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VOTER GUIDE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020



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Stan O. Springerley

for County Attorney

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- Former appointed counsel to Smith County Commissioners Court (Tyler, TX)
- Current Assistant General Counsel to Williamson County Commissioners Court
- 20 years licensed attorney with both private and public experience
- Cedar Park resident, lifelong Texan



Greg Terra
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I am a very conservative Republican but I am supporting Democrat (yes I said Democrat) Stan O. Springerly for County Attorney because the office under Dee Hobbs is a complete and total mess, it's in complete disarray.

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#RestoreBalance

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ARE YOU VOTE READY?

Early Voting Runs Oct. 13-30, 2020

Williamson County Elections officials want all registered voters to be “vote ready” for the November 3 election. This means reviewing your ballot, making a plan for when and where to vote, and bringing your ID.

Sample ballots are available now on the Elections website at <https://apps.wilco.org/elections/default.aspx>. Voters can mark their paper sample ballot to take into the polling location. Mobile phones cannot be brought out and used to review or check information while in the polling location.

Early voting begins Tuesday, Oct. 13, and runs through Friday, Oct. 30. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., except on Sundays when they are open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Early voting locations are listed on the website at <https://www.wilco.org/Departments/Elections/Voting-in-Person/Early-Voting> and below.

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, polling locations are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Any Williamson County registered voter can vote at any of Williamson County's 57 Vote Center locations. A list of election day Vote Centers can be found here: <https://www.wilco.org/Departments/Elections/Voting-in-Person/Election-Day> and below.

To find the closest polling location near you and to check wait times for early voting and Election Day voting, click here: <https://www.wilco.org/votinglinetimes>

Remember to bring one of the seven acceptable forms of photo ID with you when you go to vote. See Voter ID FAQs.

For those who have requested Ballot by Mail, the Williamson County Elections Department has begun mailing out those ballots. The deadline to apply is Friday, Oct. 23, 2020. To apply, go to <https://www.wilco.org/Departments/Elections/Voting-By-Mail>. Ballots may be returned by mail, contract carrier or voters may hand deliver only their own marked mail ballot to the Elections Department, 301 S.E. Inner Loop, Georgetown, Texas, during regular business hours and extended hours during Early Voting and on Election Day. Photo ID laws are applicable to all voters that hand deliver their ballots and voters hand delivering a mail ballot must also sign a roster. Ballots may be hand-delivered as soon as it has been received and voted. Voters can track the status of their ballot at <https://www.wilco.org/BBMstatus>.

Safety protocols will be followed in all voting locations. Poll workers will be required to wear a face covering, and voters are strongly encouraged to wear them as well. Distancing of equipment and those standing in line will be used to avoid people standing closer than 6 feet to one another. Hand sanitizer will be available to use. Equipment will be wiped down regularly. To watch a video on all safety precautions that will be in place, go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgnhLaX8Eug&feature=emb_logo.

All voting information is available on the Elections website at www.wilco.org/elections. The Elections phone line will be answered during business hours for additional questions at 512-943-1630.

See **VOTER ID FAQ** page 15

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

Dates and Times for All Locations:

Tuesday, Oct. 13 through Friday, Oct. 30:
7 am to 7 pm (except Sundays)
Sunday, Oct. 18 and Sunday, Oct. 25:
1 pm to 6 pm

MAIN LOCATION

Georgetown: Williamson County
Georgetown Annex, 100 Wilco Way, HR108
NOTE: Limited Ballot voting will be
conducted at the MAIN LOCATION only.

Branch Locations:

AUSTIN

Anderson Mill Limited District, 11500 El
Salido Parkway, 78750
RE Hartfield Performing Arts Center, 5800
McNeil Drive, 78729
Spicewood Springs Library, 8637
Spicewood Springs Road, 78759

CEDAR PARK

Public Library, 550 Discovery Boulevard
Cedar Park Randalls, 1400 Cypress Creek
Road, 78613

GEORGETOWN

The Worship Place Church, 811 Sun City
Boulevard, 78633
Georgetown ISD Technology Building, 603
Lakeway Drive, 78628
Georgetown Randalls, 5721 Williams Drive
Parks & Recreation Administration
Building, 1101 North College Street, 78626

HUTTO

Wilco Hutto Annex, 321 Ed Schmidt
Boulevard, Suite 100, 78634

JARRELL

ISD Administration, 108 East Avenue F

LEANDER

Pat Bryson Municipal Hall, 201 N Brushy
Street, 78641

LIBERTY HILL

Liberty Hill Municipal Court, 2801 RR 1869,
78642

ROUND ROCK

Baca Senior Center, 301 W Bagdad Street,
Building 2, 78664
Round Rock Randalls, 2051 Gattis School
Road, 78664
Brushy Creek Community Center, 16318
Great Oaks Drive, 78681
Williamson County Jester Annex, 1801 E
Old Settlers Boulevard, 78664

TAYLOR

Taylor City Hall, 400 Porter Street, 76574

ELECTION DAY VOTING LOCATIONS

AUSTIN

Anderson Mill Limited District 11500 El
Salido Parkway 78750
Bethany United Methodist Church 10010
Anderson Mill Road 78750
Gateway Church 7104 McNeil Drive 78729
Hartfield Performing Arts Center 5800
McNeil Drive 78729
Pinballz Lake Creek 13729 N US 183 Hwy
78750
Kelly Reeves Athletic Complex 10211 W
Parmer Lane 78717
Lord of Life Lutheran Church 9700 Neenah
Avenue 78717
Rattan Creek Park Community Center 7617
Elkhorn Mountain Trail 78729
Spicewood Springs Library 8637
Spicewood Springs Rd 78759 BARTLETT
Bartlett Town Hall 140 W Clark Street
76511

CEDAR PARK

Cedar Park High School 2150 Cypress
Creek Road 78613
Cedar Park Library 550 Discovery
Boulevard 78613
Cedar Park Randalls 1400 Cypress Creek
Road 78613
Cedar Park Recreation Center 1435 Main
St- Town Center 78613
Mason Elementary School 1501 N Lakeline
Boulevard 78613
Vista Ridge High School 200 S Vista Ridge
Boulevard 78613

COUPLAND

St Peter's Church of Coupland 108 Wathen
Street 78615

FLORENCE

Andice Community Center 6600 FM 970
Florence High School Gymnasium 401 FM
970 76527

GEORGETOWN

Cowan Creek Amenity Center 1433 Cool
Spring Way 78633
First Baptist Church-Georgetown 1333 W
University Avenue 78628
Georgetown Annex 100 Wilco Way HR108
Georgetown Housing Authority 210 W
18th Street, Building 1 78626
Georgetown Randalls 5721 Williams Drive
78633
GISD Technology and Nutrition Building
603 Lakeway Drive 78628
Parks and Recreation Administration
Building 1101 N College Street 78626
Southwestern University- Robertson
Center 930 Southwestern Boulevard 78626
The Worship Place 811 Sun City Boulevard

GRANGER

First Baptist Church 301 E. Mesquite 76530

HUTTO

Hutto Administration Building 200 College
Street 78634
Wilco Hutto Annex 321 Ed Schmidt Blvd.
Suite 100 78634

JARRELL

Jarrell ISD Administration 108 E Avenue F
76537

LEANDER

Leander Church of Christ 300 Crystal Falls
Parkway 78641
Leander High School 3301 S Bagdad Road
78641
Leander Public Library 1011 S Bagdad
Road 78641
Pat Bryson Municipal Hall 201 N Brushy
Street 78641
Rouse High School 1222 Raider Way,
78641
The Crossover 1717 Scottsdale Drive

LIBERTY HILL

Liberty Hill Municipal Court 2801 RR 1869
78642
Liberty Hill High School 16500 W SH 29
78642
Santa Rita Ranch House 175 Elizabeth Park
Road 78642

ROUND ROCK

Baca Senior Center 301 W Bagdad Avenue
Building 2 78664
Brushy Creek Community Center 16318
Great Oaks Drive 78681
Cedar Ridge High School 2801 Gattis
School Road 78664
Dell Diamond - United Heritage Center
3400 Palm Valley Boulevard 78665
Fern Bluff MUD Community Center 7320
Wyoming Springs Drive 78681
Round Rock Presbyterian Church 4010 Sam
Bass Road 78681
Round Rock Randalls 2051 Gattis School
Road 78664
Round Rock Sports Center 2400 Chisholm
Trail 78681
Sleep Inn & Suites 1980 South IH 35 78681
Teravista Community Center 4211 Teravista
Club Drive 78665
The Fellowship Church of Round Rock
3379 Gattis School Road 78664
Williamson County Jester Annex 1801 E
Old Settlers Boulevard 78664

TAYLOR

Main Street Events Center 3101 North
Main Street 76574
Taylor City Hall 400 Porter Street 76574 T

THRALL

St John Lutheran Church 409 S Main Street

WEIR

First Baptist Church of Weir 315 FM 1105

CITY OF CEDAR PARK CANDIDATES

MAYOR



JIM RICHARDSON

My name is Jim Richardson. I have worked for a fortune 500 company for over 38 years doing electrical engineering and project management. My family and I have lived in Cedar Park for over 22 years. I served as our HOA President for 7 years and am a Republican precinct chair for Pct 287.

