



VOTERS GUIDE

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November 4, 2014 Joint Election

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Early Voting Schedule at 19 Sub-Stations: Oct. 20-Oct. 31, 2014

Early Voting Sub-Stations & Hours of Operation

Tuesday-Friday, Oct. 20-24	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 25:	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 26:	12 Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday, Oct. 27-31:	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



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COURTHOUSE
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901 Leopard Street
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**GREENWOOD SENIOR
CENTER**
4040 Greenwood Drive
Corpus Christi, TX

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408 N. Alister St.
Port Aransas, TX

**BISHOP COMMUNITY
CENTER**
102 W. Joyce Street
Bishop, TX

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CENTER (Rm. E-1)**
11425 Leopard Street
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**SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
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(Rm 128)**
4737 Saratoga Blvd.
Corpus Christi, TX

**CORPUS CHRISTI AREA
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5151 McArdle Road
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U.S. Representative, Congressional District 27

Candidate responses to LWV-CC questions are reprinted verbatim and are not edited. Responses are cut // at the 75-word limit.

Describe the training, education, and experience that qualify you for this office.

What is your suggested federal solution to securing the US border?

What is your position on the minimum wage increase and how did you arrive at that position?

Do you think that the increasing violence in communities across the US calls for a federal response? And if so, what would it be?



Blake Farenthold (R)

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As a lifelong resident of Corpus Christi, and serving two terms as your congressman, I know there is a lot to be fixed in Washington. Before being elected, I attended the University of Texas Austin and St. Mary's School of Law, then worked as an attorney, radio talk show host, and as the founder of a computer consulting firm. I am proud of my business background and common-sense conservative approach to governance.

It is the Federal government's responsibility to secure the border and keep the promise made in the 80's when we last did Immigration reform. We must devote the resources and technology necessary for the border patrol to do their job as well as turn off the incentives drawing undocumented workers to America by implementing E-verify, requiring employers to verify employee's eligibility to work in the U.S. & holding accountable those who break the law.

The minimum wage was designed to be an entry level wage not a permanent wage. In a healthy economy workers are promoted, given raises and find better jobs once they prove their skills. Unfortunately, in the Obama economy, economic growth is stagnant due to oppressive regulations, Obamacare costs and uncertainty about taxes. Raising the minimum wage does not fix the problem. It will increase unemployment and result in higher prices for almost everything.

Historically, and consistent with the Constitution, state and local governments have handled most crimes. The Federal government can and should provide a support role with intelligence sharing, training and equipment. We must also remember that education, improved family life and a thriving economy will also help reduce crime. An all-powerful federal government puts our rights in jeopardy.



Wesley Reed (D)

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I am a 25 year Marine Corp veteran raised to believe in the value of hard work, and relentless pursuit of the American Dream. Since earning my Wings during flight training in Corpus Christi and Kingsville, I have completed four deployments, including Operation Noble Eagle and serving as Liaison Officer to Marine Forces Central Command in Tampa Florida. I am a current pilot for FedEx, and serve in the Air Line Pilots Association.

Establishing US security and economic interests are priority to discussion about international relations in the United States. If elected to Congress, I will promote and enforce comprehensive immigration solutions, including SB 744 to resolve border and enforcement issues, while pursuing legal immigration reform. I will act to ensure that the Federal government has the necessary authority, technology, and funding to secure our border from foreign aggressors, while providing a legal and accessible path to citizenship.

I support a federal minimum wage increase for all employees in the United States. The minimum wage in the US has been increased periodically over the past century in order to stay constant with the rising cost of living. Increasing the minimum wage will strengthen incentives to work, stimulate consumption, and decrease the costs of government social welfare programs relied upon by our lowest-paid workers.

It is necessary that our local, state, and federal enforcement agencies be prepared and equipped to combat violence with proportional and responsible tactics. I will fight to ensure that these enforcement entities have the necessary resources to protect against any perceived threat, as long as due process and the civil rights of our community members take precedent to any police action or response.

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Roxanne Simonson
Libertarian Party

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I love my country! What qualifies any of the current House Representatives? I am an average hard working American. I feel our current politicians have lost touch with the people and cannot balance a budget and lack common sense. I was not groomed in politics, but I follow them closely, thus I feel those are my strongest qualifications. I do know how to balance a budget, I am a single mother with two jobs, there for I must live with-in my means as should our government.

I agree with the National Guard being brought to our border, but they should have border patrol agents imbedded with-in them, which would give them the authority to detain and arrest. Military training exercises along our Mexican border would also be a good deterrent at minimal cost. The military must train, and the terrain they are going to in the middle east is comparable to AZ, NM, TX.

Minimum wage should increase in comparison to inflation, just as social security receives cost of living increases. **How did I arrive to this position?** Common sense.

No, it is a local issue that should be overseen by the cities, counties and states in compliance with the 10th Amendment. Federal government should only be used for purposes set forth in our constitution.

Unopposed Local Candidates on the Nov. 4 Ballot

The following candidates are included on the Nov. 4 Joint Election ballot but are not featured in this Voters Guide because they are UNOPPOSED:

Member, State Board of Education, District 2: Ruben Cortez, Jr. (D)

State Representative, District 32: Todd Hunter (R)

State Representative, District 34: Abel Herrero (D)

District Judge, 94th Judicial District: Bobby Galvan (D)

District Judge, 117th Judicial District: Sandra Watts (D)

Judge, County Court at Law No. 1: Robert J. Vargas (D)

Judge, County Court at Law No. 2: Lisa Gonzales (D)

Judge, County Court at Law No. 3: Deeanne Galvan (D)

County Commissioner, Precinct 2: Joe A. "JAG" Gonzalez (D)

County Commissioner, Precinct 4: Brent Chesney (R)

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1/Place 2: Henry A. Santana (D)

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1/Place 3: Robert "Bobby" Balderas (D)

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4: Duncan Neblett, Jr. (R)

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 5/Place 2: Hermilo (Milo) Pena Jr., (D)

City Council Member, District 5: Rudy Garza, Jr.

Corpus Christi ISD Trustee, District 1: John Longoria

Corpus Christi ISD Trustee, District 4: Catherine Susser

Judge, 105th District Court

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Describe the training, education, and experience that qualify you for this office.

What, in your opinion, is the fairest method for selecting judges?

How would you avoid the appearance of impropriety when taking campaign contributions from attorneys or groups who may appear before your court?

What are the specific goals and challenges for this court?



**Rose Meza Harrison
(D)**

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Graduated with honors, Del Mar College, A.A.S. Legal Assistant Program, Graduated with honors TAMUCC, Political Science, Graduated Cum Laude, Texas Southern University Law School, J.D.; Owner family/criminal law firm; Licensed to practice in State and Federal Courts; 20 plus years in legal field; Dealt with matters in all three major areas of law: criminal, family and civil; Former Assistant County Attorney; Practiced in Municipal, J.P., County, State and Federal Courts. Broad experience offers wide perspective.

Elections. People elected by the people tend to be more transparent and work harder for their constituents. The democratic process allows the community to elect their leaders and remove them if they are not serving the community well.

There should never be even the appearance or perception that a group or attorneys have an advantage or disadvantage because of contributions made or not made to a presiding judge while they have a pending case in the courtroom. I would not take contributions from attorneys or groups who have active cases pending in this court or make any promises that a campaign contribution will produce a favorable outcome in my courtroom.

I will work to increase efficiency in the courtroom, help to ensure the jail is not overcrowded in both Nueces and Kleberg, and move cases along in a timely and professional manner. The 105th District Court is comprised of three counties: Nueces, Kleberg and Kenedy. The lengthy travel time will be a challenge, but manageable with an organized calendar.



Jack Pulcher (R)

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I have been a licensed attorney for the past 16 years. For 15 of those years, I have had the extreme pleasure of working for the citizens of Nueces County as an Assistant District Attorney. During this time I served as the intake prosecutor working closely with our esteemed police force and was also charged with presenting cases to the Grand Jury. I currently cover the caseload in Judge Hasette's Courtroom and this year alone, have tried six jury trials.

Although I believe in our current democratic method of choosing by vote, I do believe that the judges should not be chosen by party but by their merit and experience. The duty of being a judge should not be swayed by their political party but by their ability to do the important task at hand.

One thing about myself is that I treat everyone I meet with fairness and respect no matter their position in life. I believe that if you treat people with consistency, they know what to expect and where you stand. Attorneys and groups know that the decisions I make in the courtroom are in no way made personally but are business. This is the way that I have always done business and how I will continue. Transparency is the only guarantee of keeping impropriety out of the picture.

My top goals for this court would be to 1) reduce the tremendous backlog of cases in Nueces and Kleberg Counties; 2) curtail irresponsible spending and make use of every dollar spent; 3) start a veteran's court in Kleberg County like I help implement in Nueces County. I believe it will be a challenge to restore the good reputation and workings of the 105th District Court in Nueces, Kleberg and Kennedy counties but that is a challenge I am definitely up for.

Judge, 148th District Court

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What, in your opinion, is the fairest method for selecting judges?

How would you avoid the appearance of impropriety when taking campaign contributions from attorneys or groups who may appear before your court?

What are the specific goals and challenges for this court?



Guy Williams (R)

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4 years in this Court with 22 years as a criminal trial attorney. 95% of jury trials in this Court are Felony Criminal trials. The Judge must know criminal procedure, criminal evidence and trial law. My opponent has not tried any cases and knows nothing about criminal law and is not qualified for this Court. I have closed more criminal cases than any District Court and have not been overturned on any criminal case.

Judges should be elected, not appointed. Voters should have the right to select their judges, not politicians. Attorneys like my opponent, not qualified to handle this court's criminal trial docket, could be appointed as Judge with their political connections. The same personal injury trial lawyers supporting my opponent will spend their money to influence the selection of judges that rule in their favor on issues before the court.

I pledge to comply with the Campaign Finance Fairness Act and to avoid the appearance of conflicts with attorneys and parties. Unlike my opponent, I will not accept any contributions from personal injury trial lawyers who brag about buying judges' benches and paying to have judges in their pockets for favorable rulings in court.

This Court has one of the heaviest Felony criminal trial dockets and requires a Judge with extensive criminal trial experience. The challenge and the goal in this Court is to keep the experienced judge who can manage the heavy trial docket. My opponent's lack of trial experience will result in added cost to Nueces County for appeals of incorrect rulings. I have saved the County over \$300,000 and my goal is to continue saving.



Augustin "Augie" Rivera, Jr. (D)

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Graduate of Bishop HS, Yale University BA, Stanford Law School, JD. 26+ years extensive experience as an active courtroom trial/appellate lawyer representing diverse clients, plaintiffs and defendants, in a broad range of subject areas, in state and federal courts. Appointed by Texas Supreme Court to Texas Board of Law Examiners in 2011 and served on 58 character and fitness hearing panels. Also handled criminal trials/appeals, family law cases, on a pro bono basis.

