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About This *Voters Guide*

This *Voters Guide* lists items that will be on the ballot in Dallas County for the JULY 14 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION. Candidate responses, originally submitted for the March Primary, are presented as submitted without editing. There will not be a Republican Primary Runoff Election as all Republican races were decided in the March Primary.

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Vote411.org

You may also see all items that will be on your ballot on-line at Vote411.org a few weeks before election day in both Spanish and English.

Voting in a Primary Runoff

If you voted in the Republican Primary election in March, you may not vote in the Democratic Primary Runoff election. If you voted in the Democratic Primary Election in March, or if you did not vote in any primary in March, then you may vote in this Democratic Primary Runoff election.

Polling Place Locations

Voters registered in Dallas County may vote in person at any of the Dallas County polling locations during early voting and on election day. For addresses of locations open during early voting and those open on election day, see DallasCountyVotes.org or call the Dallas County Elections Department at (469)627-8683 or email dallascountyvotes@dallascounty.org.

“Dallas County Votes Anywhere”

The Dallas County Elections Department has changed the way voting takes place in Dallas County. Voters now cast their ballots on new voting equipment and can vote at countywide Vote Centers on election day similar to the way they have voted during early voting in the past. On election day, voters now have the option to vote at their neighborhood Voter Center or at a Vote Center near where they work, shop or go to school. This program is called “Dallas County Votes Anywhere”.

During early voting, Dallas County voters continue to have the option to vote at any convenient location in Dallas County, as in the past.

Early Voting by Mail

You are eligible to vote early by mail if you are a registered voter who is:

- 65 years of age or older on Election Day
- Out of the county during the entire election including early voting
- Sick or Disabled
- Confined in jail but eligible to vote.

UNITED STATES SENATOR

6-year term. Must be at least 30 years old, a resident of the United States for at least nine years and a resident of Texas. One of 100 members of the U.S. Senate which has specific powers to advise and consent to presidential appointments and treaties and to try impeachments. Powers the Senate shares with U.S. House of Representatives include the power to levy taxes, borrow money, regulate interstate commerce, and declare war. Current annual salary: \$174,000.

BACKGROUND: What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?

IMMIGRATION: What are your recommendations to improve the immigration system?

HEALTH CARE: What legislation would you support to address access to and cost of healthcare?

GUN VIOLENCE: What are your recommendations to curb gun violence in our country?

OTHER ISSUES: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of Congress, and what are your positions on these issues?



Royce West (D)
United States Senator

BACKGROUND: I have been a practicing attorney for more than 40 years and I've owned my own practice for 25 years. I know what it takes to own and operate a business. I have also served in the Texas Senate since 1993 which gives me an unmatched depth of knowledge about the legislative process.

IMMIGRATION: First, we have to dramatically increase the number of judges available to hear asylum cases. Second, we need to pass DACA and get the Dreamers back on solid ground. Third, we need comprehensive immigration reform to simplify the process and give everyone here without citizenship a path to it if they want it.

HEALTH CARE: I would support strengthening the ACA with a public option. I do not believe nationalizing insurance is the best path forward. We need competition on standard products so that people can decide for themselves. I am looking at a number of ways of removing politics from this to stop future Administrations from gutting the ACA.

GUN VIOLENCE: I am for restoring the ban on assault rifles and instituting a ban on magazines that hold more than 8 rounds. I support a national background check system that closes all loopholes, even individual sales.

OTHER ISSUES: I believe criminal justice reform, a woman's right to choose, equal pay for women, student debt relief, and employment non-discrimination will be key issues in the next session. I favor a multitude of criminal justice reforms, favor a woman's right to choose, support equal pay for women, support a comprehensive student debt relief program, and will vote to pass ENDA.

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Mary 'MJ' Hegar (D)
United States Senator

BACKGROUND: I'm a combat veteran and working mom who understands the challenges facing Texas families and has never backed down from standing up for what's right. I served 3 tours in Afghanistan as a medevac pilot, receiving the Purple Heart and Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor, and built a bipartisan coalition to open hundreds of thousands of jobs to women in the military.

