for fraud; will stop no-bid government contracts to wealthy donors		Don Huffines - plans to DOGE Texas; bought Epstein's New Mexico Zorro Ranch; employed & defended White Supremacists; expand vouchers
Land Commissioner		Benjamin Flores - will fund public schools, help veterans, protect coastline & strengthen communities; for sensible approach to data centers		Dawn Buckingham - pledged to donate state land for ICE detention centers; prioritizes oil & gas over environmental protections
Railroad Commission		Jon Rosenthal - mechanical engineer; 25+ years in oil & gas industry; guardrail data centers; fair & affordable gas & utility rates; provide TX electric grid leadership and good jobs		Bo French - wealthy investor; large-scale deportations; zero background in oil & gas; shunned by his own party for racist & antisemitic tweets; MAGA
U.S. Congress District 27		Tanya Lloyd - public school teacher; protect schools; expand rural healthcare; reproductive rights; protect farmers; improve broadband, water & energy systems		Michael Cloud - supports myth of 2020 stolen presidential election; ending birthright citizenship; member of hard-right Freedom Caucus
TX House District 30		Crystal Sedillo - increase minimum wage; fair immigration reform; protect civil rights; improve healthcare; fight for strong schools		AJ Louderback - voted for voucher scam after saying he was opposed while first running for office; MAGA; opposes any gun safety laws
State Board of Education, District 2		Thomas Ray Garcia - fully fund schools & stop vouchers; improve pay/resources/working conditions for educators; strengthen college, career & tech ed; give communities a voice		Victoria Hinojosa - no teaching or relevant education experience; supports dismantling the Dept of Ed and changes to curriculum that dilute accurate historical education

Chief Justice
Texas Supreme
Court



Maggie Ellis - Justice on the 3rd Court of Appeals; strong advocate for compassion & justice; child welfare advocate; equal access to justice for all



Jimmy Blacklock - appointed by Greg Abbott; ruled that THC could be banned in TX, wiping out 14,000 small businesses

TX Supreme
Court, Pl. 2



Justice Chari Kelly - served as JAG in U.S. Army and was a paratrooper; successfully sued Big Pharma for Medicaid fraud, recovering millions for taxpayers; focused on fair and independent courts



James Sullivan - incumbent appointed by Abbott; formally rebuked by US 5th Circuit Court of Appeals; former Abbott & Paxton attorney

TX Supreme
Court, Pl. 7



Judge Kristen Hawkins - extensive Trial Court experience; committed to Constitutional rights & expanding Court's diversity; named Judge of the Year by TX Chapter of American Board of Trial Advocates



Kyle Hawkins - incumbent appointed by Abbott; lacks experience as trial court judge; defended strict abortion laws & led efforts to dismantle ACA

TX Supreme
Court, Pl. 8



Judge Gisela Triana - experience at every level of TX Trial Courts; advocates for working & middle-class families; works for bipartisan balance in courts; expand genuine access to justice for regular folks



Brett Busby - incumbent appointed by Abbott; graduate of Columbia Law School and Duke University; also licensed in New York State

Court of
Criminal
Appeals, Pl. 3



Okey Anyiam - 25+ years legal experience; uphold the law without legislating from the bench; improve court efficiency so folks aren't waiting years for an opinion; support civil rights



Thomas Smith - is an Asst Attorney General for Ken Paxton; expresses skepticism toward Constitutional right to legal representation

Court of
Criminal
Appeals, Pl. 4



Judge Audra Riley - diverse experience: Judge in Criminal District Court, criminal defense attorney, felony prosecutor; paid for college working as a prison guard so understands realities of corrections system; balance compassion with the law



Kevin Patrick Yeary - incumbent endorsed by Abbott; strict conservative jurist, controversial dissents, & a past federal lawsuit involving a former employee

Court of
Criminal
Appeals, Pl. 9



Holly Taylor - ensure fair & impartial justice; treat everyone with dignity; address wrongful convictions; uphold the Constitution; thorough review of cases; public safety; more open & accessible courts



John Messinger - backed by several staunchly right-wing activist groups; one-sided career background almost exclusively on the prosecutorial side

Chief Justice
15th Court of
Appeals



Jerry Zimmerer - former Justice on 14th Court of Appeals; experienced in legal management & arbitration; focused on transparency, rule of law, & judicial independence



Scott Brister - incumbent appointed by Abbott; during prior tenure on TX Supreme Court, was one of most consistently conservative jurists

15th Court of
Appeals, Pl. 2



Judge Tom J Baker - U.S. Navy veteran; former Justice 3rd Court of Appeals; believes party affiliation & political philosophy should never decide a ruling



Scott Field - incumbent appointed by Abbott; while a Houston judge, he hung the 10 Commandments in his courtroom & refused to remove them

15th Court of
Appeals, Pl. 3



Marc Meyer - 20 years as captain and paramedic with Houston Fire Dept; became a Registered Nurse & worked with hospice patients; earned law degree & is board certified in Administrative Law



April Farris - incumbent appointed by Abbott; endorsed by TX Alliance for Life PAC; graduate of Harvard Law

13th Court of
Appeals, Pl. 6



John Ball - double-board certified in Criminal Law & Family Law; prosecutorial & family law experience; former member McAllen ISD school board; lifelong South TX citizen from law-enforcement family



Clarissa Silva - incumbent, elected in 2020; graduate of Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Deadline to register to vote: Oct. 5
Early voting: Oct 19th-30th
Election Day: Nov. 3rd, 7 AM-7 PM

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