In Texas, we have the right to elect our judges. In 1997, as President of our Bar Association, I wrote an article cautioning my fellow lawyers against treating judicial elections as just "politics as usual" and encouraged them to exercise their right "wisely." The question of the best method for selecting judges is a good one, but exclusively for the Legislature to resolve. I will continue to present my credentials-based campaign to the voters!

I've always worked hard in representing my clients, while maintaining the highest degree of professionalism. In 2008, my peers honored me with the Judge Paul Nye Professionalism Award, given to the lawyer best exemplifying the attributes of honesty, integrity, fair play and respect for others. While campaign contributions are an unfortunate reality in judicial elections, I can be trusted to treat everyone who appears in my court, equally under the law, regardless of campaign contributions.

Docket statistics from the past 4 years show that the 148th is suffering from a chronic case backlog, both civil and criminal. Justice delayed is justice denied. and docket delay ultimately ends up costing the taxpayer. My first goal will be to immediately perform a comprehensive review of the 148th's docket and improve case administration by taking a more "proactive" approach and establishing firm, but realistic, docket schedules and trial dates, early in the case.

Judge, 319th District Court

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Describe the training, education, and experience that qualify you for this office.

What, in your opinion, is the fairest method for selecting judges?

How would you avoid the appearance of impropriety when taking campaign contributions from attorneys or groups who may appear before your court?

What are the specific goals and challenges for this court?



David Stith (R)

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I have practiced law for 15 years, serving our community as a prosecutor, attorney, and judge. I am Board Certified in Criminal Law, past president of the Corpus Christi Bar Association, past president of the Corpus Christi Defense Lawyers Association, and former Commissioner of the Nueces County Coastal Parks Board. I believe Judges are public servants that need to know the law, apply it fairly, and treat everyone equally and with respect.

I believe people need to have the power to elect judges they believe are best for our community. Having judges that are elected means that judges are accountable to the people, and elections serve as a check to the power of those who are on the bench. Judges rule on very important matters, and citizens need to be able to hold those leaders accountable should they abuse that power and trust.

My campaign accepts contributions from many sources, some are attorneys, others are supporters, and many are friends and family. No matter where the contributions come from, each contributor knows that I will rule fairly and apply the law equally to all. As a judge it is my duty to know the law and act accordingly without regard to politics or donations. I strongly support the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act.

We need to get the court systems up to date on technology and moving forward. It is an exciting time for Nueces County and as we grow, we need to make sure those who serve the public keep up. We need to work to revamp the jury empaneling process and make it more efficient and less waste of our citizen's time. We need public servants who are willing to serve and put Nueces County first.



Michele Villarreal-Kuchta (D)

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A former real estate agent, I have practiced law in Nueces County and the surrounding communities since 1995. My legal experience includes hundreds of courtroom proceedings and trial in both federal and state court involving child protection, juvenile law, restraining orders, family law, divorce, custody, property rights, criminal misdemeanor and felonies. I am actively involved in our community as a board member of the YWCA, the American Red Cross, and the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas.

Judicial selection should be about qualifications, fairness, and personal integrity. Whether judges are appointed (as in the federal court system) or elected by the people (as the Texas Constitution requires), both methods of selection are fair and have resulted in judges we can all be proud of (for example, Sandra Day O'Connor was originally elected to the position of judge while Thurgood Marshall was appointed). I support and honor the Texas Constitution which lets the people decide.

Judicial selection should not be about which candidate can raise the most money from lawyers. The Judicial Campaign Fairness Act sets voluntary limits on political expenditures, and I embrace those voluntary limits and challenge all judicial candidates to accept those voluntary limits. In addition, both the Texas Ethics Commission and the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct set limitations on campaign contributions to avoid the appearance of impropriety, and I follow and endorse those limitations.

My goals are to improve public access to the courtroom, to the judge, and to the court coordinator. I will enforce scheduling commitments of the trial lawyers to better accommodate juror and witness schedules, have an open door policy so agreed cases can be heard "at the drop of hat" and I will work hard (and after hours as necessary) to reduce the backlog of cases and to speed the time from when a case appears on the court's docket until it is resolved.

Nueces County Judge

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Describe the training, education, and experience that qualify you for this office.

What do you see as the three major challenges for Nueces County?

To supplement the Port of Corpus Christi's heavy industry success, what other opportunities for county economic diversification do you envision?

What additional environmental protections are needed for Nueces County residents and/or natural resources?



Loyd Neal (R)

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Loyd Neal

- 1) Retired Army Colonel
- 2) 40 year career insurance sales & management
- 3) Mayor Corpus Christi – 4 terms, 8 years
- 4) Nueces County Judge – 2 terms, 8 years
- 5) Chairman of Board: South Texas Military Facilities Task Force, South Texas Homeport Committee, Economic Development Corporation, Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, Art Museum of South Texas, Driscoll Children's Hospital
- 6) Driscoll Foundation – Trustee

To sustain our growth, we must

- 1) have a reliable, sustainable, affordable water supply with emphasis on desalination
- 2) have a well-trained educated drug free workforce. Implementation of HB5 by the regional high schools must be a top priority
- 3) replacement of the Harbor Bridge

- 1) Continued emphasis on this region being in ozone attainment, clean air and compliance is absolutely critical to continued economic development and attracting new and diversified business to this area
- 2) Develop regional cooperation to insure growth opportunities are enhanced in San Patricio County, and the Robstown Inland Port
- 3) Work with our federal delegation to maintain and grow CCAD and NAS CC and to attract new missions for both.

Continued emphasis on our ozone attainment, work on County master storm water drainage plan, work with City of Corpus Christi in areas of storm water drainage.



Mary Helen Berlanga (D)

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I attended Hamlin Jr. High, W.B. Ray High School, University of Houston, and South Texas College of Law. I have been an attorney for 39 years and have represented clients before Federal Administrative Judges. I also held a position at the State level for 30 years that dealt with education issues, curriculum, and I helped protect our \$24 billion dollar permanent school fund. I worked with legislators, Senators and I participated on National forums. I was //

- a) As the population in Nueces County continues to grow there needs to be more cooperation and long range planning with the outlining counties to address water needs, waste disposal, and maintaining county roads.
- b) Maintaining a tax base
- c) Nueces County must offer more good paying jobs by coordinating with entities such as the Economic Development Corporation, City of Corpus Christi, Port of Corpus Christi, A&M University, Del Mar College and other cities in the county.

- a) We can promote and help develop US Hwy 69 as a major corridor for encouraging the establishment of more businesses. This would enable businesses to get the projects to market more efficiently.
- b) We can help Robstown to achieve their goal of obtaining an Outlet Mall. We can also support the EB5 program to stimulate economic activity and job growth in Nueces County.
- c) The Commissioners Court can take a leadership role in establishing a Regional //

- a) With the new industries establishing in Nueces County, we must protect our air quality and ensure that the air is within the allowable ozone levels.
- b) Nueces County needs to coordinate with the Mayor of Corpus Christi to protect our water to avoid contamination.
- c) The County needs to resolve the environmental issues for the "Colonias."
- d) We need to evaluate the drainage problems to see how we can prevent flooding in areas such Petronila.

Nueces County Court at Law #4

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Describe the training, education, and experience that qualify you for this office.

What are the three major challenges facing your court?

Please describe your specific experience in this court.

Describe the types of cases brought before this court.



Carlos Valdez (D)

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I have an Associate in Arts Degree from Del Mar College, a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Texas A&I University and a Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Oklahoma School of Law. I've received extensive training in a variety of disciplines in 34 years of law practice. I have lectured and taught throughout the United States and Mexico. I have served as County Attorney, District Attorney and City Attorney. I have personally tried many //

Three major challenges facing the courts:

- A.) A growing docket that must be addressed with finite resources.
- B.) A backlog of cases that can get out of control without constant attention and being adequately addressed.
- C.) A lack of jail space that is necessary for the proper disposition of misdemeanor cases.

I have tried many cases, both civil and criminal, in County Court No. 4. As County Attorney and District Attorney, I worked with all the judges to address some of the serious problems that arise in the judicial system. I have been an advocate in court, and an advisor to, collaborator with and at times, a representative of the judges of Nueces County.

Cases filed in this court consist of three general types of cases: (A) Civil suits involving claims for money, injunctions or other civil disagreements; (B) Criminal cases involving misdemeanors; and (C) Probate cases. The court also has jurisdiction over appeals from small claims courts.



Mark H. Woerner (R)

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Judge of County Court
at Law No. 4**

I received my J.D. from Vanderbilt and have been practicing law since 1979 when I was licensed in Tennessee. In 1980 I began active duty with the U.S. Navy JAG Corps and served both as a prosecutor and defense counsel in court-martial. I was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1984 and opened my law practice in 1985. I have handled both civil and criminal cases and was Board Certified in Criminal Law in 1989.

Reducing the backlog of cases, reducing the amount of time it takes to resolve cases and reducing the costs involved in processing the cases.

I have handled hundreds of misdemeanor cases which were resolved with pleas or jury trials.

County Court at Law No. 4 deals with misdemeanors, general civil cases and probate.

AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The following independent school districts are asking voters to elect candidates to serve as Trustees on their school boards. Because of space limitations in this Voters Guide, these candidates were not included.

Banquete ISD: Vote for None, 1, 2, or 3 of the 5 candidates listed

Calallen ISD: Places 1, 2, 5, 6

Flour Bluff ISD: Places 2, 4, 5, 7

Robstown ISD: Places 5, 6, 7

Tuloso-Midway ISD: Places 2, 5, 6, 7 and Bond Proposition noted below

TMISD Bond Proposition: Chapter 41 Recapture

Authorizing the board of trustees of the Tuloso-Midway Independent School District to purchase attendance credits from the State with local tax revenue.

FOR _____ AGAINST _____

West Oso ISD: Vote for None, 1, 2, or 3 of the 6 candidates listed

Nueces County Court at Law #5

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Describe the training, education, and experience that qualify you for this office.

What are the three major challenges facing your court?

Please describe your specific experience in this court.

Describe the types of cases brought before this court.



Melissa Madrigal (D)

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I was the Assistant District Attorney in Court 5 from 1999-2005. I have been an advocate for children my entire career. I handled every type of case that is presented to Court 5. I have attended numerous Juvenile Justice and CPS legal education seminars. As a prosecutor, I trained officers on taking statements from Juveniles. I was previously the Juvenile Judge for Corpus Christi. I am currently the Judge of Nueces County Magistrate Court.

First, is docketing cases. Court 5 has a heavy caseload, it's crucial to have a case before the Judge in a timely manner, I will clear any backlog, Justice delayed is Justice denied for litigants. Second, is balancing rehabilitation and public safety, I believe public safety is always a priority. Third, funding programs for parents and children. Using the community resources available to help families be successful, thereby making them productive members of society.