How will you make City Council meetings less divisive?

I do not agree with my opponent politicizing issues he disagrees with. Our city needs a Council that can function effectively under good experienced leadership to do its job, and not waste valuable time. We need to turn down the politics in Cedar Park and focus on making great decisions for our residents. Every Council member deserves to be treated with respect and to be heard.

What is the biggest priority for Cedar Park's growth?

The biggest priority for Cedar Park is balancing the needs of our citizens with the desires of our developers as we build out the rest of the undeveloped land in the city. Growth must be managed effectively. Also, traffic needs to be better managed to facilitate the flow of traffic instead of restricting it. We need a plan for another east west thoroughfare that would run all the way to IH35 to relieve congestion on 1431.

What is the biggest priority for post-COVID-19 recovery in the City?

Our local businesses are suffering as this pandemic continues. I will focus on creative ways to help

them. One possibility would be taking a hard look at possible local tax breaks for them during this crisis.

In your opinion, what is the most important issue in this race?

It is critical to stop Austin from creeping into Cedar Park and negatively influencing our wonderful city by bringing its progressive, liberal agendas here. Unlike Austin, I will never defund the police and will fully fund ALL of our first responders. I will work to keep Cedar Park the healthy, vibrant community we all know and love.

How are you the candidate best suited to address these questions?

The current mayor has wasted the City Councils' time on political divisiveness and criticism of other Council members. I will not waste the Councils' valuable time on political posturing and punitive political measures. Instead, I will keep the focus on handling the important business of running the city as we look to the future.

Why should we vote for you?

I have the capabilities and leadership qualities that Cedar Park is in dire need of. I will take the political infighting out of the business of the City Council and will work with all Council members to facilitate good, citizen-oriented decisions and get the important work done efficiently and with civility.



CORBIN VAN ARSDALE (I)

I'm a 5th-generation Texan. Stephanie and I have five children. I'm the current Mayor, and a former council member and state legislator. I'm president of a statewide business association. I graduated from UT-Austin with degrees in Finance and Law—and lettered in baseball. I've lived in Cedar Park ten years.

How will you make City Council meetings less divisive?

By changing our ordinances and charter to create consequences for those council members who publicly and personally attack or threaten residents, staff, and fellow council members. This outrageous behavior we've experienced the last year from two of our council members has been a first for me since I've been on council. It was frustrating not to be able to enforce consequences because our charter doesn't address those types of things. I look forward to changing that. In an effort to decrease the divisiveness, I will also continue to do more of what I've been doing by simply remaining calm and focused on what's best for Cedar Park. Getting caught up in divisive attention grabs is never the best thing for our city.

What is the biggest priority for Cedar Park's growth?

Cedar Park has little land left. So every development creates two issues: (a) how will it diversify the property tax base for our current residents, and (b) how will it create friction with current, surrounding developments? We will handle each of these through our Planning & Zoning process and our council's Future Land Use Petition Process—by openly communicating with our residents.

What is the biggest priority for post-COVID-19 recovery in the City?

We must do everything we can to help our local businesses survive. COVID-19 is the most challenging thing I've had to handle in public service. It's uncertain, it's demanding, it's unprecedented, and it constantly divides our residents—who have deeply personal and individualized opinions and beliefs about every decision being made about it. It obviously impacts our revenues, which in turn impact our ability to provide services. But our businesses are our lifeblood. We have helped them, and we must continue to do so.

In your opinion, what is the most important issue in this race?

The Cedar Park city elections really aren't that complicated. If you vote for the extremists, the

council will be controlled by one political party's extremist wing led by Council Member Tim Kelly—the most divisive representation this city has ever seen. Or you can vote for our city council to be controlled by the residents of Cedar Park. I believe in our residents—their efforts to unify our city in this crazy year have been heart-warming. During COVID, I have witnessed our residents come together to help each other, and I know this represents the majority of our city. I feel strongly about all residents having a voice. We represent the people. We should not be controlled by any political party, not by any one individual, and certainly not by fringe extremists. This is an important election, where precisely this issue will be decided for Cedar Park. Our city is voting for UNITY—or it's voting for DIVISION. It's really that simple.

How are you the candidate best suited to address these questions?

In the seven years I've served on the council, including currently as Mayor, I've always listened to all of our residents—not just those that live where I do or who think exactly like I do. I don't pander to political parties, and I don't try to tell the other council members what to do. I reject the extremists in both parties. That's what a mayor is supposed to do. My opponent has done the exact opposite of this.

Why should we vote for you?

I've been serving our city the last 10 years—as Mayor, as a council member, and as a board member—working hard to help build Cedar Park into what it is today. Our Cedar Park community is consistently ranked as one of the best and safest places to live in Texas and in the US. People are moving here. Employers are moving here. Our staff loves working here. And with COVID uncertainties and complexities still very much being worked through, this is not the time to put someone with zero city experience into the mayor position. Listening, knowledge, discipline, stamina, non-partisanship, and a steady hand are what our city needs right now as mayor.

PLACE TWO



MEL KIRKLAND

I have lived in Forest Oaks in Cedar Park since 2005. I have own a business that provides project development and implementation services for the landscaping industry. I also volunteer for the city and several charities in the community. Starting in late 2005 with the Tourism Advisory Board, the Community Development Corporation (4B), and the City Charter Review Board. I currently serve on the City Council, and serve as the Mayor Pro-Tem, and am a member of the Economic Development Subcommittee, the Brushy Creek Regional Utility Board, and Capitol Area Council of Gov'ts. I am also the council liaison of Library Foundation Board, the past President of the Forest Oaks HOA, and a volunteer with LEEF, Reveal Resource Center, Heroes Night Out, the 100Club, the Labybird Wildflower Center, NPSOT, and TNLA.

How will you make City Council meetings less divisive?

Unfortunately there isn't a lot you can do to keep someone that is insistent upon creating division on our dais or in our community tamed. But I can choose how I respond. If I respond recklessly it will only escalate the negative attention it brings to our community. So I have try to do the opposite. I have ignored the personal attacks and do my best to turn negative comments into positive messages for our community. I stick to what is true and do what I can to deescalate the rhetoric because I feel like that is what our residents deserve. I do hope that we are able to put some consequences for councilmen that choose to attack our residents into our charter in the very near future, but until then I will keep fighting to keep the negativity and toxic behavior the best way I know how. Cedar Park is better than that and as a leader in this community, it is my

job to make sure I'm representing all of the residents positively to counter the negativity.

What is the biggest priority for Cedar Park's growth?

We need to represent, support and protect our citizens while allowing all to enjoy the Cedar Park experience. The biggest issue for Cedar Park is continuing to grow and diversifying our economy by bringing good quality employers to Cedar Park. Business growth adds jobs and taxes. The taxes generated allows city government to lower the tax rate for homeowners.

What is the biggest priority for post-COVID-19 recovery in the City?

The city doesn't make the rules, we follow the guidance provided by the Governor's office and our two county judges. The biggest priority is making sure that we can open up responsibly. We must work with our business community to help bring awareness about the services provided by our local business owners, help them network with other

business and pursue policies and marketing strategies that promote consumer activities.

In your opinion, what is the most important issue in this race?

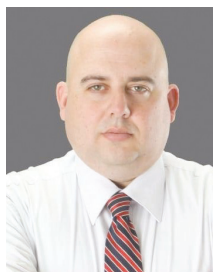
The most important issue we are facing is who will be represented. We have people on council who do not support or represent all of the residents. They believe they should only have to represent those that voted for them. They prefer state and national issues over the needs of the residents and business. When I am re-elected I will request several changes to our city charter that clarifies the terms under which a council member serves and place consequences for poor actions.

How are you the candidate best suited to address these questions?

I believe that my experience and personality gives me the ability to work with others. Nothing can progress forward by itself. I have a proven track record of working through complex city issues and finding the best solutions for our citizens.

Why should we vote for you?

Having conversations about our GREAT community is one of my favorite things to do. Making myself available in the community and listening to all before making decisions that affect them is one of my top priorities. You should vote for me because I always put the interest of residents and business before anything else. Supporting each other, understanding one another's traditions, values and experiences is what allows Cedar Park to flourish and grow stronger as a community.



BOB CORNELIUS

Born in Austin and lived in Central

Texas as a child. Moved back to Cedar Park in 2013. I have a BS in social science and communications. I own a small business, 90 Degrees Agency, a marketing, advertising, and governmental relations firm. Member of the Chamber of Commerce and 100 Club of Central Texas.

