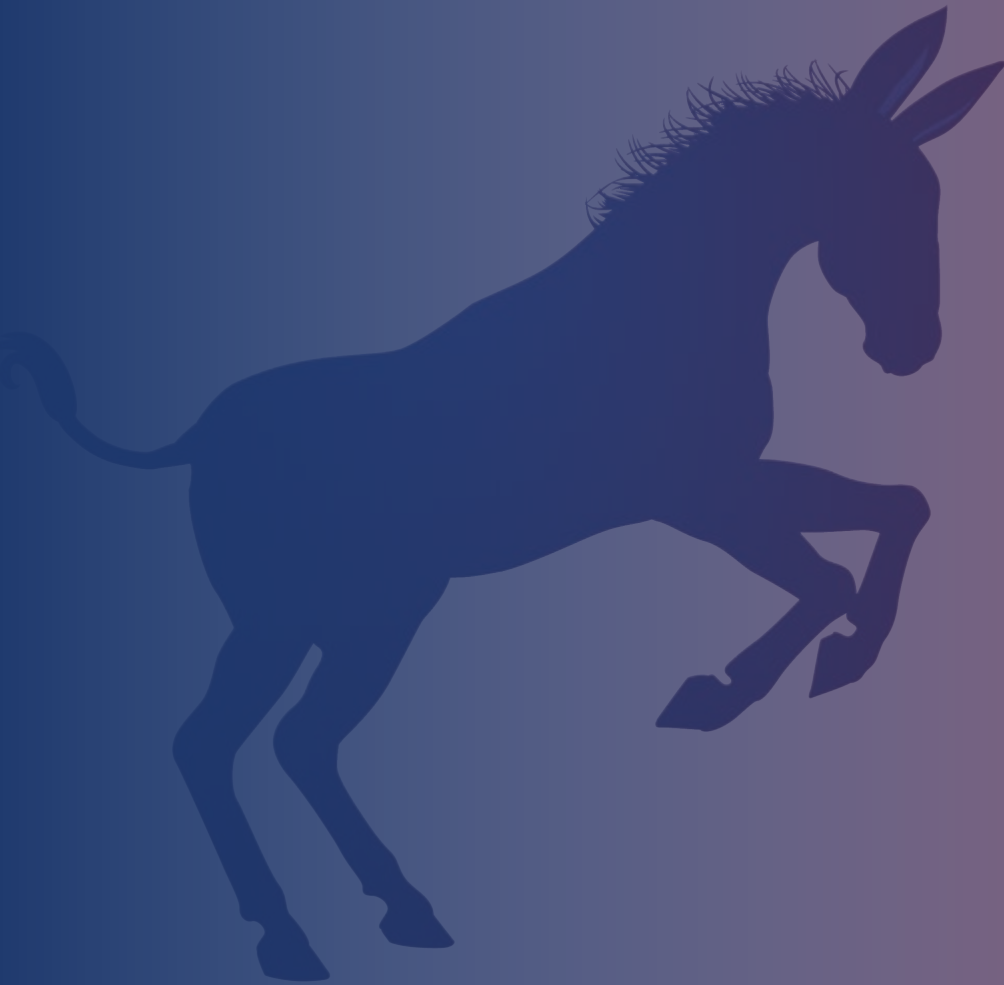

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Elizabeth Hernandez

FOR U. S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 8



“I want to do my part in Congress by revising the Tax Code to help the middle and working class Americans, which in turn benefits the upper class in America, who rely on all of us...”

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FOR CONGRESS TX-DISTRICT 8

Vote for Liz to:

- Reduce the \$23 Trillion Debt
- Improve Public Education
- Strengthen Civil Rights Laws
- Repair Roads and Bridges
- Provide Affordable Healthcare for All
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The national debt is over **\$23,000,000,000,000**. And our debt is rising by nearly \$1 trillion per year. As the debt rises, the interest on the debt is beginning to consume resources that could otherwise be used to run the country. Thus, it cannot simply be ignored. In fact, leading up to the last election, when the debt stood at \$19 trillion, it became a central talking point for Donald Trump and the Republicans as they promised to “eliminate the debt in 8 years” if elected.

Yet, after the election, the first order of business was for Kevin Brady to amend the tax code, cutting the income and capital gains tax rates primarily to the benefit of their wealthy donors, and taking away much needed revenue for the Country. At the same time, I heard Republicans plead poverty when it came to allocating resources to programs vital for the success of everyday Americans. I simply could not take it anymore so I am running for the U.S. House of Representatives for TX-8, and I am asking for your vote.

My background is in accounting, where I have worked for the last 19 years in a variety of roles, for places ranging from large corporations, to very small, locally owned businesses. There are now only 11 members of Congress with accounting backgrounds. Because so many of our issues are fiscal in nature, and could benefit from more Accountants, I want to do my part in Congress by revising the Tax Code to help the middle and working class Americans, which in turn benefits the upper class in America, who rely on all of us, as teachers for their children, employees they hire, and those who work in businesses that we all utilize every day.

I live and work in The Woodlands, Texas. I have three children, two of whom attend public schools with the youngest in Pre-Kindergarten. I am also in the final stages of completing my Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Sam Houston State University, which I am expected to receive in July. In addition, I have also extensively studied public policy, and have numerous ideas to implement at the federal level.

For example, we must invest in our country. Although TX-8 has been one of the fastest growing areas in the Country, our infrastructure has not been maintained to keep pace with our growth. For example, there are currently 23 bridges in TX-8, collectively crossed over 30,000 times daily, that are classified as **structurally deficient**. In Congress, I will seek federal funds to make the necessary improvements to infrastructure in TX-8. This will not only upgrade our roads and bridges but will also create good paying jobs in our District making such repairs. Also, improving infrastructure will allow us to attract new businesses to TX-8, lowering unemployment and strengthening our economy.

We must also strengthen public education in the Country. To do so, I will seek federal funding to support our school districts. Our public schools are struggling to obtain the funding needed for low student-teacher ratios necessary for the highest quality academic education, and the funding to provide a variety of extra-curricular activities that are so important to a well-balanced education that our children deserve.

I will also increase Civil Rights protections for women and minorities. First, I will introduce legislation to revamp the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and empower it to take greater enforcement actions, similar to those of OSHA. I will also introduce legislation to eliminate the cap on emotional and punitive damages in discrimination cases. This will provide a deterrent to discrimination in the workplace. I will also address the problem with housing discrimination by re-instituting regulations under the Fair Housing Act that protect against this practice, which are now being rolled back by the Trump Administration.

Finally, I will support legislation to make healthcare affordable for all. While I support Medicare for all, I also firmly believe that a role for private insurance must be maintained. While expanding Medicare eligibility, for those who prefer private insurance, they should be able to utilize that market. This allows Americans the freedom of choice for healthcare coverage but eases the burden that the government would shoulder under a pure Medicare for all system.

For my complete platform, please visit my website, LizForTX8.com, and please vote for me in the Democratic Primary on March 3. I have the education, judgment and specific set of ideas that resonate with residents of TX-8 and which can legitimately challenge 23-year Congressman Kevin Brady.

What are the most important issues facing residents in your district?