Assistant District Attorney from 1999-2005, handled over 1,000 detention hearings. I brought to trial murder cases, sexual assaults, robberies. Certified juveniles to stand trial as adults, for public safety and authored Juvenile Appeals. Presented cases to the Nueces County Grand Jury for determinate sentencing. Worked daily with CCPD, Sheriff's Department in bringing accused to Justice. CPS court cases involving reunification and when necessary termination. I AM THE ONLY CANDIDATE WITH JUDICIAL, PROSECUTORIAL AND DEFENSE EXPERIENCE.

Majority of cases in Court 5 are CPS and Juvenile. CPS cases involve children that have been abused or neglected. The only standard is the child's best interest. Juvenile cases involve kids, ages 10-17 that have violated the law. Juvenile law has two competing interest, rehabilitation and protection of the public. Court 5 also handles Justice of the Peace appeals and guardianships. EXPERIENCE COUNTS. The children of Nueces County deserve hard work and proven experience.



Timothy McCoy (R)

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Timothy McCoy for
Judge of County Court
at Law No. 5

I grew up in Corpus Christi and graduated from King High School. I graduated from the University of Texas in Austin and South Texas College of Law. I have practiced in Court 5 my entire career. I have appeared before every judge in Court 5 and successfully handled every type of case heard in Court 5. I have worked with and mentored children my entire adult life. I am also the proud father of a five-//

The first challenge involves how to promote a strong family unit that stresses parental involvement and providing positive role models for the children that appear. Another challenge involves how to effectively utilize all of the communities resources public and private to insure the best interests of the children are met. The final challenge involves management of Court 5's budget. Meeting the first two challenges will insure that the taxpayer's funds are utilized properly and that //

I have practiced in County Court at Law 5 my entire career. I have appeared before every judge in County Court at Law 5 and successfully handled every type of case heard including cases involving Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (CPS), juvenile criminal matters, guardianships, and justice court appeals. Not only have I handled these types of cases in Court 5, but also in many other Texas counties.

County Court at Law No. 5 is a special court. The bulk of its docket includes Texas Department of Family and Protective Services or (CPS) cases, juvenile criminal cases, guardianships, and justice court appeals. County Court at Law No. 5 is one of the most important courts in the county because cases brought before it deal with the well being of families and most importantly children.

District Clerk

Candidate responses to LWV-CC questions are reprinted verbatim and are not edited. Responses are cut // at the 75-word limit.

Describe the training, education, and experience that qualify you for this office.

What are the duties of the District Clerk?

What technological improvements will you bring to the office if elected?

How would you improve the efficiency of the first part of the jury selection process?



Patsy Perez (D)

My experience and training was acquired from my service as Nueces County's District Clerk for the last twelve years, as a deputy district clerk for six years and as a court manager for ten years.

My office works with the County's eight district and five county courts as the registrar and custodian of all documents that are generated as part of all civil and criminal actions. We also collect, disburse and report court cost, fines, fees and registry funds. In addition, we also participate in the jury selection process.

As the co-project manager for the implementation of the county's new computer system, I have already begun to make the technological improvements necessary to move my office towards an effective, paperless system. Currently, I am overseeing the integration of this system with the new mandated e-filing system. Once completed, I would like to add a judicial package that would give the courts better control over the information workflow.

As the District Clerk, I am responsible for pulling the jury wheel (the list that is used to mail out the jury notices) and swearing in the potential jurors. I do not have control over any other part of the process. If I did, I would eliminate the wait we all have experienced in jury service by combining the initial jury notice with the drawing for the juror's court assignment.



Anne Lorentzen (R)

ElectAnneLorentzen.com

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[ElectAnneLorentzen](https://www.facebook.com/ElectAnneLorentzen)**

Graduated University of Texas at El Paso; Bachelor of Business Administration with focus on Office Management; Twenty years in the Legal and Corporate field; Twenty years as Court Administrator qualifying and assigning 1,000 jurors weekly to 13 courts; Project Manager for the Jury Management System from Courthouse Technologies; administrative duties assigned by 13 courts; supervises secretary and court interpreter; built positive relationships with county officials, county personnel, attorneys and citizens.

Provide support staff to courts for timely disposition of all cases; receive documents for filing and processing in all court cases, marking their receipt and maintaining them throughout the life of a case; manage records for retrieval for public information, archive, and proper disposition by law; establish proper accounting procedures for court costs, child support payments, court registry funds, and guardianship accounts; gather data and report it to several state and local agencies.

Two projects already exist in the District Clerk's office that are technological improvements, namely e-filing and conversion of the criminal section to Odyssey. They have yet to be fully implemented or counted as reliable. I will be tasked with providing the necessary planning and success of these improvements. I will use webinars and other online resources provided by the county associations to train and equip the staff of the District Clerk's office.

In Nueces County, the judges have established the jury system under the Administrative Offices of the Courts, with direct supervision and responsibility assigned to the Court Administrator. At this time, the District Clerk cannot make changes to the process. If the jury system were part of the Office, I would implement the online impaneling feature available on the current software, allowing jurors to qualify online instead of at the Central Jury Room.

County Clerk, Nueces County

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Describe the training, education, and experience that qualify you for this office.

What is the role of the County Clerk's office?

What improvements would you introduce to the election process to make it more fair and accessible?

As a partisan candidate, how can the County Clerk remain fair and impartial in running elections?



Diana T. Barrera (D)

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re-elect Diana Barrera
Nueces County Clerk

I hold a BA from CCSU in Political Science, an AAS Degree from DMC in Court Reporting, graduate from Roy Miller High School. Maintain 20 hours of continuing education from County and District Clerk Association; Attend conferences for Vital Records, Elections, Fine Collections and Treasury. Maintain a CERA certification from the National Association of Elections Officials. Member of Government Finance Officers Assn. (GFOA). Thirty-three years of experience including Financial, Personnel, Office Management.

The role in Nueces County is to act as recorder of the deeds and other legal instruments, to maintain the Commissioners Minutes and associated documents, to act as Registrar of Vital Records including Marriage, Birth & Death Records, act as Elections Administrator for all County-held elections, serve as Treasurer responsible for the investment of \$48 million; and serve as Fine Collections Director for the Justice, County Court at Law, and District Courts.

The management of elections is prescribed through the Secretary of State's Office, and we uphold the Constitution of the United States and the laws, policies and court decisions of federal, state and local jurisdictions. Our office strives to improve elections processes and works with local voting precinct elections officials to provide education and training for the administration of elections. We organize and coordinate early voting at different sites as a matter of convenience across the county.

I am committed to excellence and competence by maintaining the highest level of knowledge, integrity and expertise in the elections process through continuing education. I am a gatekeeper of democracy and am responsible and held accountable for maintaining public confidence in honest and impartial elections which I conduct in a fair, efficient, and accurate manner. Our office works diligently to maintain a very productive and efficient operation through a well-managed elections environment.



Kara Sands (R)

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KaraSands4Texas

Twitter: @karasands4

Since 2006, I've been directly involved in the Nueces County election process. I've served the voters as an Election Judge, Election Clerk, EV Technician and Precinct Chair, so I know very well the problems within our elections. On the other hand, being an outsider of the County Clerk's Office has an advantage because I will bring a fresh perspective and new ideas to help modernize the office and effectively move it into the 21st century.

In addition to administering the elections, the County Clerk also serves as the clerk to the Commissioner's Court. The Clerk posts notices of the agenda, takes minutes, records, and indexes the minutes of those meetings. The Clerk is the custodian of important public records such as deeds and other instruments including birth and death certificates. The Clerk also receives and is responsible for money paid in fines and fees, and issues marriage licenses.

I will work to implement Countywide Election Precincts. These Vote Centers will make it easier and more convenient for voters to cast their ballot on Election Day by giving them the freedom to choose their voting location instead of being restricted to their precinct. Vote Centers will also help reduce the cost of our elections and save the taxpayers more of their hard-earned money.

I firmly believe that one's personal politics and ideology do not belong in the Nueces County Clerk's Office- especially in the Elections Division. As your County Clerk, I assure you that everyone will be treated equally and fairly regardless of their Party affiliation, and that every legitimate vote will be counted. The County Clerk's job is to follow the law and protect the integrity of the election process, not concern oneself with the outcome.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Place 2

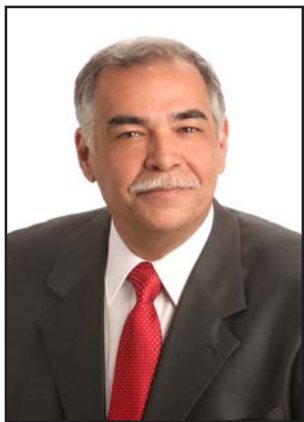
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Describe the training, education, and experience that qualify you for this office.

Describe the duties of your office and the impact on the residents of your precinct.

What role should the Justice of the Peace play in the community?

What challenges and major issues are unique to this precinct?



Alex Garcia, Jr. (D)

www.alexgarciajr.com

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AlexGarciaJr.

After receiving my BBA, I worked as a Mortgage Banker involving real estate and business law. I serviced all facets of a mortgage portfolio: collections, property taxes, IT and customer service. As owner of six businesses and managing H.E.B. Plus and Wal-Mart Stores - I gained valuable experience in leadership, budgeting and accountability. Having been a victim and defendant, seeking court resolutions afforded me the comprehension and compassion to be a fair and impartial JP.

Court has Magisterial/Administrative Duties including Criminal/Civil Jurisdiction. Duties include jurisdiction in Class C offenses, hearings minor civil matters under \$10,000, evictions, foreclosures, small claims, execution of search/arrest warrants, occupant license hearing and performs marriages. Court handles school offenses including: failure to attend, disorderly conduct, MIP and other offenses against students. Your Judges responsibility is to afford equal justice to all where Judgments impact the quality of life of residents and business owners.

Personal experience as a business and property owner/manager helps me comprehend the importance of listening to the facts, acting with expediency and communicating clearly. This Family Court mandates that the Judge be a community advocate, easily accessible, supporting open door policy while helping the community and schools deter the truancy epidemic. Your JP should be visibly working to be proactive finding programs (H.O.S.T.S., K.E.Y.S) and partners (CTC, PTA's) that benefit citizens while protecting the community.

Silent challenges stem from minimal staff, low visibility and lack of community understanding regarding the importance of this family court. All JP courts need to address the necessary legislative changes to improve the delivery of Justice in the Courts in an expedient and effective manner. The uniqueness of the JP court is that it is the first line of defense in deterring truancy. I ask for your VOTE for JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. Thank you!



