

# GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE

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## Senator Warren says: “Do Your Job!”



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**Do your job:**

**Vote on a Supreme Court nominee.**

**Do your job:**

**Vote on District Court judges and Circuit Court judges.**

**Do your job:**

**Vote on ambassadors.**

**Do your job:**

**Vote on agency leaders and counter terrorism officials.**

**If you want to stop extremism in your party, you can start by showing the American people that you respect the President of the United State and the Constitution enough to do your job, right here, in the United States Senate.”**

*[Speech on the Senate floor, March 10, 2016]*

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## EDITORIAL

### “ You Lie!” (Rep. Joe Wilson, SC2R)

There is no need for me to fact check this outburst by Rep. Wilson. Chuck and I were listening to President Obama’s speech on healthcare that September evening in 2009 in a combined session of the Congress. The teacher in me shouted [not exact] “Mr. Obama, rebuke that jerk immediately! — this is the Congress of the United States and you are our president. Send him to detention! A bully must be called out and dealt with immediately or it is only going to get worse.”

President Obama calmly responded with, “Not true.”

Later I learned Mr. Wilson called the president and apologized. The House voted to rebuke him — though the vote was largely along party lines, meaning the Democrats voted to rebuke him and the GOP’ers voted nay— it’s okay. Classroom management 101 [me] projected it’s only going to get worse.

To name just a few of the outrageous moves, lies, by the Republicans:

1. The shutdown of the country over raising the debt ceiling in October 2013 for 16 days at a cost of approximately \$26 billion dollars. (In an attempt to defund the Affordable Care Act.)

<http://www.bloombergview.com/articles/2013-10-04/why-republicans-shut-down-the-government>

2. Sixty votes to end the Affordable Care Act at a cost of approximately \$1.45 million *per* vote. [\$8.7 BILLION]

<http://miami.cbslocal.com/2013/05/16/obamacare-repeal-votes-costs-tens-of-millions/>

3. “The Affordable Care Act is a job killer” say the GOP’ers. This is a proven lie. [*ed: see page 4*]

“Our businesses have created jobs every single month since (Obamacare) became law.” — Barack Obama, January 12th, 2016 in his State of the Union speech

4. Continual assaults on Planned Parenthood to shut them down because of abortions. Planned Parenthood provides health care for women and men. Period. The division of Planned Parenthood which provides abortion care services (*three percent*) is a completely separate entity. The law forbids any federal money to go to entities providing abortion care.

The term which comes to mind is bully. Wikipedia defines bullying as: “Bullying is the use of force, threat, or coercion to abuse, intimidate, or aggressively dominate others. The behavior is often repeated and habitual.” <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bullying> Shouting, “You Lie!” at the president during a speech in Congress is certainly bullying. Sixty votes to end the Affordable Care Act — unrequited bullying — can be classified as beating one’s head against a wall, 60 times. The attempts to shut down Planned Parenthood to end abortions and heralding the ACA is a job killer are just plain lies.

One of the earliest broadcasts of Tea Party protests featured a mature woman carrying a sign reading: “Government: Hands Off My Medicare.” Apparently this person had been bullied into believing that the GOP’ers were trying to preserve Medicare. When I hear, “Shut down the IRS!” generally followed by cheers from the GOP’er crowds, I wonder whose going to collect the money to fund the U.S. ? When the crowds yell, “Deport the Immigrants!” I look out my window and see the good people of Camelot (our subdivision) whose children go to Big Springs School RISD, keep their homes and yards maintained, pay taxes to all levels of government and are good neighbors. My first thoughts when I hear of an impending marriage is, “Time for a wedding shower!” [party]. Cruz often screams, “The first thing I will do is shut down Obamacare!” I immediately think of the little boy and his family in my precinct who lives because of the ACA. And this is only one family of many.

When I hear a crowd cheer after a person is assaulted, followed by a declaration that the next time they will kill [the person], I am afraid. These naysayers have succumbed to and believe the bullies’ threats and lies— following them blindly and reiterating the ugly words. And then being told the altercation has nothing to do with the candidate [Trump: 3/10/16].

Repeating the bullies’ lies.

— Rachel Baker Ford, editor

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## ARTICLE

### Consider the Source

—Willa Kulhavy

On March 7, the day before the Michigan Primary, I was working in the kitchen and listening to the TV in the living room when I heard the voice of the Presidential candidate of my dreams.

He praised labor unions, gave priority to raising the minor raise, intends to create incentives for manufacturers to keep their factories in the U.S.A. and intends to renegotiate NAFTA and the TPP to bring those good jobs back to Michigan.