IMMIGRATION: We need to permanently end child separation, ensure asylum claims are properly processed, secure the border with effective procedures and technologies instead of robbing our military and seizing land from Texans to waste billions on an ineffective wall, and build a path to citizenship for undocumented residents that reflects our core values as Americans.

HEALTH CARE: Texas has the highest uninsured rate in the nation, and that's unacceptable. We must protect the progress made by the Affordable Care Act while making much-needed improvements, including a public option to make Medicare available for all who want it. We should also lower the cost of prescription drugs by allowing Medicare to negotiate prices with pharmaceutical companies.

GUN VIOLENCE: We must pass common-sense gun safety legislation to require background checks on every single gun sale, stop the sale of assault weapons, pass red flag laws and close the "boyfriend loophole" to block access to firearms for domestic abusers, and strengthen laws preventing gun trafficking. I am also calling for state and local officials to end open carry.

OTHER ISSUES: I believe climate change is the greatest threat to my children's future, and will advocate for aggressive action and investment in new clean energy production, infrastructure and manufacturing to address the climate crisis. I will also make it a priority to protect reproductive rights and pass comprehensive campaign finance, voting rights and ethics reforms.

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Helpful Information

Websites

Dallas County Elections Department
Texas Secretary of State
League of Women Voters of Dallas
League of Women Voters of Texas
Dallas County Democratic Party
Dallas County Libertarian Party
Dallas County Republican Party
Dallas County Green Party

DallasCountyVotes.org
VoteTexas.gov
LWVDallas.org
LWVTexas.org
DallasDemocrats.org
LPDallas.org
DallasGOP.org
Facebook.com/DallasGreens

Telephone Numbers

Dallas County Elections Department (469)627-8683
Texas Secretary of State - Elections Division (800) 252-8683
League of Women Voters of Dallas (214) 688-4125
League of Women Voters of Texas (512) 472-1100
League of Women Voters of Irving (972) 251-3161
League of Women Voters of Richardson (972) 470-0584

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

2 year term. Must be 25 years or older, a US citizen and a resident of Texas. Responsible for representing the citizens of his/her district in the US House of Representatives.

IMMIGRATION: Do you support legislation to maintain the DACA program?

CLIMATE CHANGE: Do you believe Congress should adopt policies to combat climate change? If so, what would you propose?

INFRASTRUCTURE: How would you address the nation's documented infrastructure needs, including roads and bridges? How should we pay for repairing infrastructure?

HEALTHCARE: What legislation would you support, if any, to ensure

comprehensive, affordable healthcare for all?

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: How should we proceed to both protect U.S. interests at home and abroad and at the same time promote long term stability and peace in the world?

OTHER ISSUES: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of Congress, and what is your position on these issues?

United States Representative, District 24



Kim Olson (D)

United States Representative, District 24

IMMIGRATION (SUPPORT DACA?): Yes. Our current immigration system is broken. Congress must act immediately to address its downfalls and pass comprehensive immigration reform. Putting children in cages is not the solution--full stop. We have to discourage illegal immigration and people crossing our border illegally by investing foreign aid into their countries of origin. Second, we must provide a path to earned citizenship for those who are working hard and obeying the law, including DACA residents. Far-reaching ICE raids do not keep us safer; they instill fear in our Latin communities and make it harder for law enforcement to do their jobs.

CLIMATE CHANGE: The world's leading scientists, along with America's oil companies all agree that climate change is 1) real, and 2) being accelerated by man-made carbon emissions. The effects of climate change are being felt with the increase in the severity of natural disasters like hurricanes, storms, and forest fires. I strongly disagree with the President's decision to pull out of the Paris Climate Accord. As one of the world's largest polluters, we should not be revoking our commitment to reduce carbon emissions and grow our clean energy economy--we should be leading the charge.