Thelma Rodriguez (R)

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Thelma Rodriguez

Thelmar97@
yahoo.com

I have a 22 year career with the Nueces County Justice of the Peace Courts, 17 years as a supervisor/court manager, which includes every aspect of the office. I am a Texas State Certified Court Clerk and attend an Experienced Clerk training annually. For nine years I served on the board of Education Committee with Texas Justice Court Training Center that educates court clerks, and was an instructor to prepare clerks for State Certification testing.

Most importantly we are the court for the people and need to be available for the basic procedural question on how to file a case. Our court is the first level of the state courts system. This allows a constituent to file cases on a pro-se basis. Our daily case load includes failure to attend/parent contributing to non-attendance, all class C misdemeanor cases, small claims/debt cases up to \$10,000.00, and landlord tenant issues.

The court provides seminars to landlords, regarding landlord/tenant issues. The court provides the general public with phone numbers, brochures and pamphlets to entities that provide assistance. The court is considered the "people's court", and as such, should provide a court that has educated and cross trained clerks to assist the community. The court works closely with law enforcement agencies, i.e. felony warrants, search warrants, emergency protective orders, and emergency mental commitments.

School truancy cases are by far the most challenging issues in our court and we stress the importance of receiving an education so that our students may become productive citizens in our community! A major issue is being able to stay fair and impartial at all times. In order to provide justice, the Judge is not able to speak with any parties concerning any case that is filed or might be filed in the court.

[Endorsed by the CC Police Officers Assn.(GPAC)]

District 3, CCISD Trustees

Candidate responses to LWV-CC questions are reprinted verbatim and are not edited. Responses are cut // at the 75-word limit.

Describe the training, education, and experience that qualify you for this office.

Can you identify or influence any changes needed in the CCISD to improve student success outcomes? What would those changes be?

What problems do you see in implementing the T-STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) curriculum?

Identify two challenges facing the CCISD trustees.



Dr. Tony C. Diaz

Facebook:
Dr. Tony Diaz for
School Board,
District 3

I have received training and four professional certificates for teaching and serving as an administrator in Texas Public Schools. I have earned the following degrees; Doctor of Education, Master of Science, Bachelor of Science. I have over 50 years of experience from serving in several educational positions, including school board member. I serve on several boards. I served 24 years in the U.S. Naval Reserve, including a tour of duty in Vietnam.

While our schools continuously achieve amazing accomplishments, upon my analysis, gaps exist in student learning outcomes. A major change would be for the district to provide the help and support needed for each student in every class in every school to learn what is required from every assignment. This would help students to meet the standards for promotion and graduation. Program evaluation would help determine their effectiveness and impact on student learning.

The majority of students are doing well in these areas of study. However, for students who are experiencing difficulty mastering the essential knowledge and skills for these courses, it would help a lot if the delivery of instruction ensures that these students needing extra help will be able to demonstrate proficiency.

The greatest challenge is making sure that 'No Child is Left Behind,' that every child will receive all the help and support they need to succeed in school. Ensuring academic progress for all students is a must. The other challenge is the critical issue of getting voter approval for the bond issue. No tax rate increase would be required, but the benefit to the students would be great. "Always for Children."



Terrie Steen

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CCISD

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I graduated from Texas A&M with a BBA degree in Accounting. I worked for 15 years in the private sector in Payroll and Human Resources Administration. I had children in CCISD for 16 years as recent as 2013. I served in many volunteer capacities from Reader Mom to PTA President and many more. I feel my involvement with the schools in the district is recent and relevant.

As a school board member, I would like to see more local businesses form strategic relationships with schools and for parents become more involved partners in our schools. The education of our children directly affects our community by creating either labor ready or college bound individuals. Our community as a whole must play an integral part to assure this happens. Company sponsorships for specific learning programs and parent volunteers could help to assure this happens.

Since STEM is relatively new, it is difficult to gauge exactly what prerequisite skills, knowledge and experience are need for teachers to implement integrated instruction. The answer seems to be that we need the most well-qualified and effective teachers. We may be currently losing current teachers and candidates to jobs offered in the oil and gas industry.

Our District must continue to improve instruction and student achievement in all schools. It is especially challenging to accomplish this with students at different levels of at-risk, average and over-achieving. Our District serves almost 40,000 students who learn at different rates and in different ways. The school board must continue to address the issue of replacing aging facilities and continued maintenance. Changing demographics will make realignments, consolidations and upgrades especially challenging.

District 4, Del Mar Board of Regents

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Describe the training, education, and experience that qualify you for this office.

What should the College's highest priority be at this time?

Describe changes that you think need to be made at Del Mar to better prepare students for the workforce and to produce higher paying jobs.

What is your motivation for running for this office?



Nicole Horton

www.facebook.com/nicole4delmar

I'm a mother of twin girls, wife of a hardworking oil-field operator, and concerned taxpayer. I graduated from Montclair University with a bachelor's degree in Sociology, and later became a Radiation Safety Officer. I then managed the Environmental Health and Safety division for an oil and gas water treatment company. I pursued additional certifications at West Virginia University's OSHA training center, Applied Health Physics, and volunteered with the Young Professional Women in Energy Organization.

Meeting the demand for skilled Eagle Ford Shale workers should be the college's top priority. Pursuing partnerships with oil and gas companies, and introducing new training programs could be possible solutions to the decline in student enrollment. Continuing to meet the needs of students with special programs that offer course flexibility is equally important. Ultimately, reducing the financial burden on taxpayers while maintaining the integrity of Del Mar's mission is paramount.

The college must remain dedicated to continuous improvement and a proactive pursuit of data driven solutions. Student support programs are crucial for ensuring that the students of Del Mar can adapt to the changes that they may encounter in their future jobs. Del Mar's commitment to updating curriculum is critical to meet the demands of a rapidly changing and competitive job market.

I'd really like to see all members of the community, and student body demographic represented on the board. I understand the challenges on many levels, and will be dedicated to finding the best possible solution. Fresh perspective can be great for any organization, and I hope mine can have a positive impact on the Del Mar students, staff, and community.



Todd M. Walter

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With an educational background in both business and design, I bring 20 years in corporate management and 9 years as the owner of a small local business; Timeless Design Group. I believe that what most qualifies me for the position as Regent is my diverse education, training and real world experiences. These combined; allow me to not only understand and make good sound financial decisions, but to be a creative thinker and outside the box problem solver.

The College's highest priority at this time and always is our students. Providing students with a cost effective, high-quality education in our degree or certificate programs that is delivered in a 21st century environment compatible with our community's current and emerging workforce and professional opportunities.

We have recently developed the College's New Master Plan and the 2014-2019 Strategic Plan "Reach Forward...Deliver Excellence". Those plans outline the need to enhance student support services, expand the offerings of academic and instructional courses on all campuses, and create stronger public/private partnerships. This will allow students easier access to completing their degrees and certificates, while also providing them with valuable insight and real world experiences into our community's current and future job markets.

I believe strongly that education is a true economic driver in our community and a vital part of our future successes. It's because of this belief; that I have spent the past 8 years on the Del Mar College's Foundation Board and concurrently the past 2 years as a Regent, investing my time and energy into ensuring the College is the best that it can be for our community and our future.

District 4, Del Mar Board of Regents (continued)

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What is your motivation for running for this office?



Guy Watts

I went to Under-Graduate School at Del Mar College, University of Texas, and Texas A&M University-Kingsville/Graduate School at Texas A&M University Kingsville Master Program, Texas Tech University Doctoral Program and WU On Line Doctoral Program/ Professional School at UT-Law and have been starting in 1988 a Regent at Del Mar College with years of ACCT Congress learning sessions and community advocacy based on the June, 2011 Higher Education Resolution adopted by the Southside Business //

Del Mar College has now high quality vocational, occupational, and technical programs that develop a well qualified workforce with higher-paying jobs; but there has been a de-emphasis on academic excellence that has resulted in academic mediocrity. Academic students need demonstrate creativity, innovation, entrepreneurship, critical thinking, communication, and problem solving skills. Therefore, the Administration need shift to the West Campus V-O-T and un-prepared remedial students so that prepared academic students do not have their education experience //

There needs to be a dual emphasis on top quality vocational, occupational, and technical programs together with attempts to educate un-prepared remedial/GED students on the West Campus and top quality academic excellence programs on the central or East Campus. Further, the involved business associations' June, 2011 Higher Education Resolution calls for an 'academic' Southside Campus with 'prepared students', not one proliferated by 'un-prepared remedial/GED students' as is currently planned by the Administration.

I am running to represent District Four, which I have represented before, because it is dominated by 'prepared students' whose education needs to be maximized but with recognition that needed is a Graduate/Professional School Foundation to financially assist Del Mar College graduates to pay for the cost of tuition and fees that have escalated 85% since the 2003 Legislative session deregulated tuition and sizeable professional school costs such as Texas Law School which has escalated from \$10,000 //

Del Mar College Bond Proposition

The issuance of \$157,000,000 of bonds to construct and equip school buildings (including but not limited to constructing and equipping classrooms, laboratories and infrastructure for workforce technology and training programs, academic transfer courses, high school dual credit classes, student support services and library facilities, and renovating and/or replacing certain existing education facilities built as early as 1941), and levying the tax in payment thereof.

FOR _____

AGAINST _____

CCISD Bond Proposition

The issuance of \$100,000,000 of school building bonds for acquiring, constructing, renovating, and equipping school buildings in the district and the purchase of the necessary sites for school buildings, and the levying of a tax, sufficient without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and to pay the costs of any credit agreements executed or authorized in anticipation of, in relation to, or in connection with the bonds.