Federal regulations on individuals and businesses; national and border security to crack down on drug smugglers and human traffickers; flooding and future flood control; High Speed Rail

What are your district's greatest economic needs and how do you feel you can help to address them?

Despite the progress we've made, we still suffer from arbitrary federal regulations and an overly complex tax code. When elected and returned to the chair of the Ways and Means Committee, I will fight for more individual tax cuts, increases simplification of the tax code, and repeal more federal regulations.

Why do you believe you would be a good voice to represent Texans on the national level?

Through the tax cuts and deregulation that President Trump and I have fought for, Texas is stronger than ever. This means new job opportunities, growth of small businesses, and increased take home pay for all our families.

What are your priorities regarding immigration policy?

While in Congress, I've funded a border wall, increased penalties for criminal illegal aliens, and put dangerous sanctuaries on notice they will help enforce our laws or lose federal funding. I support the President's view of merit-based immigration. We need to shut the back door of illegal immigration so we can keep open the front door of legal immigration.

"If elected, I would:"

If elected I will keep working with the President to pass the MAGA Agenda as well as continue to stand up and fight against the disastrous High Speed Rail Project.

Kevin Brady

FOR U. S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 8



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"Kevin is a true friend, and has my Complete and Total Endorsement!"

—President Donald Trump,

December 20, 2019

The Lone Star State Continues to Shine Brighter with Conservative Leadership

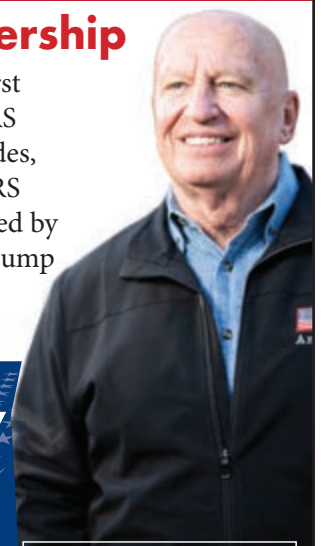
★ With President Trump, Kevin authored historic Tax Cuts & Jobs Act—first tax reform in 30 years — adding 760,000 new jobs in Texas past two years and lowest unemployment rate on record

★ Kevin led successful House passage of President Trump's new USMCA trade agreement with Mexico & Canada, crucial to Texas energy, manufacturing, agriculture, technology and small business jobs

★ Kevin negotiated end to 40-year ban on selling U.S. crude oil overseas, transforming Texas energy and leading to U.S. energy independence

★ Kevin supported President Trump's emergency actions to secure our Texas border when Democrats blocked full funding for wall

★ Kevin led first reform of IRS in two decades, reining in IRS abuses, signed by President Trump signed in 2019



Kevin

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Gina Parker

FOR JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS PLACE 3



“As a criminal trial attorney, she has gained a depth of legal knowledge and experience meeting with clients, continually studying the applicable laws, preparing motions, negotiating plea bargains, and trying cases during her career.”

Gina Parker is an accomplished attorney with more than 33 years of legal experience, successful businesswoman, former prosecutor, and former homebuilder. Over the years, she has taught Church Law Seminars and provided legal advice to churches. She has also been a lecturer on Constitutional Law for more than 30 years. Gina is a constitutional conservative with a strong belief that judges should preserve the rule of law and never legislate from the bench.

With wide-ranging legal experience, Gina has experience in civil and business law; however, she has predominantly practiced criminal law, including criminal appeals cases. She has handled thousands of misdemeanor, felony and juvenile cases. As a criminal trial attorney, she has gained a depth of legal knowledge and experience meeting with clients, continually studying the applicable laws, preparing motions, negotiating plea bargains, and trying cases during her career.

With successful experience as both a prosecutor and a criminal defense attorney, she has depth of experience on both sides of a case. As a public servant, she has represented Texas citizens as a City Attorney, Assistant County Attorney and Assistant District Attorney. As a prosecutor, she was recognized for her work to clear the juvenile case backlog. And she has served as Commissioner and the Chair of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation ruling on over a thousand administrative law appeals.

In addition to her legal career, Gina is a successful businesswoman. She founded Dental Creations, Ltd, an international company that manufactures innovative dental products. Her legal experience has proven beneficial to the company in securing patents and trademarks, drafting royalty agreements, negotiating contracts, dealing with onerous government regulations, working with international law and researching and developing products.

For decades, Gina's Republican credentials run deep. She has been active in TFRW and is a former President of Central Texas Republican Women. She served as Treasurer of the Texas Republican Party from 1998-2001 and was Associate General Counsel in 2001. She additionally served as General Counsel for both the Texas Hispanic Assembly and the McLennan County Republican Party. It was not surprising that Gina was named a Top 10 Republican Player by Capitol Inside.

Gina was awarded the Outstanding National Eagle Forum Award for her dedicated work in support of the United States Constitution and served as the Eagle Forum National Judicial Reform Chairwoman. She also served on the American Family Association Texas Advisory Board. In addition, she is a lifetime member of the NRA.

Gina received a BBA in Marketing and Entrepreneurship from Baylor University in 1983 and her Juris Doctorate from Baylor University School of Law in 1986. She was a Mile Relay National Qualifier in 1982 and was awarded "Most Spirited" for the Baylor Track Team. She was a member of the business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi.

She is married to Dr. Kevin Kallal, and they live in Waco where they serve in faith-based leadership positions. With her family's support and prayers, Gina is running for the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3.

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For Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3

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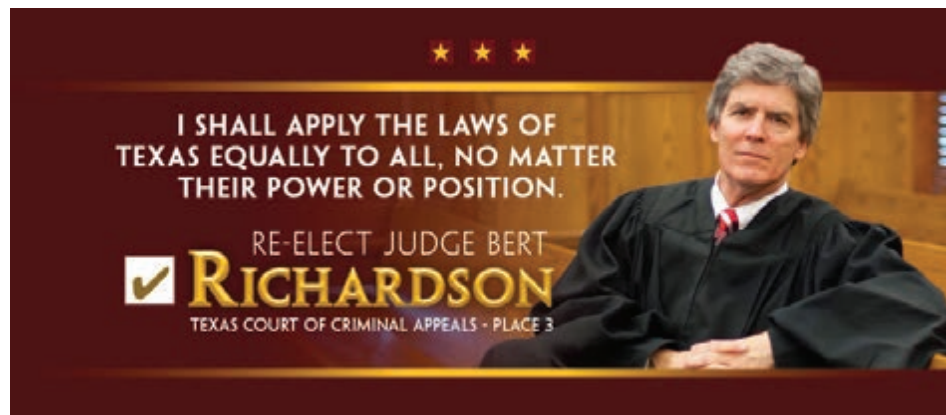
Judge Bert Richardson serves as a Judge on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals (Place 3). He is the son of the late Lt. Col. Marlin Richardson (USAF) who was a career fighter pilot and Veteran of 160 missions in the Vietnam War. His mother, NanEtte Richardson is the owner of NanEtte Richardson Fine Art in San Antonio, Texas. After his family lived overseas and across the country, his father retired in San Antonio. Judge Richardson graduated from high school in San Antonio, received his B.S. degree from Brigham Young University, and his J.D. Degree from St. Mary's University School of Law. He worked his way through undergraduate and law school as a photographer, employee of Southwest Airlines, and an intern in the Bexar County DA's Office.