Of course I know that renegotiate stuff is pie in the sky, but I liked the positive thinking.

“Who is this guy? He has my vote.” I thought, ‘It’s not Bernie. Uh-oh a Republican? Maybe it’s Kasich.’”

I went to the living room to see who was talking. Oh my gosh, it was Trump! And I still liked his speech so much my first thought was, “Maybe Trump turned good?”

Fortunately, my second thoughts were, “He won’t be able to renegotiate NAFTA and, I am so scared of Trump.” Whew!

Until recently, I found Trump more an amusing annoyance than a dangerous threat.

I learned Trump won the March 8<sup>th</sup> Republican Primary in Michigan and *The Dallas Morning News* said Trump’s win was due to him getting a lot of labor union support because Trump had concentrated his campaign in Michigan on labor unions. I realized the liberal speech of Trump’s that had briefly won my vote had given Trump the real votes of labor union workers in Michigan.

Trump is seriously getting scarier. He won in Michigan by sounding like a very liberal Democrat who cares about working class people. Many voters don’t pay attention to political campaigns until they have to decide how to vote. So, unlike me or you, a lot of the voters in the primary wouldn’t have heard the rude, crude, contemptuous bully, Donald Trump.

“Trump is touching this vein of terrible anxiety that working-class people feel about their current status.” said Mary Kay Henry, President of the Service Employees International Union. [Reference: “Donald Trump Is Dangerous” in the March 14, 2016 issue of *The Nation*.]

I know that he’s dangerous, but his speech won my vote for a while. I intended to say we should take advantage of Trump’s campaign voter research to make our own version of targeted messages.

But, ick! I might get really sick if I read a whole lot of Trump’s speeches.

Just be warned. Trump can sound good but he’s a devil costumed in a lamb’s body.

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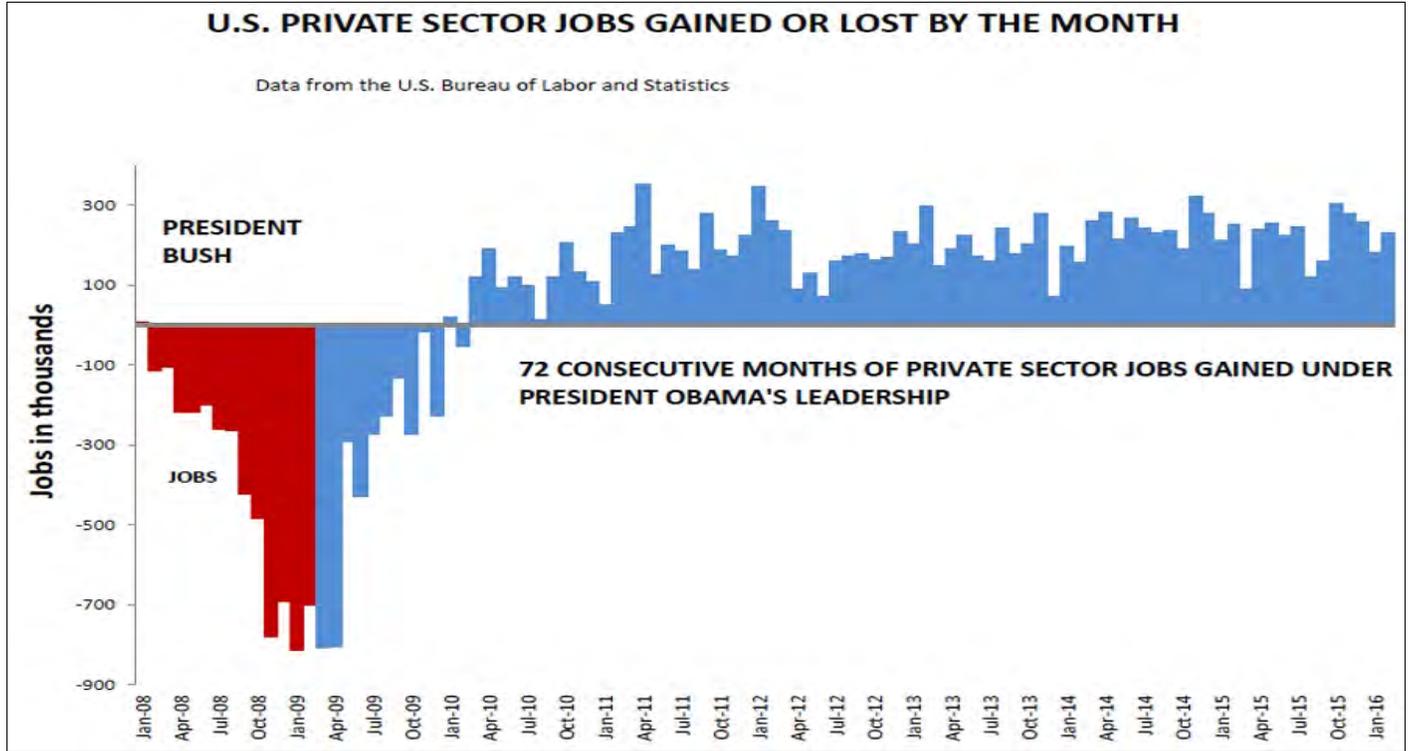
## FACT CHECKING