FOR _____

AGAINST _____

Nueces County Mobile Early Voting Calendar

Mon., Oct. 20	Tues., Oct. 21	Wed., Oct. 22	Thurs., Oct. 23	Fri., Oct. 24	Sat., Oct. 25
<p>Y.W.C.A 4601 Corona 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</p> <p>ONE SHORELINE PLAZA 800 N. Shoreline Blvd. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</p> <p>GARDEN ESTATES RETIREMENT CENTER 2709 Cimarron 9 a.m.-2 p.m.</p> <p>LONE STAR COUNTRY STORE 14342 Northwest Blvd. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</p>	<p>CHRISTUS SPOHN MEMORIAL 2606 Hospital Blvd. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</p> <p>CCAD (Subway Lobby) 308 Crecy St. 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.</p> <p>TRINITY TOWERS 101 N. Broadway St. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.</p> <p>LONDON ISD (Middle/High School) 1306 FM 43 8 a.m.-4 p.m.</p>	<p>CC MEDICAL CENTER BAY AREA 7101 S.P.I.D. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</p> <p>TOWER II 555 N. Carancahua #220 8 a.m.-4 p.m.</p> <p>OVEAL WILLIAMS SENIOR CENTER 1414 Martin Luther King 9 a.m.-2 p.m.</p> <p>DAVID BERLANGA COMMUNITY CENTER 1513 2nd St. Agua Dulce, TX 8 a.m.-4 p.m.</p>	<p>CHRISTUS SPOHN SOUTH 5950 Saratoga Blvd. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</p> <p>SPROUTS FARMERS MARKET 1440 Airline Rd. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.</p> <p>ZAVALA SENIOR CENTER 510 Osage St. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.</p> <p>PETRONILA ISD (Cafeteria) 2391 County Rd. 67 Robstown, TX 8 a.m.-4 p.m.</p>	<p>LA MICHOACANA BAKERY 3829 Crosstown Expressway 7 a.m.-2 p.m.</p> <p>HI HO RESTAURANT 3703 Morgan Ave. 6 a.m.-2 p.m.</p> <p>SENIORCARE CENTER CORPUS CHRISTI 202 Fortune Drive 9 a.m.-2 p.m.</p> <p>DRISCOLL ISD Cafetorium 410 W. Avenue D Driscoll, TX 8 a.m.-4 p.m.</p>	<p>HALF PRICE BOOKS 5425 S.P.I.D. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.</p> <p>CORPUS CHRISTI ATHLETIC CLUB 2101 Airline Rd. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.</p> <p>SUTHERLAND'S 4041 S. Staples 11 a.m.-5 p.m.</p> <p>ROBSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER 415 Mainer Rd. Robstown, TX 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</p>
Sun., Oct. 26	Mon., Oct. 27	Tues., Oct. 28	Wed., Oct. 29	Thurs., Oct. 30	Fri., Oct. 31
<p>HALF PRICE BOOKS 5425 S.P.I.D. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.</p> <p>LA MICHOACANA BAKERY 3829 Crosstown Expressway 7 a.m.-2 p.m.</p> <p>SUTHERLAND'S 4041 S. Staples 11 a.m.-5 p.m.</p> <p>CORPUS CHRISTI TRADE CENTER 2833 S.P.I.D. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.</p>	<p>CORPUS CHRISTI MEDICAL TOWER 1521 S. Staples St. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.</p> <p>SOUTH TEXAS LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND 4421 Agnes St. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</p> <p>LINDALE SENIOR CENTER 3135 Swantner 9 a.m.-2 p.m.</p> <p>LONE STAR COUNTRY STORE 14342 Northwest Blvd. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</p>	<p>CC MEDICAL CENTER DOCTORS REGIONAL 3315 S. Alameda St. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</p> <p>DEL MAR COLLEGE SOUTH-Center for Economic Development 3209 S. Staples St. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</p> <p>THE WATERFORD AT CORPUS CHRISTI 5813 Esplanade Dr. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.</p> <p>PETRONILA ISD (Cafeteria) 2391 County Rd. 67 Robstown, TX 8 a.m.-4 p.m.</p>	<p>CHRISTUS SPOHN SHORELINE 600 Elizabeth St. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</p> <p>TEXAS A&M-CC Michael and Karen O'Conner Bldg. 6300 Ocean Drive 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</p> <p>HARBOR PLACE RETIREMENT CENTER 5518 Lipas Blvd. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.</p> <p>DRISCOLL ISD Cafetorium 410 W. Avenue D Driscoll, TX 8 a.m.-4 p.m.</p>	<p>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER (MHMR) 1630 S. Brownlee 10 a.m.-5 p.m.</p> <p>DEL MAR COLLEGE WEST-COLEMAN CENTER 4101 Old Brownsville Rd. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</p> <p>HOMEWOOD RESIDENCE RETIREMENT CENTER 6410 Meadowvista Dr. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.</p> <p>DAVID BERLANGA COMMUNITY CENTER 1513 2nd St. Agua Dulce, TX 8 a.m.-4 p.m.</p>	<p>KIKO'S MEXICAN FOOD RESTAURANT 5514 Everhart Rd. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.</p> <p>N.A.S. COMMISSARY 10801 D St., Bldg 337 Naval Air Station 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.</p> <p>GARDEN SENIOR CENTER 5325 Greely Dr. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.</p> <p>LONDON ISD (Middle/High School) 1306 FM 43 8 a.m.-4 p.m.</p>

NOTE: Mobile early voting sites are located in Corpus Christi EXCEPT AS NOTED in Robstown, Driscoll, and Agua Dulce.

"The Power of the Informed VOTE"

VOTER ID INFORMATION

Voters who are registered at least 30 days ahead of the November 4 2014 Joint Election are eligible to vote. Your voter registration card indicates the voting precinct assigned to your residential address. You can confirm your polling location at [www.co.nueces.tx.us/county clerk](http://www.co.nueces.tx.us/county-clerk) by clicking on "Precinct Information" and typing in your first and last name and your birthdate.

Texas voters are now required to show one of the acceptable forms of photo identification before they will be permitted to cast a vote. If the voter does not present proper identification, the voter will still be permitted to vote provisionally. The voter will have 6 (six) days to present proper identification to the county voter registrar for the voter's ballot to be accepted. Acceptable photo ID's include:

- Texas Driver License--unexpired or expired less than 60 days, issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS).
- Texas Concealed Handgun License issued by DPS, unexpired or expired less than 60 days.
- Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS, unexpired or expired less than 60 days.
- Texas Election Identification Certificate (EIC) issued by DPS.
- United States Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph.
- United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph.
- United States Passport (unexpired or expired less than 60 days).

CAST YOUR VOTE! YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

INFORMATION RESOURCES

Check out these important sources of information. You'll find information about local and state candidates, the voting process and voter rights, where voting precincts are located on Election Day (Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014), what master ballots look like, and more!

POLITICAL PARTY INFORMATION

Nueces County Democratic Party; nuecesdemocrats.org
823 N. Tanchua St., Corpus Christi, TX 78401; 361-334-6179
Nueces County Republican Party; republicans@ncrptx.com
4639 Corona, Suite 5, Corpus Christi, TX 78411; 361-994-9317
Libertarian Party of Texas; www.lptexas.org
PO Box 224, Hewitt, TX 76643; 1-800-422-1776

CANDIDATES' INFORMATION

In this Voters Guide, under each candidate's photo, is contact information provided by the candidate.

VOTING PROCESS/ID REQUIREMENTS/VOTER RIGHTS

Texas Secretary of State: www.sos.state.tx.us

LOCATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS/MASTER BALLOT; EARLY VOTING SUB-STATIONS & MOBILE EARLY VOTING CALENDAR

Nueces County: [www.co.nueces.tx.us/county clerk/elections](http://www.co.nueces.tx.us/county-clerk/elections)
901 Leopard St./PO Box 2627; 361-888-0611

STATE OF TEXAS CANDIDATES FOR FEDERAL and STATE OFFICES

The League of Women Voters of Texas website (www.lwvtexas.org) has Voters Guides in both English and Spanish for the November 4 Election.



**The League Welcomes
Your Participation**

www.lwv-cc.org

**Facebook: Corpus Christi League
of Women Voters**

The League of Women Voters-Corpus Christi, formed in the mid-1940s, welcomes your support through annual membership. Your membership supports the work of the League and provides opportunities to participate in voters service projects; study local, state, and national issues and become better informed; and partner with individuals/organizations who believe in the importance of voting. **MAKE DEMOCRACY WORK!**

YES, please send me the League's membership brochure.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City/Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

Membership categories: \$60 individual; \$90, Household; \$100, Sustaining; \$30 Student & \$30 Friend of the League (non-voting)

MAIL THIS FORM TO:

LWV-CC, PO Box 8276, Corpus Christi, TX 78468

or call 445-4436 and speak with LWV-CC President Sandra Heatherley.

At-Large, Del Mar Board of Regents (Elect 2)

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What is your motivation for running for this office?



Nick Adame

I am a strong advocate for education and my past experience as a community advocate has prepared me to continue my service to Del Mar College.

* Foy H. Moody graduate 1970.

* Del Mar College, following my Vietnam Service in 1973.

*CCAD 1979-1989.

*1989 North Lake College (Pre-med curriculum).

* 09/1990-12/1994 Attended/ graduated from, Parker College, with a Doctorate in Chiropractic.

*Del Mar Board of Regents 2008-2014.

The success of a community depends on a quality educated workforce. We must continue to partnership corporations and industry and design curriculums needed to support the needs of industry. This will not only help attract more industry to the area, it will also provide an avenue by which student's earn a certificate or an Associate's degree while they work.

Del Mar College must continue to develop partnerships with local business as well as industry in order to better prepare the student for the workforce. Also Del Mar College must continue to expand physically, to build and provide adequate classrooms space that offers a learning environment suited for that particular company or industry.

As a community advocate I have always been committed to promoting Higher education. Being a part of the Del Mar Board has provided an avenue by which I can continue this commitment. I am motivated by giving back to the community and Del Mar College.



Ed Bennett

BBA-Accounting MS Accountancy University of Houston. CPA Texas.

I have over 35 years of accounting/management experience including the vice presidency of an oil field service company and executive vice president of a distribution company. Both companies were publicly traded. My accounting experience began with a big eight CPA firm.

Retaining and attracting quality professors. Raising the value of the degrees offered. Supporting faculty while making the community college more attractive to local students. Reducing excessive costs.

Reverse the trend in recent years of declining enrollment. Increase spending on faculty while reducing the administrative overhead.

I have listened to the board of regents for well over a year. They have had access to more information than I have. The conclusions that they have made simply do not coincide with the information that I have analyzed. The taxpayers of Corpus Christi need members of the board that exercise their fiduciary responsibility on a daily basis.

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At-Large, Del Mar Board of Regents (continued)

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Describe changes that you think need to be made at Del Mar to better prepare students for the workforce and to produce higher paying jobs.

What is your motivation for running for this office?



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I was educated at Del Mar, TAMUK, and TAMUCC with degrees in Arts, Mathematics, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, and Business Management. I worked as an Educator of Math and Engineering at all three institutions. I've been involved in management at Fortune 500 companies, Private Corporations, Non-Profits, as well as Small Businesses that I've owned and operated. My experience in education and industry affords me unique perspective in managing the business of educating our community's workforce.

Education, Leadership, and Innovation: We need to focus on quality of education and student graduation rates. We need to prepare our workforce to be the industry leader of the nation and match education to needed jobs. We need to equip our teachers with innovative instruction methods and modern technological infrastructure to prepare our students for today's jobs. But these objectives must be accomplished while being fiscally responsible to our taxpayers who foot the bill.

We have to improve the educational support for students to help them graduate via a Student Success Initiative. We need to involve business leaders and forge more public private educational partnerships. And we have to upgrade facilities to match the work environments that our students will step into. I have experience making this happen: from teaching remedial math students, to creating internship programs and work placement programs, to developing cost-effective corporate technology training facilities and programs.