How will you make City Council meetings less divisive?

My opponent has been the leader of the divisiveness. He has wasted countless amounts of taxpayer money and countless hours of wasted city council meetings on a personal vendetta against other councilors. My opponent has called special council meetings just to serve his own agenda. I, on the other hand, have worked to help elect four of the current councilors. I have positive relationships with a majority of the council and am willing to work with the others for the betterment of Cedar Park.

What is the biggest priority for Cedar Park's growth?

Our explosive population growth is creating several problems that our city council is failing to address. First, compared to other cities of the same population, our police department is understaffed. Our police chief asked for more officers, and the city council denied his request. We must fully fund and support our police department. Second, we must expedite our road projects. The current road plan is years behind our traffic needs and will only get worse once the Bell Boulevard construction starts. Third, our city council has approved more apartments this year than the past 5 years combined. We can't effectively cut property taxes for our families, because the council has chosen apartments over family homes.

What is the biggest priority for post-COVID-19 recovery in the City?

We need to continue to attract new businesses and continue supporting the small businesses

It's your voice.



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already in our community. For us to fully recover, our businesses have to get back to better than normal. We also need to trust our small businesses to do what's right. They will do what is necessary to keep themselves, their employees, and their customers safe. We as Cedar Park residents need to continue shopping local and dining local. Spending locally will create a faster recovery.

In your opinion, what is the most important issue in this race?

The most important issue in the race for Cedar Park City Council Place 2 is deciding what kind of councilor you want. My opponent has spent the past 2.5 years raising your taxes, adding millions of dollars to the city budget, and creating divisiveness by serving his own political agenda on the city council. I have a plan to cut your property taxes, spend your tax dollars wisely, and already have a working relationship with a majority of the city council. I can bring civility back to the council, so we can start working on the real issues of property tax reform (lowering property taxes), fully funding our police/fire departments, and expediting infrastructure projects to meet our population growth.

How are you the candidate best suited to address these questions?

I have a unique perspective of Cedar Park. My family has been here for nearly five decades. I can draw from our past to build a foundation for our future. I can also draw on my years of experience working with local, state, and federal officials to address the needs facing our city. This balanced approach is what our city council needs as we move forward.

Why should we vote for you?

I love Cedar Park. I want to make Cedar Park attractive to new residents and new businesses. Cedar Park can be a community where our families can live, work, and play locally. I have a plan to make that happen. I have the support of other city councilors, community leaders, and regional leaders to put that plan into motion for the benefit our current and future residents. The only thing hindering our city is a

lack of vision and a lack of leadership. If you elect me, I will bring the vision and leadership to the city council that is desperately needs. I humbly ask for your vote.

PLACE FOUR



ERIC BOYCE

Eric Boyce, 14-year Cedar Park resident, local business owner; served on Economic Development Board, Planning & Zoning Commission, LEEF Board, Chamber Legislative Committee, Chamber Small Business Assistance program, Volunteer @ Reveal Resource Center.

How will you make City Council meetings less divisive?

Start with an inherently collegial and open-minded approach, focus conversation solely on what represents the best interests of the city, and address divisions and differences of opinion with humility, direct dialogue and critical conversation using approaches learned during my Leadership Austin Essential program. I will also attempt to diffuse adverse citizen communication by promoting ongoing email/phone access, scheduled office hours, quarterly council town hall meetings, as well as online chat sessions, presence at HOA meetings, chamber events and at other city activities.

What is the biggest priority for Cedar Park's growth?

The priority is threefold...(1) The impact of rising home values on housing affordability, property taxes and in managing city budgets; 2) Scaling infrastructure and improving mobility amidst our continuing growth; 3) Execution on existing community development projects as well as active business attraction and retention efforts to help diversify the tax base and keep property tax rates low.

I believe in data-driven analysis coupled with active dialogue with stakeholders to address the expansion of the city's infrastructure, address safety, mobility and livability for our citizens, as well as supporting economic development.

What is the biggest priority for post-COVID-19 recovery in the City?

Small businesses, which employ many citizens, have been greatly impacted by COVID-19. First, I will be motivated to help existing businesses retain primary jobs, access resources and connections for support and future growth. Furthermore, the burdens on local non-profit organizations have increased, and I believe my role can help generate both helpful connections and positive communication.

In your opinion, what is the most important issue in this race?

Restoring constructive dialogue & enhancing community engagement and dialogue; making citizens believe their voice is heard, their ideas important, and emphasizing their important role as stakeholders in the growth of our infrastructure, our city budget, our economic growth, and the forging of our lasting identity as a city and community.

How are you the candidate best suited to address these questions?

I have a passion for service, having been involved as a volunteer and servant leader within my local and faith community, my alma maters, and my professional society. My direct experience with city boards and commissions has brought me in close touch with initiatives to enhance local job growth, business and commercial expansion, as well as land use and city planning. My experience and interaction with local non-profits has allowed me to see both the needs of our community as well as its inherently charitable heart. Furthermore, my deep association with the Cedar Park Chamber and business community, as a Cedar Park business owner myself, has provided me with a deep understanding of our commercial sector challenges and opportunities, as well as a vision into our great future.

Why should we vote for you?

I bring important experience in working directly with the city, with city boards and commissions, with city staff, with business leaders, the chamber, and with citizens of all political backgrounds. I've served in volunteer positions with considerable financial responsibility. I've had to make critical decisions with regard to budgets and spending priorities, and I've had to help build consensus on important matters of land use and development. I've sat in the chairman's seat of a city board meeting at 10:30 at night with a contentious issue deadlocked at 3 to 3; everyone's tired and mad, but they are looking at you for leadership to get them through. I relish that role, I embrace that role, and I embrace the challenges of bringing people together to drive consensus and solutions.



JIM PENNIMAN-MORIN

After graduating from West Point, I led paratroopers in Iraq and Afghanistan, where I learned the value of leading by listening. I'm a lawyer, father of six, and someone who loves Cedar Park not only for what it is, but also what it can be.

How will you make City Council meetings less divisive?

First and foremost by focusing on the actual issues affecting city government, and not trying to use the city council as a platform for divisive social issues unrelated to city government. I will work hard to find and build a broadly acceptable consensus on genuine solutions to our city's challenges.

What is the biggest priority for Cedar Park's growth?

To grow without losing the things we cannot take back, whether that's protecting green-space for parkland, or ensuring that we don't ensnarl ourselves in

gridlock from unchecked sprawl.

What is the biggest priority for post-COVID-19 recovery in the City?

To restore the restaurants and businesses that have suffered the most in the course of the pandemic, and which are vital to making this city a better place to live, work and play.

In your opinion, what is the most important issue in this race?

To keep us growing with the future in mind, by encouraging new development to be pedestrian-friendly and designed to conserve water and energy so that we don't strain resources as our region continues to grow rapidly.

How are you the candidate best suited to address these questions?

My experience in the military and as an attorney has taught me to effectively build a winning team, find common ground and accomplish the mission, I think that experience is exactly what the city needs now.

Why should we vote for you?

I want people to vote for me because they know I have the city's long-term interest at heart and that I have a practical vision for how the city can continue to grow in a way that will benefit not just me and my six kids, but future generations as well.

PLACE SIX



DORIAN CHAVEZ

My wife and I have resided in Cedar Park for 14 years and have raised our three sons here in Cedar Park. My wife, two older sons and I are Army veterans, and we believe that service is honorable.



Meet my
*newest
reason*

to keep fighting for affordable
healthcare, strong schools,
and a Texas where we look out
for each other.

— John

Austin American-Statesman

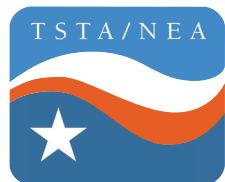
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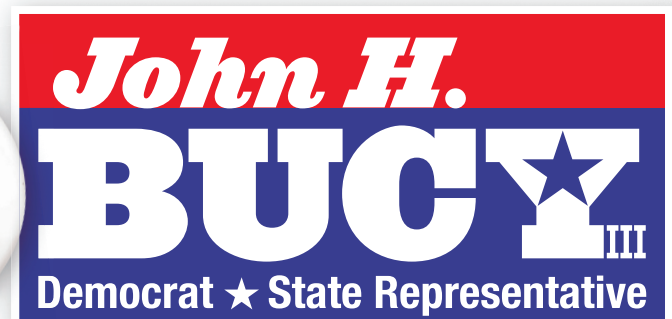
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How will you make City Council meetings less divisive?

I will fight ALL forms of the Cancel Culture Movement and unconstitutional attempts of censoring any council member for exercising their God Given Rights. Our rights come from our Creator not from the government or the mob.

What is the biggest priority for Cedar Park's growth?

CP must lift COVID restrictions as quickly as possible and assist in promoting small business to its citizens. Attracting strong economic growth and assisting small local businesses.

