

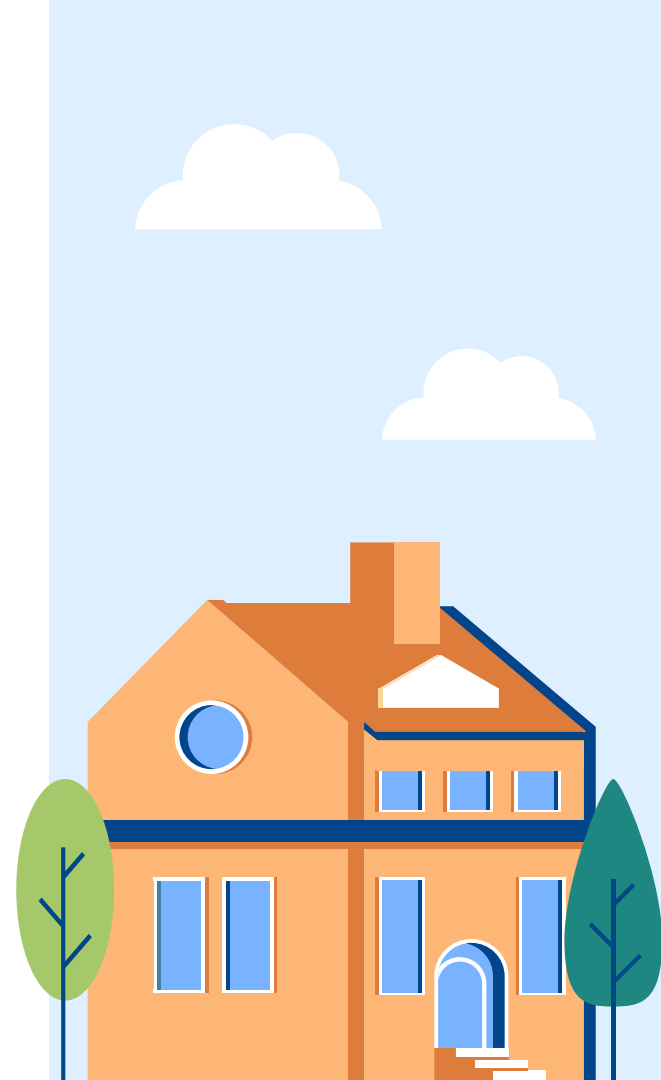
September 2026

MONTHLY MEETING



Meeting Agenda

- Call to order & meeting agreements
- SN business
- Elected officials' update and guest visits
 - Guest: County Attorney Abbie Kamin
 - Guest: Alex Govea, County Clerk's Office
- Know your ballot presentation
- Announcements & adjourn





Meeting Agreements

- **Assume Positive Intent** - We are all doing the best we can with what we have, avoid blaming others.
- **Speak with respect** - Refrain from profanity, use people's names/pronouns and be sensitive to different communication styles.
- **Be critical of the problem, not the person** - we want to create solutions, not enemies. It's okay to disagree!
- **Ponder what you hear and feel before you speak.**
- **Trust ambiguity** - We are not here to debate who is right and who is wrong.
- **Be mindful of time.** There's a lot to cover!

What else should we add?





Elected Officials

If there are elected officials here, this
is a time to give an update!

Please keep your update to 1-2 minutes.





