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Joint Election for Cities and Schools

May 5, 2018

Early Voting Dates and Times:

April 28 (Saturday) 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

April 29 (Sunday) 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

April 30 (Monday) & May 1, 2018 (Tuesday)
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Election Day 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Primary Runoff Election

May 22, 2018

Early Voting Dates and Times:

May 14 – May 18 Monday–Friday

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Election Day 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Additional information:

Dallas County: www.dallascountyvotes.org

Texas Secretary of State www.votetexas.gov

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EDITORIAL

Love a Teacher

In exploring the current state of teachers/education, teachers are willing to leave their classrooms (actually their students) to protest low pay, poor working conditions, loss of benefits and pensions, and especially “teaching to the test” which rewards those who can regurgitate the most correct answers of multiple choice, Scantron-determined answers.

Oklahoma teachers refused to return to their classrooms, in spite of the governor giving the teachers [small] pay raises. West Virginia teachers, while on strike (oops, work-stoppage) provided food for their students because many of the children would go hungry without their government funded breakfasts and lunches.

Colorado teachers are signaling plans for a work stoppage, a.k.a. strike.

Because of the draconian, slave/massa mentality in Texas, teachers are threatened with job-loss, pension-loss, benefits-loss should Texas teachers choose to leave their classrooms and students for a work-stoppage, a.k.a. a teacher strike.

My personal history contains two examples of participation in a teacher strike. In September of 1969, in Shrub Oak, NY, I walked the line for seven days. The second time I participated in a teacher protest was in the fall of 1971 in Massachusetts because we were being asked to work without a contract (or any hope of getting one).

In 1989, I was struck by a student and subsequently threatened with a gun at A. Maceo Smith High School (DISD) in Dallas, Texas where I had, incidentally, 26 direct supervisors. In the 1990's, I was fired from a substitute teaching position at Northridge Elementary School (RISD) in Richardson, Texas. The “firing offense” was for using a mobility cane. After a filing a report with the EEOC and the U.S. Department of Education and the day before the incident was to go public, RISD decided there was a goof and I was rehired.

I wonder how many children I have bought meals and supplies for in my life? How many youngsters have I personally helped to remove from dangerous situations? How many students do I still hear from now, after a life time of teaching? My story is but one. Hundreds of teachers share my story.

My point? Those of us who choose teaching do so because of our love and commitment to children and young people. Every education major, every teacher knows about the low pay, dismal and costly benefits, poor, many times dangerous, working conditions. Teaching isn't for those who lack courage.

We queried other teachers about their current state (well-being) and what can be done. The overwhelming response was a deep desire to teach; to put their energy into their students; to have funding to get the job done; to have salary, benefits and pensions at a decent level so they will not have to work two and three night jobs to live. As one teacher stated: “Books, not guns.”

Their biggest fear is retaliation for speaking out.

Korinna Kirchhoff, in an article published in *The Dallas Morning News* 4/20/18, states,
“A teacher's working conditions are a child's learning conditions. ... We remain in education because we get to work with your children. We remain because we find joy in molding the next generation of lifelong learning. We remain because we bear witness to incredible highs and we have the strength to support children in their lows.”

On this anniversary of the shooting in Columbine, students from high schools across the nation have chosen to honor the memories of those who have been victims of school shootings. And to voice their demand for gun regulations and safety at school. *Enough is Enough* is their demand.

Thanks goes to their teachers and families who have given them the power and the knowledge to lead, to teach us all. Indeed, they are our future and wise beyond their years.

Rachel Baker Ford, editor

The Cons of Standardized Testing

— Charles E. Ford, Jr.
Engineer (ret.), Dad & Granddad

Standardized testing is like taking 50 different makes of a car to a test laboratory and telling them to test all of them using exactly the same procedures and same equipment. It cannot be done. Children are at least as different from each other as each of those 50 cars are different from each other.