Admitted to the State Bar of Texas in 1988, Judge Richardson has 30 years of trial experience as a lawyer and judge. He became Board Certified in Criminal Law in 5 years (less than 1% of lawyers attain that distinction) and is fluent in Spanish, which he was able to use while presiding in courts across the State. He was named a Distinguished Law Graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law in 2015. From 1988 to 1999 he served as an Assistant District Attorney in Bexar County and an Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas. He has written and been involved in hundreds of appellate cases while working as both a State and Federal prosecutor and as judge on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. He also has extensive experience in over 50 death penalty cases as a prosecutor, District Court Judge, and Judge on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. The Court receives thousands of post-conviction writs each year, making it the busiest appellate court in the country. A small percentage of those involve claims that the defendants are entitled to new trials or are actually innocent. They are complex cases to resolve, requiring the review of records sometime decades old. Judge Richardson has participated in nine cases where defendants were declared actually innocent for crimes they did not commit.

In addition to his trial experience as a judge and prosecutor, he has successfully participated on a pro bono basis in two international cases requiring a foreign country to place one of its own citizens on its Olympic team after initially refusing to do so despite the fact that the citizen had met the Olympic standard.

Judge Richardson was appointed to the 379th District Court by Governor George Bush in 1999 and served in that position until 2009. As a Senior Visiting Judge from 2009-2014, he presided over a wide variety of civil and criminal matters in over 50 counties, including capital trials, writs ordered by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and many other high-profile cases. He was elected to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in 2014. He currently serves as the Court Liaison to the State Bar of Texas. Judge Richardson was an adjunct law professor for over 15 years at local universities in San Antonio, including St. Mary's University School of Law. He has also served as a private judge and mediator.

Judge Richardson has been married for 35 years. His wife is a retired teacher and school and city employee benefits administrator, and their son is a graduate of Texas Tech University and a Bexar County Probation Officer. An avid photographer, Richardson was an assistant photo editor of his college yearbook and is currently a contributing photographer to several national and regional publications and websites. He runs and bikes on a regular basis and is actively involved in his church and local community.



Judge Bert Richardson

FOR JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS PLACE 3

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QUALIFICATIONS MATTER



VOTE FOR JUDGE BERT

RICHARDSON

TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS - PLACE 3

QUALIFICATION	JUDGE RICHARDSON	OPPONENT
Judicial Experience	20 Years	0 Years
Senior Visiting Judge	6 Years	0 Years
Board Certification in Criminal Law	Yes	No
Capital Death Penalty Cases	50+	0
Actual Innocence Cases	9	0
Criminal Appeals	Hundreds	3*
WRITS	Hundreds	0
Law School & College Adjunct Professor	15 Years	0
Prosecutor	11+ Years (Assistant District Attorney and Assistant US Attorney)	3 Years (Misdemeanor)
Primary Occupation	Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals	General Manager/Partner Dental Creations, LLP <i>and</i> Personal Injury/Criminal Defense Lawyer*

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Veronica Rivas-Molloy

FOR JUSTICE, 1ST COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, PLACE 3



“I feel a commitment to give back to the legal profession that gave me a voice and the opportunity to advocate on behalf of others.”

I am a wife, mother of three young sons, and an immigrant to this country. I have practiced law for almost 20 years, handling a wide-variety of cases throughout Texas and other jurisdictions in the United States. I have represented numerous clients in state and federal courts, including county courts at law, district courts, appellate courts, and before arbitral tribunals. I represent clients in disputes involving oil and gas operations, real estate, healthcare, construction, personal injury, employment matters, trade secrets, non-compete and restrictive covenants, and a diverse range of complex contractual and business-related matters.

In addition to my private practice, I work with Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) providing pro bono representation to unaccompanied minors in their immigration and asylum proceedings. I also serve as outside counsel for Holy Trinity Episcopal School of Greater Houston, providing pro bono legal advice and representation to the school.

Although I now call Houston home, I was born in Mexico and grew up in the El Paso, Texas border area. From an early age, my parents instilled in me the value of hard work, dedication, integrity, and education. They sacrificed their dreams so that I could reach goals and dreams beyond their own.

With their support and encouragement, I graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) with a B.A. in Criminal Justice and Spanish (with honors), becoming the first college graduate in my family. While at UTEP, I worked full-time and attended college part-time my last two years to help support my family after the sudden passing of my father. My mother, then only 46 and a stay-at-home mom, started working full-time at a restaurant kitchen during the day and cleaning offices at night to provide for me, and my three younger sisters. Her strength, dedication, and unconditional love were inspiring and allowed me to continue pursuing my education and my dream of becoming a lawyer one day. Even though my father passed while I was still in college, the memory of his sacrifice and constant encouragement continue to drive me each day.

After graduating from UTEP, I moved to Houston to attend the University of Houston Law Center. I served as an Articles Editor for the Houston Law Review and graduated with honors, becoming the first person in my family to obtain an advance degree and to become an attorney. While attending law school, I also had the privilege of becoming a United States citizen.

After law school, I worked as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Ewing Werlein, Jr. of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, where I had the opportunity to work on a variety of civil matters. I was exposed to many areas of the law, and more importantly, to rigorous legal analysis, extensive brief writing, and the ability to understand the inner workings of a courtroom and the importance of the rule of law to our democracy.

Following my clerkship, I worked at the law firm of Baker Botts, LLP, where I continued to work on various litigation matters in state and federal courts, further refining my analytical, oral, and written advocacy skills. I represented clients in commercial litigation and complex business disputes. While at Baker Botts, I also served as a volunteer prosecutor for the City of Houston, where I managed the docket of the court once a week and successfully tried numerous cases first chair to the jury.

For the last 10 years, I have worked at the law firm of Jones Walker, LLP advocating for my clients and representing them in litigation and appellate matters across various industries. My experience is extensive, and it has prepared me well for the position I now seek.

I am running to be Justice on the First Court of Appeals, because I want to serve my community. I feel a commitment to give back to the legal profession that gave me a voice and the opportunity to advocate on behalf of others. I also want to bring my wealth of experience and diverse voice to the bench, where I will always strive to work with integrity, hard work, and excellence. I hope to earn your trust and your vote in the March 2020 Democratic Primary. It will be a privilege to serve you and our judiciary.

VERONICA

RIVAS-MOLLOY

FOR JUSTICE

1ST COURT OF APPEALS, PLACE 3

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Judge Amparo Monique Guerra is a lawyer, judge, mom of three children and wife, running for the First Court of Appeals, Place 5. She practices law full-time and serves as a Houston Municipal Judge part-time. She is the first Hispanic partner in her law firm, and she has a wide range of experience handling complex cases in federal and state trial and appellate courts. When she was originally appointed to be a Municipal Judge for the City of Houston in 2005, she was the youngest sitting judge on the court, having been appointed at 28 years old. She is a graduate of Rice University (double-major in Sociology and Latin American Studies), where she was on the President's Honor Roll. She obtained her J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center, which awarded her a Dean's Merit Scholarship, as well as Public Interest Fellowships to work with Texas Rural Legal Aid in South Texas, and with Farmworker Legal Services in Michigan. She clerked for a U.S. District Judge immediately following law school. She looks forward to bringing her background, strong work ethic, and experience as a lawyer and a judge to the Court of Appeals.