What is the biggest priority for post-COVID-19 recovery in the City?

Small businesses are hurting bad and assisting them to get back on their feet is a top priority. Lifting restrictions for small business to operate at full capacity should be left up to the citizens and if we can make it happen, we should!

In your opinion, what is the most important issue in this race?

Would like to see a council with the values of our community and our Founding Fathers. Historically, conservative God-fearing patriotic citizens. Too much Austin/radical influence with some of our current council and candidates which is causing most of the divisiveness.

How are you the candidate best suited to address these questions?

As a veteran I took an oath to defend this country from all enemies. Domestic enemies are very active. Indivisible who's actively supporting BLM and Antifa terrorize citizens in CP and beyond. I will fight their Cultural Marxist Ideologies.

Why should we vote for you?

I kept all past campaign promises. Supporting strong economic growth, Police/Fire, Park and roadway maintenance and reducing property taxes. I was the only councilman with support of Councilman Kelly to advocate for the lowest tax rate increase possible.

**HEATHER JEFTS**

I'm a small business owner, 15-yr Cedar Park resident, former council member, wife, and mom to two incredible boys. I volunteer with VRHS Band Boosters, PTA, HCCM, Children's Advocacy Center, and Rotary and was named Hill Country News 2018 Best Elected Official.

How will you make City Council meetings less divisive?

I don't seek out controversy. My head and my heart are in Cedar Park, and I'm committed to showing up to Council meetings prepared, informed, and ready to work with fellow council members, city staff, stakeholders, and residents on the business of running our city. Antagonistic behavior or comments during meetings or in the community isn't compatible with collaboration and achieving consensus in problem solving. I've shown that I'm only interested in keeping our community informed, being the best advocate I can be, and staying focused on local issues like affordability, public safety, and traffic.

What is the biggest priority for Cedar Park's growth?

Traffic and transportation are big problems. We have heard from multiple major employers that lack of transit options are a factor in relocating to Cedar Park. When I was on city council, I spearheaded our Transportation Master Plan update and an independent Transit Study to examine our existing infrastructure, explore options to meet our needs, and get community feedback. In terms of policy, we need thoughtful planning, signal updates, demand management, and an open discussion on alternate transit options. It's also critical to work with the business community on telecommuting, carpooling, and

similar as well as ensure safe paths to schools for our kids.

What is the biggest priority for post-COVID-19 recovery in the City?

Ensuring the safety of our community while supporting our economy will be major priorities for the foreseeable future. Council Members must encourage people to adhere to local, state, and federal guidelines while also helping our local businesses stay in business. Our businesses can survive and thrive if we continue to take this pandemic seriously, adhere to the advice of medical experts, and find ways to support businesses pivoting to new, innovative ways of reopening. We cannot allow arbitrary closings to create winners and losers, as with keeping VFWs shut down after other clubs and organizations were allowed to reopen with restrictions. Veterans organizations especially, and all businesses, need to be allowed to reopen and serve the community while respecting the severity and seriousness of our situation. Our community has done a tremendous job rallying together, and it will be our job as City Council to continue to lead by example, finding innovative ways to support a safe recovery.

In your opinion, what is the most important issue in this race?

In my opinion, bringing civility and common sense back to our Council is the most important issue. We need a Council that's both representative of the spectrum of views in our city and respectful of varying perspectives while also solely focused on improving everyone's quality of life and not getting bogged down in pettiness or political stunts. It is unacceptable to have an elected official call constituents soulless, evil, witches, terrorists, Satanists, and other meritless, baseless insults. We have a beautifully diverse community, and we need representatives who not just tolerate but celebrate those differences and have a heart to serve everyone.

How are you the candidate best suited to address these**questions?**

My opponent regularly seeks out controversy and division, and that is bad for business development and finding consensus on core services and issues. I'm data-driven and solutions oriented. I work to bring people to the table rather than drive wedges in the community. I came prepared and educated on agendas while on Council, and I brought feedback and informed opinions based on community input. I've held over 80 office hour events and will continue to be accessible to all. I utilize social media to inform the community on Council agendas, city business, and local events. I championed more public outreach, from drainage meetings to Lakeline Park planning. I have a passion for serving our community, and I have put my time, my energy, and my heart into volunteering here in Cedar Park for over 15 years. When I was first elected, I took the time to reach out to even more community members, working to build bridges, open a positive dialogue, and learn all I could on issues from their perspectives. I'm running to be a servant leader and represent the interest of every member of our community.

Why should we vote for you?

I'm running because I love this community, and we deserve better than political games, divisiveness, and unnecessary controversies. I want to bring back compassion, inclusivity, and transparency as well as a renewed focus on just the issues facing Cedar Park families, namely, reducing traffic, improving affordability, and maintaining public safety. I love serving our community, and I want to help people understand and engage with our city government on issues that matter to them. City Council has the most direct impact on people's daily lives, and I want to help our community maintain its quality of life and be a welcoming place to live. It's tough to feel heard by elected officials, and I pledge to be an accessible, responsive representative, finding effective ways to connect with the community and address concerns.

LEANDER ISD CANDIDATES**PLACE 3****CHRISTINE MAURER**

I am a 16-year resident of Cedar Park, a working mom, and a parent of 2 current and 2 graduated Leander ISD students. I have the right experience to represent all of our students, families, and educators.

In your opinion, what is the most important function of a School Trustee?

The most important function of a School Board Trustee is to be the conduit between the community and the district. Listening to and taking guidance from our LISD community, and bringing that information to the table.

What are you willing to do to make sure that racial issues within the district are addressed and resolved?

Leander ISD formed a committee on diversity and equity made up of board members, staff, teachers, and community members. We need to take guidance from them and support the recommendations that they come up with. We need to address and resolve these issues with open hearts and minds.

In your opinion, what is the most important issue in this race?

Educator support. Our educators need us to be supportive in ways we've never seen. They are the backbone of our district and they need to be treated with the utmost respect in regards to their pay and benefits.

How are you the candidate best suited to address these questions?

I have a unique perspective as I'm a parent, a volunteer, coach, and mentor. I've also been a substitute teacher and as a previous LISD employee, I have experienced both sides of our district as an employee and a parent. Understanding the needs of our very large district and the various needs from area to area is paramount to being able to serve everyone. My years of volunteer service to this community makes me perfectly suited to do the work as your next trustee, Place 3.

Why should we vote for you?
I hope to earn your vote with my willingness to serve all of our community. I believe that all our students, families, staff, teachers, and administration deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. I care deeply about our community, students, staff, teachers, and administration and I will work hard to serve everyone.



CHRIS REMY
My wife Cami and I have lived in Leander ISD with our three children for eight years. I'm a long-time volunteer in LISD and have held 14 different volunteer roles at various schools and organizations in the District.

In your opinion, what is the most important function of a School Trustee?
The most important function of a School Board Trustee is to be an independent-minded steward of our public school system. Trustees set policies and measurable goals for

the district, evaluate performance and provide oversight; they can only be effective at this job if they can collaborate with their fellow board members, and seek to find common ground among members of the community who may have different world-views and beliefs.

What are you willing to do to make sure that racial issues within the district are addressed and resolved?

LISD has clear policies against discrimination, harassment and bullying and I expect the Administration to follow those policies impartially. The Board also has a role and while the temptation to "do something" to take the heat off the Board may be great, it rarely leads to meaningful solutions. The Board needs to take two actions right away. First, there has been no serious effort to gather the facts needed to understand the scope and scale of the problem - only an unscientific report that,

while valuable, is merely a starting point and not a guide to action or fact-based decision making. Second, there has been no discussion of what exactly the goal is or how we will know that we are successful. Schools cannot solve all of society's problems - that is an unfair burden to put on teachers and administrators. We need clear goals and success criteria. One that I think would have an impact is to measure Belonging. We know that students who feel like they belong have greater engagement, draw a sense of identity from their school and are more successful students, which is our core mission.

In your opinion, what is the most important issue in this race?
There are two important issues in this race: the increasing politicization of our school board and our growing Maintenance and Operations budget deficit. I believe that, as a public school system, we can't be promoting world-views and

systems of belief or having them come into any program, instruction or curriculum. We have to respect the varied beliefs of our community and not be violating parent's prerogative to raise their children according to those beliefs. Political and ideological agendas have no place in our schools or on our school board. Our \$30M budget deficit (project to grow to at least \$45M in three years) threatens our programs and teacher jobs. We need to act now to balance the budget before we have to make difficult choices that will affect the quality of the education we provide and threaten teacher pay and jobs.