Del Mar has held a special place in my heart for almost 15 years. I went to school there earning multiple degrees, worked there teaching subjects ranging from remedial algebra to advanced calculus, and volunteered as a lecturer every year to students in pre-engineering programs. I have a passion for Education and Economic Development. Education is key to unlocking the potential of our community as a place for new business and high-paying jobs.



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**Coretta Trinita
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I believe that I am qualified for this position because I have a passion for education along with serving on various education related committees and I have a law degree so I read and analyze all the documents thoroughly.

Seeking Funding mechanisms that will Keep the tuition (and programs) affordable for the community

Del mar college must address the need for remedial classes, provide mentoring opportunities for students, increase academic support services and provide better career counseling to prepare students for the workforce

There has not been an African American elected to Del mar since Beverly Winters. Its time for more representation in Corpus Christi.



Carol A. Scott

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I am a graduate of Texas A&M Kingsville with a degree in Business. I have lived in Corpus Christi for over 30 years and have owned my own small business since 1995. Having served eight years on the Corpus Christ ISD Board of Trustees including three terms as president, I know how important Del Mar College is to high school graduates and returning adult students who want to pursue higher education or workforce training.

The college's highest priorities should be continued academic excellence and remaining accessible and affordable to our students.

As Chair of Rep. Todd Hunter's Education Workforce Task Force, I have been deeply involved in this discussion for several years. DMC is and should continue to emphasize dual credit programs with area high schools in both academic and technical programs along with certification programs that meet the needs of contractors and industry. DMC needs assistance in finding the instructional resources necessary to meet those demands.

Three generations of my family have benefited from Del Mar College. My mother first pursued higher education at DMC in the 1960's with four children at home. She went on to obtain a Master's in Education. My children and I have attended dual credit, regular and/or continuing ed classes at DMC. I believe DMC can change lives and change families just as it did for my mother and our family.

Mayor, Corpus Christi City Council

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Describe the training, education, and experience that qualify you for this office.

What will be your top five priorities as Mayor?

What is motivating you to run for this office?

How can the City Council address the public's general lack of trust in our municipal government?



Robert "Bob" Jones

BA-Political Science, additional hours in Business Management, TX State Coastal Coordination Council, Board Chairman TX State Affordable Housing Corp., COO Public/Private Leasing Corp., Principle-LTC Solutions (GE Finance), State Supreme Ct. Justice Judicial Aide, Leadership Corpus Christi, Vice Chair—Regional Transportation Authority, Director—Nueces County Tax Appraisal District, Human Resources Director, CC Community Improvement Corp.,

(a) Review the city budget looking for savings to the taxpayers, (b) Audit/revamp Development Services, (c) Repeal the Street Fee, (d) Move forward on desalination, and (e) Reduce the tax rate.

Corpus Christi is once again facing the citizens' lack of trust and confidence in city government in part because of bad decisions, "Wants over Needs." Our financial house is faltering badly. High debt coupled with high taxes always lead to fewer services for the taxpayer. We need a new direction to confront our needs such as water, police, infrastructure, and financial stability. I believe that I can help facilitate this change.

The citizen's trust in municipal government can only be restored by electing a fiscally conservative Mayor who will listen to the voters/taxpayers, include them in governance decisions, and who will champion proven pro-growth policies.



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My proven leadership roles as your Mayor, council member at-large, state wide leadership positions, and years of volunteerism in building consensus on a broad range of initiatives in making our City a better place to live. I have chaired state legislative committees addressing needs for our community including workforce, education, health care, transportation and fighting unfunded mandates. I have a track record as a successful business woman and graduated from The University of Texas, Austin.

My top five priorities are continue to address thirty years of backlog in deferred maintenance of city assets; stabilize utility rates; complete tactical plan for non-potable industrial desalination plant and finalize desalination pilot project; incrementally identify reconstruction resources for residential/local streets; and complete comprehensive strategic city plan.

Recently, I was speaking to children touring City Hall. I was asked, "What is your favorite part of being Mayor?" The answer was simple; the people. To effect positive change with good people in my hometown of Corpus Christi is what motivates me to continue to want to lead our great city. We have invaluable assets with our port, existing businesses, military installations and educational assets. But our most treasured asset is you, the people.

Lead and set the example. Earning public trust is paramount. Municipal government must be transparent, communicate frequently, admit quickly when a mistake is made, do right by our city employees, and be responsive. The past years as your public servant have given me the opportunity to work on a wide range of issues. It is vital that I am accessible to the public with a sincere willingness to listen to concerns and find solutions.

Mayor, Corpus Christi City Council (continued)

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Lee McGinnis

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I am a 33 year resident of Corpus Christi, I have held positions in many charitable organizations that required me to preside over the meetings, and I have had experience with budgeting money in a government setting. Being honest, accountable, and community minded requires no formal education.

I will address the city's crumbling infrastructure, which I believe includes emergency services. We need to take a serious look at Jail consolidation. I will endeavor to rebuild the community trust in our city government. Financial accountability as well as responsibility in the way our city chooses to spend our money. And I will strive to make Corpus Christi a great place to live not just visit.

I was unhappy with the candidate choices that were going to be presented to the community on the November ballot. So instead of sitting back and pulling the lever for the "lesser of the evils", as I have done in the past; I decided to run as a regular citizen who wants to see our city prosper.

First and foremost we need to get the egos out of city government. We need to listen to the community when they speak. A bond issue is the voice of the community, if it passes then that's the will of the voters. We are representatives of the city and the sooner we elect leaders that truly believe that, the sooner we can mend our relationship.



Dan McQueen

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**Dan McQueen
for Mayor**

I am an Aerospace Engineer (currently supporting CCAD), Naval Veteran, Martial Artist and Entrepreneur. I have managed flight operations, training, engineering departments, and several businesses throughout my career. I earned a Master's Degree in Science from Boston University, am a Mentor for Delmar and A&M students and conduct youth development programs across the city.

A. Balanced and Equitable Water Management program to ensure the resident's needs are placed before that of industrial use. B. Accountability in Road and infrastructure construction to reduce the trending high cost and forecast timeline for construction. C. Higher paying sustainable technology jobs, rebranding Corpus Christi for Aerospace, alternative energy and advanced technology. D. Animal Control management to transition our kill programs into a society of responsibility. E. Education, for A BRIGHTER CORPUS CHRISTI FUTURE!

The people of Corpus Christi have been working to maintain our city, while the issues continue to compound. My experience, education and passion for both our city and our citizens drive me to continue my improvement process of volunteering. The city is not sustainable if we have issues with military downsizing, fracking impacts, debt growth, it needs a diversified economics model and I am working on projects to move our city forward.

In dealing with trust, it is imperative that the individuals in office are of the highest quality of integrity. The government dealings need to all be transparent and any financial business should never present a conflict of interest. Decisions need to be open and public with greater access to the operations of city government in both the time of conduct and transparency of full data disclosure.

At-Large, Corpus Christi City Council (select 3)

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Margareta Fratila

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I have a Master degree in Horticulture Science, TX Master Florist, Master in Business from CCSU & Webster University Master in Business, Management Human Resources Development. I am Certified Mediator, Master Investor & Management in Real Estate, Business Owner for 31yrs, Oil Rental Equipment and Medical Offices Business Consultant.

A. Infrastructure & Streets
B. Cut the unnecessary spending at the City Management Level
C. Increase the number of the Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters and their Education & Income as well as keeping the Hospital Nurses motivated through incentives to stay here.
D. Trying to find the most efficient way to build the Desalination to increase the Water needs & supplies in CC.
E. Economic Development through bringing new Factories in town & Oil //

I was traveling from NYC throughout TX to see if Tx is so large as seen in Romania, the Country I defected from in 1981. I saw a Greyhound Bus with the name Corpus Christi, in Houston. I jumped on it. 4 hours later on 2/14/1982 I discovered CC. I "adopted" CC & CC "adopted" me. I am Grateful for it and I wanted to give back to my community what they invested on me. I raised//

I am in Floral Business for 31 yrs. I make my deliveries most of the time by myself, because I wanted & Love to meet people every day..for 31 yrs, to cherish and console them. I can bring the issues to them at their level the issues "From the People..to the People." I educated them in many issues, especially on the grants allocated and know about while I was serving on Land commissioners Board & on the Library Board. //



Gil Hernandez

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for City Council

We have neglected our infrastructure (streets, waste water, drainage, parks, etc.). The main challenge is balancing these needs without burdening our citizens with cumbersome taxes and fees. I will look for savings within the city's budget, prioritize needs, and focus on what is truly needed in order to maintain that balance. I will not ask the citizens of Corpus Christi for any additional taxes or fees without ensuring the city's has prioritized correctly and made every spending cut possible.

(Continued from Page 1) Early Voting Schedule at 19 Sub-Stations

CORPUS CHRISTI CITY HALL
(1st Floor Utility Section)
1201 Leopard Street
Corpus Christi, TX

ROBSTOWN ISD
(Administration Bldg)
801 N. First Street
Robstown, TX

CORPUS CHRISTI ISD
(Administration Bldg)
801 Leopard St.; Corpus Christi

TULOSO MIDWAY ISD
(Administration Bldg)
9768 La Branch Street
Corpus Christi, TX

DEL MAR COLLEGE
(Administration Bldg)
101 Baldwin Blvd.; Corpus Christi

WEST OSO ISD
(Administration Bldg)
5050 Rockford Drive
Corpus Christi, TX

FLOUR BLUFF ISD
(Maintenance Bldg)
2505 Waldron Road
Corpus Christi, TX

At-Large, Corpus Christi City Council (continued)

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**Reynaldo "Ray"
Madrigal**

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I was trained to defend my country by the U.S. Army in 1960-63. My education is G.E.D. U.S. Army, Associate Degree in Criminal Justice and Bachelor of Science from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. I just ran for Governor of the state Texas, and now I'm running for Corpus Christi City Council At Large. I have been a Municipal Court Judge. I have been a businessman in Corpus Christi for over 50 years.

a) Water is very Important for all Citizens and I will make sure we never run out of water.
b) The streets of Corpus Christi are still a disaster and need much Improvement.
c) Our utility bills are out of control and need to be stabilize where our citizens can afford to pay them.
d) Our citizens are being nickled and dimed to death. The fines are to much for people on fixed income.
e) Bring jobs to Corpus.

By serving my country in the U.S, Army I gained experience as a military person, by graduateing from Texas A&M University Corpus Christi I received an education, by being a businessmen I gained the experience of business and working with people. I have served on several boards and commissions for the City of Corpus Christi, which gave me an insight of our City government. My training by Leadership Corpus Christi also helps in the Investment the City made in me.

The City Council can address the publics general lack of trust in our municipal government by listening to the citizens concerns and having more respect to the people that come to city chamber to address their concerns. The Council and Mayor need to address those concerns as soon as possible to prevent those problems from becoming larger out of control problems. The Mayor, City Council and citizens need to work together for a better Corpus Christi, Texas.