SN Business

Robert Gallegos

- Letter of Support - Renaming Cesar Chavez High School

Lisa Hunt

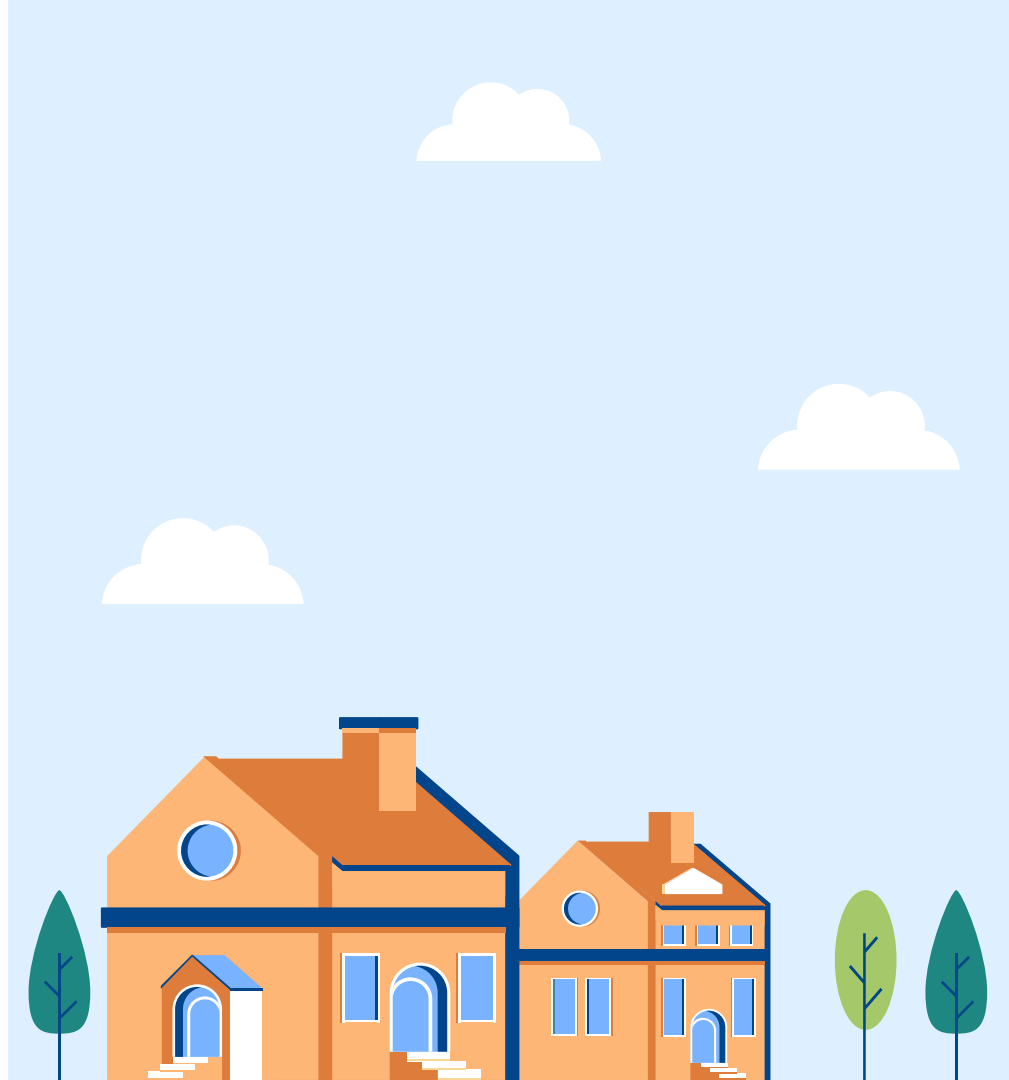
- City of Houston - Proposed Department of Justice Grant
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Guests