### Fact Checking the Republican Motto: “Obamacare is a Job Killer”

— Charles E. Ford, Jr.

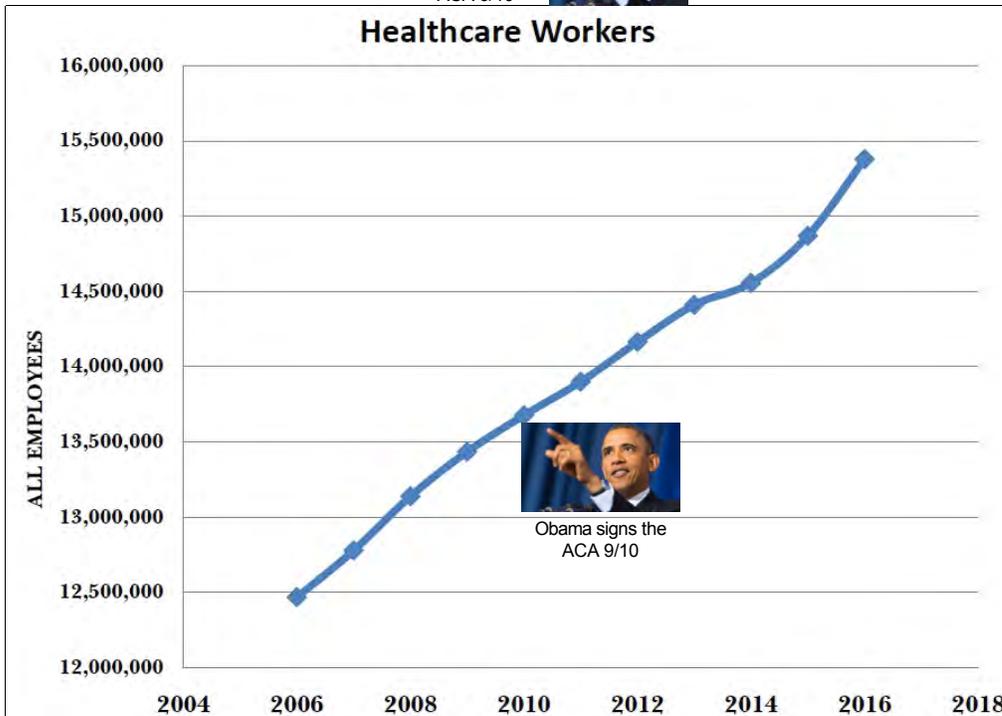
Our fine Senator from Texas is leading the pack with the cry that the Affordable Care Act (ACA or Obamacare) is a job killer. The Bureau of Labor (BLS) statistics say otherwise.

**FACT:** The economy has added jobs in the private sector for 72 months in a row.



[http://data.bls.gov/timeseries/CES0500000001?output\\_view=net\\_1mth](http://data.bls.gov/timeseries/CES0500000001?output_view=net_1mth)

Obama signs the ACA 6/10



[http://data.bls.gov/timeseries/CES6562000101?data\\_tool=XGtable](http://data.bls.gov/timeseries/CES6562000101?data_tool=XGtable)

But that’s not the whole story. The economy has been recovering from a deep recession since 2009 so only a portion or none of these jobs could be attributed to healthcare or the ACA. The Bureau of Labor tracks the healthcare jobs.

Maybe someone could explain to Senator Cruz 15,378,300 [number of employees in February 2016] is larger than 13,719,700 [number of employees] when the ACA was signed in March 2010.

Remember his reading level is limited to *Green Eggs and Ham!*

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## ARTICLE

### Are Free Trade Agreements Really Free?

— Charles E. Ford, Jr.