Each child is a unique blend of home environment, parental support, school environment, teachers, friends, and interests. No standardized test can take all of the factors into account. The evaluation of the test results can have a profound affect on the lives student and the evaluation of the teachers and school administration.

One test for all is meaningless.

Standardized tests are **not a reliable** measure of student performance.

Standardized tests are **not objective**. Changing the relative weight of algebra and geometry altered the gap between black and white students.

Standardized tests **neglect creative** students.

The multiple-choice format on standardized tests is an **inadequate assessment** tool.

A nine-year study by the National Research Council (2011) concluded that the emphasis on **testing yielded little learning progress but caused significant harm**.

Standardized tests **discriminate against non English speakers and special needs students**.

Standardized tests **measure only a small portion of what makes education meaningful**.

Standardized tests **do not promote the thought or study routine needed for success** in college or skilled work.

School districts **reduce the time spent on science, social studies and the arts** to focus on reading and math.

Teaching to the test is **replacing good teaching practices with rote learning**.

Learning differences (disabilities, developmentally disabled and other handicaps), **influence the ability to perform** well on standardized tests.

Older students don't take the tests seriously because **they do not affect their grades**.

Testing is expensive and costs have increased placing a burden on state education budgets.

According to the **Texas Education Agency, the state spent \$9 million in 2003 to test students, while the cost to Texas taxpayers was \$90 million in 2012** (*The Dallas Morning News*).

Teaching to pass a bubble test **does not prepare students** for productive adult lives.

Standardized tests are an **inadequate measure of teacher performance**, yet they are used to reward and punish teachers and schools.

Standardized exams results have become a major indicator of school performance. **Teachers and administrators become "accountable" to an unregulated testing industry**.

Other nations use performance-based assessment to evaluate students on the basis of real work such as essays, projects and activities. These nations score higher on international exams. Finland topped the international education rankings from 2001-2008, yet has no external standardized tests used to rank students or schools.

www.standardizedtests.procon.org

www.fairtest.org/how-standardized-testing-damages-education-pdf

A Modest Proposal to Address Student Loan Defaults and Debt Burden

— *Katherine Savers McGovern*
McGovern Law Office

This fact of an out-of-control student loan debt is well-known and presents an intrinsic risk to the economic life of anyone who has obtained an education loan, either as a student or as a co-signer or parent of a student. The financial impact on those indebted by student loans prevents those with a reasonably good income from being able to buy houses or to be able to save or invest for future needs. Many are just one paycheck away from failing into a default status. Even worse is the financial consequence of medical health cost demands and/or the lost of a job. Once in a negative position with respect to a student loan debt, the nature of financing formulas and the fact that student loan debts, federal or private, are largely non-dischargeable in bankruptcy, create what is effectively a never-ending treadmill of debt.

The student debt is America's \$1.4 trillion problem, and it disproportionately affects women, who hold nearly two-thirds of that debt and take longer to pay it off, due in part to the gender pay gap. Because of the gender pay gap, they have less disposable income with which to repay their loans after graduation, requiring more time to pay back their student debt than do men. As a result, women hold nearly two-thirds of the outstanding student debt in the United States — more than \$800 billion.

(AAUW 2017 Education Report, *Women's Student Debt Crisis in the United States*, <https://bit.ly/2y4fRDu>)

Even the Fed Chairman Jerome Powell is concerned about the economic impact of the \$1.38 Trillion student debt burden. (Jeff Cox, CNBC.Com, 1 March 2018. <https://cnb.cx/2qJ0Oxh>)

What can be done to place holders of student loan debt in a reasonable position to be able to not only finance higher education, but to also have a reasonable prospective for paying off these loans? Here are my recommendations:

1. Congress must repeal all provisions in the Bankruptcy Code and other federal education laws which treat student loan debt, whether federal or private, differently from other unsecured debt which may be discharged. The purpose of the Bankruptcy Code is to provide a debtor with a new financial chance. Various chapters provide different options from straight discharge of all unsecured debt to a restructuring of the debt with a plan that the debt can be paid off over a period of time.
2. Undergraduate students' ability to borrow should be limited to \$60,000 for a four year course of studies leading to a degree, assuming that the expected income for persons in that degree field would be sufficient to pay of the debt. The Higher Education institution at which the student would be studying should be required to supply documentation that the employment prospects for the course of studies offered to the student provides a reasonable basis to believe that the student borrower can pay back loans. The financing formula for repayment of the loans should have a 4 percent simple interest limit; no interest or capitalization on fees or penalties.
3. Graduate students' ability to borrow should be limited to no more than \$20,000 per year for 4 year course of studies leading to an advanced degree, assuming that the expected income for persons in that degree field would be sufficient to pay of the debt. The Graduate level institution at which the student would be studying should be required to supply documentation that the employment prospects for the course of studies offered to the student provides a reasonable basis to believe that the student borrower can pay back loans. The financing formula for repayment of the loans should have a 4 percent simple interest limit; no interest or capitalization on fees or penalties.

The cost of higher education loans is totally out of line. The student loan system rewards private and public higher education institutions with a guaranteed student loan income stream. Yet the system imposes no responsibility which correlates the "education" purchased with student loan debt with the reasonable expectation that such student would be able to access employment paying a salary sufficient to retire the debt. It similarly rewards financial services entities providing the student loan money with an almost impossibility for a debtor's relief from the student loan debt. The result is to create an indentured class of workers whose ability to achieve the American Dream of middle class essentially blocked. This is bad public and economic policy which Congress must change to make higher education reasonably accessible without the student borrower being yoked with unreasonable debt.

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GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE ROCKWALL COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CHAIR NEWS

On Teaching and Teachers in Texas

Public education and public school teachers have been messed with in Texas! Texas teachers have seen school funding and pensions cut and their ability to strike restricted by Republican Legislators. The Texas GOP-led legislature continues to push for a voucher system which is harmful to public education and for charter schools which would not be accountable for curriculum standards and teacher certification standards. Some GOP Members of the State Board of Education continue to resist science based education in favor of teaching Creationism. Democrats have always respected and supported teachers. Democrats are advocates for a strong Public Education system and have long advocated for funding for public schools, teachers rights to a living wage and a pension to sustain them when they retire. And, Dems support Science based education to prepare Texas Students to compete in a world where education is a key to the future.

*Judith Matherne,
Posted on FaceBook 04/06/18*

There are two elections in May! Please make every effort to vote.

May 5, 2018 Municipal Elections.

Voters determine who runs our cities.

Rockwall City Municipal Elections are held at City Hall.

Royse City has no election and Rowlett voters are voting on a bond election.

These candidates, from the cities of Rockwall, Fate, Heath, and McLendon-Chisholm are recommended.

Patrick Trowbridge, Candidate for Rockwall City Council, Place 6.

Enid Reyes, Candidate for Rockwall City Council, Place 4.

Melody Osorio, Candidate for McLendon-Chisholm City Council, Place 4.

De De Capper, Candidate for Heath City Council, Place 3.

May 22, 2018 Democratic Runoff Election

Voters in a Runoff Primary Election determine which candidates will be on the November ballot.

Early Voting Rockwall County Library (*only*) May 14th to 18th (Monday through Friday)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Election Day May 22, 2018 Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Precincts have been consolidated. Please find your precinct and vote at the location indicated.

1. Heath City Hall — Precincts 2C, 3C
2. Ridgeview Baptist Church — Precincts 1B, 1C
3. 1st Baptist Street Ministries Bldg — Precincts 1, 1A, 2, 2B, 3
4. Our Savior Lutheran Church — Precincts 2A, 3A, 3B
5. Fate City Hall — Precincts 4, 4A, 4B, 4C
6. McLendon-Chisholm City Hall — Precinct 3D

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DALLAS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CHAIR NEWS

Dallas County Democratic Party Bulletin

News and Updates from Chair Carol Donovan

April 23, 2018

We just heard today that we won the lawsuit filed by the Dallas GOP!