- County Attorney Abbie Kamin
- Alex Govea - Harris County Clerk's Office



Know your Ballot

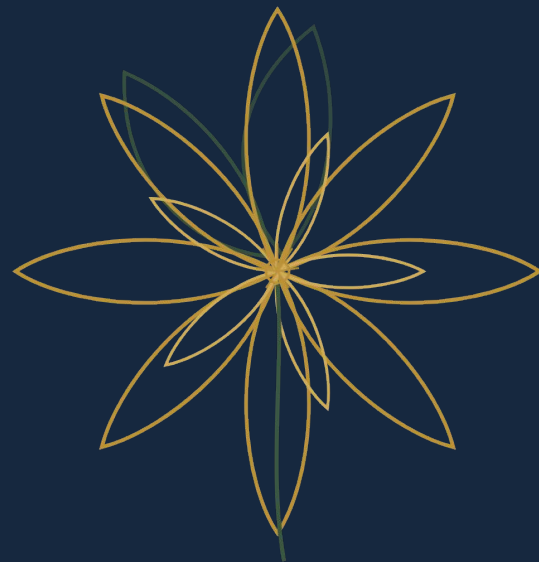
Amy Erickson



DOWNTOWN · EADO · SECOND WARD · GREATER EASTWOOD · LAWNDALÉ/WAYSIDE

Know Your *Ballot*

A 2026 Midterm Voting Info Night for Downtown, EaDo, Second Ward, Greater Eastwood, Lawndale & Wayside — the federal, state, and Harris County races on your ballot, explained plainly.



DATE

September 23, 2026

TIME

6:30 PM

PLACE

Magnolia Multipurpose Center

What we'll cover

01 The three ballots

Federal, state, and Harris County races — what each office actually does.

03 Judicial races, made easier

The Houston Bar Association poll and League of Women Voters guide, explained.

05 Key dates & calendars

Registration deadline, mail-ballot deadline, and the early voting window.

02 Maps for each race

Where each office's authority reaches, from the whole country down to your block.

04 Election Day help

Amy Dinn, a sitting Election Judge and Alex Govea with Harris County's Dept. of Elections

06 Where to vote early

How Harris County's vote-anywhere system works, and how to find your spot.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

First Things First - Are you registered??



[Texas Secretary of State](#)

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth

Selection Criteria (choose 1)

County and Zip Code

Driver's License

Voter ID



GENERAL

ADDRESS

VOTING LOCATIONS

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

Name Voter	Gender Female
County Harris	Precinct -
VUID 7132026	Effective Date of Registration 2005-05-11
Valid From Date 2026-01-01	Voter Status ACTIVE

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Sample Ballot



HarrisVotes.com

Last Name

First Name

Address or Certificate No.

**Print this and take it to
the polls!**

THE BIG PICTURE

Three ballots, one election

Every race on your November ballot belongs to one of three levels of government. Each has a different reach — and a different job.

- **FEDERAL**
U.S. Senate & U.S. House — sets national policy, federal budget, foreign affairs.
- **STATE**
Governor, statewide offices & Texas House — state budget, schools, courts, infrastructure.
- **LOCAL / COUNTY**
Harris County Judge, Clerk, Commissioners & judges

UNITED STATES

TEXAS

HARRIS COUNTY

This area

Downtown · EaDo

Second Ward

Greater Eastwood

Lawndale · Wayside

LEVEL 1 OF 3

Federal races

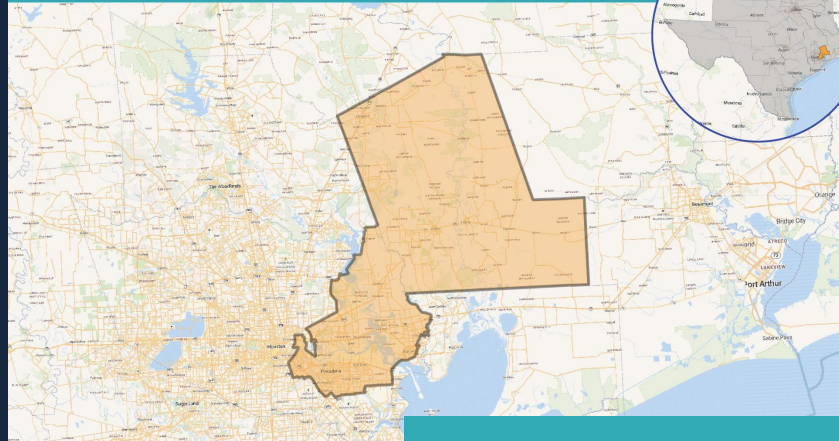
U.S. Senate

Statewide — every Texas voter picks the same seat.

