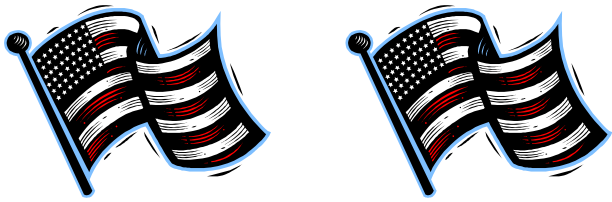




VOTERS GUIDE

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March 1, 2016, Primary Election

Early Voting Schedule: February 16-26

REVISED GUIDE FEATURING THE SIX CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

Early Voting (Main and Mobile) Sub-Stations/Hours of Operation
Tuesday-Friday, Feb. 16-19: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 21: 12 Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday, Feb. 22-26: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

This revised 4-page nonpartisan Voters Guide, produced by the League of Women Voters-Corpus Christi Area for the March 1 Primary, features only the six Democratic candidates seeking election as Nueces County Commissioner, Precinct 3. In the League's earlier publication, one candidate was inadvertently omitted.

The League apologizes to voters and to the candidate for the omission.

Featured in a 20-page Voters Guide, issued earlier this month, were candidates facing opposition in the following races: US Representative, District 27; Nueces County Democratic Party Chair; District Judge, 214th Judicial District; District Attorney, 105th Judicial District; Sheriff; County Commissioner, Precinct 3; Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Place 1; and Constables (Precincts 1, 3, 5)

MAIN EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS *(in Corpus Christi unless otherwise noted)*

1. Nueces County Courthouse (1st floor), 901 Leopard
2. Bishop Community Center, 102 W. Joyce Street, Bishop
3. Corpus Christi Area Council for the Deaf, 5151 McArdle Road
4. Del Mar College (Heldenfels Administration Building), 101 Baldwin Blvd.
5. Ellis Memorial Library, 700 W. Avenue A, Port Aransas
6. Ethel Eyerly Senior Center, 654 Graham Rd.
7. Greenwood Senior Citizens Center, 4040 Greenwood Drive
8. Hilltop Community Center, 11425 Leopard Street
9. Johnny S. Calderon County Building, 710 E. Main Street, Robstown
10. Kaffie Middle School (main office), 5922 Brockhampton Street
11. Magee Elementary School (Star Annex), 4201 Calallen Drive
12. Peerless Cleaners, 2802 Santa Fe Street
13. Petronila Elementary School (cafeteria), 2391 County Rd 67, Robstown
14. Schlitterbahn, 14353 Commodores Drive
15. The Valencia, 6110 Ayers St.

MOBILE EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS *(please note specific voting days/times)*

- CCAD (Building 8)-NAS, 308 Crecy: Feb. 23-25, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
David Berlanga Community Center, 1513 2nd St., Agua Dulce
Feb. 23, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
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County Commissioner, Precinct 3

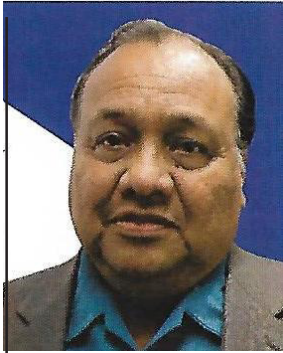
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If elected, what leadership skills do you bring to this office?



JESUS GONZALEZ (D)

I am currently employed with Nueces County Purchasing Department. I have the skill and knowledge how to have better control of the inventory. By letting my supervisor know of what are the fast moving supplies. Keeping track of data information on the computer I can check on Departments budget when they are trying to buy office supplies.

My biggest challenge is having better control of the budget as well as working with the supervisors and formans, also with other commissioners as well.

Prepared a budget line that focuses on what is to be bought. Long term debt to be cut half of a two year term. Applying for Federal grants and other programs that can help us resolve some of our problems.

If elected, I will work with others. I do not want to be a part-time commissioner. I will roll my sleeve and work with my formans and supervisor. I do not need a director when I take the challenge to be a commissioner and when things need to be fixed.



JOE GONZALEZ (D)

Currently Serving the Citizens of Nueces County: Employed by the Nueces County Sheriff's Office (NCSO) • 8 Years with NCSO • Currently Assigned to the Jail Division • Currently Hold Intermediate license President of the Nueces County Sheriff Officers Association (NCSOA)
 • Chief Executive Officer
 • Chief Negotiator
 • Past Vice-President

- The DOJ settlement for ADA improvements; hitting the 30 month deadline.
- Property tax valuations of our corporate neighbors. If we (the taxpayers) pay our fair share, then our corporate neighbors need to pay their fair share as well. We must partner with our local state reps. to ensure this issue is addressed in the next session.
- Keep the harbor bridge project moving forward; work to create a port terminal for cruise ships into our county.

The ADA improvements are going to be a costly project that the county has already made the commitment to fix. Even though the county is starting by setting aside 3 million this year for the project, it's very hard to cost out entirely because it is still in the early stages of planning. It may cost 3 to 5 million a year for the several years, but since it's already anticipated, we can work our budget around it.

I currently work with individuals from a wide range of ages, cultures, backgrounds, and political associations, which will allow me to work hand-in-hand with the Commissioners Court. Alongside with strategic thinking, organizing, and action planning (which are essential for the delivery of vision and strategy), I believe that together we can help keep Nueces County moving in the right direction.

