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Ride the Wave



The Primary Election is over. The results are in the books. The 2018 November General Election preparations are underway.

Dallas County Elections reports a 96 percent increase in voters from the 2014 primary. The turnout of registered Democratic voters was 10.27 percent of the registered Democrats. In 2014, the turnout of registered Democratic voters was 5.80 percent of registered Democrats.

“Surf’s Up!” A Democratic tsunami is in our future!

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EDITORIAL

Look for the Union Label

Recently, while working on the Senate District 16 Convention booklet, I worked with Steven Echols at Reilly Echols Printing, Inc., a Dallas firm established in 1913, a union printer. From beginning to end their service was outstanding, prompt, knowledgeable, and courteous.

Many times I have been questioned about the cost of printing citing the higher cost for union services as opposed to non-union services. (“We could save money, if ...”). And, yes, the use of the phrase, “*printed in house*” has been met with some ridicule.

Why use union services?



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Labor Unions Help Advance American Progress

“Every advance in this half-century: Social Security, civil rights, Medicare, aid to education... one after another came with the support and leadership of American Labor.”

Jimmy Carter, U.S. President

“Working people have a lot of concerns in this economy. They want decent pay. They want benefits. And of course they want job security.

I tell them all the reasons why they need union representation.”

Joseph Crane CWA, Local 7901

www.unionplus.org/page/labor-unions-today

The “Union Bubble” signifies support of our labor unions; support for American workers. It heralds the best of Democratic Party values.

Demand the Union label!

Rachel Baker Ford, editor

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LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Senate/County Convention Directory
Saturday, March 24, 2018

Dallas County

Senate District 2

Sergio Garcia sergio.garcia.mesquitelion@gmail.com
Theresa Daniel tmdan34@aol.com
CWA Local 6215
1408 N Washington Ave #300,
Dallas, TX 75204
Convention Starts: 9:30 a.m.

Senate District 8

Zach Bullard free4zach@gmail.com
First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park
300 E Phillips St.
Richardson, TX 75081
Registration: 9:30 a.m.
Convention Starts: 10:00 a.m.

Senate District 9

Michael McPhail mmcphail1974@gmail.com
Intire Health Center
1017 Fort Worth St.
Grand Prairie 75050
Convention Starts: 9:00 a.m.

Senate District 16

David Griggs texvol@aol.com
Susan Bradley hypatiasm@earthlink.net
ED Walker Middle School
12532 Nuestra Dr., Dallas 75230
Registration: 8:30 a.m.
Convention Starts: 9:00 a.m.

Senate District 23

Nigel Redmond nigelredmond@gmail.com
Carter High School
1819 W Wheatland Rd
Dallas, TX 75232
Registration 12:30p.m.
Convention Starts 1:00 p.m.

Additional Information

Texas County/Senate Conventions
www.texasdemocraticconvention/county-conventions/
Texas State Democratic Party

Rockwall County Democratic Party

Judith Matherne rockwalldemocrats@gmail.com
Maureen Cain Middle School
6620 FM 3097 (Horizon Rd)
Rockwall, Texas 75032
Convention Starts: 9:00 a.m.

Collin County Democratic Party

Mike Rollins conventionchair@collindemocrats.org
Lovejoy High School
2350 Estates Parkway
Lucas, TX 75002
Registration 8:00 a.m.
Convention Starts: 10:00 a.m.

Fannin County Democratic Party

Jane Alvizo jalvizo1@yahoo.com
Elizabeth May Room
First United Bank
120 W. Sam Rayburn Drive
Bonham 75418
Open: 8:00 a.m. Gavel: 8:30 a.m.

Kaufman County Democratic Party

Sarah Whitaker kcdems@gmail.com
Kaufman County Library
3790 S. Houston St.
Kaufman, TX 75142
Open: 9:30 a.m. Gavel: 10:00 a.m.

Tarrant County

Senate District 9

Carol Cappa ccap0925@sbcglobal.net
Tarrant Co. College-South Campus
5301 Campus Dr
Fort Worth TX 76119
Starts: 9:00:00 a.m.

Senate District 10

Karroll Parker karroll@karrollparker.com
Tarrant Co. College-South Campus
5301 Campus Dr
Fort Worth 76119
Starts: 8:00 a.m. Gavel: 10:00 a.m.

Senate District 12

Evan Hausenfluke Tarrant4046@gmail.com
Tarrant Co College-South Campus
5301 Campus Dr.
Fort Worth, TX 76109
Starts: 8:00 a.m. Gavel: 10:00 a.m.

Senate District 22

Cheryl Smith cherylsmith@msn.com
818 Tarrant Co College-South Campus
5301 Campus Dr
Fort Worth 76119
Starts: 8:00 a.m. Gavel: 10:00 a.m.

Y'ALL COME!

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CONVENTION

JUNE 21-23, 2018
FORT WORTH
TexasDemocraticConvention.com

A Look at Beto O'Rourke for the Senate



In the March 6, 2018 primary, Ted Cruz got 1,294,334 Republican votes and Beto O'Rourke collected 621,083 Democratic votes. Primary voters are not likely to switch party for the general election so we can assume Cruz will get all of the Republican primary votes and Beto will get all of the Democratic votes. Cruz will have a base of 1,518,183 votes and Beto will have a base of 1,004,001 votes.

Beto would still trail by 514,183. Know your enemy. In 2012, Ted Cruz won the Senate seat with 4,440,137 votes to Paul Sadler's 3,194,927. Looks like a steep climb for Beto.