Name of the pact	Primary Country	Year pact signed	Trade Balance with U.S. In Billions of Dollars			GOOD OR BAD
			5 year Total Before	5 year Total After	2015	
Israel - U.S.	Israel	1985	No Data	-.1	-10.9	BAD
NAFTA*	Canada	1994	-45.5	-103.1	-14.9	BAD
NAFTA*	Mexico	1994	5.2	-86.6	-58.4	BAD
Jordan - U.S.	Jordan	2001	1.5	-2.1	-0.1	BAD
Australia - U.S.	Australia	2004	30.3	51.3	14.2	GOOD
Chile - U.S.	Chile	2004	-2.3	1.7	6.7	GOOD
Singapore - U.S.	Singapore	2004	2.2	37.2	10.4	GOOD
Bahrain - U.S.	Bahrain	2006	-0.3	2.0	0.4	GOOD
Morocco - U.S.	Morocco	2006	0.1	5.6	0.6	GOOD
Oman - U.S.	Oman	2006	-0.6	0.2	1.5	GOOD
Peru - U.S.	Peru	2007	-8.5	7.2	3.7	GOOD
Panama - U.S.	Panama	2012	25.4	27.5**	7.4	GOOD
Colombia - U.S.	Columbia	2012	-16.9	0.9**	2.4	GOOD
South Korea - U.S.	South Korea	2012	-60.4	-74**	-28.3	BAD

This chart is a summary of U.S. trade agreements. As an indicator of the effect of the agreement, the chart includes the total of the trade balance between the United States and the individual country for the five years prior to the five years after the agreement was signed. The year the pact was signed was excluded.

A negative sign (–) before the number indicates the United States imported more than it exported to the other country. No sign before the number means we exported more than we imported. A negative sign is bad.

In the last column: Good means the pact creates jobs in the U.S. Bad means jobs are lost in the U.S.

Total Good in this chart in 2015 is \$49.3 Billion. The BAD total in 2015 \$112.6 Billion. Thus, we had a negative trade balance of \$63.3 Billion with these 14 countries in 2015. U.S. Overall 2015 trade balance is a negative \$539 Billion.

<https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/balance/index.html>

#### NOTES:

\* NAFTA: North American Free Trade Agreement; Canada, Mexico, are the primary trading partner

\*\* Pact was signed in 2012 so there is only 3 years of data available.

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). These agreements are in negotiation or not yet approved.

## Justice Scalia is Dead, Article II's Mandate is Not

— Katherine Savers McGovern

When Justice Antonin Scalia died unexpectedly while at a luxury hunting ranch in Texas, the resulting SCOTUS vacancy was not the one expected by many, certainly not the Senate's Republican conservatives. Now they demand the President to forego his Constitutional duty, and insist if Obama won't, they will. The Constitution, Article II, provides that the President shall nominate and appoint justices, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

It cannot be denied that failure to proceed in compliance with the Article II mandate now will create harmful uncertainty on pending important constitutional issues.<sup>1</sup> A 4 - 4 split decision affirms the lower court's opinion but is not precedence beyond that court's jurisdiction.

1. **Clean Power Plan:** The Obama administration's sweeping plan to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the nation's electrical grid. A 4 - 4 split leaves the lower court's favorable decision.
2. **Immigration:** *United States v. Texas* - Obama immigration policies would temporarily enable close to five million undocumented immigrants to remain in the country. A 4 - 4 split will leave the Fifth Circuit's stay of Obama's immigration plan intact.
3. **Public-Sector Unions:** *Friedrichs vs. California Teachers Assoc.*— seeks to overturn, *Aboud v. Detroit Board of Education*, which allows requiring government workers to pay union dues as a condition of employment. A 4-4 tie leaves the Ninth Circuit decision dismissing the case intact, effectively a victory for organized workers.
4. **Affirmative action:** *Fisher v. University of Texas (II)* challenge to constitutionality of any racial or ethnic preferences in college admissions.
5. **Obamacare/Birth Control:** *Little Sisters of the Poor v. Burwell* - challenges ACA rule requiring religious employers to provide contraceptive care in their insurance benefits. A 4-4 split upholds the Tenth Circuit's dismissal of this case.
7. **Abortion:** *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellersted* — a split will leave Texas' draconian laws intact making it difficult for Texas women to obtain an abortion and will divide courts across the country.
8. **Redistricting:** *Evenwel v. Abbott* — a case forces states to redraw their congressional maps in ways that would give more power to white voters and less to communities with large numbers of immigrants. A split leaves the decision below against these plaintiffs in tact.