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(please note specific voting days/times)

Banquete Senior Community Center, 4359 Fourth St., Banquete: Feb. 24, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Driscoll ISD (Cafetorium), 410 W. Avenue D, Driscoll: Feb. 25, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

TAMU-Corpus Christi (University Center), 6300 Ocean Drive: (held Feb. 16-18)

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County Commissioner, Precinct 3 (continued)

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**JOHN
MAREZ (D)**

City Councilman & Mayor Pro-Tem, School Board Vice Pres., Masters Degree-Public Administration, Bachelors of Political Science. Created Street Improvement Plan, FEMA County Flood Map Updates, ALWAYS Balanced Taxpayer Budgets (\$700M), NEVER Voted a Tax Increase, Voted for local Job Development, Hosted Neighborhood/Crime/Business Meetings, Represented 4 Senior Centers. Lifelong resident of Pct 3. Endorsed by Labor Unions & Democratic Party Leaders.

There are several BIG challenges facing us including Street Improvements, Job Creation & Lowering Taxes. However, FLOODING/Water Drainage is the biggest issue facing the precinct whether you live inside or outside city limits. I am the ONLY candidate, in my other elected offices, that received FEMA presentations on County/City Flood areas. I will work with the county & state to find new funding sources to improve flood/drainage issues in Pct 3.

The Budget will be impacted for MANY years, not just two years, to make ALL improvements. This year's budget allocates \$3 million to fix various ADA projects. As councilman & school board member I'm experienced with voting on budgets that included/funded ADA projects. I will seek to offset costs to taxpayers & the county budget by using federal funds when available. ADA obligations will force tough decisions to create no waste with future budgets.

ALWAYS place your interest first. I'm the only candidate that's a public policy maker; experience in public budgets, keeping taxes low, constituents concerns(streets/public safety/cleaner neighborhoods) I've been voted by my peers to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem & School Board Vice President because I work for common goals. Will work with the commissioners to bring funding/projects to Pct 3. I do my homework on issues & don't give up until I deliver.



**JOHN B.
MARTINEZ (D)**

Nueces County has been my home since I was born. For many years I have watched as our beautiful community has languished as others around us have thrived. I have made it a priority to do what I can to help our community grow and prosper. As an elected official, I have built many contacts and relationships with others who have similar goals and vision. I can bring these relationships together and build new ones to make our County strong.

Precinct 3 covers a vast area of Nueces County with many different challenges. The biggest challenge is creating a plan for long term growth and development in the area. This includes planning for infrastructure improvements and creation, such as roads and drainage. For businesses to want to come to Nueces County, we must provide them with the necessary tools for success. Infrastructure is the first step.

The ADA expenditures will greatly impact the County budget in the next 2 years. The costs for the improvements are expected to be between \$25 million to \$30 million. The Commissioners Court must work together to come up with a long term solution to these types of issues facing our community.

As a County Court At Law Judge, I was elected by my peers to serve as Presiding Administrative Judge for Nueces County Courts At Law. In that capacity I worked with our County Commissioners Court and other Judges to find solutions to the problems facing the Court system. With my leadership, the Courts implemented programs that promoted efficiency and helped to reduce the jail populations. I will bring these skills to the Commissioners Court.

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County Commissioner, Precinct 3 (continued)

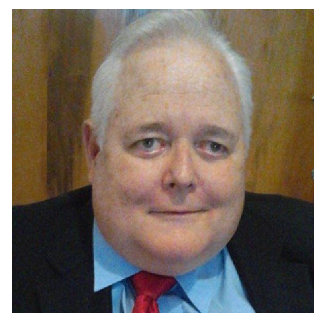
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DICK MITCHELL (D)

For over 40 years I have been a student of Nueces County Government. I attended CCISD, Del Mar College and graduated from TAMUCC. I worked for a small port industry selling blackstrap molasses, sold real estate and then began my career in property tax appraisal. Four years with Nueces county and 22 years with the Nueces county appraisal district. These life experiences uniquely qualify me to serve you as county commissioner precinct 3.

The biggest challenge facing Nueces county commissioner, precinct 3, is working with the other members of the court to fund county government. Other than that, the most pressing matter facing the court is to begin planning for the construction of a new court house.

The expenditures relative to the ADA improvements should come from the county's unencumbered funds and have no effect whatsoever on the budget.

I have demonstrated my leadership skills as a personal property appraiser where I met people and helped solve their problems in a fair and adequate manner. I have the ability to be calm in uncomfortable situations and help people to understand and solve problems.



JOEL MUMPHORD (D)

In 1979 I graduated from Roy Miller high school, shortly after I accomplished a lifelong goal of serving my community by becoming a certified Nueces County Deputy. Since then I have helped my community by volunteering and leading many task forces, agencies and boards. Such as the C.C.I.S.D task force, Nueces County community action agency for 11 years, Human relations commissioner and now I currently work as the Democratic Nueces County e//

The biggest problems I see are the inadequate amount of housing for veterans in Nueces County, poor road conditions, and the lack of communication and public safety, technology implemented in Nueces County.

To comply with the new ADA law we must reallocate money from places we don't necessarily need it, in order to help benefit ADA citizens of Corpus Christi.

If elected to Nueces County Commissioner, Precinct 3, I would bring strong financial skills and legislative responsibilities by establishing policies and procedures to meet county needs and goals such as monitoring the overall fiscal health of the county.



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