The First Court of Appeals district includes 10 counties: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Harris, Waller, and Washington Counties.

Judge Amparo Guerra is well qualified to be your Justice.

- A 17-year lawyer who handles complex civil cases in state and federal trial and appellate courts throughout Texas and the U.S.
- Experience representing all types of clients from individuals and families, to businesses of all sizes, including sole proprietorships, small businesses, and Fortune 500 companies (in fact, for the last four years, she has been lead counsel for the largest corporation in the world in state and federal courts in Texas and Colorado).
- She has worked in legal aid clinics, municipal and federal courts, as well as law firms of all sizes—small, mid-size, and large.
- The first Hispanic partner at her law firm.
- She is the only woman, the only person of color, and the only judge in the Democratic primary.
- She is the only woman in this race (Republican or Democrat).
- An Associate Municipal Judge for the City of Houston from 2005-2010 and appointed again in 2019 by the Mayor and unanimously confirmed by City Council.
- When she was originally appointed to the Municipal Court, she was the youngest sitting judge on the court, having been appointed at 28 years old.
- She has received every organizational endorsement awarded so far in this race (through Jan. 30, 2020).
- She moved to Houston to attend Rice University (where she was a double major, and was on the President's Honor Roll), and then the University of Houston Law Center (where she was awarded the Dean's Merit Scholarship, and Public Interest Law Fellowships to work at Texas Rural Legal Aid, and Farmworker Legal Services in Michigan).
- She was a federal judicial law clerk immediately following law school for U.S. District Judge Filemon Vela.
- She is multilingual (she has a Superior Certification in Legal and Commercial Spanish from the Chamber of Commerce in Madrid, Spain; she also speaks Portuguese and Italian).
- Her mom (Ret. Justice Linda Yanez) was the first Latina on a Court of Appeals in Texas.
- She has been promoting diversity on the bench for years through bar organizations and otherwise (we currently have no African American or Hispanic justices on the Houston Courts of Appeals).
- She is an Officer of the Hispanic Bar Association of Houston and has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2015.
- She is well respected by her peers for her quality of work, analytical skills, and strong work ethic.
- She has garnered strong support of her candidacy from well-respected members of the bar, including criminal defense lawyers, civil litigators, personal injury lawyers, legal aid lawyers, appellate practitioners, criminal law and appellate law professors, in-house counsel, and a former Justice on the highest Criminal Court in Texas.

Judge Amparo Guerra

FOR JUSTICE, 1ST COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, PLACE 5

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JUDGE
AMPARO MONIQUE
GUERRA
for Justice, 1st Court of Appeals, Place 5

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LOMBARDINO

For Justice, 1st Court of Appeals



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Judge James Lombardino (center back) at Grimes County GOP Headquarters December 19, 2019.

EXPERIENCE:

- ★ Judge of 308th District Court, Harris County (2011-2018)
- ★ 30 years Litigation Experience in State and Federal Courts
- ★ Former Harris County Assistant District Attorney
- ★ A Founding Father of Crime Stoppers of Houston



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TERRY ADAMS

★ *for* **JUSTICE** ★
FIRST COURT OF APPEALS, PLACE 5

Terry Adams is a conservative Republican and is running to serve as your next Justice on the First Court of Appeals, Place 5.

Terry is committed to the rule of law and will not legislate from the bench. Terry will work hard for all Texans and impartially apply the law in each case as written by the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

FAST FACTS ABOUT TERRY:

- 30 years of appellate law experience
- Has handled more appeals in Texas Courts than all his opponents combined
- Recognized by Texas Super Lawyers and the Best Lawyers in America as being one of the top appellate lawyers in Texas. Also rated as AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell
- Has handled appeals in every court of appeals in Texas, the Texas Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.
- A member of the State Bar Court Rules Committee and former member of the Jury Task Force for the Texas Supreme Court.
- Board Member on the Advisory Council for the South Texas Law Review and a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and the Houston Bar Foundation.

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Lennon C. Wright graduated from the University of Texas in 1973 with a degree in English, which he earned 2 years and 9 months after starting his college classes. He then went on to graduate from the University of Houston law school in 1977, magna cum laude. In his 42 years of practicing law, Mr. Wright has always represented individuals, families and small businesses, almost always as a Plaintiff’s lawyer. He is a current member of the Houston Trial Lawyers Association and the Texas Bar Association. He is a Fellow of the Houston Bar Association and the Texas Bar Association. Mr. Wright has tried over 100 jury trials in state and federal courts and has handled over 70 appeals. Mr. Wright is rated AV-PREEMINENT by Martindale-Hubbell; the most respected attorney rating organization in the United States. None of Mr. Wright’s opponents in the primary are even rated.

Mr. Wright has continuously made successful monetary recoveries for his clients, both by settlement and jury verdict. He is known as a creative and resourceful lawyer and has handled a wide and diverse field of cases within the personal injury and wrongful death arena. In 2006 and 2007 Mr. Wright was rated one of Houston’s top lawyers by H Magazine, He was a featured speaker at the 17th Annual Insurance Law Institute sponsored by the University of Texas in October 2012. He was also a speaker at the conference presented in March 2013.

In addition to his ability to try a case in front of a jury, his appellate skills have led to three major decisions which changed the law in favor of the injured and the families of those wrongfully killed. In *Blackwell v. Harris County, Texas*, 909 S.W.2d 135 (Tx. Ct. App. – Houston [14th Dist.] 1995, petition denied by the Supreme Court), Mr. Wright was successful in getting the Court to rule that an off-duty Sheriff’s Deputy’s children were entitled to recover workers compensation death benefits when the Deputy was involved in traffic control while escorting a funeral procession. In a subsequent jury trial, the jury found that Mr. Blackwell was acting in the course and scope of his employment and that his children were entitled to compensation benefits.

In 1999, Mr. Wright tried a case for a roofer, Braulio Guillen, who was injured while working on a roof. During the suit against the roofing company, its insurance company went bankrupt. After receiving the jury verdict of \$1,350,000.00 against the roofing company, Mr. Wright then sued the insurance agent for procuring faulty insurance coverage. The trial court granted summary judgment on the basis that the two-year statute had run before the suit was filed against the agent. Mr. Wright appealed to the Houston First District Court of Appeals.

In *All-Tex Roofing, Inc. v. Greenwood Insurance Group, Inc., et al.*; 73 S.W.3rd 412 (Tx. App. – Houston [1st Dist.] 2002) the court held that the statute of limitations against an insurance agent for failing to obtain the proper insurance coverage did not begin to run until the judgment was entered against the insured.

In 1999, Mr. Wright secured a jury verdict in favor of his clients, Sid and Judy Simpson, who contracted hepatitis after eating at Kloesel’s Restaurant in Moulton, Texas. Mr. Wright then sued the agent who procured a commercial general liability insurance policy for the restaurant which did not cover communicable disease. The jury rendered a verdict in excess of \$1,000,000.00 which was upheld by the Corpus Christi Court of Appeals in *Insurance Network of Texas v. Kloesel*, 266 SW3d 456 (Tx. Ct. App.- Corpus Christi, 2008; pet. den.), Significantly, the court held that it did not matter that the Kloesels had not read the insurance policy, this was simply something for the jury to take into consideration when determining contributory negligence.