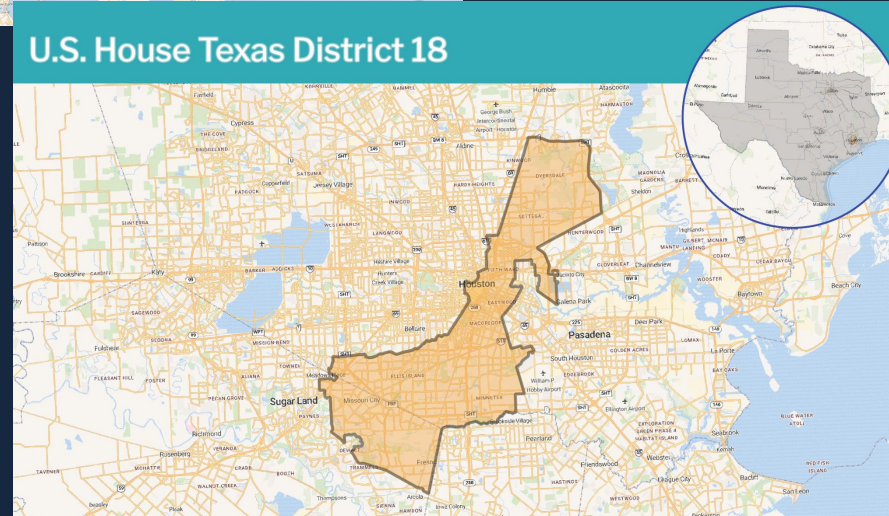
U.S. House

Texas redrew its congressional map in 2025. Courts allowed it to take effect for 2026. This area now splits between two districts: TX-18, anchored downtown, and the new TX-9, redrawn out to eastern Harris County

U.S. House Texas District 9



U.S. House Texas District 18



Federal races - US Senate

Six-year term

One of two members representing Texas in the U.S. Senate. Helps write federal laws, approve the federal budget and spending, oversee national defense and commerce, and shape the federal court system. The Senate also approves presidential nominees and treaties and conducts impeachment trials.

CANDIDATES	
	Ted Brown
	Ken Paxton
	James Talarico

Federal races - US House of Representatives

Two-year term

All 38 Texas congressional seats are up for election this November. Represents a district in Congress. Helps write federal laws, approve federal spending and taxes, oversee national defense and commerce, and shape the federal court system. The House also has the exclusive power to impeach federal officials, including the President.

U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 9 *i*

CANDIDATES



Leticia Gutierrez



Alex Mealer

U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 18 *i*

CANDIDATES



Christian D. Menefee



Ronald Dwayne Whitfield

LEVEL 2 OF 3

State races

Governor & Statewide offices

4 Year Terms

Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller,
Land Commissioner, Agriculture Commissioner, State Board Of
Education

6 Year Terms

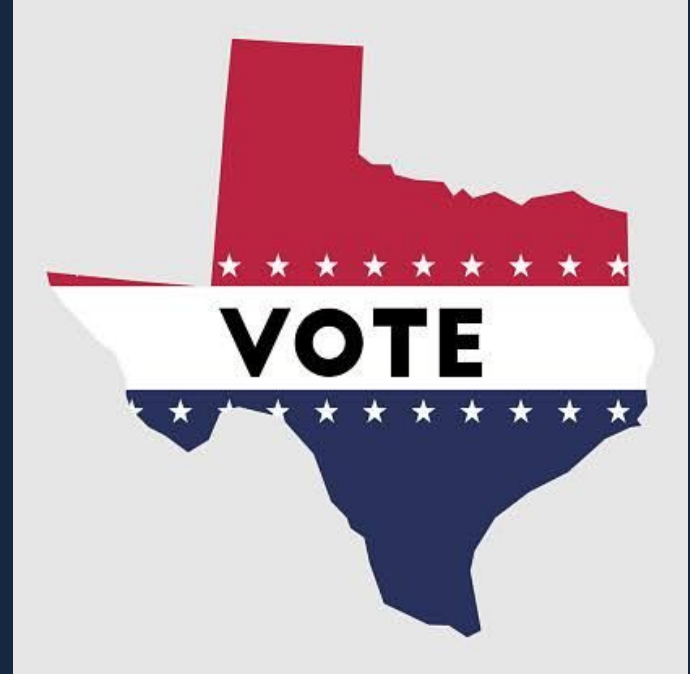
Railroad Commissioner, Texas Supreme Court, Texas Court Of
Criminal Appeals

