

Press Release *for* Nacogdoches County

March 1, 2016 Democratic and Republican Primary Elections

General Information:

Election Day for the Nacogdoches County Democratic and Republican Primary Elections is March 1, 2016. All registered voters in Nacogdoches County are eligible to vote in the Primary Elections unless they have signed the petition of an independent candidate or a candidate of another political party other than the Democratic or Republican parties. Voters may either vote a Republican ballot or a Democratic ballot, but may not vote in both Primary Elections. If a voter has signed the petition of a Republican candidate, then that voter must vote in the Republican Primary. If a voter has signed the petition of a Democratic candidate, then that voter must vote in the Democratic Primary. Early voting for all elections will take place in the Nacogdoches County Elections Office located in the Nacogdoches County Courthouse Annex building. Voters who wish to vote on Election Day will need to go to their assigned County Precinct polling locations as indicated on their voter certificates.

Early Voting Schedule:

Early Voting for all elections will be conducted at The Courthouse Annex – 203 W. Main St. – Room # 113 – Nacogdoches, TX 75961

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 through Friday, February 19, 2016 – Daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Monday, February 22, 2016 through Wednesday, February 24, 2016 – Daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Thursday, February 25, 2016 through Friday, February 26, 2016 – Daily from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 (Closed on February 20th and 21st, 2016)

Election Day Voting Schedule and Polling Places:

All polling locations will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, March 1, 2016.

Voting Precinct	Site	Site Address
12	Beck Building – Cushing	720 Seventh St. Cushing, TX 75760
13	First Baptist Church – Douglass	15122 W State Hwy. 21 Douglass, TX 75943
14 & 17	Central Heights I.S.D.	10317 N US Hwy. 259 Nacogdoches, TX 75965
15	First Baptist Church – Garrison	275 W Magnolia St. Garrison, TX 75946
16	Bethel Baptist Church	429 Happyland Rd. Nacogdoches, TX 75965
21	Nacogdoches County Expo Center	3805 NW Stallings Dr. Nacogdoches, TX 75961
22-23-24-25	C. L. Simon Recreation Center	1112 North St. Nacogdoches, TX 75961
26	Nacogdoches Senior Center	621 Harris St. Nacogdoches, TX 75964
27	E. J. Campbell Admin. Bldg.	420 S Shawnee St. Nacogdoches, TX 75961
30-31-32	North Street Church of Christ	3914 North St. Nacogdoches, TX 75965
33-34	Calvary Baptist Church	3732 NE Stallings Dr. Nacogdoches, TX 75965
41 & 43	New Hope Methodist Church	5301 E Main St. Nacogdoches, TX 75961
42	Civil Air Patrol Building – Airport	553 Terry Crawford Dr. (Off W State Hwy. 7) Nacogdoches, TX 75964
44	Woden I.S.D.	5263 FM 226 Woden, TX 75978
45	Martinsville I.S.D.	12952 E State Hwy. 7 Nacogdoches, TX 75961
46	Chireno Methodist Church	799 Main St. Chireno, TX 75937
47	Etoile I.S.D.	16039 FM 226 Etoile, TX 75944

Candidates:

Democratic Party *PARTIDO DEMOCRATÁ*

Note: Candidates and races are listed in the order they will appear on the ballot.

President

Presidente

Calvis L. Hawes
Star Locke
Keith Judd
Hillary Clinton
Martin J. O'Malley
Willie L. Wilson
Bernie Sanders
Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente

United States Representative, District 1

Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 1

Shirley J. McKellar

Railroad Commissioner

Comisionado de Ferrocarriles

Lon Burnam
Cody Garrett
Grady Yarbrough

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3

Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 3

Mike Westergren

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5

Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 5

Dori Contreras Garza

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9

Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 9

Savannah Robinson

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2

Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 2

Lawrence "Larry" Meyers

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5

Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 5

Betsy Johnson

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6

Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 6

Robert Burns

Member, State Board of Education, District 9

Miembro de la Junta Estatal de Educación Pública, Distrito Núm. 9

Amanda M. Rudolph

State Representative, District 11

Representante Estatal, Distrito Núm. 11

Stephen J. Wright

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Núm. 3

Jared N. Cates

Constable, Precinct No. 2

Condestable, Precinto Núm. 2

David Adams
Clarence Yarbrough

County Chair

Presidente del Condado

Apollonia Ellis

REFERENDA ITEM #1 ON ECONOMIC SECURITY & PROSPERITY

REFERENDO #1 EN SEGURIDAD ECONOMICA Y PROSPERIDAD

Should the Texas Legislature and the United States Congress pass an economic security and prosperity plan for families that includes higher incomes by raising the state minimum wage to a livable wage, passing the Paycheck Fairness Act to ensure equal pay for equal work, guaranteeing paid family leave to care for a child or ill loved one, fully funding public neighborhood schools, and making a debt-free community college education a reality for hardworking students?