How are you the candidate best suited to address these questions?
I'm committed to keeping our focus on delivering a world-class education for all Leander ISD kids and to do it by finding common ground between people who may not all share the same beliefs. I've

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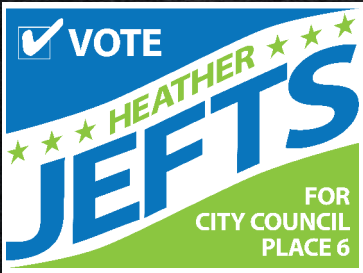
I'm running because I love this community, and we deserve better than political games, divisiveness, and unnecessary controversies.

We need leaders who are committed to listening to residents' concerns and working collaboratively to solve problems and increase everyone's quality of life. I'm asking for your vote to get our city back on track.

- Heather Jefts



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done it before, leading boards through tackling challenging issues, while keeping our focus on the core mission and bringing everyone along to a successful outcome. I'm prepared to do it again on the LISD Board of Trustees.

Why should we vote for you?

I've been active and volunteering in Leander ISD for many years. I'd like to take the knowledge and experience I've gained and serve my community to keep LISD a destination district. We are at a critical time for our District, with the full effects of COVID yet to be seen on our finances and how we deliver education. We are also facing increased pressure from groups trying to use our school board and our schools as instruments of their agenda. I think education is something we can all come together for and where we can find common ground. I'm running to keep the division and distraction out of Leander ISD and keep our focus on student success. I believe I am ready to make a contribution on day one.



DAVID "SPEEDY" WISE

I am running for Leander ISD School Board trustee because I want to represent the people of Leander ISD and, most importantly, the teachers and other educators within the district. As a former educator, we need to support our educators and show we support them all year – not just during appreciation week.

As a lifelong resident of the LISD and a graduate from the University of Texas and Trinity University, I have seen LISD go from a small-town school district to become one of the state's top school districts. As a parent - all three of my children have been in the LISD school system.

We need to invest in our future, which means we must continue to invest in them. As your next trustee,

I will listen to the educators and the parents to ensure we do not lose focus on their goals and dreams.

In your opinion, what is the most important function of a School Trustee?

Protecting our students and staff and being able to provide a world class education.

What are you willing to do to make sure that racial issues within the district are addressed and resolved?

Holding everyone accountable. Providing status on demographic and hold annual meeting with all student and families to show what we are doing to address the racial issues that face this district.

In your opinion, what is the most important issue in this race?

Safety and financial responsibility.

How are you the candidate best suited to address these questions?

As a form educator and a parent of this district I know what it feels like when things are not getting done. I am willing to make myself available to any student or parent that needs to talk and share thoughts about an issue.

Why should we vote for you?

As a lifelong resident of the LISD I have seen LISD go from a small town school district to one of the state's top school districts and performing in all KPIs. Let's get back to the small school district vision and be able to celebrate the wins that we will have! If I am elected I promise I will hold people accountable and ensure the safety of the student body and staff.

PLACE 4



ANNA SMITH

My name is Anna Smith and I am a Community Volunteer, PTA

Leader, Mom of four and married to my high school sweetheart Colin Smith. We have lived in Leander since 2015.

In your opinion, what is the most important function of a School Trustee?

I believe the role of the trustee is to serve as a leader in the community and as an advocate for students, the school district, and public schools. Trustees also set the direction for the district through a clear vision and goals. It is important to have a trustee who will work with everyone and most importantly understand the needs of our community. Our current board is doing some great work but lack of transparency within our district has created an environment where parents are hesitant to believe their voice is truly heard.

What are you willing to do to make sure that racial issues within the district are addressed and resolved?

Listen and take action. Actions speak louder than words and our families in Leander ISD have been pleading for our board of trustees to listen. When I am elected as your Board of Trustee for Leander ISD Place 4, I will advocate for our district to hire an Equity Officer for LISD immediately. I will also advocate for an outside equity audit by a third party firm and really dig deep on where we need to provide support and funding to ensure all students have access to an equitable and safe school environment. In addition to these suggestions, I will also advocate for implicit bias training and push for Restorative Justice. Schools that implement restorative practices create more positive relationships between students and teachers and a better school environment overall. Last but not least, I would like to see our board of trustees take up a discussion on the Dallas ISD board policy that pertains to racial, socio-economic and education equity policy. Change starts at the top and our board of trustees adopting a board policy that protects all students is where it begins.

In your opinion, what is the most important issue in this race?

Access to an equitable education

for ALL students. I strongly believe that A whole-child approach to public education requires us to consider more than just academic factors when serving students. We need to acknowledge we have an equity issue here in Leander ISD. Our Students, parents and community members are pleading and advocating for all Children in Leander ISD to have access to an equitable and safe education environment.

How are you the candidate best suited to address these questions?

Through my work as a PTA Leader in our district, I have witnessed what we can accomplish when we ensure ALL stakeholders in Leander ISD are seen, heard and valued, but ESPECIALLY when we give a voice to those who have been historically marginalized. Advocating for an equitable education for all students is my life and long after this election I will continue to do this. My family's struggles navigating the special education world inspired me to help foster a community where parents, staff, and school administrators come together to build an equitable education for all students.

When elected as your Leander ISD Board of Trustee, I will continue working to make sure ALL educators have access to resources that will guide them to building a more inclusive classroom, parents are not vilified for advocating for their students and student voices are heard and have a seat at the table when decisions are being made about their future.

Why should we vote for you?

Serving my community isn't just part of a campaign to me- it is my life. As a young child, public education opened my world to endless opportunities and that is why I strongly believe in the power of public education. But I know the power is only as strong as our commitment to equity and excellence for all students. From preschool to high school graduation, every child in Leander ISD deserves access to the best opportunities and education that we, as a community, can provide. As a child who grew up in poverty, school to me was this magical place that allowed me to dream of what life could be. I want this reality for every child in Leander ISD. We need leaders

who are willing to bring an open mind to every discussion and who are willing to hear from Teachers, Students, Parents and Community Members. I am willing. And I am ready to be your Leander ISD Board of Trustee for Place 4.



JEFF JOHNSON

I am an Austin native and third-generation University of Texas Longhorn. I have been married to my wife Leslie for 23 years and together we love parenting our 2 children. We moved to Leander in 2009 and have loved our partnership with Leander ISD ever since.

In your opinion, what is the most important function of a School Trustee?

The most important function is likely the ability to manage the natural tension that exists between all of the formal functions of a School Trustee. In a world of limited resources and time, the ability to set a clear vision, create policies that align with that vision, hire and support a superintendent, set a budget that supports all of the above, and all the while manage to hear from and represent a community of over 300,000 people requires creative compromise.

What are you willing to do to make sure that racial issues within the district are addressed and resolved?

If this question were posed to me as a school board member then I would endeavor to have a conversation with all of the involved parties to better define the words "issue" and "resolved". Some issues, such as access to programs or support systems can be handled through better policies. However, it is my experience that many issues are personal, and resolutions are varied and specific. Policies tend to be rather impersonal and generic, making them insufficient tools

when it comes to actually resolving issues. The method of resolution and restoration I prefer is much more time-intensive, but that is what I am willing to do, spend the time necessary to fully understand the people expressing these issues and work towards an actual resolution based on the specific situation.

In your opinion, what is the most important issue in this race?

As with question 3, it is almost impossible to have a “most important” issue when you have so much interdependence that must happen for a school district to achieve success. I believe one of the most pressing needs in front of us is supporting teachers in this era of virtual/in-person school, especially our secondary teachers. Some of that support could be financial, which brings attention to our \$40m+ budget deficit. Solving the budget does not necessarily support our teachers, but it is easy to see how the two are related. And the entire reason we exist as an organization is the education of children, which is at stake due to both of the above. So students, teachers, and sustainable budget are the most important issue in this race.

How are you the candidate best suited to address these questions?

I have spent the last 10 years working with leaders in the community across multiple Central Texas communities, bringing focus to the values and issues that they share rather than the opinions where they differ. This work of creative compromise where we all move a little closer to the results that we truly want is experience that will transfer to the work of a School Trustee. I believe that when it comes to the future of our children we all share much more in common than in opposition. I will work to bring our community together, so that we spend our energy engaging the issues before us, not the people beside us.

Why should we vote for you?

I encourage you to visit my website at www.jeff4lisd.com, read my priorities and my decision-making style, and if it aligns with your own then vote for me and join me in investing in our community through our school district.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY CANDIDATES

COUNTY SHERIFF



ROBERT CHODY (R-I)

I am a husband, father, & veteran. I came here in 1996 to the Austin PD. I graduated from the FBI National Academy and the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas. I now proudly serve as Williamson County Sheriff.

What policing reforms will you work for within the department?

In the current climate and use of force concerns, the Sheriff's Department has registered to be part of the FBI's Use-of-Force reporting system. This is not mandated. We are in the final stages of recognition by the CALEA program that demonstrates the agency's practice of best policy and procedures available. This is a national program that at the time of entry, only 4 Sheriff's Offices in Texas were affiliated.

Will you consider implementing a civil service program for sheriff's office employees?