Dallas County Democratic Party Press Release

The Dallas County Republican Party lawsuit, seeking to disqualify Democratic candidates from the General Election in November, has been dismissed by the court as a frivolous lawsuit. The Republican Party must now pay the attorney's fees incurred by the Dallas County Democratic Party for having to defend a lawsuit that "has no basis in law or fact."

Despite the allegations of the Republicans, the attorneys for the Dallas County Democratic Party demonstrated to the court that the Democratic Party complied with all applicable law.

It is the contention of the Democratic Party that "this baseless suit was an attempt by the Republican Party to suppress the rights of voters."

Dallas County Democratic Party Chair Carol Donovan stated,

"We are delighted to have this matter behind us. This decision insures that democracy has been protected. Democrats will not be divided or distracted. We will continue to defend the rights of voters to choose their elected officials at the ballot box."

Yours Democratically,
Carol Donovan, DCDP Chair

Republican judge throws out GOP lawsuit against Democratic candidate

www.dallasvoice.com/republican-judge-throws-gop-lawsuit-democratic-candidate-10250575.html

March 19, 2018

The case revolved around the signature of Dallas County Democratic Party Chair Carol Donovan missing from the 128 candidate applications. Texas election code does not require the signature.

On the original lawsuit, however, Dallas County Republican Party Chair Missy Shorey did forget to sign, and a valid signature is required on a lawsuit.

"This lawsuit is part of a disturbing pattern of the GOP finding problems where they do not exist, which have the effect, if not the intent, of keeping minority voters from electing the candidates of their choice," Rep. Eric Johnson stated.

"We are delighted by the judge's ruling," Donovan said in a press release. "This was a cynical political lawsuit filed by the Republicans to subvert the will of the electorate and achieve, through litigation, what the Republican Party could not hope to attain at the ballot box. The judge's decision ensures that the voters — and not a court — will decide the outcome of this election."

Donovan was re-elected to another term as Dallas County Democratic Party Chair during the primary.

Chad Baruch, one of the lawyers for the Democratic Party, said in the press release, "This decision reinforces what we have been saying from the beginning, which is that Texas judges decide these cases based on the law and not on politics. Despite cynical suggestions to the contrary, our judges rise above partisan politics in discharging their duty to apply the law. We are delighted that the judge did so in this case, and we never doubted the outcome."
— David Taffet

The Rule of Law Has Prevailed. Time to Vote.

May 5, 2018 Municipal Election General/Special/Charter Election Ordinances Charter Amendments

May 22, 2018 Primary Runoff Election

See you at the polls!
Carol Donovan, DCDP Chair

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE
City of Garland Proposed Charter Amendments

Vote for or Against on each proposition.

For actual ballot language

Dallas County Votes website <https://www.dallascountyvotes.org/voter-information/>

City of Garland website www.garlandtx.gov/documents/April%2010%20Ballot%20Language%20-%20Dallas%20Morning%20News.pdf

A: FOR

Provide for gender neutrality; correction of errors

B: AGAINST “**The City of Garland shall have to power to acquire by condemnation or purchase either private or public property located inside or outside the corporate limits....**” Update and clarify the City’s authority to purchase electric utility facilities inside or outside the City limits.

C: FOR

One year residency requirement for Council members and Mayor.

D: FOR

Prohibit a Council member and Mayor, who vacates his or her office prior to the end of the scheduled term from serving again in the same capacity until one complete subsequent term has elapsed.

E: FOR

Increase compensation for Mayor and City Council to take into account inflation adjustment since May 2000.

F: FOR

Defines rules for filling council vacancies

G: FOR

Allow Council to hold regular meetings at City Hall or other location designated by Council within city limits.

H: FOR

The Council shall adopt rules of procedure at the first regular meeting in January. If the Council does not amend the rules at that time, the rules for the prior year shall be to be adopted by the Council.

I: FOR

Increase the time the City Secretary has to enter the minutes meetings from 48 hours to 72 hours.