¿Debe la Legislatura de Texas y el Congreso de los Estados Unidos aprobar un plan de seguridad económica y prosperidad para todas las familias que incluya salarios altos al aumentar el salario mínimo estatal a un salario digno, aprobar la Ley de Igualdad Salarial que asegura un salario de trabajo igual para todos, garantizar el permiso familiar pagado para poder cuidar a un niño o alguien enfermo, financiar las escuelas públicas y una educación de colegio comunitario sin préstamos sea una realidad para estudiantes?

REFERENDA ITEM #2 ON A FAIR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

REFERENDO #2 EN UN SISTEMA DE JUSTICIA CRIMINAL JUSTA

Should the Texas Legislature and the United States Congress pass criminal justice reform legislation that ensures equal justice throughout our society without respect to race, socioeconomic status, geographic location, or other factors unrelated to behavior, ensuring as well common sense policies to protect the rights of law enforcement officers, the community, and defendants in the criminal justice system?

¿Debe la Legislatura de Texas y el Congreso de los Estados Unidos aprobar una legislación de reforma al sistema de justicia criminal que asegure justicia e igualdad en nuestra sociedad respecto a raza, estatus socioeconómico, ubicación geográfica, u otros factores no relacionados al comportamiento, asegurando que políticas de sentido común protejan los derechos de oficiales de la ley, la comunidad y los acusados en el sistema de justicia criminal?

REFERENDA ITEM #3 ON CLIMATE

REFERENDO #3 EN EL CLIMA

Should the Texas Legislature and the United States Congress encourage the transition to renewable, non-polluting energy as a means to slow down climate change and its impact on the planet?

¿Debe la Legislatura de Texas y el Congreso de los Estados Unidos alentar la transición a energía renovable que no contamine como una manera de retrasar el cambio climático y sus impactos al planeta?

REFERENDA ITEM #4 ON THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT

REFERENDO #4 EN LA LEY DEL DERECHO AL VOTO

Should the United States Congress pass the new Voting Rights Advancement Act to protect all American voters?

¿Debe el Congreso de los Estados Unidos aprobar la Ley del Derecho al Voto que proteja a todos los votantes Americanos?

REFERENDA ITEM #5 ON CAMPUS CARRY

REFERENDO #5 EN LA "LEY CAMPUS CARRY"

Should the Texas Legislature allow each public institution of higher education (not only private universities) to opt out of the ability to carry guns on campus?

¿Debe la Legislatura de Texas permitirle a las instituciones de educación de alto nivel (no solo a universidades privadas) el optar de no portar armas en los campos universitarios?

REFERENDA ITEM #6 ON COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

REFERENDO #6 EN REFORMA MIGRATORIA COMPRENSIVA

Should the United States Congress pass a just and fair comprehensive immigration reform solution that includes an earned path to citizenship for law-abiding immigrants and their children, keeps families together, protects DREAMers, and provides workforce solutions for businesses?

¿Debe el Congreso de los Estados Unidos aprobar una reforma migratoria comprensiva que incluya un camino a la ciudadanía para aquellos inmigrantes y sus hijos que siguen la ley, mantener familias unidas, proteger a DREAMers y promover soluciones laborales para negocios?

Republican Party

PARTIDO REPUBLICANO

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President

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Jeb Bush
Ben Carson
Chris Christie
Marco Rubio
Elizabeth Gray
Rand Paul
John R. Kasich
Ted Cruz
Lindsey Graham
Carly Fiorina
Rick Santorum
Mike Huckabee
Donald J. Trump
Uncommitted

United States Representative, District 1

Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 1

Simon Winston
Louie Gohmert
Anthony Culler

Railroad Commissioner

Comisionado de Ferrocarriles

John Greytok
Doug Jeffrey
Gary Gates
Weston Martinez
Ron Hale
Lance N. Christian
Wayne Christian