For the last 30 years, the usual route to the appellate bench was simple. The governor appointed a lawyer from some large firm, like Baker Botts or Vinson Elkins to the trial bench and then when an opening came up on the appellate court, that trial judge was then elevated to the court of appeals. Mr. Wright, being a Plaintiff’s lawyer who has only represented people, as opposed to giant corporations, would bring a fresh perspective to the appellate court. For more information, please check out the campaign website, lennonforjustice.com.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Grimes County for allowing me to be your Tax Assessor-Collector. I have enjoyed serving you during the last three years.

I have resided in Grimes County for the last 20 years and love being here. My husband and I live in the Stoneham area.

I have 38 years of experience in automobile title and registrations. Over this time, I have become responsible for a variety of duties, including processing titles and registration, accounting, and keeping up with the many changes from the DMV.

Since taking office I have implemented WebDealer, which is a program that TXDMV allows dealers to submit their title transfers online to us. This eliminates a dealer representative from having to tie up a clerk for long periods of time, which in turn makes the clerk available for you.

In April 2019 I contracted with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department to be able to perform boat and motor title and registration transactions. This is another service that we now provide to Grimes County.

TXDMV has a Performance Quality Recognition Program in which my office received the Silver Level award in July 2019. Representatives from the Austin Headquarters came to a Commissioner's Court meeting to present this award to us. This award is issued based on a set of criteria including, that proper bonding requirements are met, that the employees of the Tax Office are properly trained, that there are check and balances in place to defray fraud and waste, and to ensure that we have a low rate of rejections for the work submitted to the state. There are many other requirements as well. There are only 18 counties that have participated and received awards in this program.

While working as the Tax Assessor-Collector I feel the need to also give back to the community as much as I can. I am involved in committees at church, with the Plantersville Town Hall and Grimes County Historical Commission. I enjoy going to the many community fundraisers as well.

I enjoy hearing from the residents of Grimes County, good or bad. Please feel free to come in and talk to me when the need arises. I will be there to help you as best that I can.

My main goal is to provide the best customer service that we can, and to maintain the integrity that this office has.

Thank you, the Residents of Grimes County, for giving me another term to be your Tax Assessor-Collector.

Mary Ann Waters

FOR GRIMES COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

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Don Sowell

FOR GRIMES COUNTY SHERIFF



I have proudly served my country and my beloved State of Texas as a peace officer for the past 50 years.

I wish to take this opportunity to ask of you, the citizens of Grimes County, to consider voting for me to a sixth term in office as your Sheriff. The duties of Sheriff are many and varied and consist of, to name a few, being the keeper of the jail and protector of the courthouse, as well as the conservator of peace. Keeping the peace and serving our citizens is an important function that allows you to enjoy the quality of life that you and your family deserve. We are all concerned and aware of the dangers that affect our world peace as well as here in the United States. Our citizens must be more vigilant to their surroundings and concerned about the dangers that lurk in our society. Today, more than ever, law enforcement and the citizens we serve must work closer together supporting each other and that support greatly helps law enforcement perform their duties. I've always encouraged this style of mutual support and respect for each other and have been proud of this relationship in Grimes County. I will continue to work with our local, state and federal law enforcement partners to ensure all resources are brought to Grimes County to keep us safe and combat the criminal activity that plagues all of us. Working with our District and County Attorney offices to present the best cases for prosecution has always been a priority of the Grimes County Sheriff's Office. I will continue to serve you with dignity, respect and with professional integrity.

I was born on April 3, 1951 in Huntsville to John and JoAnn Sowell. My family later moved to Navasota where I was raised. After graduating from Navasota High School in 1969, I joined the U.S. Air Force serving 4 years in the Security Police career field. Honorably discharged from the service, I joined the Harris County Sheriff's Department in 1973 serving as a Deputy Sheriff, patrolman under Sheriff Jack Heard, Sheriff Johnny Klevenhagen and Sheriff Tommy Thomas and received my Master Peace Officer Certificate in 1994. I was appointed by the Grimes County Commissioner's Court as Sheriff of Grimes County in September 1998, currently serving in my fifth full term.

Since 1988 I've been married to the former Gail Hoffart of Dobbin and we reside near Anderson. We have three children: Clint Branch and wife Diana, Brandi Waitz and husband Dave and Ashleigh Krause and husband Tanner. We have four grandchildren: Abbygail and Brooklyn Branch and Luke and Colton Waitz.

I have proudly served my country and my beloved State of Texas as a peace officer for the past 50 years. I am a Past President, Past Director and Lifetime Member of the Sheriff's Association of Texas, Past Director of the Texas Jail Association and am a member of the 100 Club, TEEEX Board Member of the Central Texas Police Academy, American Legion Post 640, VFW Post 4006, Lifetime Member of the Viet Nam Security Police Association, Navasota Theatre Alliance, Brazos Valley Board Member of MHMR, St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council 4054, Grimes County Crime Stoppers and a Past President of the Anderson-Shiro CISD Board of Trustees serving 3 terms. While in existence, I sponsored the Grimes County Junior Deputy Sheriff's Mounted Posse.

I was named Officer of the Year in 1999 by Crime Stoppers and have received two prestigious awards from the Grimes County Chamber of Commerce: the Community Service Award in 2003 and Citizen of the Year (jointly with my wife Gail) in 2011. In the Examiner's "Best of Grimes County" annual awards, I have received Best Peace Officer, Best Elected Official and Best Boss (runner-up).

One of the highlights of my career is to have been able to return to my home county and serve our citizens as their Sheriff. It has been a great privilege and an honor that I have taken very seriously to have had this opportunity to serve as your Sheriff. Keep in mind, you the citizens, have the duty and the power to select the person that serves you as the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of your County. Be sure to vote early Tuesday, Feb. 18 through Friday, Feb. 28. The primary election is set for Tuesday, March 3, 2020. I would appreciate your support and vote. Thank you.

Sheriff Don Sowell

The opportunity to have been able to serve as your Sheriff for the past 21 years have been both challenging and positive in nature. We have built a respected reputation with all local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in our area as well as statewide. This has given use the ability to combat the criminal element that preys on our society and through proper arrests and prosecutions by our District Attorney's office to obtain good convictions in our courts. We maintain safe and secure courtrooms by working with the Constable's offices. We have kept our jail in compliance with all state and federal standards while keeping a safe and respectful environment for our jailers and inmates in a humanitarian fashion. We have kept our jail in compliance with all state and federal standards for 21 straight years while keeping a safe and respectful environment for our jailers and inmates in a humanitarian fashion. Jail inmate work programs are utilized to serve our citizens and organizations throughout the county.

It has been not only an honor but a distinguished privilege to serve as your Sheriff and I will continue to be not only accessible, but available at all times. My office door is always open for a visit as well as my home. Your continued support and vote would be appreciated.

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Best of regards,
Don

Travis Higginbotham is CEO of Apache Security Services in Grimes County, Texas with 23 years of experience in law enforcement have prepared him for the office of Sheriff of Grimes County.