Texas Senate

Four Year Terms

Texas House

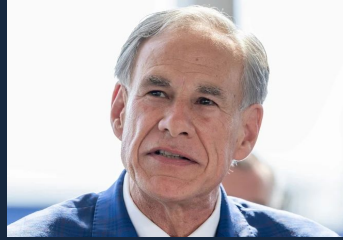
Two Year Terms



LEVEL 2 OF 3

State races - Governor

The governor is the chief executive of Texas, signing or vetoing bills from the Legislature and prioritizing emergency items for state lawmakers. The governor also leads the state's military in emergencies and makes about 1,500 state appointments during a four-year term.



CANDIDATES	
R	Greg Abbott Incumbent
L	Pat Dixon
D	Gina Hinojosa

LEVEL 2 OF 3

State races - Lieutenant Governor

The lieutenant governor is the second-highest executive in the state and presides over the Texas Senate. They appoint the chairs and vice-chairs of committees; appoint senators to committees; assign bills to committees; and control the Senate's agenda

CANDIDATES	
	Anthony Cristo
	Vikki Goodwin
	Kevin McCormick
	Dan Patrick Incumbent

State races - Attorney General

Four Year Term

The attorney general is Texas' top lawyer, representing the state primarily in civil litigation.

CANDIDATES	
	Nathan Johnson
	Mayes Middleton
	Tom Oxford

LEVEL 2 OF 3

State races - Comptroller

Four Year Term

Serves as the state's chief financial officer. Collects state taxes, manages state finances, and forecasts available revenue for the Legislature's two-year budget. The office also administers the state's school voucher program.

CANDIDATES	
	V. Alonzo Echavarria-Garza
	Sarah Eckhardt
	Shehla Faizi
	Don Huffines Incumbent

State races - Land Commissioner

Four Year Term

Oversees the General Land Office, which manages 13 million acres of state land, administers federal disaster relief and flood mitigation funds, supports public school funding, and oversees the Alamo.

CANDIDATES	
	Dawn Buckingham Incumbent
	Benjamin Flores
	Neill Snider

LEVEL 2 OF 3

State races - Agriculture Commissioner

Four Year Term

Leads the state agency that supports and advocates for farmers, regulates the agriculture industry, and administers school nutrition programs.

CANDIDATES	
	Austin R. Kelly
	Nate Sheets
	Clayton Tucker

State races - Railroad Commissioner

Six Year Term

Serves on the three-member Railroad Commission, which regulates Texas' oil and gas industry, including drilling, pipelines, natural gas facilities, hydrogen storage, and carbon dioxide injection and storage. One seat is up for election this year.

CANDIDATES	
	Arthur DiBianca
	Bo French
	Jon Rosenthal

LEVEL 2 OF 3

State races - TX Supreme Court

Six Year Terms

Serves on Texas' highest court for civil matters. The nine justices interpret the Texas Constitution and state laws and make final decisions on civil cases appealed to the court. Four seats are up for election in 2026, including chief justice.