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3

Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 3

Michael Massengale
Debra Lehrmann

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5

Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 5

Paul Green
Rick Green

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9

Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 9

Eva Guzman
Joe Pool

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2

Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 2

Mary Lou Keel
Ray Wheless
Chris Oldner

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5

Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 5

Brent Webster
Sid Harle
Steve Smith
Scott Walker

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6

Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 6

Richard Davis
Michael E. Keasler

Member, State Board of Education, District 9

Miembro de la Junta Estatal de Educación Pública, Distrito Núm. 9

Hank Hering
Keven M. Ellis
Mary Lou Bruner

State Representative, District 11

Representante Estatal, Distrito Núm. 11

Travis Clardy
Tony Sevilla

Justice, 12th Court of Appeals District, Place 2

Juez, Corte de Apelaciones, Distrito Núm. 12, Lugar Núm. 2

Brian Hoyle

Justice, 12th Court of Appeals District, Place 3

Juez, Corte de Apelaciones, Distrito Núm. 12, Lugar Núm. 3

Greg Neeley

District Judge, 145th Judicial District

Juez del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 145

Campbell Cox

District Judge, 420th Judicial District

Juez del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 420

Ed Klein

District Attorney, 145th Judicial District

Procurador del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 145

Rey Morin
Nicole Lostracco

County Attorney

Procurador del Condado

John Fleming

Sheriff

Sherife

Jason Bridges

Tax Assessor-Collector

Asesor-Collector de Impuesto

Kim Morton

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Núm. 1

Jerry Don Williamson

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Núm. 3

Craig Poche
R. Max Walton
Damon Ruckel
Robin Dawley

Constable, Precinct No. 1

Condestable, Precinto Núm. 1

William Sowell

Constable, Precinct No. 3

Condestable, Precinto Núm. 3

Terry Singleton
Roger Dudley

Constable, Precinct No. 4

Condestable, Precinto Núm. 4

David Stone

County Chairman

Presidente del Condado

Andrew E. Higdon

Proposition No. 1

Proposición Núm. 1

Texas should replace the property tax system with an alternative other than an income tax and require voter approval to increase the overall tax burden.

Texas debe reemplazar el Sistema de impuestos sobre propiedades con una alternativa diferente a los impuestos sobre los ingresos, y requerir la aprobación de los votantes para incrementar la carga fiscal.

YES/SI

NO/NO

Proposition No. 2

Proposición Núm. 2

Texas cities and counties should be required to comply with federal immigration laws or be penalized by loss of state funds.

Las ciudades y condados de Texas deben ser requeridos a cumplir con las leyes federales de migración o ser penalizados con la pérdida de fondos estatales.

YES/SI

NO/NO

Proposition No. 3

Proposición Núm. 3

Texas should prohibit governmental entities from collecting dues for labor unions through deductions from public employee paychecks.

Texas debe prohibir que las entidades gubernamentales recauden cuotas beneficiosas para las uniones laborales por medio de deducciones a los cheques de pago de empleados públicos.

YES/SI

NO/NO

Proposition No. 4

Proposición Núm. 4

Texas and its citizens should strongly assert 10th Amendment Rights guaranteed by the U. S. Constitution which states “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.”

Texas y sus ciudadanos deben afirmar los derechos garantizados por la décima enmienda a la Constitución de los EUA “Los poderes que la Constitución no delega a los Estados Unidos ni prohíbe a los Estados, quedan reservados respectivamente a los Estados o al pueblo.”

YES/SI

NO/NO

Information About Literature:

Voters may feel free to bring in literature to use in the voting booths that will help them in making their choices. However, voters are not allowed to leave their literature in the voting booths after they have voted. Sample ballots will be posted for voters to examine if they would like before receiving their ballots. Election workers will be happy to assist all voters in helping them understand how to mark their ballots and will be happy to read the ballots to voters as well if they are asked to. However, election workers will not be able to provide any insight to voters regarding candidates or propositions, so we recommend that voters research candidates and propositions before they come in to vote.

Other Important Information:

The most important upcoming date is **Monday, February 1, 2016**. This is the last day to register to vote for the **March 1, 2016** Nacogdoches County Democratic and Republican Primary Elections. All applications must be postmarked or received by the Nacogdoches County Elections Office by this date. The Elections Office will be open until 5:00 p.m. on **February 1, 2016**.