INFRASTRUCTURE: It is often said that a budget is a moral document that demonstrates your priorities. Unfortunately, the current congress believes that corporations and the wealthiest people in our nation deserve a tax break, not hard-working Texans trying to keep the bills paid. When I'm in Congress, I'll make sure Texan's hard-earned tax dollars get spent on rebuilding our crumbling infrastructure.

HEALTHCARE: The next Congress must make healthcare their top priority. The ACA was a major step forward for expanding access to healthcare and reigning in bad actors in the system. However, there are common-sense reforms we can and should make immediately to expand on the underlying goals of the ACA. For instance, we must allow Medicare to negotiate directly with pharmaceutical companies on drug prices. I get all my healthcare through the VA system. There's no logical reason why the VA can negotiate prices, but Medicare cannot. Further, we can lower the eligibility age for Medicare in order to bring healthier people into the system and save on costs down the road. Lastly, we protect and expand Medicaid.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: I am proud to have a son who wears a uniform, who like my husband and me signed a blank check to the United States Government up to and including his life. Like my son, one point two million others have signed that same check. They deserve a commander in chief worthy of that sacrifice. President Trump's MO is to provoke world leaders to help himself in the polls. Not only did I serve in Iraq, I got two masters in National Security from our war colleges, and worked as the Iran desk officer at the Pentagon. I would work to rebuild our economic and diplomatic leverage in order to reign in Trump's reckless foreign policy.

OTHER ISSUES: The next Congress must take long-overdue action on gun safety reform. As a 25 year Air Force veteran, I understand that weapons of war don't belong on our streets. But, we won't pass gun safety reform until we elect leaders in Washington with the courage to stand up for what is right. It's time to close the background check loophole, ban high capacity magazines, and take steps (such as Red Flag laws) to ensure that guns do not fall into the hands of people with criminal intent or domestic abusers.

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Candace Valenzuela (D)

United States Representative, District 24

IMMIGRATION (SUPPORT DACA?): Yes, I fully support DACA. More broadly, We need to break through the partisan gridlock in Washington to pass comprehensive immigration reform that honors our nation's history as a nation of immigrants. My great-grandparents immigrated to the United States from Mexico and my great-grandfather fought in World War I. For generations, my family has been committed to serving our country and many other immigrant families do the same. In Texas 24, immigrants have more than \$5 billion in spending power per year and contribute nearly \$2 billion in local, state and federal taxes. Immigrants provide tremendous value both culturally and economically, and these contributions will only increase if Congress provides a path to citizenship.

CLIMATE CHANGE: Yes. Climate change is real and we need to do everything we can to combat it while we still have the chance. We need to focus on investing in renewable energy options, such as solar, wind, and geothermal, while massively reducing our dependence on coal, gas, and oil. Yes, even in Texas we can provide strong incentives for the business community to help combat climate change, alongside investments from the federal government. Part of this investment must establish programs to train and retrain workers for jobs in the renewable energy industry. While critics often site the high cost of dealing with climate change, the cost of inaction will be even greater.

INFRASTRUCTURE: North Texas is experiencing some of the fastest population growth in the country and our infrastructure has not kept up. We need significant investments in fixing our roads, bridges, water infrastructure, and additional investment in affordable housing. Not only will this improve the quality of all of our lives, but it will create thousands of jobs for the people in TX-24. Creating a tax code that works for all Americans can help pay for infrastructure investments. Last year, 91 Fortune 500 companies did not pay any federal income tax. We need to ask these large corporations to give back to the infrastructure that has led to their success. I would roll back the Trump tax bill and crack down on tax loopholes.

HEALTHCARE: I would support a strong public option. As someone who struggles with a pre-existing condition and has had to work a second and third job to afford health care, I understand well the need to ensure affordable health care for every American. A public option would take the profit

motive out of health care, cut down on administrative costs and allow the public to negotiate prescription drug prices, the single largest driver in health care cost increases. I refuse to live in a country in which, last year, 36 million Americans did not fill a prescription they needed because they could not afford it. Investing in our people means investing in their health, and I am committed to doing that as one of my top priorities.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Protecting our interests at home and abroad begins with ensuring that the American economy is prosperous for all Americans. We need further investment in health care, education and affordable housing to ensure that all Americans are being prepared for a 21st century economy and are able to support their families. Our current underinvestment threatens our security because if it continues, we will no longer have the greatest workforce and most successful economy in the world, which is the single biggest strength protecting us from foreign threats. In dealing with foreign nations, I will always support diplomacy first.