After completing high school in Caldwell, Texas, Higginbotham enrolled in the Houston Fire Department Training Academy, following family members who were firefighters in the Houston Fire Department. His Uncle Travis Ezell was a District Chief and dad, Larry Higginbotham drove the Engine many years at station 57. A hiring freeze, however, propelled most of the class into law enforcement.

In 1994, Higginbotham moved to Grimes County after obtaining employment under Sheriff Bill Foster. Advancing to patrol deputy in 1997, he enjoyed working the different communities within Grimes County. Often, there was a single deputy patrolling the county. Citizens listening to scanners checked on deputies to ensure safety on traffic stops or domestic cases. This strengthened relationships between citizens and law enforcement.

Higginbotham has long-lasting law-enforcement relationships which prepare him for hitting the ground running as sheriff. His mentors were Sheriff Bill Foster, Chief Deputy Edward Schroeder and Chief Investigator John LeFlore. Higginbotham won reserve officer of the year in 1996, volunteering hours to assist with patrol duties. He learned interview techniques and processing a crime scene under Chief Investigator John Leflore. Patrolling the cities and towns of Grimes County and meeting and building community relationships were instrumental in Higginbotham's career.

In 1998, under the discretion of Sheriff Don Sowell, Higginbotham was promoted to Chief Investigator. He investigated several homicides, cold cases, burglaries and sexual assaults. Higginbotham, along with Emergency Service District Administrator Randy Duke, cleaned up over 65,000 abandoned tires in Richards, Texas. Those involved with illegal dumping were successfully charged and convicted.

Higginbotham, along with Texas Ranger Bryant Wells, worked the first capital murder case in Bedias, Texas, when Ronnie Hyde confessed to the killing of Charles Roberson. Hyde was sentenced to death by Grimes County citizens, however he later died of natural causes before sentencing could be carried out. In 2000, Higginbotham received the prestigious Officer of the Year award from our local Crimes Stoppers. Sheriff Don Sowell promoted Higginbotham in 2000 as Captain of Operations, in which Higginbotham oversaw the jail, dispatch, patrol and the investigation division.

In 2001 he was once again promoted to the narcotics task force where was involved in multiple narcotics investigations in both Grimes and Brazos Counties. Higginbotham worked in an undercover capacity in several investigations, where the task force combatted narcotics dealers in Grimes and Brazos Counties making several arrests and recovering narcotics.

In 2001 Higginbotham transferred to the District Attorney's office. He worked with Tuck McClain and Assistant DA Andria Bender. He honed skills and investigative experience critical to successfully prosecute a criminal case in Grimes County, Texas. He was also instrumental in working with and supporting victims of crimes. Higginbotham has been portrayed on several investigative television programs, including Nightmare Next Door and Forensic Files, both of which detailed the investigation into the death of Lonnie Turner Sr. Higginbotham, along with Navasota PD and the Texas Rangers, solved the case in the death of a local businessman. Each case was successfully prosecuted and resulted in prison sentences.

Travis Higginbotham's priorities as Sheriff of Grimes County are:

- Community policing
- Building strong relationships with all citizens of Grimes County
- Red flagging mental health issues to prevent violent behavior
- Disrupting the use and sales of drugs in Grimes County
- Making Grimes County safe for all citizens

Crime and criminals are not stagnant. They are challenging and fluid, requiring innovative leadership in order to protect the law-abiding, good of Grimes County. It is time for change in law enforcement at the county level. It is time for all citizens to feel protected and safe. It is time to be proactive against crime in Grimes County.

As sheriff of Grimes County, Higginbotham will utilize resources that are available now for the protection of citizens and the reduction of violence, drug use and crime.

Travis Higginbotham will bring professionalism, equality of citizenship and attention to detail as sheriff of Grimes County. As a new decade begins, it is time for leadership that will protect our children, our vulnerable elderly population, our diverse cultures and wide-spaced cities and towns across the county. Travis Higginbotham will raise the bar of excellence and set the expectations high for law-enforcement throughout the land of milk and honey.

Travis Higginbotham

FOR GRIMES COUNTY SHERIFF



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Chad Mallett

FOR GRIMES COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1



I have the experience and knowledge concerning tax rates and budget development necessary to maximize the use of tax dollars and reduce the tax burden on citizens and business owners.

I would like to express what an honor and privilege it has been to have the opportunity to serve as Grimes County Commissioner Precinct 1 over the last four and a half years.

I am a lifelong resident of Iola. I graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Civil Engineering. I am a Licensed Professional Engineer with extensive experience designing subdivisions, roads, and drainage systems, along with experience in project management. Prior to becoming your Commissioner, I served on the Iola ISD Board of Trustees for 13 years. I have the experience and knowledge concerning tax rates and budget development necessary to maximize the use of tax dollars and reduce the tax burden on citizens and business owners.

During my time in office, I have played a significant role in increasing the Road and Bridge budget from \$4.5 million to \$7.5 million. We have added two Drainage Crews that are devoted to improving ditches and cleaning out culverts. This is a significant tool for functional ditches that ensure proper rainwater shedding away from the roadbed. This prevents the roadbed from washing out and is a vital component for proper road construction and maintenance. This implementation means less tax dollars will be used to repair roads washed out by inadequate ditches, which allows more tax dollars to be spent on road improvements and maintenance.

In addition to functional ditches, roads must be shaped properly to ensure adequate rainwater shedding. Giving resources to the Road and Bridge Department for the proper training and certification of motor grader operators is critical and will help ensure that our operators have the skills necessary to maintain the roads. With my experience as an engineer, I understand what is necessary to maintain and improve the roads in Grimes County and I will continue to use my experience to maximize our limited resources for the maximum benefit to our citizens. I have remained an advocate for quality roads in Grimes County, and I will continue to be an advocate for the citizens of Precinct 1.

I have witnessed county growth throughout the years. I, personally, would like to see it grow in such a way that Grimes County holds onto its rural roots and maintains a community feel. With this growth, a strain has been placed on our courts.

The number of court cases and trials have outgrown our current courtroom. We currently have two District Courts, a County Court at Law, an AG Court, and a Juvenile Court. As chairman of the Building Committee, I played an important part in the design of the new Justice Center. The Committee, consisting of competent elected officials and county employees, did an excellent job overseeing the design and making sure our needs were met. We believe the citizens will be proud of this building for years to come.

The Justice Center is currently being constructed next to the Grimes County Law Enforcement Center. Once it is complete, the additional three courtrooms will eliminate the backlog in our District Courts and County Court at Law. Also, the Center will add much needed security for our citizens and for prisoner transport. We are paying for the Justice Center out of the County Fund Balance. This means that no new taxes and no reduction of funding in any of our departments was required to pay for the Justice Center.

I am an advocate for our Volunteer Fire Departments. I fought against the reduction in their funding and I will continue to fight for adequate funding to make sure that the Departments have the resources necessary to respond to emergencies and protect our citizens.

I am asking for your vote on Tuesday March 3, 2020. I have the experience and qualifications that you are looking for in a Commissioner.