TEXAS SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE

CANDIDATES

 **Jimmy Blacklock** **Incumbent**

 **Maggie Ellis**

TEXAS SUPREME COURT PLACE 7

CANDIDATES

 **Kristen Hawkins**

 **Kyle Hawkins** **Incumbent**

TEXAS SUPREME COURT PLACE 2

CANDIDATES

 **Chari Kelly**

 **James P. Sullivan** **Incumbent**

TEXAS SUPREME COURT PLACE 8

CANDIDATES

 **Brett Busby** **Incumbent**

 **Gisela D. Triana**

LEVEL 2 OF 3

State races - TX Court Of Criminal Appeals

Six Year Terms

Serves on Texas' highest court for criminal cases. Reviews criminal appeals from lower courts, death penalty cases, and habeas corpus petitions challenging a conviction, sentence, or detention. Three of the nine seats are up for election in 2026

TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS PLACE 3

CANDIDATES

 Okey Anyiam

 Mark Ash

 Thomas Smith

TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS PLACE 4

CANDIDATES

 Audra Riley

 Kevin Yeary **Incumbent**

TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS PLACE 9

CANDIDATES

 John Messinger

 Holly Taylor

State races - State Board of Education, District 4

Four Year Term

Helps set curriculum standards and graduation requirements for Texas public schools, reviews and approves instructional materials, develops education policies, and reviews proposed new charter schools.

15-member board

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 4 

CANDIDATES

 **Coretta Mallet-Fontenot**

 **Tammie Nielsen** **Incumbent**

LEVEL 2 OF 3

State races - House of Representatives

Two Year Terms

Represents a district in the Texas House. Helps write and pass state laws, approve the state budget, and oversee state agencies and programs. All 150 House seats are up for election in November.

TEXAS HOUSE DISTRICT 143

CANDIDATES

 **Ana Hernandez** **Incumbent**

 **Frank Salazar**

TEXAS HOUSE DISTRICT 145

CANDIDATES

 **Christina Morales** **Incumbent**

 **Inocensia Moreno**

TEXAS HOUSE DISTRICT 147

CANDIDATES

 **Theodis Daniel**

 **Jolanda Jones** **Incumbent**



JUDGES. SO. MANY. JUDGES.

70+ races is a LOT! Harris County ballots include dozens of judicial races most voters have never heard of. Two nonpartisan, well-established resources make it far easier to compare candidates before you vote.

Houston Bar Association

Judicial Preference Poll

HBA members rate every contested judicial candidate as Well Qualified, Qualified, or Not Qualified. Conducted since the early 1970s. Not an endorsement — a professional read on courtroom experience.



hba.org

League of Women Voters

of Houston — Voters Guide

A nonpartisan guide covering every race on the Harris County ballot, including judicial races, with candidate responses in their own words. Available in English and Spanish.



houstonvotersguide.org

County Races - County Attorney

4 Year Term

Represents the county, Flood Control District, Toll Road Authority, and several emergency response agencies in civil legal matters. The office provides legal advice to county government, elected officials, and employees and represents them in civil lawsuits. It also enforces laws that protect consumers, public health, and the environment.

County Attorney - Unexpired Term

Fiscal del Condado - Duración Restante del Cargo

Vote for none or one

Vote por ninguno o uno



JACQUELINE LUCCI SMITH

Republican Party

Partido Republicano



ABBIE KAMIN

Democratic Party

Partido Demócrata

County Races - District Clerk

4 Year Term

Maintains and manages official records and filings for the district courts and county criminal courts at law. The office collects court costs, fines, and fees, maintains the court registry, and oversees the juror summons and selection process for the courts.

District Clerk

Secretario del Distrito

Vote for none or one

Vote por ninguno o uno



CHRIS DANIEL

Republican Party

Partido Republicano



DARRELL JORDAN, JR

Democratic Party

Partido Demócrata

County Races - County Clerk

4 Year Term

Maintains records for county courts and the Commissioners Court, including property, marriage, birth, death, and military records. As the county's Chief Election Official, the Clerk also conducts special, primary, and general elections.

County Clerk

Secretario del Condado

Vote for none or one

Vote por ninguno o uno



MIKE WOLFE

Republican Party

Partido Republicano



TENESHIA HUDSPETH

Democratic Party

Partido Demócrata

County Races - County Treasurer

4 Year Term

Chief custodian of county funds, overseeing deposits, withdrawals, bank reconciliations, and disbursements authorized by Commissioners Court. The Treasurer also provides monthly financial reports to Commissioners Court.