OTHER ISSUES: Campaign Finance Reform - We need comprehensive campaign finance reform that takes power away from special interests and lobbyists and returns it to the people, where it belongs. Our government has become corrupted by corporate and special interests, leading to gridlock on important issues like health care, gun violence prevention and more. Gun Violence prevention - I will push for universal background checks, fight to end the gun show loophole, pass red flag laws, stand up to the gun lobby by pushing for comprehensive campaign finance reform and fight to make our schools safer from gun violence, as I did as a school board trustee. Criminal Justice Reform - Ending our system of mass incarceration.

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RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

6-year term. Must be at least 25 years old, a Texas resident, and a registered voter. Regulates the energy industry, including preventing pollution, well plugging and site remediation, pipeline safety, and damage prevention, surface mining of coal and uranium, gas utility rates, and alternative fuels.

Background: What training, experience, and background qualify you for this position?

Pipelines: What are your recommendations relating to regulation of pipelines?

Natural Resources: How do you plan to balance oil, gas, and mining interests with protection of natural resources?

Other Issues: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing for the Railroad Commission?



Chrysta Castaneda (D) Railroad Commissioner

BACKGROUND: I am an engineer, oil and gas attorney, community organizer and mom, with over 30 years of experience working in and around the oil and gas industry. I know both the law and the business of oil and gas and will work tirelessly to get the Railroad Commission back on track in enforcing our environmental protections and safety regulations.

PIPELINES: The Commission oversees pipeline safety for intrastate pipelines and we need to update those regulations to meet today's standards. Laying new pipelines creates challenges beyond the Commission's powers, and addressing those challenges will require the Legislature to act. I'll use my expertise to press for a framework that includes transparency and public input.

NATURAL RESOURCES: We must enforce existing laws prohibiting flaring, the harmful practice of burning natural gas. It wastes our natural resources, takes revenues away from our state and causes environmental and health concerns. I will use my expertise to deploy alternative technologies that will reduce the amount of flaring, convert it to usable electricity and clean up our air.

OTHER ISSUES: We need to reduce harmful methane emissions. Methane escapes through leakage, aging equipment, and intentional venting, which is against the law. I will improve the detection and enforcement programs. We can use drones equipped with infrared cameras to detect leaks. Education can improve prevention and we will need to better enforce existing laws.

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Roberto R. 'Beto' Alonzo (D) Railroad Commissioner

BACKGROUND: As a former State Representative, I know the law, legislative and the budget process which funds the RRC and other state agencies. As an experienced litigator, I can rule on appeals regarding oil and gas, pipeline, utility and environmental issues before the RRC. Originally from Crystal City, I know the oil and gas issues impacting both rural and urban communities.

PIPELINES: The Legislature should enact laws to ensure that regulation of pipelines is meaningful. An application for a permit should require comprehensive information regarding routes, economic, environmental and historical impact, and not based on a simple form. The exercise of Eminent Domain should be fair to all. Monitor compliance with rules and regulations by industry.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Review and update provisions to allow development, reduction of waste while protecting the environment. Ensure that the public has notice of development and impactful changes in their area and opportunity to submit input on the proposals. Study cost effective methods to reduce flaring in order to reduce waste and increase access to pipelines.

OTHER ISSUES: Monitor the relationship between drilling and seismicity and support innovation in drilling processes including the use of water in fracking. Encourage the use of alternative fuels. Review agency processes for award of contracts, compliance with

Biographical and Contact Information: Education: University of Texas at Austin Thurgood Marshall School of Law; Website: <http://alonzo4txrrcommissioner.com/>; Twitter: twitter.com/alonzo_for_HUB and diversity in hiring at all levels. Monitor practices in the field to increase worker safety.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

This election is to fill the remainder of the term due to incumbent resignation. 2 year term. Must be 21 or older, a US citizen, resident of Texas and the district represented. Responsible for representing the citizens of the district in the Texas House of Representatives.