If you have moved recently you need to re-register to vote. Voter registration is connected to your address. If you stay at the same address year after year, then you don't have to re-register because your voter registration is automatically renewed every two years. However, whenever you move you need to re-register or you will eventually be removed from the voter roll. Even if you move within the same county, city, or even on the same street, you need to re-register. You also need to re-register if you have made any changes to your mailing address. For example, if you had a P.O. Box last year, and now you don't, then you need to re-register/update your address information. Please contact the Elections Office by **February 1, 2016** if you are not sure if you are registered to vote and we will gladly help you.

We are now accepting applications for mail ballots. To qualify to vote by mail you must be 65 years of age or older, or have a disability, or be confined in jail, or be able to provide an address outside of Nacogdoches County if you will not be in Nacogdoches County during voting times. The last day for the Elections Office to accept/receive applications for mail ballots is **February 19, 2016**. Applications for mail ballots can be hand delivered to the Elections Office until Early Voting begins on **February 16, 2016**. Once Early Voting begins the applications have to be mailed to the Elections Office.

No campaign signs, buttons, apparel, hats, or shirts are allowed in the polling place. No exceptions. Voters may bring in literature to the polling place regarding candidates or issues to use in the voting booths, but these materials are not to be left in the voting booths. No campaigning is allowed within 100 feet of a polling place.

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day at all polling locations.

A public waiting area will be open at 7:00 p.m. on Election Night in the Courthouse Annex for the media and voters who want to receive printouts of election results as soon as they are available. Early Voting results will be released around 7:00 p.m. Final results are estimated to be available between 9:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Election Night.

Public Test:

A public test of the electronic voting equipment to be used in the March 1, 2016 Nacogdoches County Democratic and Republican Primary Elections will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 in the Elections Office located within the Courthouse Annex Building – 203 W. Main St. – Nacogdoches, TX 75961.

Photo ID:

All voters need to bring an acceptable form of photo ID in addition to, or instead of, their Voter Registration Certificates. Acceptable forms of photo ID are:

- Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety
- Texas Personal Identification Card issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety
- Texas Concealed Handgun License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety
- United States Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph
- United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States Passport

With the exception of the U.S. Citizenship Certificate, the ID must be current or have expired no more than 60 days before being presented for voter qualification.

A permanent exemption is available for voters with documented disabilities. Voters with disabilities may apply with the County Voter Registrar for a permanent exemption. The application must contain written documentation from either the U.S. Social Security Administration evidencing the applicant's disability, or from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs evidencing a disability rating of at least 50 percent. In addition, the applicant must state that he or she has no valid form of photo ID. Those who obtain a disability exemption will be allowed to vote by presenting a Voter Registration Certificate reflecting the exemption.

If a voter does not have a permanent disability exemption indicated on his or her Voter Registration Certificate and the voter does not have any of the photo IDs indicated above at the time of voting, the voter may cast a provisional ballot at the polls. However, in order to have the provisional ballot counted, the voter will be required to visit the Elections Office within six calendar days of the date of the election to either present one of the above forms of photo ID or submit one of the temporary affidavits addressed below (religious objection or natural disaster) in the presence of the County Voter Registrar while attesting to the fact that he or she does not have any of the required photo IDs.

Affidavits are available for voters who have a consistent religious objection to being photographed and for voters who do not have any photo identification as a result of certain natural disasters as declared by the President of the United States or the Texas Governor within 45 days of the day the ballot was cast.

The address on the photo ID does not have to match the voter's address on the Official List of Registered Voters at the time of voting.

There has been some confusion over whether or not a voter's name on his or her approved photo ID has to exactly match his or her name on his or her Voter Registration Certificate or the Official List of Registered Voters used by poll workers to qualify voters at the polls. The answer is No. The names do not have to match exactly. However, the names do need to be substantially similar. Election officials will review the voter's photo ID and if his or her name is substantially similar to the name on the Official List of Registered Voters, the voter will still be able to vote, but the voter will also have to sign an affidavit provided by the poll workers stating that he or she is the same person on the Official List of Registered Voters. The voter will then be given an opportunity to update his or her name on the Voter Roll if so desired so that in the future it will exactly match the name on his or her photo ID.

A voter's name is considered substantially similar if one or more of the following circumstances applies:

- The name on the ID is slightly different from one or more of the name fields on the Official List of Registered Voters.
- The name on the voter's ID or on the Official List of Registered Voters is a customary variation of the voter's formal name. For example, Bill for William.
- The voter's name contains an initial, middle name, or former name that is either not on the Official List of Registered Voters or on the voter's ID.
- A first, middle, or former name, or initial of the voter's name occupies a different field on the presented photo ID than on the Official List of Registered Voters.