County Treasurer

Tesorero del Condado

Vote for none or one

Vote por ninguno o uno



MARC COWART

Republican Party

Partido Republicano



CARLA L. WYATT

Democratic Party

Partido Demócrata

County Races - School Trustee

6 Year Terms

Sets policies for the Harris County Department of Education and elects the County Superintendent to oversee its operations. The board acts by majority vote at public meetings. 2 of 7 seats on ballot.

County School Trustee, Position 5, At Large

Regente Escolar del Condado, Posición Núm. 5, En General

Vote for none or one

Vote por ninguno o uno



SARTAJ BAL

Republican Party

Partido Republicano



ERICA DAVIS

Democratic Party

Partido Demócrata

County School Trustee, Position 7, At Large

Regente Escolar del Condado, Posición Núm. 7, En General

Vote for none or one

Vote por ninguno o uno



DENISE DICK

Republican Party

Partido Republicano



SILKY JOSHI MALIK

Democratic Party

Partido Demócrata

County Races - County Commissioner

4 Year Terms

Serves on Commissioners Court, which sets the county budget and tax rates, approves bonds, appoints officials, and oversees major county services and infrastructure. Each Commissioner also oversees roads, bridges, parks, and other services within their precinct. Precincts 2 and 4 are on the ballot this November.

County Commissioner, Precinct 2
Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Núm. 2

Vote for none or one
Vote por ninguno o uno

☐ **RICHARD VEGA**
Republican Party
Partido Republicano

☐ **ADRIAN GARCIA**
Democratic Party
Partido Demócrata

County Races - Justice of the Peace

4 Year Terms

Handles Class C misdemeanor and traffic cases, civil cases involving up to \$20,000, landlord-tenant disputes, and truancy cases. Justices of the Peace can also perform marriages.

8 Precincts, 2 places each

Harris County Appraisal District - Board of Directors

Oversees the appraisal district, including hiring the Chief Appraiser, adopting the budget, and appointing Appraisal Review Board members. The board does not appraise individual properties or decide individual property values.

9 members, 3 on ballot this November.

City of Houston, Charter Amendment

City of Houston, Proposition A

Shall the City Charter of the City of Houston be amended to 1) require the Houston Police Departments to make enforcement of a Class A misdemeanor marijuana possession its lowest law-enforcement priority with related reporting requirements and 2) prohibit Houston police officers from requesting or executing “no-knock” search warrants?

Key dates

Tonight

Know Your Ballot info
night

SEPT 23

Early voting begins

Lasts 12 days!

OCT 19

Early voting ends

Last day of the early
voting window

OCT 30

OCT 5

Registration deadline

Last day to register to
vote

OCT 23

Mail ballot deadline

Last day to apply for a
mail ballot

NOV 3

Election Day

Polls open 7 AM – 7
PM

EARLY VOTING WINDOW

October 2026

Harris County early voting runs Monday, Oct 19 through Friday, Oct 30. Vote at any Vote Center in the county — not just one assigned to you.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5 Last Day to Register	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Mail due	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Election Day

Tuesday, November 3,
2026

7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Vote anywhere

Harris County is a
countywide polling place
system — any Vote Center
works, on Election Day and
during early voting.

Early voting (Mon–Sat 7 AM–7 PM · Sun 12 PM–7 PM)

Where to vote early

Harris County uses a “Vote Anywhere” countywide polling system.

That means there's no single assigned polling place — you can cast your ballot at any of the roughly 100+ Vote Centers spread across the county, whichever is closest to home, work, or your commute.

The exact list of Vote Centers for this election is published by the Harris County Clerk closer to Oct. 19. Scan the code on the next slide, or visit harrisvotes.com, to find the ones nearest you once they're live.



