



Bexar County Democratic Party

Bexar Force One



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BEXAR DEMOCRATS CELEBRATE, COURAGE WINS!

For the first time ever, Bexar Democrats participated heavily (candidates, volunteers, staff) in City of San Antonio elections, and we even elected one of our own. Democrat JOHN COURAGE is the new councilman for San Antonio City Council District 9. John and Zeta, your BCDP family is so proud of you. Congratulations!!!

Fellow Democrat Ezra Johnson was so close to winning in District 10, and Rick Trevino was only 28 votes shy of making the runoff in District 6. In summary, Bexar Dems made a big splash in this year's local elections. To advance a progressive agenda, we must continue to participate in "nonpartisan" elections. UPCOMING THIS NOVEMBER: countywide elections for San Antonio River Authority board members; local elections for mayor and council in Windcrest, Converse, and Von Ormy; plus, school board elections in Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD. Do you have THE COURAGE to run?



Manuel Medina, BCDP Chairman

2018 WIN STRATEGY: 100,000 Straight-Ticket Votes

Last year, Bexar Dems focused on "base voters" and we won 46-of-52 races. Hillary won the county with 56%. We elected Democrats in all 16 countywide races. We took back three state rep seats. And, we even elected a new sheriff in town!!! (And, if that's not impressive enough, we also elected the first female Constable in the history of Bexar County: MICHELLE VELA!!!).

To win in 2018, we must maximize straight ticket voting by continuing to focus on our base constituencies. A statistical analysis of past elections indicates that we will need 100,000 straight ticket votes to turn Bexar County "Blue". So, let's get to work!

PROGRESSIVE AGENDA

It is important to win elections; but, it is more important to advance a progressive agenda. Therefore, I am appointing a Special Committee that will work to advance progressive policies at the local level (city council, school board, community college, water boards, etc.). Actively fighting for our values will help voters understand the difference between Democrats and Republicans. Please let me know if you are interested in helping advance a progressive agenda.

CANDIDATE RECRUITMENT

To win elections, we need candidates. The state party focuses on recruiting statewide candidates (Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, etc.). Our job is to recruit candidates at the local level. The following is a list of local offices held by Republicans for which we will field candidates: U.S. Congress District 23; State Senator District 25; State Representatives District 121 and District 122; 4th Court of Appeals Place 2 and Place 5; District Judges (14 Courts); District Clerk; County Clerk; County Court (13 Courts); Probate Court Judge (2 Courts); and Justice of the Peace Pct 3, No. 1 and Pct 3, No. 2.

PRECINCT CHAIRS

As Precinct Chairs, you are the party's official organizers and neighborhood representatives. As a first step towards winning your precinct, please consult your Deputy Chair to gain BCDP Voter Database access.

ELECTION JUDGES

We are recruiting election judges who will volunteer to: 1) work with the Bexar Elections Department to upgrade our voting equipment; and 2) represent the party at polling sites on Election Day.

5th ANNUAL BCDP FAMILY REUNION

Held in late summer at La Villita, this is our major fundraiser. All proceeds go to the 2018 GOTV Fund. And this year, we are looking to invite a national figure as keynote speaker. Join the committee led by Joseph Nazaroff and Lydia Martinez, WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS!

God Bless our Democratic Party Family,

Manuel Medina

Chairman, Bexar County Democratic Party