REDISTRICTING: Are you in favor of a nonpartisan redistricting commission? Aside from the creation of a nonpartisan redistricting commission, how would you ensure that the process is fair and protects communities of interest?

RAINY DAY FUND: What uses are appropriate, in your opinion, for the Rainy Day fund?

GUN SAFETY: Do you support measures to combat gun violence

such as red flag laws and universal background checks?

VOTING: Are you supportive of election modernization measures like online voter registration?

OTHER ISSUES: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the next session of the Texas Legislature and what is your position on these issues?

State Representative, District 100



Jasmine Felicia Crockett (D)
State Representative, District 100

REDISTRICTING: Yes, but we have got to go a little deeper than a nonpartisan commission. We need to make sure our potential commissioners are reflective of the communities we serve. We need people from diverse backgrounds. We must add an element of chance to this, as well, and vet those that are considered as commissioners to ensure that they have not been political operatives, lobbyists, etc. So for instance if there is a vetted list of potential commissioners that includes 100 names and if the goal is to get to 10 commissioners, we should then draw names. You see, too much is on the line for us not to add as many layers of protection to this process, as possible.

RAINY DAY FUND: Texas' Rainy Day Fund is in excess of \$11 Billion today. Originally set up in 1987 to support our state in times of economic hardship Republican lawmakers have routinely refused to access its billions on behalf of their constituents. Innovative programs to benefit public education, utilizing the leadership of Teach for America and its findings to create positive outcomes, in addition to investing in more trade programs for those that don't want to attend college, as well as these programs and apprenticeships for those that have been incarcerated and need to reintegrate into society in a meaningful way.

GUN SAFETY: To feel fully free, a citizenry must feel safe. Gone are carefree school days and snuggling on a date safely in a theater. As a representative serving HD 100 we must gather as legislators to enact laws that make it clear our goal is to protect families and children. Red Flag laws and background checks are just the beginning. Like gerrymandering we must find common ground and work effectively in a bipartisan manner to create these protections. We must have courageous people in Austin. One specific piece of legislation that is not as widely discussed that I also plan to push for, is a requirement that everyone that owns a gun, be licensed to own it. This would allow us to have a tracking mechanism and at least know who has guns. Finally, one of our main campaign themes is that "we can't do this alone." It is my intention to assist other candidates that are seeking to flip the house, in November.

VOTING: While online voter registration is an interesting alternative, it needs to be well researched and secure. Overall, it is anti-democratic not to support measures that allow for additional access to the ballot box. Unfortunately, every legislative session, in Texas, I have to hold my breath and pray that they don't pass another wave of voter suppression laws. In fact, this past legislative session, I testified against yet another bill which sought to keep minorities, the elderly, the disabled, college students, etc. from the ballot box. These games cannot be tolerated. People's everyday lives are effected by their elected officials and we must ensure that their voices are heard. We live in a democracy, but sometimes, I scratch my head and ask if those in power understand the definition of democracy. My testimony can be viewed by clicking the youtube link above.

OTHER ISSUES: Criminal Justice - I plan on immediately working on legislation that increases the age of majority to 18 instead of 17, deleting the conflicts that exists between Texas laws and Federal laws, in criminal justice. I plan to push for options that will improve the economic opportunities for those that have been incarcerated so that recidivism will be decreased. I also plan to push for more rehabilitative efforts for those charged in low level drug offenses so that our prisons are full with people that present a danger to our communities. Bail reform legislation is another top priority as we don't have a "debtor's prison" in this country, but so many times, now a days, it is apparent that we definitely have some iteration of a debtor's prison. Mental Health - More money must be set aside for mental health. Property Tax Relief - Property tax relief has to be given as people across my entire district are stressed about if they will lose their homes.

