

BEXAR COUNTY **COUNTY** **DEMOCRATIC PARTY** **register • volunteer • vote**

County Executive Committee Agenda
Tuesday, September 12, 2017

- I. Welcome
- II. Call to Order
- III. Opening Ceremonies (Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence, Recognize Guests)
- IV. Approval of the Agenda – September 2017
- V. Approval of the Minutes – August 2017
- VI. Executive Reports
 - a. Chairman, Manuel Medina (Family Reunion, Primary Election, Special Projects)
 - b. Secretary, Joshua Greene
 - c. Treasurer, Marquis C. Williams
- VII. Committee Reports
 - a. State Democratic Party Executive Committee
 - b. Deputy Chairs (Pct 4 Training @ Tool Yard)
 - c. Veterans Committee
 - d. Communications Committee
 - e. Budget & Finance Committee
 - f. Fundraising Committee
 - g. Precinct Chair & Recruitment Committee
 - h. Rules Committee
 - i. Campaign Committee
 - j. Elections & Voter Integrity Committee
- VIII. Unfinished Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Announcements

MINUTES - BCDP SEPTEMBER 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. which allowed candidate petitions to be signed beforehand. After the pledge of allegiance a moment of silence was observed. Due to the Special Election for Secretary, Zada Courage stood in until election was held.

Presentation of candidates: various candidates for local and state offices spoke.

A quorum was reached. The agenda was approved unanimously. The minutes from the August CEC meeting were approved unanimously.

Special election was held for the office of Secretary for the Bexar County Democratic Party. Candidates delivered speeches including Rosey Abuabara, Derren Meritz and Garrett Mormando. Vote was held and Garrett Mormando was elected Secretary of the BCDP.

Executive Reports were given by Chairman Manuel Medina and Treasurer, Marquis C. Williams.

Budget and finance committee report included in writing.

The Campaign Committee announced a Straw Poll to be held in early November.

Due to the late start for petition signatures and lengthy process for Secretary vote, there were no other Committee Reports.

The CEC appointed new Precinct Chairs including Cathleen Cole Schrim, Janie Sue, Linda Maldonado, Sherri Lorber, Celia Kiger, Alexander Svehla, Mary Yturri, Jonathan Fly, Polly McCord, and Diana Saenz — all approved unanimously.

There was no Unfinished Business nor New Business. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30



Events & Committee Mtgs

Monthly Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar Classes; 2nd Tuesday of the Month; Bexar Elections Warehouse, 1103 S. Frio St. 10:00 am OR 6:00 pm, Call (210) 335-6625 to reserve a spot

Thurs, Sept 13; Mission Dems Monthly Mtg; 6:30 pm Presa Comm. Ctr., 3721 S. Presa

Sat, Sept 16; Northwest Dems Monthly Mtg; 8:30 am; Luny's, 9251 Floyd Curl

Sat, Sept 16; Precinct. Chair Training; 10:00 am; BCDP HQ, 3000 IH-10

Mon, Sept 18; Stonewall Dems Membership Mtg; 6:30 pm; Picante Grill Meeting Room, 3810 Broadway

Tues, Sept 19; Campaign Committee Mtg; 6:00 pm; BCDP HQ, 3000 IH-10

Tues, Sept 19; Communications Committee Mtg; 6:30 pm; BCDP HQ, 3000 IH-10

Thurs, Sept 21; Precinct. Chair Training; 6:00 pm; BCDP HQ, 3000 IH-10

Thurs, Sept 21; BCDP Rules Committee Mtg; 6:30 pm; BCDP HQ, 3000 IH-10

Tues, Sept 26; BCDP Steering Committee; 6:30 pm; BCDP HQ, 3000 IH-10

Wed, Oct 4; Budget & Finance Committee Mtg; 6:30pm; BCDP HQ, 3000 IH-10

Sat, Oct 7; NEBCD Monthly Mtg; 10:00 am - 12:00 pm; Tripoint, 3233 N. St. Mary's

Tues, Oct 10; BCDP CEC Mtg; Luby's, 911 N. Main, 6:30 pm

Thurs, Oct 12; Mission Dems Monthly Mtg; 6:30 pm Presa Comm. Ctr., 3721 S. Presa

Sun, Oct 15; Hispanic Trials Cultural Festival; 1:00-9:00 pm; BCDP HQ, 3000 IH-10

BEXAR DEMOCRATS, WE ARE EVERYWHERE!