Fortunately, Beto is not limited to Republican or Democratic voters. There is another much bigger bucket of votes to share. The Independent voters. Hard and fast numbers are hard to find for Texas but it appears Independent voters comprise about 40 percent of the voters in the general election while the Republicans and Democrats account split the other 60 percent. With a good, strong, believable message on subjects the voters actually care about and understand Beto can send Cruz home crying with his copy of *Green Eggs and Ham*.

The truth is that Ted isn't running for the Senate. He is running for President. Tax payers will foot the bill for a significant portion of his second campaign for President.

Hopefully, the swing in votes from Republican to Democrat we have seen in many parts of our nation will continue in Texas as it dawns on people they are not getting the wonderful life Trump and the Republican led Congress promised them. The Republicans running the state government have done nothing to make life better.

BETO ON THE ISSUES

JOB: Invest in training and apprenticeship programs for those without college degrees.

EDUCATION: No public tax dollars should be given to private schools.

VETERANS: Improve access to quality care both within and outside of the VA.

WOMEN'S HEALTH: Ensure a woman's right to choose with access to safe and legal abortion services or family planning help.

HEALTHCARE: Improve the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Incentivize insurers to participate in the exchanges, expand Medicaid to cover more Texans.

IMMIGRATION: End the militarization of our immigration enforcement system, and close private immigration prisons and detention centers that profit from locking up families. Pass the DREAM Act and ensure that undocumented immigrants who were brought here as children, known as 'Dreamers', find a permanent home and citizenship in the U.S.

ECONOMY: Promote policies that encourage companies to focus on returning investments back to their consumer, their employees, and to the community.

Promote regulations that protect consumers, promote competition and grow the economy.

JUSTICE: End the U.S. government's war on drugs. End the federal prohibition on marijuana. End private and for-profit prisons.

SENIORS: It is vital that we safeguard Social Security, improve access to healthcare for Seniors and ensure prescription drug prices are affordable.

NATIONAL SECURITY: We cannot kill our way to achieving our goals.

(Abridged version of <https://betofortexas.com/>)

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BITS & PIECES

One Solution for Our Dysfunctional Government

We have a dysfunctional government because we have a undemocratic presidential electoral system and a grotesque voting system in Congress. The presidential elector system permits a 535-member oligarchy to negate the popular vote. When Members of Congress get to Congress their voting power is unequal.

Behind the idea of a representative republic is the idea that each representative would represent the same number of citizens.

While the Constitution guarantees a “republican form of government” in the states, if equal representation of every citizen is the metric, we do NOT have a republican form of government in the Congress. So long as a Member of Congress from Wyoming or Rhode Island has three to four times the voting influence of a member from California or New York, the idea that we are a republic or democracy is a cruel hoax.

The bad news is that amending the Constitution to do away with the electoral system or adopting the NPV interstate compact work-around will not solve the problem.

There is a solution, however. Proportional voting. That is a system where a Member of Congress does NOT have one vote. One vote per Senator and House member is WHY we are dysfunctional. However, if each Member of Congress is assigned a vote representative of his or her decimal percentage of the national population, everyone, from the hills of Tennessee to the ranches of Montana to south-central LA.

And all it takes for that to happen is for Congress to change the rules and a tech to run the numbers and put those numbers in the Congressional voting computer.

—Steve Love Posted on Facebook 03/22/18

Democratic Primary Election Runoff Tuesday, May 22.

Statewide:

Governor: Lupe Valdez and Andrew White

Dallas County:

U.S. Representative District 32

Colin Allred and Lillian Salerno

State Board of Education District 12

Suzanne Smith and Laura Malone-Miller

State Representative District 109

Deshaundra Lockhart Jones and Carl Sherman

District Judge, Judicial District 68

Kim Brown and Martin Hoffman

District Judge, Judicial District 193

Bridgett Whitmore and Carl Ginsberg

Judge, Court at Law No. 4

Paula Rosales and Ken Tapscott

Judge, Criminal Court of Appeals No. 2

Pamela Luther and Marilynn Mayse

Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 4 Place 2

Fred “Action” Jackson and Sasha Moreno

Constable Precinct No. 4

Sha Steger Knight and Edward Wright

Constable Precinct No. 5

Beth Villarreal and Michael Orozco

What is a tsunami?

A tsunami is a series of ocean waves with very long wavelengths (typically hundreds of kilometers) caused by large-scale disturbances of the ocean, such as: earthquakes, landslide, volcanic eruptions, explosions, meteorites.

These disturbances can either be from below (e.g. underwater earthquakes with large vertical displacements, submarine landslides) or from above (e.g. meteorite impacts).

Tsunami is a Japanese word with the English translation: “harbour wave”.

Tsunamis are also often confused with storm surges, even though they are quite different phenomena. A storm surge is a rapid rise in coastal sea-level caused by a significant meteorological event — these are often associated with tropical cyclones.

www.bom.gov.au/tsunami/info/

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SD16 COMMITTEEWOMAN

The graphic features the name 'Susan' in a white cursive font with a blue star inside the 'S'. Below it, 'BRADLEY' is written in a large, white, blocky font. Underneath 'BRADLEY' is a small white outline of the state of Texas. At the bottom, 'SD16 COMMITTEEWOMAN' is written in a white, sans-serif font. The background is dark blue with a thin white line above the Texas outline.

Elect Susan Bradley at the Texas Democratic State Convention June 21 - 23, 2018

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1/2th page size, camera ready copy\$60 per mo
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Whole page size, camera ready copy . \$100 per mo
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