As an APD officer, I was afforded the protection of civil service. The county civil service programs fall under different rules and laws. I do not oppose it.

Please expand on your answer (why or why not?).

I do not oppose Civil Service in the Sheriff's Office but I see the pros and cons to the community. A problematic officer may be terminated, but under Civil Service protections, they would be rehired, though that is rare.

In your opinion, what is the most important issue in this race?

The idea of defunding the police is in the news. Austin has taken the lead. And my opponent is support-

ed by an organization that has led the efforts of APD's defunding. That is a serious conflict for a person running for the top law enforcement position in the county.

How are you the candidate best suited to address these questions?

My opponent had a chance to solve these problems when he was a top officer in the Department. But most people see that the Department was a mess at that time, and we have had tremendous success recovering from those days.

Why should we vote for you?

My opponent served in the previous administration so it is easy to compare our work:

Better Response Times: Before I came to office, and under my opponent's leadership, he had response times between 21-28 minutes. That is far worse than the national average. As of last year, we had pushed priority response times down to just over 11 minutes. And we are still improving.

New Cold Case unit: Already, two victims have been identified – one from 40 years ago and another from 30 years ago. We have over 24 volunteer cold case experts who work daily at no cost to the taxpayer.

New Drone Program at No Cost to Taxpayers: More than 20 drones in our fleet (some with night vision) to find lost citizens, or to view crime scenes from above.

Increased K-9 coverage: We bought more trained K-9s so that we now have 24-hour coverage which was not available in the prior administration.



MIKE GLEASON (D)

My name is Mike Gleason, I have been in Williamson County Since 1991, and prior to that in North Austin since 1967. I currently live with my family in the unincorporated area of Williamson County in Cedar Park. I started with the

Williamson County Sheriff's Office in 1993 as a Correctional Officer in the Jail. I then promoted through the ranks until I retired as Assistant Chief Deputy.

What policing reforms will you work for within the department?

The policing reforms I will work toward in the Sheriff's Office is better training. Currently the Training Facility is out of Compliance by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, The vast number of vacancies at the Sheriff's Office has caused the current administration to “fast track” the Cadets and place them on the street before they are ready, thus incurring the numerous Use of Force and Fail to train lawsuits in the County. I will also reinstate The nationally recognized and award winning Crisis Intervention Team. This team was disbanded by the current Sheriff and no continuous Mental Health Services are available to the citizens.

Will you consider implementing a civil service program for sheriff's office employees?

Yes.

Please expand on your answer (why or why not?).

I will implement a program to give employees job protection, due process, and a fair and equitable promotional process. This may or may not be done solely with Civil Service but with a combination of Meet and Confer, Collective Bargaining and the such, which ever provides the best avenue for our employees. Due process and protection for our employees, they come to work everyday wondering if it will be their last, due to the cronyism and the dismissal of some 250 plus employees to date.

How are you the candidate best suited to address these questions?

I am the best candidate because I have decades more criminal law experience than my opponent. I worked and commanded every Bureau of the Sheriff's Office, my opponent has not.

Why should we vote for you?

I have the credentials and historical working knowledge of the Sheriff's Office, and I am not currently under Felony Criminal Indictment.

COUNTY ATTORNEY



DEE HOBBS (R-I)

I have lived in the county for 41 years. I graduated Hutto High School, University of Texas at Austin, and Baylor School of Law. I have worked in the county attorney's office since September 2001 and was first elected in 2012, took office in 2013.

What is the central function of the county attorney.

Everything except advising the commissioners court or prosecuting adult felonies. The duties include: advise elected officials, represents CPS/APS, mental health commitments/guardianships, PIA requests, all juvenile offenders, all Justice Court cases, truancy, adult misdemeanor offenses, protective orders, run diversion programs, veterans court, and DWI/Drug Court.

What lee way do you believe you have to do what you believe is your job?

The job must be done in accordance with the Constitution, Federal and State laws, the oath, and rules of ethics. The only “leeway” is the level of customer service and professionalism with which you choose to perform those duties. I see the above requirements as unwavering.

Can the relationship between the County Attorney's office and the Commissioners Court be repaired?

The commissioners wanted to employ their own attorneys prior to my administration. That will not change regardless of who is elected. However, the court does rely on us for assistance and we assist. Overall, the commissioners' court is less than 2% of what this job entails.

In your opinion, what is the most important issue in this race?

Which candidate can do the ACTUAL job of County Attorney. Covid-19 has placed many the office is to serve in greater danger than ever before. Those dealing with mental health and depression, children and senior adults in abusive or neglectful situations, and individuals suffering in domestic violence situations.

How are you the candidate best suited to address these questions?

I have a proven track record of innovative ways to address issues handled by the County Attorney's Office and have helped those most vulnerable. I focus on those that I serve and I am the only candidate even addressing what the office actually does for the community.

Why should we vote for you?

I am passionate about the job. I am honest with the voters on what the job is, how I do the job, what I see as the biggest needs for the community, and I have explained HOW I plan on continuing to improve the community.



STAN O. SPRINGERLY (D)

I graduated from SMU Law in 1999, worked with the Smith County District Attorney, and am now an assistant counsel to the Williamson County Commissioners Court since 2014. My wife and I have two daughters and reside in Cedar Park.

What is the central function of the county attorney?

The county attorney oversees a vast array of cases in the legal system, including misdemeanors, family protective orders and CPS matters, mental health commitments, juvenile law, and generally advising all officials while representing the county.

What way do you believe you have to do what you believe is your job?

Although there is prosecutorial discretion to accept cases, it is paramount that the county attorney follows the law and ethics, especially the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. While the county attorney may work with budget writers to recommend overall policy goals, the county attorney is not a policy-maker.

Can the relationship between the County Attorney's office and the Commissioners Court be repaired?

I am the best-positioned candidate to repair this relationship and move the county forward since I currently work with commissioners and have over my government law career effectively served with members from both major political parties in a non-partisan way.

In your opinion, what is the most important issue in this race?

Integrity and the removal of political kingdom building from the office is the primary issue. While there are many relevant examples, including my opponent's lawsuit against the very commissioners court he is supposed to represent over a budget dispute, the most egregious is the fact that Mr. Hobbs gave the highest staff salary plus benefits to an Austin trial lawyer who maintained a fulltime private practice and is now indicted in the tampering with evidence case involving the tragic death of Javier Ambler.

How are you the candidate best suited to address these questions?

I have an understanding of government law while my opponent is primarily a criminal lawyer. I am prepared to manage the county attorney's office based on my experience as the former appointed county attorney in Tyler, Texas where I advised all department heads and elected officials over both civil and criminal law matters. I have managed legal divisions such as family law and mental health and advised the juvenile board and counsel of judges in a growing county like Smith County. I also have the diplomatic skills and temperament to restore effective management, reduce turnover rates, and work with others to accomplish goals.

Why should we vote for you?

I have extensive experience in the legal field for 30 years (10 as a paralegal/law clerk and 20 as an attorney) and I find public service rewarding. Everything I have done has prepared me for this job. As a local resident and taxpayer, I want to use my experience and skillset to improve our local government and help the county through its growing pains. Ultimately, however, it is about providing a better world for my daughters and restoring checks and balances in the county attorney's office.

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 2



JEFF ANDERSON (R)

I am married, have 4 children, and 6 grandchildren. I have lived in Leander since 1990. We have been members of Victory Baptist Church in Cedar Park for 25 years. I am retired from the Travis County Sheriff's Office and the US Air Force Reserves. I am a small business owner, and a licensed real estate agent.

What is the most important function of the constable?

The most important function of the constable is to serve legal documents as required by the civil court system. Examples of a citation include intent to sue, eviction of tenants who do not pay their rent, or subpoenas issued by the court. Though most of a constable's duties involve civil cases, they also work with the criminal court system.

Should a constable spend time in traffic control and enforcement? Why or why not?

Yes and no. The most important function of the constable is to serve legal documents. Yet, while the Constables Office is not involved in civil process they should be active in serving the community. Traffic enforcement plays a key role protecting the lives of drivers, and

compliance with the Texas Transportation Code.

In your opinion, what is the most important issue in this race?

A crucial issue in this race rests within the court system – specifically in the high number of defendants that fail to show up for scheduled court appearances. When this happens, it not only disrupts the court docket, but it also contributes to additional court actions such as failure to appear or contempt of court proceedings. The Constable's Office will assist the court system by helping the court locate persons whose presence in court is required. Our county is growing quickly. I will work to ensure that more personnel are added to the Office as the county grows to alleviate court related issues.

How are you the candidate best suited to address these questions?

My strongest qualification is my breadth of leadership experience. I have 29 years of Law Enforcement experience and spent 27 years in the US Air Force Reserves. I am a graduate of Sam Houston States Leadership Command College - Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas. I am a graduate of FBI - Law Enforcement Executive Development. I am a graduate of the US Air Force Senior Leadership Academy. I am a strong, knowledgeable, and confident leader. This is a job I want, not one I need.