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Being in service-related occupations for over 40 years what people want, need, and deserve has always been important to me. In the last seven years serving as Commissioner I've had the honor to serve and represent the residents of Grimes County. My experience working in the political realm has taught me to hold the public's interest close to heart. County government has a direct impact on our daily lives and its leadership should reflect the values and priorities of the citizens it serves. I've worked diligently for all of Grimes County citizens and it is critical that your leadership has the experience that counts in these changing times. Leadership that works with its community to move our government and our communities forward is vital.

Some of my key goals for our county has been improving infrastructure such as roads, drainage, and internet services in our rural areas. Our road and bridge department work persistently to implement our annual plan to improve public roadways in our unincorporated areas many of which are in flood zones. We've implemented a special road use permit that allows us to go after large trucks, pipeline installers, and others to pay for the damages they cause to our roads. We also hired a weights and measures officer to patrol our roads for overweight and unsafe trucks. He also aides in stopping illegal dumping along our roadways. We've increased new road payment projects and continue to make improvements to our drainage throughout the county with the recent addition of a second drainage crew to help drain the more than 600 miles of county roads we service.

I served with BVCOG to help bring access to high speed internet to our county which should just about be ready to go live. I also work with other providers to create options for internet to all our citizens and businesses who desperately deserve it. Securing Hazard Mitigation grants has also netted the county millions to help repair damage from the 2015-2016 storms. The safety of our citizens and first responders were upmost when we decide to improve communications by switching to digital radios, improving tower reception for our analog radios, adding another dispatch position, and upgrading our dispatch console. Executing a salary structure has help to attract and retain qualified deputies and county employees.

With the recent action to establish a County Court at Law and add an additional Assistant District Attorney we aim to dramatically reduce the case load of our district, criminal, and civil courts. Expediting the timeline for families, victims and defendants who interact with our court systems. After years of discussions, planning and budgeting as county leaders we elected to build without borrowing money a new Justice and Business center that will house new court rooms and essential business offices that can benefit citizens by being located in one complex with parking to accommodate.

Over the years I've championed health care issues, seeking grants, serving with our local resource center and hospital, working with the TAMU School of Public Health and the Episcopal Health Foundation to improve the overall wellness of our communities. I've been instrumental in improving EMS services helping to secure an additional ambulance. Mental health, senior, disabled, and environmental services will remain one of my prime focus. My objective is to continue to work collaboratively with our cities, local schools and colleges, workforce and employers to provide quality long term job opportunities for our students, young adults, and at-risk youth. One of my aspirations is to continue to work with local businesses, work regionally to attract new businesses, seek affordable housing and amenities to increase our economic success. It is my intention to help shape how our changing communities grow and being involved in that process has and continues to be one of my targets.

As a County Commissioner my goal is to continue to work to provide quality services and a better way of life for all our citizens. Keeping our county tax rate low is priority. With the recent property tax reform act and unfunded mandates of the last legislative session critical thinking, problem solving and being fiscally conservative are traits I've demonstrated that can help support that priority. The insight, knowledge and proven experience I bring to the court will help to address issues head on and rally the support needed to make proper changes for a bright future for all our citizens.

Please go out and Vote Barbara Walker March 3, 2020.

Barbara Walker

FOR GRIMES COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3

The insight, knowledge and proven experience I bring to the court will help to address issues head on and rally the support needed to make proper changes for a bright future for all our citizens.



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FOR GRIMES COUNTY CONSTABLE PRECINCT 3 & 4



I strongly believe the citizens of Grimes County and Precincts 3 & 4, Deserve to a have a Constable that is Present, Available and Accountable when called upon.

My name is Preston Goode I am seeking Election for the Office of Constable Precinct 3 & 4 in the upcoming 2020 March 3rd Primary Elections. My wife Brittany and I are residents of Navasota, we are currently in the process of adopting children out of Foster Care to grow our family. I started my Law Enforcement Career in 2007 as a County Jailer. I am a 2011 Graduate of the University of Houston Law Enforcement Training Academy. Upon graduation I worked as a Patrol Deputy Sheriff for the Waller County Sheriff's Office. I am a former Deputy Constable for Waller County Precinct 2 Constables Office. I am currently a Patrol Deputy Sheriff for Grimes County Sheriff's Office. I served a two-year term as President on the Board of Directors for Tri-County VFD serving Waller, Montgomery and Harris Counties. I am currently a member on the Board of Directors for Todd Mission VFD in Grimes County. I am currently a member of the Grimes County Historical Commission. I am consistent with what I think, with what I say, and with what I do. I believe you must bring your whole self to the table if you want to thrive in today's world; your personality, your sense of humor, and most importantly your heart. I strongly believe the citizens of Grimes County and Precincts 3 & 4, Deserve to have a Constable that is Present, Available and Accountable when called upon. When I am elected as Constable of Precinct 3 & 4, I will be available to you and your family 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. I will have a great working relationship with the courts, other Law Enforcement Agencies in our County and our Great State. I will have a great relationship with the citizens, businesses, and visitors of Precinct 3 & 4. With the construction of the "Aggie Expressway" SH249, 10 miles of which will be passing through Grimes County. I am certain upon completion it will bring more housing, business, traffic, and tourism to the area. The citizens deserve to have a Constables Office that meets these demands. Once Elected as your Constable, I plan to grow Precinct 3 & 4 Constables Office by increasing the number of deputies from its current stagnant stage of zero to multiple paid and reserve Deputy Constables to make our community a safer place to call home. I look forward to the opportunity to serve as your next Grimes County Constable, Precinct 3 & 4 in the upcoming 2020 Primary Elections held on March 3, 2020.

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Hello, my name is Wes Male and I am currently your elected Precinct 3/4 Constable. I have been serving as Constable since February 2015. Prior to being Constable I was a patrol sergeant at the Grimes County Sheriff's Office. I have been in law enforcement for 20 years, where over that time I have served as a patrol officer, K9 Handler, Field Training Officer, Investigator, and an undercover narcotics officer. I currently hold a Master Peace Officer License.

I, along with my Wife are both Navasota natives and were raised here. We have a 6-year-old son who attends school at John C Webb Elementary. I have an older son who is currently serving in the U.S. Navy, he is stationed in Hawaii. My oldest son also attended school in Navasota and is member of the 2014 State Championship Football Team.

I have been involved in the Navasota Community for many years. I am currently a member of the Navasota Evening Lions club, John C. Webb PTO and active on the Board of Directors for Grimes County Little League, where I coach a baseball team.

Since I have taken office I have modified and evolved my office into the modern era. I assist all the other agencies in our county in any way I can. Being raised in Grimes County and attending school in Navasota, I believe it makes me closer to the people who have known me my entire life. Being Constable is the way I know to give back to the Community who has given so much to me and my family over the years. I'm just a hometown boy, who wants to take care of his hometown. That is why I believe I stand out as the best candidate for Constable in Precinct 3/4. Navasota is my home and will always be my home. My wife and I are raising our son in this lovely community and want him to experience all the wonderful things this community has to offer. As Constable I will strive to continue to be heavily involved in the community and available for the citizens for any of their problems or concerns. As being a Navasota native, I believe it makes it easier for the citizens to approach me for whatever their needs may be. I'm asking for your vote to continue to be your Precinct 3/4 Constable and I thank you for your support.