Chad Magill

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Looking Voters in the eye on a regular basis through constant outreach, my experience in serving you over the last 2 years on City Council has built a foundation to serve you in an At-Large capacity. Serving as Chairman of numerous organizations previously, as well as a being a former small business owner, I understand the budget process, cutting and managing internal costs, and most importantly focusing on **Needs before Wants.**

Infrastructure Needs: (1: Streets, 2: Water Supply, 3: Wastewater), 4: Efficiency, 5: Job Creation. Our city should continue to rebuild and reinvest in our infrastructure. Infrastructure investment is economic development. We should force our city government to become as efficient as possible on all levels. Lastly, we must keep our eye on supporting job creation. Creating jobs helps diversify the tax base and lessen the burden on everyone. **Needs before Wants.**

As your District 2 Councilman, I stood up for the people and voted NO on the public funding of Destination Bayfront and voted NO on the creation of the Street User Fee. In 2013, all three At-Large Council Members voted for Destination Bayfront and the for the Street User Fee. You deserve better representation At-Large. You should have at least 1 At-Large Council-member representing your voice; **Needs before Wants.**

We build trust through being consistent, predictable, & being good at what a city should be good at: the fundamentals. We should be good at rebuilding our streets, good at keeping our neighborhoods safe & clean for our children as well as for businesses to prosper. Our public trust improves over time as we consistently and predictably follow through with focusing on funding. **Needs before Wants.**

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Lillian Riojas

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After graduating from King High School and Baylor University, I was fortunate to secure my first job at the Port of Corpus Christi. My business background, especially my career in refining/petrochemical sector, has given me a solid understanding of what goes on in business and what drives our local economy. For the last 20 years, I have served in numerous capacities with community organizations learning and working firsthand on issues facing our City.

- Improving and maintaining infrastructure, including streets.
- Enhance public safety.
- Continue to develop a diverse, drought tolerant water supply.
- Grow our tax base to keep taxes low and work with businesses to create and keep jobs for Corpus Christi.
- Work to help our youth overcome challenges from poverty, educational attainment, drugs and violence.

Corpus Christi has been good to me, both professionally and personally. I want to continue the path to progress that I started in my first term. The key issues-- infrastructure, water supply, economic development, public safety have just "started" on the road to solutions, progress. I want to ensure we set, maintain the stage for long term success for our residents and businesses.

Communicate. While on Council I advocated for the City to proactively communicate, share information in meaningful and accessible ways for ALL residents. Now, the City has prioritized a Communications Department that will re-establish much needed communication plans about important issues that impact residents-- rates, bond programs, street closures, public safety, utilities, etc. In the void of information, people instinctively form their own thoughts, therefore adding to mistrust. I want to keep working to change this.



Mark Scott

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I am an incumbant City Councilman. I have served as an At-Large Councilman for 6 years. I graduated from Texas A&I with a BBA, and have an MBA from Corpus Christi State University. I have been actively involved in community development for over 25 years.

My primary focus will continue to be on long term water supply with a focus on Desal. It is incumbent upon us to continue the legacy of good/positive long term water planning. I intend to provide leadership towards building an industrial water desal plant during this next term. I'll also be very engaged in ongoing efforts to protect/grow our local military presence. I will also focus on growing the economy and helping Corpus Christians in that growth.

I get asked this often. I honestly love public service. I recognize what a unique and rewarding opportunity I have had to be a Councilmember. It is part of my personal walk of faith.

I think you will see several internal initiatives that will create better communications with the public over the next 12 months. I personally try to be very assessable. I will also continue to continue to communicate with the public through standard media opportunities, but will also continue to utilize Facebook and Twitter.

District 1, Corpus Christi City Council

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Kelley Allen

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Kelley Allen, City
Council District 1**

I have currently been your City Council District 1 representative for the last 2.5 years which has been the best hands on training and experience one can have. Every week I dedicate 25-30 hours which includes working with our city manager solving budgetary issues to valued citizens experiencing code enforcement problems. I am a small business owner which has given me a conservative, common sense approach to work hard every day and respect every dollar //

I have committed myself to set our city on the right track through properly funding our road maintenance programs as well as reconstruct the roads that cannot be maintained anymore. Our roadways are the arteries for businesses and residents going to work or driving the kid's home from school. Public Safety on our roads and in our neighborhoods cannot be compromised and I will continue to support our law enforcement and work closely with them to make //

Transparency and accountability is a step in the right direction when it comes to trust by our citizens. For instance, road maintenance & reconstruction has been a top priority of mine, and I have voted to support the proper funding to make this a success. We have to be transparent with how we spend the public's money and have accountability to finish the road projects on time. Through these actions we as a city will earn //

My 2 boys were my aspiration to run for office. I have been blessed living in our city for 45 years and I couldn't think of a better way to show my 2 boys how to give back for everything we've been given than to serve our city. I have had success living here with my business and raising my boys and I felt I could be an asset for the city. Our city is heading //



John Garcia

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I'm John Garcia, third generation Corpus Christian, Roy Miller High School graduate, Director of Sales for several hotels in the greater Corpus Christi area. I'm a dedicated and committed public servant. I have been actively involved in many organizations including the Corpus Christi Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, The Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas, NAACP, Dress For Success Corpus Christi, Harbor Lights Festival, Corpus Christi Greater Hospitality Association, West Business Association and the Corpus Christi //

I am running for City Council, District One to foster the city's continued growth and uniqueness. Some of our uniqueness comes from our community's good environmental stewardship, strong values for education, and a broad tolerance for diversity in people and ideas. I will run on a platform of strengthening the city's economic base by encouraging private investment, creating jobs and building a mix of housing choices to attract the next generation of city residents.

I'll always work hard to serve the City with honesty, integrity, fairness and to the best of my ability. I will work hard to create and leverage important partnerships for the citizens of Corpus Christi. This is my hometown where I choose to live and work and it is because of the love I have for Corpus Christi that I choose to run for City Council.

For me and my campaign, this is about the people. This is about you. I want to hear from you and I want to engage you in policy and in those decisions that affect YOU and your families. Opportunity. Together, we can collaborate and strategize as to how to best to optimize opportunities for our children, for our youth and for safer neighborhoods. Together, let us strategize as to how to help our community take advantage //

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What is motivating you to run for this office?



Carrie Robertson Meyer

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As a reporter, I learned to ask hard questions and dig for facts – important skills for a Council Representative. Today I'm a photographer, wife, mother and community leader. For the past decade, I have worked with other residents to clean up our neighborhood, find funding for a new playground, and spearhead bond projects. I want to use that same energy and dedication to help other people in District 1 improve their neighborhoods.

1. Fix what we have now before building more. Repair our existing streets and make improvements in our neighborhoods instead of stretching our city limits out farther at taxpayers' expense.
2. All citizens need a real voice at City Hall. Too often, special interests dictate the decision-making process. I attend City Council meetings regularly to learn about citizens' concerns and to be part of the process. I will represent the voice of The People.

Instead of meeting when most people are at work, if our City Council met in the evening (like they do in many cities), citizens would not only be able to *attend* meetings but they could *run* for Council and still hold down a normal 9-to-5 job. If we had more plumbers and school teachers sitting in those chairs instead of people who represent special interests, City Council would garner more trust from the public.

As the president of my neighborhood association, I often reach out to our elected officials to help solve issues. When my City Council District 1 representative did not answer my calls or return my emails month after month, I knew we needed somebody better. As your Council representative, I will take the job seriously, reach out into the community, and return your calls. That's why I'm the "Somebody" that we need to represent District 1.

No Photo Provided

Frank F. Schlegel, Jr.

Education: Associate Degree, University of Toledo (Industrial Education Management); Attended Texas A&M University (Management); Experience: Six years State Highway Supt., Ohio Dept. of Highway, Lucas County; Business, Schlegel Enterprise (Real Estate Investments); 24 years of service with the City Corpus Christi. 15 years city street inspector, 9 years with Storm Water, Supervisor.

Top Issues: Why Leopard Street was not complete as plan; Condition of streets in the district.

Remove city tax on streets repair.

Leadership needed. We change faces but we never change the game. I'm concerned, are you?

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District 1, Corpus Christi City Council (continued)

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What is motivating you to run for this office?



Carolyn Vaughn

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I believe I am qualified for this office because I'm President of an international survey company. We have 13 offices in the U.S., and 8 around the globe. I make business decisions every day that affect people and the operations of our company. I know the value of a dollar and I know you don't spend more than you take in. I believe the city should be operated in the same manner.

There are so many that this is a difficult question. I would say in the North Beach area it would be beach erosion and security of our port. In the Northwest area, I think the roads are a big issue but also I'm concerned about the security of our plants because of the open borders.

First off they can tell the whole truth when they ask us to vote for something, give us the pros but at the same time tells us what a bond issue doesn't cover instead of putting everything into one word such as road tax and not explain that it doesn't cover all of our roads. They need to be more transparent and not so evasive about the issues just to cover their butts.

I'm tired of a tax & spend city council. We need to learn to do more with less. I believe in this city and I think we can do better. We need leaders who have the interest of the city and its citizens not an interest in the next election and what to say and do to get elected. We need honest leaders that are willing to tackle the issues without taking the easy way out and raising //



Tom Watson

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My experience which will enable me to perform my duties a city councilman of the first District are as follows: Nueces County Animal Control Advisory Board for 25 years and I am presently chair. (This is not the city.) City Parks and Recreation Board Member ... 1 year. Nueces County Parks Commissioner... 2 years inland and beach. City Food Service ... creating new programs for food safety. City Traffic Advisory Committee ... concerned with problems solving one ways, turnabout //

My two top issues in the city of Corpus Christi along with public safety fire and law enforcement is the public's service infrastructure maintenance as it relates to waste of public funds or public asset.

Trust is enhanced by using common sense and keeping your word don't promise unless you can keep your promise. It isn't what I say or what I do but how I make you feel that you will remember. I promise you will feel good doing business with me Tom Watson and if you dislike me I will still address your needs as a professional public servant.

I am motivated by only the purest of ideals to make a difference for a great people in a great city I will bring the truth to government that has for too long cause good people to do bad things to survive we must change the rules to reflect the truth.

District 2, Corpus Christi City Council

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I have over ten years experience in politics working within other campaigns as well as my own. I have a business background and am currently the owner of a local company. I have headed and sat on the board of directors of multiple companies spanning 12 years, all successful. With this I bring the experience needed to manage people, balance budgets, delegate a chain of command, asset management, and run a successful enterprise such as //

(1) Crime; We have one of the highest crime rates in the nation per capita. You have a 1 and 22 chance of becoming a victim of a crime. I have seen the Robbery, Murder, Assault, and criminal onslaught first hand, I live it every day. I have been robbed twice this year at my store alone. I live and work in this district and I know my neighborhood.