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<sup>1</sup> Condensed from articles by "How Scalia's Death Affects 9 Big Cases At Supreme Court" Daniel Fisher, *Forbes* Staff, Feb. 14, 2016 [www.forbes.com/sites/danielfisher/2016/02/14/scalias-death-scrambles-all-the-calculations-on-big-cases/#63d46db52861](http://www.forbes.com/sites/danielfisher/2016/02/14/scalias-death-scrambles-all-the-calculations-on-big-cases/#63d46db52861) ; and "The Simply Breathtaking Consequences Of Justice Scalia's Death," By Ian Millhiser, Feb 13, 2016 6:27 PM, "*Think Progress*" <http://thinkprogress.org/justice/2016/02/13/3749464/the-simply-breathtaking-consequences-of-justice-scalias-death/>

### **Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard resigns position on the DNC to endorse Bernie Sanders**

A young politician with a great future has fallen victim to conflating the vote to give George Bush the authority to determine if Iraq posed a threat to our national security and that of other nations and the Obama foreign policy regarding the Middle East, to paint the picture of a warmongering Hillary Clinton as the author of American foreign policy since 2001. I know that seems a stretch but that is what comes when campaign rhetoric and tactics is mixed with the resources of the GOP propaganda machine determined to erase G.W. Bush's fingerprints from the Iraq War as it has tried to do with 9/11 by the "He kept us safe!" meme designed to rewrite the history of the 9/11 attack as something which happened in the Clinton administration.

What is troubling to me is that the Sanders's campaign is repeating the half-truths and lies which not only call into question Hillary's judgement but that of the Democratic Party's leadership. Hillary was a junior member of a majority of Democrats who expressed their trust in Bush's judgement, a majority that included Harry Reid, Chuck Schumer and John Kerry.

At the time there was no reason to mistrust Bush's judgement. To have arbitrarily done so would have unnecessarily poisoned relationships between Bush and the Senate Democrats. Hillary and the Democrats rightly gave Bush the authority to exercise his responsibility as the nation's chief foreign policy officer. They should therefore, not be punished for trusting Bush or blamed in any way for the outcome of their trust. Democracy does not work without trust and trust always comes with a measure of risk. Hillary and that Democratic majority in the Senate should be praised, not vilified, for their vote to trust the judgement of George W. Bush.

Losing Gabbard to the membership of the DNC is sad, but hopefully she can find her way back into trusting the party which so respects her distinguished history and service to the nation. But that will happen only as we acknowledge the truth and stop denigrating Hillary and the Democratic Party for doing the generous thing, and allow the responsibility for the Iraq War and 9/11 to fall where it belongs: upon those unworthy of our trust and negligent of our national security.

— Facebook: March 2, 2016 Stephen L. Love

### **RE: "Superdelegates not democratic" Goldsticker letter 3-8-16 DMN\***

According to Goldsticker, superdelegates are the Democratic Party's "elite" and this is "undemocratic." I guess Goldsticker can be excused, in part, for arriving at this conclusion, because of the DNC Chairwoman's rather clumsy definition of who these people are. They are mainly former Presidents, members of Congress and state chairs of the party, in other words, those who have led or are leading the party. It is our way, as a party, to say that those who helped bring us to today should have a right to have a say in where we go tomorrow. There is no more elitism in this than in giving Grandma the head seat at the Thanksgiving table; it is a matter of showing respect for service.

As for being un-democratic. Just the opposite is the case. By designating these leaders as superdelegates, we open up seats at the convention to rank and file members of the party. And since superdelegates are free to choose who they support as their nominee of the party, every candidate has an equal chance to make his or her case for their support. And that's democratic enough for me. — Steve Love

### **RE: "Superdelegates not democratic" Part 2**

Got my letter about superdelegates published in *The Dallas Morning News* this morning. (3/16/16). I was proud the paper appreciated my effort to make our party look better. It is fashionable, in lots of circles, to beat up on the political parties. Bernie has built his whole campaign, while riding on the Democratic Party bus, on the theory that political parties are more likely to be the enemy of change rather than the means to achieve it.

That he did not — from the git-go — run as the independent he is, indicates that at some visceral level, Bernie recognized the folly of being true to his basic life-style: the lone crusader against the status quo — and stepped on a stage paid for by the Democratic Party. Now it will be seen how hard he works to herd his youth army into the Hillary camp or if he will just drop from view to lick his wounds and let his army disband into a cloud of cynicism and disillusionment.

— Posted on Facebook Steve Love

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## BITS & PIECES – 2

The Texas Civil Rights Project has brought suit against the State of Texas for violating federal voter registration law and the U.S. Constitution. The Complaint explains Texas is failing to take commonsense steps to register eligible voters who update their information on the Department of Public Safety's website.

### **Civil Rights Group Sues Texas for Violating Motor Voter Law**

— *Lena Levario*

Federal law obligates each State to ensure that every eligible voter who submits a driver's license application, renewal or update is duly registered to vote. Specifically, federal law requires the Texas Department of Public Safety, the agency in charge of issuing driver's licenses, to simultaneously offer to register persons to vote or to update the voter's registration record.