J: FOR

A vacancy on Council, or any appointed officer, the person vacating office shall remain in office until a successor is sworn in.

K: FOR

Appointed council member may not receive a council appointment (City Manager, City Attorney, City Auditor, or Municipal Judge) within two (2) years of the expiration of the term for which he or she was elected.

L: FOR

Clarifies that Council does not have authority to direct or request City Manager, City Attorney, City Auditor, or Municipal Judge to hire or remove any person from an office directed by the respective Council appointee and provide a penalty for violations.

M: FOR

City Manager will have authority to appoint/remove a City Secretary, who will, upon confirmation of City Council, manage, supervise, and describe the general duties of the Office of City Secretary.

N: FOR Set Municipal Judge term of office as 2 years.

O: FOR

Revise and move provisions related to the qualifications, general powers, and duties of the office of City Auditor.

P: FOR

City Council may appoint a City Manager for a term not to exceed 3 years.

Q: FOR

City Council may appoint a City Attorney for a term not to exceed 3 years.

R: FOR

City Manager shall file budget with the City Secretary on or before the date set by state law.

S: FOR

City budget by the City Manager shall be amended to delete the list of the required contents of the City Manager’s budget message and provide the budget prepared as required by state law.

T: FOR

Public access of the proposed budget be amended to provide digital and electronic access.

U: FOR

Publication and notice of the public hearing shall be in accordance with state law.

V: FOR

Amend scheduling of public hearings and adoption scheduling and adoption of the budget is done in accordance with state law.

W: AGAINST NO MORE BONDS

Amend authority of City to issue bonds so the City shall have the authority to borrow money, issue bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness permitted by, and in accordance with, state law.

X: AGAINST NO MORE BONDS

Establish a Bond Study Committee

Y: AGAINST NO MORE BONDS

Each bond proposition must expressly state all information required by state law.

Z: FOR

Residency required to be a member of the Planning Commission

AA: FOR Require residency in City one (1) year prior to appointment as a board member or commissioner.

AB: FOR

Required Number of signatures on a petition for City Council and filing deadlines consistent with state law.

AC: FOR

Recall of Mayor or Council member be amended to update the petition submission requirements, process, schedule, form, number of signatures, duties and obligations of City Secretary, clarify and update vacancy and holdover terms

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE

City of Garland Proposed Propositions Continued

AD: FOR

Publication of proposed ordinances by referendum is electronically published on the City website and consistent with all other publication requirements of the Charter and in accordance with state law.

AE: FOR

Amend general powers of the City in regard to utility systems to be consistent with state law.

AF: FOR

Amend franchise fees terminology to be consistent with state law.

AG: FOR

Amend terms and conditions of granting franchises to public utilities, and notification to be consistent with state law.

AH: FOR

Repeal obsolete reporting requirements of public utility franchises.

AI: FOR

Amend section on claims against the City to update terminology and clarify substantive requirements of any written notices of personal injury or death submitted to the City to be consistent with state law.

AJ: FOR

Exclude liability coverage by the City on claims arising out of the criminal conduct of city officials and any claim that is excluded from coverage under a policy of insurance of the City.

For actual ballot wording go Dallas County Votes website <https://www.dallascountyvotes.org/voter-information/>

City of Garland website

www.garlandtx.gov/documents/April%2010%20Ballot%20Language%20-%20Dallas%20Morning%20News.pdf

City of Rowlett Bond Propositions A, B and C

My fellow citizen, on Saturday, May 5, 2018 you may go to the polls and vote to approve, or not, three bond propositions to fund the renewal and modernization of Rowlett's streets and alleys, parks and public safety projects. (Early voting is April 23 to May 1). These vital infrastructure projects total \$59.9 million, bond propositions A, B and C are on the ballot to help solve some of Rowlett's most needed capital improvements. They are the projects most vital to our long-term quality of life.

Let me explain why.