The 2017 Bexar County Democratic Party "Family Reunion" was a great success. Over 1,000 Democrats joined us at La Villita on Friday night. Everybody brought their dancing shoes, drinking cups, and political appetite. We had a great time, and there were Democrats Everywhere!

County Judge Nelson Wolff and Commissioner Paul Elizondo kicked-off the festivities by announcing that Bexar County officially supports our "Dreamers". As you know, Donald Trump has decided to deport 800,000 young adults. Punting the issue to Republicans in Congress ensures that in six months, these kids will be rounded up and deported. These kids are Americans, and we must rally support to help make them American Citizens. Thank you, Bexar County Commissioners Court!



Our favorite Tax-Assessor Collector Albert Uresti led us in the pledge of allegiance. In these times, when Republicans are emboldened to wave the Confederate flag and the racism that it stands for; we Democrats pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. We will continue to fight for equality, justice, and opportunity for all.

After recognizing elected officials and candidates in attendance, we heard from State Senator Jose Menendez who reminded us that we must continue to fight for all Texans. He eloquently described the threat that Donald Trump and Greg Abbott represent to our American values, and inspired us to stand up, speak up, and fight back!

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

We honored Democrats with lifetime achievement awards. The first was presented by State Representative Barbara Gervin Hawkins to local attorney Luis Vera. He has been the lead attorney for Democrats in lawsuits against the state with regards to "show me your papers legislation", discriminatory redistricting, and a host of election integrity issues. The second award was presented by Sheriff Javier Ortiz to former Sheriff Amadeo Ortiz. In a very heartfelt "thank you" from Sheriff Ortiz, he reminded us we are one Democratic Party Family. And, the third award was presented by State Representative Diana Arevalo to the family of the late Jaime Martinez. We all knew Jaime as a national labor leader, and a local advocate for civil rights. He will continue to inspire generations with his "Si, Se Puede".

DEMOCRATIC PARTY FAMILY

Next on the agenda, the swearing-in of twenty new precinct chairs. As you know, precinct chairs are the party's official representatives at the neighborhood level. And, they will be on the front lines as we take back our state. A big shout out to 4th Court of Appeals Justice Patricia Alvarez for swearing-in the newest leaders of our Democratic Party Family.

STATE OF THE PARTY

My "State of the party" address highlighted that we have become one of the strongest local parties in the nation. Over the last five years, we have registered more voters than ever, recruited more volunteers than ever, and raised more money than ever; as a result, we have won more elections than ever. But, I am most proud of that we have advanced a progressive agenda. Together, we fought for Pre-K for SA. Working with CASA, we helped pass our local Non-Discrimination Ordinance. Standing with Vets, we protected our state's Hazelwood Legacy Act's. And, we ensured that police officers are not immigration officers in San Antonio. Yet, there is more to do: Medicare-for-All; Fight for \$15/hour; Clean Energy for America; Free Colleges and Universities. Fighting for our Democratic Party values will lead us to victory in 2018!

God Bless our Democratic Party Family,

Manuel Medina

BCDP Chairman

Become a Deputy Voter Registrar!!

Registering voters is a critical task in our fight to turn Texas blue. Do your part and become a Deputy Voter Registrar. Classes will be held on the following Tuesdays- Oct 10, Nov 14, & Dec 12 at 1103 S. Frio St. at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm. The class will take less than an hour, so **DO IT!** You must call to reserve your spot: (210) 335-6625.

November Election Dates to Remember

Oct 10 - Last day to register to vote

Nov 3 - Last day of early voting

Oct 23 - First day of early voting

Nov 7 - Election Day

Attention All Precinct Chairs & Applicants

Current Precinct Chairs and all who want to apply to be Precinct Chairs for the 2018-2019 term must submit their application form between Tuesday, Sept 12, 2017 thru Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

If you have an opponent for your precinct's chair position, then you and your opponent(s) will be placed on the March 2018 Primary Election ballot.