According to the Texas Civil Rights Project, over 1800 Texans took advantage of this "Motor Voter" law, only to be told later at the polls that they were ineligible to vote. The Texas Civil Rights Project has filed a lawsuit against the Texas Secretary of State and the Head of the Texas Department of Public Safety on behalf of these disenfranchised voters.

Battleground Texas discovered these violations last year after Texas turned over a requested list of all complaints filed by citizens from September, 2013 through May 2015. Mimi Marziani, Executive Director of TCRP and former head of Battleground Texas, said that Texas DPS had simply ignored their clients voting rights.

In the lawsuit, the TCRP asks the court for a declaratory judgement, formally finding that Texas has violated the law. The lawsuit also asks for injunctive relief, enjoining the State from further violations. The case is pending in the federal Western District of Texas in San Antonio.

*Lena Levario is currently Visiting State District Judge and Mediator, Formally Judge, 204th Judicial District of Dallas Co., Law Office of Lena Levario, and Dallas County Public Defender*

### **DPS Must Fix Online Voter Registration Snafus**

— *Paul Heller*

On March 14th, the Texas Civil Rights Project (TCRP) filed a significant federal lawsuit that addresses the systemic problems that disenfranchise voters in Texas who rely on the Department of Public Safety to change their voter registration at the same time they change the address on their driver's license.

While the success rates of in-person transactions at a DPS office have improved as the result of previous negotiations, voters making changes online at the DPS website still face confusing and incomplete instructions that frequently fail to make the desired address changes to the voter registration records.

The "Motor Voter" section of the National Voter Registration Act, a federal law passed in 1993, requires all motor vehicle departments to have systems in place that provide changes in voter records simultaneously with changes to drivers license records.

This suit would force compliance with that law. Those who serve as election judges or clerks know that the most frequent registration problem reported by voters is failure of DPS to handle the voter registration address change.

TCRP is headquartered in Austin with a recently opened Dallas office to serve those facing civil rights and civil liberties violations in North Texas. (See [www.ntcrp.org](http://www.ntcrp.org) or [www.texascivilrightsproject.org](http://www.texascivilrightsproject.org)) Attorneys involved in the case include Mimi Marziani, the new Executive Director of TCRP and previously with Battleground Texas; Peter Kraus of Dallas-based Waters & Kraus, LLP; and Hani Merza in the Dallas office of TCRP.

Democratic Precinct Chair Paul Heller, who helped establish the Dallas office said, "I figure it will probably take many months for this case to move through the judicial process, but I'm pretty confident it will succeed in forcing the state agencies to fix their systems to comply with the federal law."



# GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE FROM THE DALLAS COUNTY CHAIR

## We're off and running!

It seems like only yesterday that we were voting in the 2016 Texas Democratic Primary Election. Now, the Runoff Election is less than 10 weeks away. This election, which is scheduled for May 24, 2016, will determine four key races: 1. Texas Railroad Commissioner; 2. Dallas County Tax Assessor-Collector; 3. Dallas County Criminal Court Number 2; and 4. Dallas County Constable for Precinct 1. Your vote in the Runoff Election is important, as this election will determine the Democratic nominees for these positions in the General Election.

### ★ Please note these important deadlines pertaining to the May 24, 2016 Runoff Election:

Monday, April 25, 2016: Last Day to Register to Vote

Friday, May 13, 2016: Last Day to Apply for a Ballot by Mail

Monday, May 16, 2016: First Day of Early Voting

Friday, May 20, 2016: Last Day of Early Voting

Tuesday, May 24, 2016: Election Day and the Last Day to Return a Ballot by Mail

### ★ A big thank you to the DCDP Elections Team!

Determined to learn from our experiences, your DCDP Primary Team has scheduled a debriefing with key members of the Dallas County Election Department (DCED). Additionally, I represented the Dallas County Democratic Party (DCDP) this week, as I appeared before the Dallas County Commissioners Court to report on the primary election. I proudly announced that all Democratic voting sites were timely opened; we did not run out of ballots; and the DCDP met every deadline in preparation for the election. I am very proud of the team's effort and success.

### ★ Election Day electronic voting centers may be coming our way...

Based on our research throughout the State of Texas, the DCDP has advocated for Election Day electronic voting centers, which would allow Dallas County voters to vote at any polling site in the county on Election Day, just as we already do for Early Voting. With electronic voting centers, voters would no longer have to fret about going to the right polling site. Any site they choose will be right. The need for provisional ballots would be virtually eliminated, and the logistics of mounting elections in our large county would be more manageable.