Beginning November 2016 and for the next 15 months, the Community Investment Advisory Board had the task of identifying the most vital projects and recommending them for this bond election. Our Problem: We have more than \$418 million of capital improvement projects! But we only had approximately \$60 million to spend on these projects. Can we identify projects that are most important, most vital to our quality of life, not just tomorrow but years into the future?

Suppose we took the \$60 million and we rebuilt all the city's alleys, as some suggest? We could, and Rowlett would be known to have the finest most modern alleys in the DFW metroplex.

But we would have to ignore fixing our streets and neighborhood reconstruction. Traffic problems would increase. Some of our neighbors would continue to live with broken sidewalks and flooded streets when it rains.

We would have to ignore our parks and trails and the future Environmental Learning Center. Our sports and practice fields would degrade, our golf course decline, the few trails we have would never connect, and the Environmental Learning Center never happen.

We would have to ignore replacing Fire Station 2 and any plans for future municipal needs. Then all the new development accompanying Bayside would be protected by a Firestation at the end of its useful life, and despite our continuing and expected growth, the city would be expected to operate with facilities designed decades ago for when Rowlett had a population less than 25,000 residents.

Our Solution: Each capital project in Bond Propositions A, B and C is ranked by how much it contributes to our public safety, quality of life, traffic management, existing infrastructure, neighborhood revitalization, balanced growth, funding from others, and timing of the project. So these bonds provide funding for capital improvement projects prioritized and judged the most vital to the city.

I ask you to consider the future of Rowlett and the quality of life we enjoy here. **Vote YES for the Bond Propositions A, B and C as investments in our future - with no increase in our taxes!**

You can go to www.rowlett.com/2018Bond for more information.

Jeffrey Sheldon, Vice-Chair, Community Investment Advisory Board resqv7ke@verizon.net

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ARTICLE

Information About Peaceful Protests and Pray-ins During NRA's May 3-6 Convention.

— Richard Marcus
Posted on FaceBook 4/26/18

From Thursday through Sunday, May 3-6, the National Rifle Association will hold their annual conference at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in Dallas. Speakers will include gun advocates and enthusiasts including Vice President Mike Pence, Texas Senators Ted Cruz and John Cornyn and Governor Greg Abbott. The annual meeting will include firearms displays and exhibits, and attendees will be allowed to carry firearms in the convention center and in the Omni Dallas Hotel in accordance with state law.

StudentsMarch.org (“March for Our Lives”) has decided to respond to the N.R.A.’s convention with a national rally in partnership with student groups from Dallas and across the nation and many other like-minded organizations including Faith Forward Dallas, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America and other groups and individuals in support of common-sense gun reform generally and universal background checks specifically.

The rally will be held on Saturday, May 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at City Hall Plaza, literally across the street from the Convention Center. [ed: see page 10]

To support the students and register potential voters, we need your help. Please let Richard Marcus know if you can volunteer to help register those attending the rally (mrmarcus@themarcuscompany.com). Even if you can't volunteer, please attend the rally and support the students. In addition, please make your friends aware of the rally and seek their help and attendance in support of the students through whatever social media you use. It thrills me to watch students empower themselves and actively participate in our democracy. We need to help and encourage them in their effort.

In addition, Faith Forward Dallas, in partnership with *Students March* (formerly *March for Our Lives*), *Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America* and other groups and individuals, will respond to the NRA's agenda with a faithful message, visible throughout the entire duration of the convention.

Please sign up to join Faith-Forward at City Hall Plaza whenever you can, beginning on Thursday May 3 and ending on Sunday, May 6 (Faith Forward Dallas at Thanks-Giving Square Prayer Vigil). Sign up to participate in our faithful response to the NRA convention.

Faith-Forward believes that as people of faith we affirm the role of prayer in our work. Prayer is not the abdication of human responsibility in God's dream for the world; true prayer makes us participants in God's work of justice and mercy and sustains us for the long difficult work which change requires. You can lead a prayer or pray with others, bring a list of names or a poem to recite, sing a song, sit in silence, watch the goings on, or do anything else that represents your faithful response to the NRA. The NRA's presence gives us the opportunity to advance the work of young people who are standing up and saying “no more” to a culture which promotes unimpeded access to guns at the expense of its obligation to protect life. We invite you to take advantage of this opportunity.