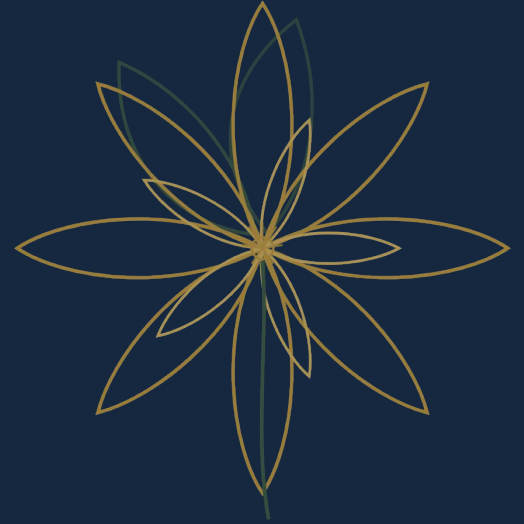
CAST YOUR VOTE

Informed voting is FUN!



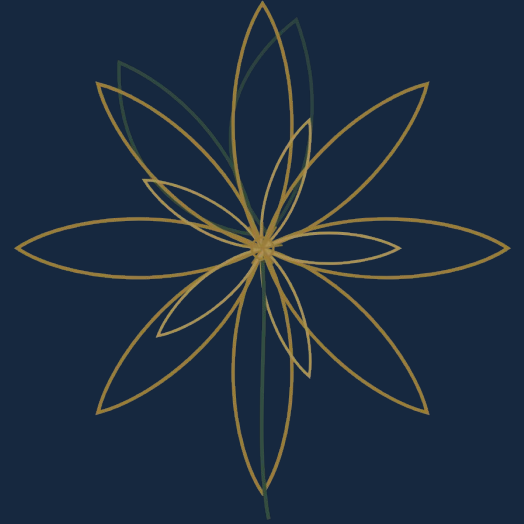
Amy Dinn

Harris County Election Judge

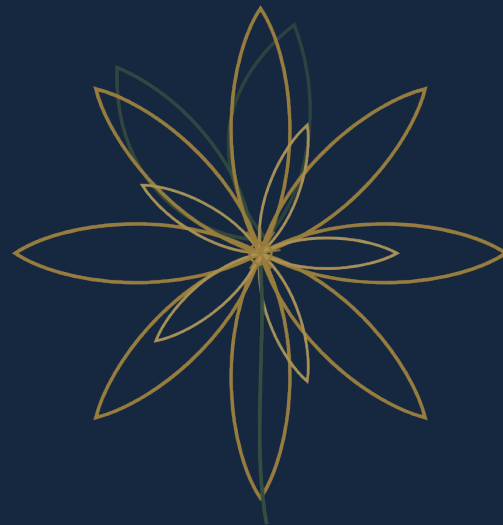


Alex Govea

Harris County District Clerk's Office,
Elections Division



Abby Morales
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Thank you for coming.



Questions after tonight? Amy Erickson · 713-591-7767



Texas Voter Protection Hotline

Have a question or problem when you go to vote?

The Election Protection Hotline, **866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)**, or in español **888-VE-Y-VOTE (888-839-8682)**, is a free, nonpartisan resource staffed by trained volunteers and legal experts.

Call if you need help checking your registration, finding your polling place, understanding ID requirements, or voting by mail, or if you run into trouble at the polls, like long lines, being turned away, or intimidation.

They're here to make sure every eligible voter can cast a ballot that counts.





Announcements

Upcoming meetings and
announcements from everyone.





Oops we are running out of time!

Scan this QR Code to see the latest updates





Neighbor Comments

Raising Issues, Concerns, Announcements

Open floor for comments, announcements, or to flag issues for upcoming discussion or action. 1 min per person please.

If we run out of time, we may need to take your information afterwards.





How did this meeting go?

We want to hear from you! Was the meeting helpful
and informative?

1 through 5

1 - it didn't sit well with me and 5 - I loved it!

(hold up your fingers)





Next Meeting

- Date: Wednesday, October 28
- Time: 6:30 PM
- Location: Right here!





THANKS!

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

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