Wes Male

FOR GRIMES COUNTY CONSTABLE PRECINCT 3 & 4

“Being Constable is the way I know to give back to the Community who has given so much to me and my family over the years. I'm just a hometown boy, who wants to take care of his hometown.”



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GRIMES COUNTY ELECTION DATES

WHO, WHAT, WHEN

MARCH 3, 2020 – PRIMARY ELECTION

•One Democrat and Republican candidate is chosen among those who filed by 6 p.m. Dec. 9, 2019 to represent the party on the November 3, 2020, Uniform Election ballot. Winners in primary elections in Texas are determined by majority vote. In the case that no candidate receives more than the 50 percent of votes cast, the top two candidates proceed to a runoff election scheduled for May 26, 2020.

MAY 2, 2020 – UNIFORM ELECTION

•The uniform election date in May of an even-numbered year is a date in which many local political subdivisions, such as cities, school districts, and water districts have their regular general elections for members of their governing bodies or special elections to fill vacancies. Grimes County will have a number of local elections May 2, 2020.

- City of Navasota City Council – Position 1, Position 2 & Position 3
 - Navasota ISD School Board – Position 4 & Position 5
- Town of Anderson Board of Aldermen – Three at large positions
 - Anderson-Shiro CISD School Board – Position 4 & Position 5
 - City of Bedias City Council – Four at large positions
 - City of Iola City Council – Three at large positions
- Iola ISD School Board – Position 1, Position 2, Position 5, Position 6 & Position 7
 - Town of Plantersville – Three at large Alderman positions
 - City of Todd Mission – Position 1, Position 2 & Position 3

MAY 26, 2020 – PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

•If no candidate receives a majority of the vote in the primary, which in Texas equates to 50 percent of the votes plus at least one additional vote, the top two candidates with the majority of votes will compete in a primary runoff May 26, 2020.

NOV. 3, 2020 – GENERAL ELECTION DAY

•The candidates who won their respective party's primary will run against each other in the Nov. 3, 2020, Uniform Election for the positions listed on page 2 of this special section. The last day to register to vote is Monday, Oct. 5, 2020. The first day of early voting is Monday, Oct. 19, 2020. The last day to apply for ballot by mail is Friday, Oct. 23, 2020. The last day of early voting is Friday, Oct. 30, 2020.

MEET GRIMES COUNTY'S NEW ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

LUCY YBARRA

Lucy Ybarra began her journey as Grimes County Elections Administrator and Voter Registrar in April 2019, replacing Rebecca Duff who retired after 30-years of service.

Ybarra resides in Anderson and is a 2005 graduate of Richards High School. Likely because she underwent three knee surgeries due to basketball, she decided to pursue a career in physical therapy and enrolled in Blinn College.

Ybarra married in 2006; she and her husband Matthew are raising three daughters, Mahayla (12), Katalena (9) and Lilyanah (6).

While attending Blinn, Ybarra applied for a position as a greeter with Workforce Solutions in Huntsville. Her drive and work ethic didn't go unnoticed and she began to advance in the ranks eventually running the same office she was once hired to be a greeter for. Ybarra chose to continue her lucrative career in Workforce and no longer had interest in pursuing a career in physical therapy.

She continued with Workforce for 14 years. While employed she managed several grant-based programs and helped to develop a summer youth work program. Ybarra took pride in her work and was passionate about helping everyone that visited the office. She believed everyone deserved an equal opportunity and provided those opportunities by putting job candidates in contact with potential employers and organizing numerous job fairs.

Wanting to be closer to her family, Ybarra applied for her current position when it was posted. She prayed diligently that if it was God's will then he would grant her this position and new opportunity.

Now Ybarra aims to instill the same passion she's always shown into her current position in elections. It didn't take long to get youth involved in her new career and begin working on one of her goals. "I believe that voter education



is vital," said Ybarra. "Everyone has a voice and that voice can be heard by exercising your right to vote." Ybarra had an opportunity to attend a career fair at Navasota High School and explain the importance of voting. She also helped multiple students register to vote for the first time.

"Not only do we want the public to vote, but we want them to be educated voters. We want them to know what is on the ballot and make educated decisions when going to the poll," explained Ybarra. Through the education of voters in the county, Ybarra anticipates a rise in the number of registered voters.

"Although increasing voter registration is one of the goals our office is striving to achieve, I also understand that we must ensure our office and the voting process is operating efficiently," stated Ybarra. She plans to utilize her experience in office and project management to run an efficient operation.

Election days can be demanding with long hours and at times challenging but Ybarra wants the process to be as stress free as possible for everyone involved including the voters, election workers and candidates.

"Part of running a smooth election is having convenient polling places for the voters and ensuring they are well staffed and voting equipment is operable and easy to use," said Ybarra.

Several counties have begun to utilize touch screen voting machines to cast ballots, but Ybarra said there is a process before they are introduced to Grimes County.

"With standards constantly changing in legislation we want to ensure the product we purchase for the county is able to be utilized for years to come," said Ybarra. She said they owe it to taxpayers not to be wasteful with taxpayer dollars."

Ybarra said Grimes County will be able to test some of the new Varsity voter equipment manufactured by Hart Intercivic, currently in use in other counties.

Security is also atop Ybarra's list of priorities and an elections security review with the state has already been scheduled to be conducted over the summer.

Ybarra believes in an open-door policy and encourages citizens to reach out to her office with any questions, concerns or just to tour the historic office located within Grimes County Courthouse.



Editor's Note: All candidates running on a Grimes County ballot for the March 3, 2020, Primary Election were contacted and given the opportunity to provide a submission for The Examiner's Meet the Candidates 2020 special section.

PLACES TO VOTE

Precinct Number	Precinct Name	Precinct Location
1	Anderson	Courthouse Annex 114 W. Buffington, Anderson, TX 77830
2	Iola	Iola Community Center 7264 Main St., Iola, TX 77861
3	Navasota	Progressive Center 615 W. Virginia St., Navasota, TX 77868
4	Plantersville	Plantersville Town Hall 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, TX 77363
5	Courtney	Courtney Community Center 16162 6th St., Navasota, TX 77868
6	Navasota	Navasota Center 101 Stadium Drive, Navasota, TX 77868
7	Bedias	Bedias Civic Center 3652 Main Street, Bedias, TX 77831
8	Shiro	Shiro Civic Center 9594 Volunteer Ave., Shiro, TX 77876
9	Richards	Richards Fire Station 1136 F.M. 149 E., Richards, TX 77873
10	Keith	Keith Community Center 8808 C.R. 172, Iola, TX 77861
11	Singleton	Singleton Community Center 13301 Hwy. 90 N., Bedias, TX 77831
12	Salem	Grimes County Go-Texan Building 5220 F.M. 3455, Navasota, TX 77868
14	Todd Mission	Todd Mission 21716 F.M. 1774, Plantersville, TX 77363
15	White Hall	White Hall Polling Place 5629 Rockin L Lane, Navasota, TX 77868
Early Voting		Grimes County Courthouse 100 Main St., Anderson, TX 77830
Branch Early Voting		Navasota Center 101 Stadium Drive, Navasota, TX 77868

GRIMES COUNTY VOTING PRECINCTS