Join us!

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EVENTS IN DALLAS DURING THE NRA CONVENTION

Dallas Standing Against The NRA

Hosted by Dallas Urban and 2 others
Friday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
City of Dallas - City Hall
500 Marilla St, Dallas, Texas 75201

NGAN along with our community partners will take direct action and **Speak out** against the National Rifle Association (NRA) during their 2018 National Convention. Join us and let's come together as we flood Dallas streets to protest the NRA's inaction on senseless gun violence in our schools, our neighborhoods and our churches. [#DallasStandAgainstNRA](#)

Make Your Voice Heard

Hosted by Students March [StudentsMarch.Org](#)
Saturday, May 5, 2018 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Dallas City Hall 500 Marilla St, Dallas, Texas 75201

1. Ban Assault Weapons of War, the ammunition & accessories that enable mass deaths & life changing injuries
2. Pass federal gun registration, sale and real enforcement laws
3. Pass Sensible Gun Control laws which restrict ownership and possession of guns to responsible adults and allow seizure of guns from dangerous persons who have threatened others
4. Provide more funding at federal and state levels for mental health assessments and crisis interventions

Dallas United Against Gun Violence

Hosted by In Solidarity <https://www.facebook.com/InSolidarityMovement/insolidarity.godaddysites.com>

Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.
City of Dallas - City Hall 1500 Marilla St, Dallas, Texas 75201
Our community will unite at City Hall to show we vehemently oppose the NRA's careless disregard for the atmosphere of violence and bloodshed. We will not back down. We will not be bought or silenced. We will also lift up in remembrance the victims of gun violence and mass shootings

Allied Organizations:

- *Journey4ward, *Amnesty International,
- *No More Violence Organization, *Stand Up 4 Gun Sense,
- *Dallas NOW, *SURJ-DFW (Showing Up For Racial Justice),
- *Mothers Against Police Brutality, *Brown Berets De Cemanahuac

Dallas Day Of Action MAY 5, 2018

Moms Demand Action - TX www.momsdemandaction.org

Saturday, May 5 at 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Oak Lawn United Methodist Church
3014 Oak Lawn Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75219

The NRA will hold its annual meeting in Dallas that weekend. We will spend the afternoon empowering new and existing members alike to fight the gun lobby and advocate for stronger, safer gun laws. Join us to learn about what we are doing to reduce gun violence and how your steady activism can help save lives. Come ready to work!

RSVP: <http://act.everytown.org/event/moms-demand-action-event/10858/signup>



Special Monday Evening 32nd Congressional District Runoff Debate with Colin Allred and Lillian Salerno



Lillian Salerno

One of the most-watched and exciting congressional races this year in the country is right here in Dallas County. The contest to challenge Pete Sessions will be settled in a runoff on May 22.

Come join us for a special evening time debate on Monday night, April 30th to hear from the two runoff contenders in a professional debate setting.



Colin Allred



Northhaven United Methodist Church
11211 Preston Rd. Dallas, Texas 75230
Monday, April 30, 2018

6:00 p.m. sign in 6:30 p.m. debate begins

Moderated by: Brandon Formby, Urban Affairs Reporter, *Texas Tribune*
Sponsored by The Dallas Democratic Forum

In Memorium



Sally Jackman & Bob Bailey

Sally Jackman

We mark the passing of Sally Jackman, on April 24, 2018 surrounded by family and loved ones. A Garland resident, Sally was a long time member of the Garland Area Democratic Club and The Garland Women's Club.

She had been in declining health since the passing of her dear husband, Bob Bailey. They both greeted everyone with a smile, laugh, hugs and made us feel welcome.

The family will have a memorial service in the future.

Sally will be missed.

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