Application forms are available from the Bexar County Democratic Party Office, 3000 IH 10 West, 78201 or from Precinct Chair Committee Chair Steven Price, who can be reached at 210-529-1222. The Precinct Chair Training and Recruitment Committee is also working to put the application form online.

When you complete application form, don't sign the notary part at the bottom. Bring your application to the September, October, or November CEC meetings for a Notary to sign at no cost to you. Note: **ALL those with current Notary privileges are asked to make their services available at these events.**

NW Dems Hosting DA LaHood

Friday, September 16

Guest Speaker: Hon. Nico LaHood, Bexar County District Attorney from 8:30am-10:00am at Luby's at Floyd Curl & Huebner. \$7.00 September Special Project: Monetary donations for Hurricane Harvey Relief

Mission Dems Pete Leal Award Banquet

Friday, September 22

Mission Democrats of Bexar County proudly present The Annual Pete Leal Award Banquet. Keynote speaker Raul Reyes, Mayor, El Cenizo, TX. at El Tropicano Riverwalk, 110 Lexington Ave. Cocktails at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm. Individual Tickets \$55. Sponsorships and Tables available. Call Maria Dávalos Salinas 210-885-4558.

Alvarez Campaign Kickoff

Wednesday, September 20

Mary Lou Alvarez, Candidate for 45th District Court Campaign Kick-Off at Capparelli's on Main at 5:30pm. Suggested donation is \$50.00. For more information, please call 973-985-0529.



2 Hour Course Outline

1. Overview of American History to Today
2. Overview of U.S. Constitution & Amendments
3. Identifying 3 Branches of Government - Checks & Balances
4. Principle Form of American Democracy
5. Role of Government - National, State & Local
6. Role of American Political Parties
7. Role of American Legal System
8. Civic & Political Engagement
9. Role & Importance of "Freedom of the Press" & democracy
10. Being Informed - Discerning Fact from Fiction
11. Discussion

Schedule your FREE class study!

Please Contact

Joseph Nazaroff, Instructor, at Email: ideasjn@aol.com

What constitutional amendments will be on the November ballot

By Alex Samuels, Texas Tribune June 6, 2017

In order for an amendment to become part of the Texas Constitution, it needs the support of the Legislature and a majority of Texas voters. Here are the seven constitutional amendments that will be on the November ballot. The Texas Secretary of State's office will randomly assign each resolution a ballot number ahead of the election.

House Joint Resolution 21 - "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution."

What it means: It would authorize property tax exemptions for certain partially disabled veterans or their surviving spouses — those whose homes were donated to them by charity for less than market value.

House Joint Resolution 37 - "The constitutional amendment relating to legislative authority to permit credit unions and other financial institutions to award prizes by lot to promote savings."

What it means: It would allow banks and other financial institutions to conduct promotional activities - such as raffles - to encourage savings.

House Joint Resolution 100 - "The constitutional amendment on professional sports teams' charitable foundations conducting charitable raffles."

What it means: It would expand the definition of a "professional sports team," giving more team-connected foundations the ability to hold charitable raffles.

Senate Joint Resolution 1 - "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."

What it means: This would give property tax exemptions to surviving spouses of first responders killed in the line of duty.

Senate Joint Resolution 6 - "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the Legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional."

What it means: This would require courts to notify the state attorney general of any constitutional challenges to state laws.

Senate Joint Resolution 34 - "The constitutional amendment limiting the service of certain officeholders appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate after the expiration of the person's term of office."

What it means: Unsalaries appointees whose terms have ended but who have not been replaced would serve only until the next legislative session has ended.

Senate Joint Resolution 60 - "The constitutional amendment to establish a lower amount for expenses that can be charged to a borrower and removing certain financing expense limitations for a home equity loan, establishing certain authorized lenders to make a home equity loan, changing certain options for the refinancing for home equity loans, changing the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, and allowing home equity loans on agricultural homesteads."

What it means: This would ease restrictions on borrowing against home equity in Texas.