Why should we vote for you?

I want to serve my neighbors in Williamson County. I am a strong, knowledgeable, and confident leader. I hold a Master Peace Officer's License, Master Corrections Officers License, and TCOLE Training Certificate.

At Travis County, I was a Patrol Sgt. and Field Training Program Coordinator in both the East and West Commands. I supervised DWI STEP programs, was the Drug Recognition Expert Coordinator, and was the Critical Incident Stress Management Coordinator. I supervised a Criminal Investigations Division, Special Operations Motor And Traffic Enforcement Divisions, and was involved with policy writing for our agency.

During my tenure at the Sheriff's Office I served as the Travis County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Association President and again later as the

Vice President.

I believe Integrity is most important part of what we do in our lives. Integrity is paramount. Without it you lose trust within the community you serve. I live by the Air Force motto, "Service before self." In closing, I ask that you go to my website: JeffForConstable.com and read the About and Platform sections for further details.



ROBERT TIJERNIA (D)

My name is Robert Tijerina and I am a native Texan. I have lived in this precinct for 17 years. I have held various positions in law enforcement for 23 years and I have worked as a Deputy Constable for the last 11 years.

What is the most important function of the constable?

The most important function of the Constable is providing security for the Justice of the Peace in this precinct together with delivering the civil processes issued by the courts.

Should a constable spend time in traffic control and enforcement? Why or why not?

Yes, Constables should conduct traffic stops but only as a secondary function and when a violation is observed.

In your opinion, what is the most important issue in this race?

The most important issue in this race is the increased growth in the area communities and what the Constable office is doing to better serve all persons living here.

How are you the candidate best suited to address these questions?

I have worked for Williamson County Constable Precinct Two for five years and currently patrol this precinct. I understand the challenges this office faces with the increased growth and how it impacts our ability to better serve this community.

Why should we vote for you?

I have served the people of Williamson County Constable Precinct Two as a Deputy Constable for the last five years and I am the most qualified person for this job. I will step in on day one and will not require a learning curve. Throughout my career I have served the public with integrity and I am asking for your vote.

STATE/FEDERAL CANDIDATES

TEXAS HOUSE DISTRICT 136



MIKE GUEVARA (R)

I am a follower of Jesus Christ. Born in Dallas to a Dallas Police Officer and a nurse with the Dallas Independent School District. Received my BA from Mid America Nazarene University and JD from The University of Texas School of Law. Represented Texas cities for over 20 years. Current Council member in Cedar Park. Lived in Cedar Park for 20 years this coming January.

What policing reforms will you vote for?

In my representation of Texas municipalities I have written and revised multiple police policies including policies regarding use of force. The policies are not biased toward any race, ethnicity, gender, or religion. Resources are often the key to effective policing. A perfect example is the recent hostage situation in Cedar Park. The Cedar Park Police Department, with the assistance from many other local law enforcement agencies, peacefully resolved a potentially deadly situation. Many smaller agencies lack the resources larger cities like Cedar Park have for training. I would like to see de-escalation training increased with the state using its resources to help county and municipal departments obtain such training.

What does the Texas Legislature need to do to help Williamson County recover from COVID-19?

Williamson County has not seen the economic hardship that many other areas of the state have experienced. The key to economic recovery and continued growth is for the state government to support the free market system that has built Texas as the 10th biggest economy in the world. Business owners and entrepreneurs hold the key to recovery, not the government. We call it, the Texas Miracle.

What will you support to bring economic development to Williamson County?

Local governments have many tools that help support economic development. I will work to make sure that those tools are still available to cities and counties. As an attorney representing municipalities, I have worked on numerous economic development agreements through economic development corporations, municipal development corporations, Local Government Code Ch. 380 agreements, Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones and Public Improvement Districts. On the Cedar Park City Council, I was briefed and voted on several economic development agreements to bring business to Cedar Park and voted to approve the public/private partnership for Bell Boulevard. I was also a member of the Cedar Park legislative committee that developed legislation to amend Tax Code Ch. 351 to allow Cedar Park to use hotel tax for the maintenance and operation of the H-E-B/Cedar Park Center. This amendment was presented to and passed by the Council. Representative Bucy sponsored the bill.

In your opinion, what is the most important issue in this race?

Community Safety. Our neighbor to the southeast partially defunded their police department. We have all seen for ourselves or heard from our neighbors what it is like to go to downtown Austin right now. Billboards warning people as they enter Austin. A small part of Austin is in House District 136. As a Council member, I was contacted by several constituents who were immediately concerned about the border area between Cedar Park and

Austin. In Cedar Park our Council unanimously voted to increase our police department budget and add an officer. We are nation of laws. Without them we have no nation, no states, no counties, and no cities. From a municipal perspective, if we are unable to enact and enforce laws, we cannot continue to provide other municipal services such as water, sewer, parks, roads, and trash service.

How are you the candidate best suited to address these questions?

As the son of a 41-year veteran of the Dallas Police Department, I have witnessed firsthand the sacrifice that police officers endure to keep us safe. I have also worked with police departments all over the state and have reviewed thousands of videos of officers in the course of their duties. I have defended the vast majority and have ensured that those who deserve it are held accountable, even to the point of termination of employment. I will support law enforcement. My opponent has provided funding to an organization that has "Imagine a World Without Police" on their website with "Defund APD" under that statement. Part of Austin is in House District 136. He assisted an organization who has lobbied for the defunding of law enforcement in a city in his district. Are Cedar Park, Leander, Round Rock and Williamson County next?

Why should we vote for you?

I follow the Biblical principles on which this country was formed and support both the United States and Texas Constitutions. I have over twenty years of experience working with and for municipal governments as attorney and two and a half years on the Cedar Park City Council. This experience has allowed me to work with and through many state agencies. I have worked with elected and appointed officials from the federal government and state, county, and municipal governments from both political parties. I have a working knowledge of many aspects of our laws as they influence governments. In 1999 during the 76th Legislative Session, I served on the legislative staff for Domingo Garcia, a Democratic representative out of Dallas. I have written, implemented, and helped enforce hundreds of laws.

I have served as a prosecutor for several Texas municipalities for over a decade and handled thousands of cases which gives me a working knowledge of our justice system. I have helped municipalities adopt budgets even to the point of helping draft the budgets and calculating tax rates. Assisted municipalities in interpreting local, state, and federal laws. Represented clients before governmental entities such as the EPA, TCEQ, PUC and Texas Railroad Commission. I will work to keep the Texas Miracle alive and healthy by allowing Texans to lead the recovery from COVID, not the government.



JOHN BUCY (D-I)

I'm a small business owner, former Chair of the Williamson County Democratic Party, and new father serving my first term in the Texas Legislature. I was proud to be recognized as Hill Country News' Best (Local) Elected Official and House Democratic Caucus Freshman of the Year in 2019.

What policing reforms will you vote for?

We must transform policing to eliminate disparities while upholding accountability and safety. As a public servant, I believe in bringing law enforcement, activists, and community members together to work toward cultural and policy outcomes that achieve meaningful change. We cannot reduce complex issues to campaign one-liners to score political points, but must have the hard conversations to ensure everyone in our community feels safe and is treated fairly. I support regular mandatory training on critical topics such as racial bias, responding to mental health crises, and harm reduction practices. I believe we should also ban carotid restraints, and limit use of force and lethal force, while requiring a clear ladder of de-escalation and a duty to intervene.

What does the Texas Legislature need to do to help Williamson County recover from COVID-19?

COVID-19 has further exposed many of the problems facing our community and exacerbated disparities in our society. We must expand Medicaid to shore up our healthcare infrastructure and increase the use of telemedicine, invest in broadband access, and support our schools. Similarly, the Texas Workforce Commission needs urgent attention and increased capacity to make sure Texans are getting the help and support they need. In addition, we must ensure the budget is not balanced on the backs of Texas families and small businesses by preventing any cuts to the supports and services that they are relying on during the pandemic.

What will you support to bring economic development to Williamson County?

Working in conjunction with local leaders, I passed legislation to keep more of our Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue dollars in Cedar Park to invest in economic development and tourism. I want to expand this legislation to Leander. I will continue to prioritize bringing good jobs and economic opportunity to our region by working with local and regional leaders and the business community. I also believe we need to leverage CARES Act and other federal funding to invest in infrastructure and provide more relief to small and local businesses. Similarly, Medicaid expansion would create jobs and economic opportunity in Williamson County as well as decrease the costs of uncompensated care.

In your opinion, what is the most important issue in this race?

The most important issues are strong public schools, access to healthcare, and providing relief for families and small businesses to offset the impacts of COVID-19. We need to protect our historic gains on teacher pay and public school funding, which is the most effective way to lower property taxes, while increasing services for special education and mental health. We also must expand Medicaid and lower prescription drug costs, and provide better unemployment benefits and increased support for small businesses.