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Lorraine Birabil (D)
State Representative, District 100

REDISTRICTING: Yes. Fairly drawn districts are vital to ensuring that every vote is represented and counted. Texans deserve representatives who embody their values. I am proud to have been a fierce advocate for voting rights. I have served as an Intervenor in an intentionally discriminatory law from being implemented. I also assisted in efforts to fight Texas' discriminatory redistricting plans. Next session, it is important that maps are drawn in a manner that is fair. As a state representative, I will continue to fight against discriminatory efforts in redistricting and work towards fair maps. A nonpartisan redistricting commission would be a step in the right direction to ensure that everyone's vote is fairly represented.

RAINY DAY FUND: It is important to have the Rainy Day fund in case of emergencies, but I do believe that the fund is now at a level that it can be used minimally to help fund necessary measures in our state. Our schools are underfunded leading to rising property taxes. While the Legislature made strides to address this last session, there is still work to be done. I believe that dollars from the Rainy Day fund could be used to better fund our public schools and ensure that every child receives a good education. Additionally, this could alleviate the burden on local taxpayers.

GUN SAFETY: In the wake of recent mass shootings, we must prioritize sensible gun violence prevention legislation next session. I support upholding the Constitution and the right to bear arms, but we must enact new laws to limit the type of firearms on our streets and ensure only responsible gun owners have access. I am in support of enacting "red flag" laws and universal background checks. Following the tragic shooting in Orlando, Florida acted and as a result passed "red flag" laws. It is now our turn to act following our recent tragedies. Additionally, I am in support of banning assault weapons and imposing magazine limits.

VOTING: I have been very active in the voting rights fight. I believe that we must all do our part to ensure that everyone has their constitutional right to vote and are not discriminated against. Implementing measures like online voter registration, automatic voter registration and same-day registration are measures I would support and be vocal about. If given the chance to serve, I will be a fierce advocate for voting rights.

OTHER ISSUES: As a product of public schools, I know how important it is for each child to have the opportunity to attend good public schools. We must do our part and properly fund our public schools. Education should be a pathway to realizing potential, not a pipeline to poverty or prison. Second, it is long past due for the State to expand Medicaid. If we were to expand Medicaid today, over one million Texans would immediately gain the healthcare coverage they need and deserve. My daughter never had the chance to meet her grandmother but had Texas expanded Medicaid, her grandmother would have had the critical healthcare coverage she needed as she fought cancer, and my daughter may have had that chance. And finally, we must ensure that every eligible voter has the right to vote and that their vote counts. At all levels, our voting rights are under attack, and I will continue fighting discrimination and voter suppression. The ability to vote is central to addressing all issues of importance in our state.

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CRIMINAL DISTRICT JUDGE

4 year term. Has jurisdiction in all criminal actions involving felonies punishable by imprisonment one year or longer or death and in misdemeanor cases involving official misconduct.

BACKGROUND What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE: Please outline your legal experience, including any specializations. Describe any public reprimands or suspensions you have received.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: What, if anything, should be done to improve

access to justice for low income residents?

RESPONSIBILITIES: Which responsibility of this position is your highest priority and how do you intend to accomplish it?

OTHER ISSUES: What other issues do you believe will be most pressing in the criminal courts and how would you address them?

Criminal District Judge, Court No. 3



Audra Ladawn Riley (D)

Criminal District Judge, Court No. 3

BACKGROUND: My entire career has been centered around Criminal Justice. I worked my way thru college as a Prison Guard. I was a Prosecutor at Dallas DA's Office for about 10 years. I am now a Criminal Defense Lawyer and as such I fight for my clients rights. I advocate on behalf of my clients who suffer from addictions to get them treatment over incarceration. I am known in the legal community as being fair and trustworthy. I have a compassion for Justice and through my experience, I will bring balance that the citizens of Dallas County deserves.

PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE: I was a Prosecutor at Dallas DA's Office for about 10 years. I began in the Misdemeanor Division and worked my way up to Felony. I was a trial lawyer. I learned how to properly evaluate cases and present evidence to a Judge and Jury. I tried multiple cases which included Child Abuse, Aggravated Robbery, Burglary of a Habitation and Capital Murder. I was honored to have the opportunity to protect our community. I am now a Criminal Defense Attorney fighting for Justice for my clients. I have NOT received any reprimands or suspensions.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: I think pro bono work at least once a year should be required of all lawyers who receive court appointments. It's an injustice for someone not to have adequate counsel when their liberty is at stake. I have done my fair share of pro bono work. I actually had a trial earlier this year that was completely pro bono.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Fair sentencing is my highest priority. Criminal Judges are at times called upon to assess sentencing to someone who has pled guilty to an offense. Individuals who are charged with non-violent offenses, individuals with addictions and mental health disorders that are non-violent should in general receive a second chance with resources to help them live a productive lifestyle. I am a huge proponent of drug, alcohol and mental health treatment. It is also equally of importance to hold those accountable who commit acts of violence in order to protect our community.

OTHER ISSUES: Another hot topic of discussion is Bail Reform. Bail is not supposed to be oppressive, but to ensure that someone who is charged with an offense comes to court. The concern has been that bond amounts are so high that most people can't afford to post bail. So it is important that I ensure that bond amounts are set a reasonable amounts. I would also look at individuals charged with non-violent offense to see if they would be a good candidate for a Personal Recognizance Bond, which is a promise that he or she will return to court

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Teresa Jan Hawthorne (D)

Criminal District Judge, Court No. 3

BACKGROUND: 30 years combined as crim defense atty & Judge. Prior to that I have been a school teacher girls head coach college academic counselor have worked with those suffering with addiction and mental health problems, been a secretary, receptionist and exercise instructor all providing me unique qualifications. I have worked with all ethnic cultural and socio economic backgrounds. My personal characteristics include being firm compassionate, reasonable and courteous to all. My commitment to the law, my compassion for safety of all children and animals with all of the above and even more make me the Most Qualified Candidate

PERFORMANCE & EXPERTISE: I was a Public Defender for 3 year; in private practice as criminal defense attorney for 17 years; a State District Judge for 8 years and presently in private practice. My trial experience is vast; I have tried Capital Murders; Murders; Aggravated Robberies and Kidnapping and all other degrees of felonies. I have experience writing appellate briefs and presenting them to appeals courts. I have done more than my share of Pro Bono work. I managed the Atlas (Achieving True Liberty & Success) Program as a Judge this was a Mental Health Court. 2 Public Reprimands call me to discuss 214-724-5498 or I will meet with you