Currently, electronic voting centers are used in Travis County, Collin County and Smith County on Election Day. Commissioner Dr. Elba Garcia (District 4) has directed the DCED to present a report to the County Commissioners, analyzing the cost and effectiveness of electronic voting centers. Regardless of the ultimate decision about this idea, the DCDP remains dedicated to administering fair, accessible, smooth-running elections.

### ★ You can help!

There are many ways you can help the DCDP be more effective in administering elections: 1) You can volunteer to serve as an Election Judge or Election Clerk; 3) You can help staff the phone lines on, and just before, Election Day.

### ★ You can always help the Party elect more Democrats:

1. Volunteer in your precinct, your city, senate district or at the DCDP office
2. Walk the Walk!
3. Make phone calls.
4. Be a Democratic Ambassador in your local shops and areas.
5. Join a Club
6. Become a precinct chair
7. Become a Sustaining Member
8. Make a one-time donation.
9. Attend and participate in the Senate District/County Conventions and The Texas State Convention.

Yours Democratically,

*Carol*

Carol Donovan, Chair  
Dallas County Democratic Party



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## NEWS FOR DALLAS COUNTY DEMOCRATS

### Senate District Convention Locations and Temporary Chairs

This year there will be no Precinct Conventions on Primary Election Day. Instead, Democratic voters from each precinct will gather at their Senate District Conventions on Saturday, March 19, 2016, to caucus and choose delegates to the State Convention this summer.

Registration for the District Conventions opens at 9:00 a.m., and the District Conventions will be called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Temporary Chairs and Co-Chairs find locations for their Senate District Conventions, and make all the other arrangements for those. That includes designating members and Chairs of the various Convention Committees. This is an enormous task and they will be glad to have any help you can give. *(Contact them at the information below.)*

#### Senate District 2

Senate District 2 Convention  
CWA Hall  
1408 N. Washington Dallas, Texas 75204

Temporary Chairs and Co-Chairs  
Barbara Rosenberg 214-923-8067  
email [berosenberg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:berosenberg@sbcglobal.net)  
Sally White 214-808-7784  
email [sallywht@att.net](mailto:sallywht@att.net)

#### Senate District 8

Senate District 8 Convention:  
First Presbyterian Church of Richardson  
271 Walton St. Richardson 75081

Temporary Chair  
Donna Bullard 214-664-3935  
email [terrybullard@hotmail.com](mailto:terrybullard@hotmail.com)

#### Senate District 9

Senate District 9 Convention:  
Iglesia Renovacion Espiritual  
333 NE 5th St. Grand Prairie 75050

Temporary Chair  
Michael McPhail 972-922-6295  
email [mmcphail1974@gmail.com](mailto:mmcphail1974@gmail.com)

#### Senate District 16

Senate District 16 Convention  
E. D. Walker Middle School  
12532 Nuestra Drive Dallas 75230

Temporary Chairs and Co-Chairs:  
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Janice Schwarz 214-460-7283  
email [tamsterbath@gmail.com](mailto:tamsterbath@gmail.com)  
Katherine McGovern 214-755-2762  
email: [kms51711@gmail.com](mailto:kms51711@gmail.com)

#### Senate District 23

Senate District 23 Convention:  
Kimball High School  
3606 South Westmoreland Rd.  
Dallas, 75223

Temporary Chairs and Co-Chairs  
Jeff Strater  
214-893-1336 email [jeffstrater@gmail.com](mailto:jeffstrater@gmail.com)  
Shay Wyrick-Cathey  
214-850-9285 email [shaycathey@gmail.com](mailto:shaycathey@gmail.com)

Convention Facebook event page:  
[www.facebook.com/events/1029161260429510/](http://www.facebook.com/events/1029161260429510/)

Dallas County Democratic Party: Carol Donovan, County Chair 4209 Parry Avenue, Dallas TX75223  
Phone: 214-821-8331 Website: [www.dallasdemocrats.org](http://www.dallasdemocrats.org) Facebook: [www.facebook.com/DallasDemocrats](http://www.facebook.com/DallasDemocrats)  
Twitter: [twitter.com/dallasdemocrats](http://twitter.com/dallasdemocrats) Instagram: <http://instagram.com/dallasdemocrats>

—Michael Messer for Collin County Democrats

You've donated time and money to candidates, from the top of the ballot all the way to the bottom. You've voted in the Democratic Party Primary.

**Now what?**

Join local activists, party organizers, and policy wonks this Saturday for the Collin County Democratic Party Convention!!!