How are you the candidate best suited to address these questions?

I was elected in 2018 and promised to focus on supporting public schools, access to healthcare, and lowering property taxes. At the Capitol I kept my promises to my constituents, leading the charge on expanding Medicaid and playing a pivotal role in passing education funding and needed property tax relief. I created Community Advisory Boards to engage more people in the legislative process and get more feedback on policy matters. When COVID-19 began, I partnered with a local food bank and organized dozens of volunteers to conduct outreach and regularly deliver food and supplies to seniors and people with disabilities in HD 136. I represent the values of this district and have proven myself to be a hardworking and effective leader, working across the aisle at the Capitol and with local elected officials to build consensus and get results. I know there is more work to do and I am committed to seeing it done.

Why should we vote for you?

I'm running for re-election to House District 136 because our work for a better Texas is not done. Texas should be leading the way on providing quality public education and access to healthcare. We also need to get back to politics as public service, and work on issues that affect our constituents and our region such as traffic, infrastructure, and property taxes. Most importantly, we should be seeking innovative solutions to our state and regional problems, and avoid getting mired in the politics of fear and division or petty partisan games. Together, we can build our community up and make Texas as good as its promise.

U.S. CONGRESS DISTRICT 31**JOHN CARTER (R-I)**

I've served this community as a District Judge for over 20 years and now as your Congressman in the U.S. House. Central Texas is where I've raised my children and I'm committed to maintaining great schools, low taxes, and safe communities.

What is your proudest moment as Congressman?

I've passed legislation under Presidents Bush, Obama and Trump, and I pride myself on being able to deliver results for Central Texas no matter the political environment. Of the many bills I've gotten signed into the law, the Veterans Transplant Coverage Act is one of the most special. It was due to a Leander veteran constituent that came to me after being denied life-saving donor coverage by the VA, and he shared his family's personal struggle with me. I went to work and passed the bill so that no veteran could be denied this coverage again. The bill has already saved several veterans' lives and there's nothing more rewarding than that.

What needs to be included in the next COVID-19 relief package?

The American people must be the focus of the next COVID-19 relief package. Instead of prioritizing political agendas, I believe Congress must work together to continue to provide equipment to our courageous frontline workers and first responders, increase investments for vaccine research and reopen the Paycheck Protection Program for small business owners. We've seen the success of PPP, which I supported in Congress, as we continue to respond and recover from the effects of COVID-19. There's currently \$138 billion left in that fund that could be helping small businesses survive and instead, the program has been closed to applications. Republican and Democrats need to put politics aside and work together to pass a clean COVID-19 relief bill.

What health care reforms will you support?

In Congress, I have supported legislation like the Twenty First Century Cures Act which has boosted medical innovation against diseases like Alzheimer's, cancer, and diabetes. I've also supported the Lower Costs, More Cures Act to lower the

cost of prescription drug prices. We know the cost of health care is too high under our current system, we must increase competition to drive down the costs, while protecting those with preexisting conditions.

In your opinion, what is the most important issue in this race?

Ensuring our district has the resources and opportunities to continue to prosper amongst the explosive growth is pivotal for our success. I'm one of the leading Republicans on the Appropriations Committee, and I can utilize this leadership position to bring resources back to Central Texas. It's imperative that we scale for the growth, while focusing on maintaining the quality of life of residents. This means keeping taxes low so small business thrive, increasing higher education and vocational opportunities for young people, improving infrastructure and supporting local law enforcement.

How are you the candidate best suited to address these questions?

As the top Republican on the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs funding committee, and a member of the Appropriations Committee, I am in a unique position to bring resources to Central Texas. I've passed major pieces of legislation to improve the lives of veterans, secure the homeland, support local law enforcement and provide educational opportunities for young Texans throughout my time in Congress, in addition to bringing over a billion dollars back to our district through the appropriations process. I'm able to deliver these results because of my leadership positions and because I know how to effectively work across the aisle in any political environment.

Why should we vote for you?

My experience in the House ensures that I can get things done on behalf of the 31st district. Just in the last five months, I've worked to secure over \$275 million for TX-31, including money for health care providers to purchase PPE, funding for localities to respond to COVID-19, and dollars for Ft. Hood Soldiers' housing. I'm committed to fighting for Central Texans in the house and working across the aisle to do what's best for our community.

**DONNA IMAM (D)**

I'm a Computer Engineer and entrepreneur with an 18 year career in tech. I've led product lines from computers used by millions worldwide to microcontrollers found in everything from washing machines to commercial jets. I'm a 14 year resident of this district and I served as president of a 4000+ member nonprofit that provides free training and education.

Why do you believe you are qualified to hold this office?

As an engineer and entrepreneur I have used heuristics, data, and technology to solve large scale problems and have brought many successful products to market.

Lowering the cost of healthcare is an engineering scaling problem. Using tech to lower the cost of education is a business problem. Bringing quality talent to rural and underserved communities in our district is an incentivizing problem. Creating high-paying jobs in all parts of the district is an entrepreneurship problem. I've implemented all these solutions in industry and I'll bring my expertise to Congress to deliver better results for Texas families.

What needs to be included in the next COVID-19 relief package?

The next relief package needs to include direct cash payments to people who are unemployed due to the pandemic and assistance for small businesses unable to open up to full capacity. We need additional funding to execute on a coordinated plan and safely reopen businesses using science and technology. This plan needs to require frequent and strategic testing of essential workers, teachers, students and anyone that is required to interact with others in close proximity.

What health care reforms will you support?

Our country has a lack of primary

care physicians which increases costs by relying on the ER as the first line of defense. We need to lower the cost of healthcare and prescription drugs to cover everyone by focusing on preventative care. We can improve the quality of care with more doctors and nurses, especially in underserved and rural areas. We must fund research to address Black and Latino maternal deaths.

In your opinion, what is the most important issue in this race?

The most important issue in my district is the constant economic anxiety experienced by middle-class and working class families, students and recent graduates, and retirees on a fixed income. This is a symptom of stagnant wages, job-insecurity, and age-discrimination while the cost of living, education, and healthcare continue to increase. Most people have little to no savings, no investments, or not enough retirement savings.

How are you the candidate best suited to address these questions?

Texas's 31st district has had the same representative since it was created in 2003. If you had a baby in 2003, that child would be a young adult ready for college now. Yet over this time, property taxes, the cost of childcare, education, and healthcare have skyrocketed, wages have stagnated, and Texas has the most uninsured people in the entire country. This is nothing to be proud of.

As I go around the district and listen to people, almost all of them say that they have never met their representative or had a candidate reach out to them and ask them for their vote. Our campaign is expanding the electorate by engaging with communities that have been left out of the political process.

Why should we vote for you?

I'm proposing solutions that were developed in collaboration with our district. Solutions that will directly improve the financial well-being of people in Bell County, including the large rural areas, underserved communities, and veterans. My proposals will ensure families have healthcare coverage, even when in-between jobs or starting a business. I'm bringing the financial case for what we Texans believe is the morally right thing to do. □

VOTER ID FAQs

If you possess one of the following forms of acceptable photo ID, you must present it when voting in person:*

- Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS
- Texas Handgun License issued by DPS
- United States Military Identification Card containing your photograph
- United States Citizenship Certificate containing your photograph
- United States Passport (book or card)

Do not possess and cannot reasonably obtain one of these IDs? Fill out a declaration at the polls describing a reasonable impediment to obtaining it, and show a copy or original of one of the following supporting forms of ID:

- A government document that shows your name and an address, including your voter registration certificate;
- Current utility bill;
- Bank statement;
- Government check;
- Paycheck; or
- (a) A certified domestic (from a U.S. state or territory) birth certificate or (b) a document

confirming birth admissible in a court of law which establishes your identity (which may include a foreign birth document).

* With the exception of the U.S. Citizenship Certificate, for voters aged 18-69, the acceptable form of photo identification must be current or have expired no more than 4 years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place. A person 70 years of age or older may use a form of acceptable photo identification that has expired if the identification is otherwise valid.

Exemptions: Voters with a disability may apply with the county voter registrar for a permanent exemption to showing acceptable photo ID or following the Reasonable Impediment Declaration procedure at the polls. Voters with a religious objection to being photographed or voters who do not present an acceptable form of photo identification or follow the Reasonable Impediment Declaration procedure at the polls because of certain natural disasters may apply for a temporary exemption to showing an acceptable form of photo identification or following the Reasonable Impediment Declaration procedure at the polls. Please contact your voter registrar for more details.



MICHAEL STRAVATO FOR THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

Texans voting absentee can also deliver their completed ballots in person at their county elections office instead of mailing them in.

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-Mel Kirkland

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- ★ Promote Efficient Government
- ★ Ensure Smart Economic Development

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