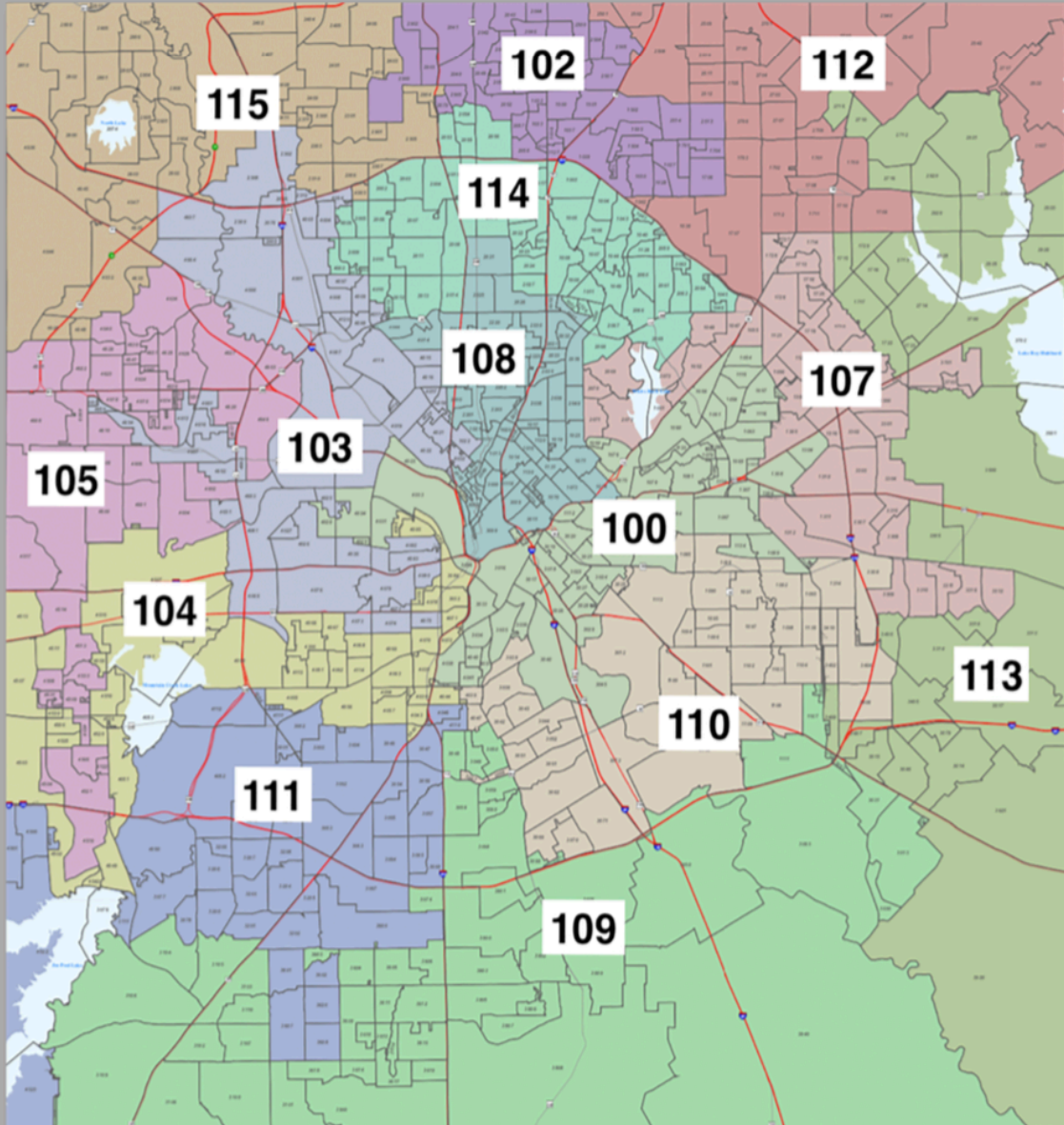
ACCESS TO JUSTICE: North Texas Legal Services is available to the indigent. More needs to be available. Most lawyers I know including myself do reach out to help low income residents who need legal representation Anytime anyone calls me with a legal problem and needs representation out of my field, I take time to get them a list of those attorneys who will work pro bono or will lower their fees. I will also consider payment plans even after lowering my fees and if at all possible will do the work for free. Last year Several of my clients had minimal fees and some I represented for free i.e. Pro Bono.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Not sending non-violent defendants to prison. I have as a Judge already accomplished this and will continue with my procedures. I had and will continue to have the Most Progressive Sentencing Policy at the courthouse and perhaps in the State of Texas. Example if a person is on probation and violates probation without being charged with a Violent offense, I will continue that person with additions to help rehabilitate and instead of giving him 15-30 days in jail as a condition to continue, I will have them before work report to me every morning for those days so they will not lose their jobs .Jobs lead to success!

OTHER ISSUES: Many issues for 625 words. While on the bench I had already addressed Bail Problems and will continue to do so. Bail is to secure that a Person will appear. Indigent Non Violent defendants I gave and will continue to give PR Bonds or bonds will be set with low amounts. No one should sit in jail just because they cannot afford to bond out. Those who bond out are monitored. Most defendants do appear on their court dates. Another issue is that all parties, which includes Judge, Asst. Dist Attorneys, Defense Attorneys. Probation, Clerks and Coordinator must be available every morning to move all pending cases.

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