**What is that, you ask?**

Your county convention is where we elect delegates to go to the Texas Democratic Convention, where delegates for the National Democratic Convention are chosen. We also consider and vote on various resolutions to pass up to the state convention for adoption or inclusion in the platform.

See you on Saturday!

**Collin County Precinct and County  
Convention Information**

Collin County Convention will be held:  
Saturday, March 19, 2016  
Convene at 10:00 a.m. Finish by 3:00 p.m.  
On site sign-in starts at 8:30 a.m.  
Convention Center  
Collin College Central Park Campus  
2200 W University Dr, McKinney, TX 75071

This is a great chance for you to learn about our local candidates, meet other local Democrats, and get ready for the November election! The main business we'll conduct are electing delegates to the Texas Democratic Convention, and considering various resolutions to pass up to the state convention for adoption or inclusion in the platform.

We strongly encourage you to preregister for the convention here at the TDP website.  
<https://register.txdemocrats.org/countyconvention/signup>

You may also register in person the morning of the convention.

**Lunch**

Catered box lunches will be available for purchase. Lunch with sandwich (variety available, including vegetarian) is \$12. Snack box without sandwich is \$9. You may bring your own sack lunch.

**Persons with Disabilities**

If you have any special needs we will do our best to accommodate them. Please e-mail us at [convention@collindemocrats.org](mailto:convention@collindemocrats.org), or call the party office at 972-578-1483 at your earliest convenience.

**General Agenda**

The planned order of business is:

- Opening ceremonies
- Election of Convention Officers
- Credentials Committee Report and establishment of roll
- Rules Committee Report
- Recess for Precinct Conventions, if necessary
- Nominations Committee Report (*delegates to state convention*)
- Resolutions Committee Report

If the participants agree, resolutions may be considered throughout the convention as they are approved by the Resolutions Committee.

All of our local candidates will also be speaking at various times through the convention.

Resolutions advance of the convention by e-mailing it to resolutions AT [collindemocrats.org](mailto:collindemocrats.org). Resolutions must be in proper form to be forwarded to the State Convention. As an aid you are encouraged to use this resolution template.

**NOTE:** For those who are familiar with how the conventions were conducted in 2008 and earlier Presidential years, things have changed. There will be no Precinct Conventions at your Precinct polling place after the polls close for the Democratic Primary on March 1. Instead, Precinct Conventions will be conducted during a recess of the County Convention on Saturday March 19.

This will be a combined county convention for all Democrats in Collin County, including both Senate District 8 and Senate District 30. This takes the place of the separate Senate District conventions that were held in 2014.

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## GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE NEWS FOR ROCKWALL COUNTY DEMOCRATS

### Democrats from Rockwall County on the ballot for the November General Election

#### Upcoming Events

#### Join us at the County Convention!

Rockwall County Democratic  
Convention and Precinct Caucuses  
March 19, 2016  
10:00 a.m. —12:00 p.m. (Noon)

Cain Middle School  
6620 Farm to Market Rd 549  
Rockwall, TX 75032  
(corner Horizon road and FM 549)

Delegates to the Democratic State  
Convention in San Antonio in June will  
be elected.

Advanced Registration is preferred,  
however, registration at the door begins  
at 9:00 a.m.

To Register, click on the link below.  
<http://texasdemocraticconvention.com/>



Free Graphics from [www.DemocraticTexas.com](http://www.DemocraticTexas.com)

No Democratic Party Breakfast Meeting  
on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Join us at the County  
Convention!  
Information at <http://rockwalldems.com/>

Karen Jacobs for Texas House District 33 and Tim Wells for Justice of the Peace, Place 3 won their primary bid and will face Republicans in the November election.



Thanks to all of your support and efforts! We won the Democratic Primary election! 75 percent to 25 percent of the vote! All of the volunteers and donors who have supported this campaign are the reason we won by such a wide margin. We will continue to speak the truth to all the constituents of House District 33 as we campaign to the November election.

The Republicans are in a run-off with Keating and Holland continuing til the end of May. We will be watching their race closely to determine the best way to challenge them in the summer/fall.

We will need volunteers to help with block walking, phone banking and talking to your neighbors.

Stay tuned! Karen Jacobs

<http://www.jacobsfortexas.com>



I would like to thank everyone who helped with the campaign and everyone who voted for me in the primary. I am looking forward to the campaign ahead and being the next Justice of the Peace for Rockwall Precinct 3.

Thanks again, Tim Wells

<http://democracy.com/timwells>

Stay tuned for information regarding the Democratic Primary Runoff Election May 24, 2016  
On the Ballot is the race for Railroad Commissioner between Grady Yarbrough and Cody Garrett.

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