I will have limited office hours at city hall, and I will have normal office hours Monday through Saturday at my office located on Staples. I tell the people that you can come to my office and you can actually see and talk to your councilman. I'm there till 7:00 pm. That's Amazing!!

Our nation has transcended to a global status, for at which we as a municipality must hold true domestically. My mission statement is; To maintain the exceptionalism that is our civil society.



Brian Rosas

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I am a graduate of Delmar College with an Associates in Applied Science. I am also a graduate of Texas A&M Corpus Christi with a Bachelors in Political Science and a Masters in Counseling. The following are professional positions I have held in the workforce:

- A) Child Protective Services caseworker
 - B) Teacher/Coach
 - C) Production Mechanic
 - D) Production Supervisor
- DDI training supervisor tool on cultural diversity
Board member of Senior Companionship Program

A) Downtown Infrastructure projects ... present status in all market areas with time-windows per specific areas of projects and what is the true, actual timeline of future parameters for this entire specific area.

B) Business and economic development throughout the entire market area ...which eventually will lead to much needed JOBS!!

To begin with, the city staff and the city council needs to immediately look at all of the current social media venues that they currently channel the actual city council meetings and do a study to see if these venues are productive to the general public and design some type of measurement standards to see how they can be improved, as soon as possible.

B) 'PRODUCTIVE' monthly Town-Hall Meetings in each district city-wide with city staff/department managers in attendance//

There is no question that I can bring a certain 'new' level of fresh air in the area of dedicated communication and "change-maker" ideas & concepts not just to District 2 but to the entire city, as well. I'm the working class candidate, yes I am educated, but I also have the precise needed levels of solid good business sense and general overall common sense that at times seem to linger in abstention instead of //

District 2, Corpus Christi City Council

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Joshua Tijerina

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As a young man growing up in Corpus Christi I was a Boy Scout, eventually earning the rank of an Eagle Scout. I learned early on that one must be a part of something bigger than themselves and to give back to the community. I was educated in Corpus Christi: at Miller H.S., then Del Mar College, then Texas A&M-CC. I have served on the board of directors for the Nat'l Association of Insurance and //

Through continual one-on-one meetings with the residents in District 2 the concerns most spoken about have been 1) maintenance of the city's infrastructure and 2) code enforcement. Unresolved maintenance of our city's infrastructure, mainly the deteriorating streets coupled with the lack of maintenance of the water lines that run underneath them pose a problem and a nuisance to many residents. Also, District 2 residents take pride in their homes and neighborhoods. Those who do not //

By being accessible to the residents. As a District representative one of my main responsibilities is to the residents of District 2. Keeping an open line of communication as well as setting aside time to meet with them when asked will be a priority of mine. Trust is earned, but it first begins with keeping the lines of communication open.

I love our city of Corpus Christi. I believe that one must have a passion and a love for what they devote their time to. I've grown up in this city and have begun to see it evolve. I want to ensure that we are planning for our future. I have the motivation and willingness to serve and do my part. I am and will be an advocate for those in District 2 and for the City of Corpus Christi.

City of Corpus Christi Has Three Propositions on Ballot

Proposition No. 1: Street Projects

The issuance of bonds for designing, constructing, renovating, and making permanent street improvements in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$55,000,000, and levying a tax in payment thereof, with priority given to the following:

- North Alameda Street, generally from Kinney to Lipan
 - Gollihar Road, generally from Staples Street to Weber Road
 - Gollihar Road, generally from Weber Road to Carroll Lane
 - Gollihar Road, generally from Carroll Lane to Kostoryz Road
 - Morgan Avenue, generally from Ocean Drive to Staples Street
 - Corona Drive, generally from Tiger Lane to Everhart Road
 - Ayers Street, generally from Ocean Drive to Alameda Street
 - Yorktown Boulevard, generally from Lake Travis Dr. to Everhart
 - Staples Street, generally from Alameda Street to Morgan Avenue
 - Southern Minerals Road, generally from Up River Road to IH-37 Access Road
 - Yorktown Boulevard, generally from Everhart Rd to Staples St.
 - Carroll Lane, generally from Houston Street to McArldle Road
 - Old Robstown Road, generally from State Hwy 44 to Leopard
 - Waldron Road, generally from Glenoak Road to Caribbean Road
 - Santa Fe Street, generally from Elizabeth St. to Hancock Avenue
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Master Plan Improvements
FOR ____ AGAINST ____

Proposition No. 2: Street Safety, Revitalization, and Capacity Improvement Projects

The issuance of bonds for designing, constructing, renovating, and making permanent street improvements in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$44,495,000, and levying a tax in payment thereof, with priority given to the following:

- Ayers Street (Pedestrian Improvements and Turn Lane Addition), generally from South Padre Island Drive to Gollihar Road
 - Chaparral Street (Phase 2 Downtown Development Master Plan), generally from Schatzel Street to Taylor Street
 - Texas Department of Transportation Participation Projects
 - City-wide Traffic Signals and Lighting Improvements
 - Rodd Field Road Expansion, generally from Saratoga Boulevard to Yorktown Boulevard
 - Downtown Street Traffic Signal and Area Improvements
 - Ennis Joslin Road Extension, generally from Holly to Williams
 - Flato Road, generally from Agnes Street to Bates Road
 - Harbor Bridge Replacement Mitigation and Support Projects (Phase 1)
 - North Padre Island Beach Access Roads (3A and 2)
 - North Padre Island Beach Facility in the vicinity of Sea Pines/Coral Vine/ Access Road 6 (off Park Road 22)
 - Downtown Road and Streetscape Improvements
 - Creek View Drive Extension
- FOR ____ AGAINST ____

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Jack Gordy

- I have been paying attention to this City's way of doing things since February of 1976.
- I retired from the U.S. Navy with 22 years of service.
- I pay close attention to things that I believe are wrong and try to see that they are corrected.

Bad street repair and new construction

By paying attention to the citizens that speak at public comment and taking action on their complaints instead of ignoring them. The City Council should pay more attention as to the way this City Staff wastes our, the taxpayer's, money.

I believe we need a City Council that cares about the Citizens of this City and will pay attention to what is best for all of us.



Lucy Rubio

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I started my training as a volunteer; beginning as PTA President at my children's elementary school, then becoming President and Elementary VP on the City Council of PTAs and serving nine years with the Texas State PTA. I am currently the Corpus Christi ISD, District 2 Board of Trustee. I have over 14 years of experience working with budgets, policies and procedures, and, most importantly, ensuring the right resources are allocated for student success.

I have been approached by several businesses because they feel neglected by the City. The street conditions in my district (Flato Rd/Junior Beck Rd.) are negatively impacting their business and some are starting to consider moving elsewhere. If that were to happen, the City and West Oso ISD would see a major loss in tax revenue. Citizens are also upset; the City has ignored the bond passed in 2008 for a new Fire Station (#18).

- By being better listeners and doing what they say they will do.
- By respecting the people who come before them to speak on Public Comments. Public Comments is the forum for the general public to voice their concerns and be heard; it's not meant to be a two-way conversation/debate with Council members.
- A council that is interested in acting as caretakers of its citizens and its infrastructure.
- The people want to be respected—period!

My good friend, Councilwoman Priscilla Leal, wanted me to continue what she started for our District. I want to bring my 14 years of experience as a CCISD Board of Trustee to the City Council. The focus I've had on improving CCISD's facilities and student achievement would serve well in helping our City's infrastructure and reaching its full potential. I want to be the voice for the citizens of Corpus Christi and improve Dist. 3.

City of Corpus Christi -- Proposition No. 3: Sale of City Park Land

Sale of the following city park land, the proceeds from which may only be used to acquire and improve city park land in accordance with § 253.001, Texas Local Government Code:

* San Carlos Park, 12650 Figueroa St. (2.00 ac.) * Violet Park, 4301 Violet (1.55 ac.) * Willow Park, 11418 Willowood Creek (0.93 ac.) * Cabra Park, 1323 W. Broadway (1.36 ac.) * Fountain Park, 4938 Moody (1.62 ac.) * Kosar Park, Kosar @ Staples Street (0.28 ac.) * Breakwater Park, 2800 N. Shoreline (0.15 ac.) * Acushnet Park, 6746 Aaron (9.96 ac.) * Congress Park, 4017 Capitol (1.96 ac.) * Creekway Park, 7306 Prairie (0.89 ac.) * Durant Park, 6113 Durant (2.70 ac.) * Mt. Vernon Park, 5151 McArdle (7.25 ac.) * Parklane Park, 4600 Arlene (1.95 ac.) * Peary Park, 1750 Paul Jones @ Decatur (1.00 ac.) * Penn Place Park, 4302 Aaron (1.67 ac.) * Ridgewood Park, 5730 Malden (5.04 ac.) * Caribbean Park, 601 Mediterranean (1.00 ac.) FOR ____ AGAINST ____

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Colleen McIntyre

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I have a BS in Mathematics, an MS in Education, and served ten years as the president of a charter school board where I was bound by and received training in open meetings, open records, state funding, government grants, and budgeting with public funds. In my first term on Council, I have thoroughly explored every issue brought before me, made difficult votes, and worked with constituents in all areas of the district on their concerns.

Other than the concerns with which I have assisted my constituents regarding zoning, animal control, code enforcement, neighborhood pot holes, and utility billing errors, I would say the two greatest needs are the same as those across the city: Continued emphasis on infrastructure maintenance and repairs, including streets, water, waste water, parks and city facilities; and securing an affordable, long-term, drought tolerant water source.

Be transparent and provide open two way communication and make the difficult votes rather than bowing to special interests or taking the politically expedient path. I think it is very important to talk with as many people as possible in order to understand an issue from more sides than just those of your supporters. I think it is important to share my email and phone number so that I am accessible to my constituents.

I became involved in City government working in my neighborhood when petitioning for speed humps. This involvement continued as I became involved in more projects, eventually working with the museum and other staff to bring the Solar System exhibit to the Bayfront. I enjoyed the process and wanted to serve in a larger capacity. I am honored to have served the residents of District Four and would love an opportunity to continue working for them.



Joe Vollmer

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I have owned and operated a business in Corpus Christi for the last 30 years and I am now retired. I hold a Texas Air Conditioning Contractor's License. I graduated from Ray High School in 1967 and Del Mar College in 1971.

The top two issues in my district and all of Corpus Chirsti is 1) Repairs to our streets and 2) Securing water for our city.

I don't believe, in my opinion, the current city council can win back the trust of the general public after voting to increase the water rates, implementing street user fees and trying to build Destination Bayfront with taxpayer money.

The motivating factor in my decision to run for this position is that I want to restore the trust in our city government by bringing conservative, commonsense values to the council. I want to be a good steward of the taxpayer's money by making the right choices.

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