

March 6, 2018 – Dallas County Primary Election

IMPORTANT FAQs

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WHAT IS A PRIMARY?

A primary is an election staged to choose the nominee of a political party. There are separate Republican and Democratic primaries with different ballots, but Reps and Dems vote at the same polling locations. The Dallas County Primary Election will be March 6, 2018. If no candidate in a race receives a majority, a Primary Runoff will be held between the top two vote-getters to determine who wins the nomination.

IS THIS THE RACE BETO NEEDS TO WIN?

No. Beto O'Rourke, who is a Democrat running against Ted Cruz in 2018, will easily win the nomination on March 6, even though he has two opponents. He needs to win the mid-term in November 2018 in order to beat Ted Cruz. However, he is still on the ballot for March 6 so vote for him then.

CAN I VOTE FOR BOTH REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS IN A PRIMARY?

No. Primaries in Texas are primarily closed. This means that you can only vote in one. If you signed the ballot petition for any candidates, you are obligated to vote in the primary of the candidate whose ballot petition you signed.

IF I VOTE FOR DEMOCRATS IN THE PRIMARY CAN I CHANGE MY MIND IN THE GENERAL ELECTION?

Yes. You can also change your mind in the primary runoff, if one is necessary.

HOW DO I VOTE IF I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE CANDIDATES?

The League of Women Voters publishes a comprehensive voter guide at www.vote411.org. The Dallas Morning News also publishes a studied list of endorsements for each competitive race here: <https://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/editorials/2018/01/09/recommend-march-2018-democratic-primaries>

HOW DO I KNOW WHO REPRESENTS ME NOW?

Find out who represents you here:

<http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/Home.aspx>

WHAT WILL BE ON MY BALLOT?

You can print out your own ballot here to see your specific districts and candidates: <http://www.dallascountyvotes.org/voter-lookup/#VoterEligibilitySearch>

You can fill this out at home and take to your voting place.

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What Are The Most Important Contested Races?

DALLAS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR

The last race on the ballot is for the Chair of the Dallas County Democratic Party. The incumbent, Carol Donovan, is being challenged by **Chris Hamilton**, who is well-known for his progressive work leading the defense of immigrants caught at DFW Airport after Trump's first travel ban. **Forward Motion Texas and Women of Dallas United for Action both recommend Chris.**

While this race does not get much attention, it is critical that we have strong, inspiring leadership for our local candidates. This race is not a primary – **the winner will be elected on March 6.**

STATE

Governor (currently Greg Abbott)
Andrew White, Lupe Valdez

Texas State Senate, District 16
(currently Don Huffines)
Nathan Johnson, Joel Bogen

State Board of Education, District 12
Suzanne Smith

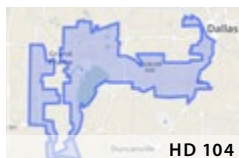
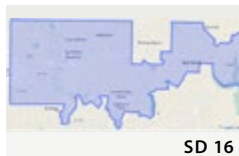
House District 104
Jessica Gonzalez, Roberto Alonzo

House District 108
Joanna Cattanach, Zac Duffy

House District 115
Rock Bower, Julie Johnson

FEDERAL

Congressional District 32 (currently Pete Sessions)
Colin Allred, Ed Meier, Lillian Salerno, Brett Shipp



District Attorney

After Republican District Attorney Susan Hawk stepped down in 2016, Governor Gregg Abbott appointed current DA Faith Johnson to take her place. Ever since, Democrats have been preparing for a battle to retake the seat and regain control over how decisions are made regarding criminal prosecutions in Dallas County.

Both John Creuzot and Elizabeth Frizell have previously been elected to judicial positions in Dallas County. They are both running to take on Republican Faith Johnson in the General Election in November.

Sheriff

Marian Brown, Roy Williams, Jr., Eland J. Sigler

Marian Brown was appointed by the Dallas County Commissioners Court after Lupe Valdez resigned to run for governor. Her main opponent is Roy Williams, Jr., a long serving Constable (also an elected position). Two Republicans also filed in the GOP primary, so the winner will have an opponent in November.

What About The Judges?

For over a decade, every judicial race in Dallas County has been decided in the Democratic primary. In 2018, 54 judicial elections will take place, but only 4 Republicans filed to run.

Here is a list of all the competitive (more than one challenger) judicial primaries in Dallas County, so you will see them on your ballot. Candidates in **RED** are ones who are widely regarded, but we are not providing a formal endorsement.

68th Judicial District

Martin Hoffman, Amanda Ghagar, Kim Brown

160th Judicial District

Jim Jordan, Aiesha Redmond, Bonnie Wulff,
Lynda Lee Weaver

193rd Judicial District

Carl Ginsberg, **Bridgett Whitmore**,
Joan Ballard, Lindsay Harrison

203rd Judicial District

Teresa Hawthorne, Rocky Jones

265th Judicial District

Jennifer Bennett, Myra McIntosh

283rd Judicial District

Lela D. Mays, Vonciel Hill

302nd Judicial District

Thelma Sanders Clardy, **Sandra Jackson**

304th Judicial District

LaDeitra Adkins, **Andrea Martin**

Criminal District Judge #1

Tina Yoo Clinton, Monique Ward

Criminal District Judge #6

Alison Grinter, Jeanine Howard

Criminal District Judge #7

Chika Anyiam, Heath Harris, Mark Watson

County Court-at-Law No. 2

Dorotha Ocker, Melissa J. Bellan

County Court-at-Law No. 4

Ken Tapscott, Paula Rosales, Rachel Rider,
Tanja Martini

County Criminal Court of Appeals No. 2

Bruce Kaye, **Johnny J. Lanzillo IV**,
Marilynn Mayse, **Pamela Luther**

County Criminal Court-at-Law Court No. 10

Etta J. Mullin, **Roberto Canas**

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