

# 2018 Montgomery County Democratic Voter Guide

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## U.S. Federal Candidates

 <p><b>Beto O'Rourke for US Senate</b> <i>Senate proposes/passes legislation, ratifies treaties, &amp; confirms: Cabinet secretaries, Supreme Court justices, &amp; Federal Judges.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports universal healthcare coverage</li> <li>• Infrastructure jobs with education, certification &amp; training</li> <li>• Government accountability and responsiveness is critical</li> <li>• Protect earned benefits for seniors and veterans</li> <li>• End the militarization of our immigration system</li> <li>• Curb influence of corporate money in government</li> </ul> <p><b>Learn more - <a href="https://betofortexas.com">https://betofortexas.com</a></b></p>	 <p><b>Steven David for Congressional District 8</b> <i>Congress proposes/passes legislation, has authority over finances and budget</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Families in Texas and the US should be able get &amp; keep, the healthcare they need.</li> <li>• Supports public education, Pre-K, teachers &amp; job training</li> <li>• Expand the Public Service College Loan Forgiveness</li> <li>• Work to save taxpayers money &amp; improve efficiency</li> <li>• Promote efficiency in management of VA, Social Security &amp; Medicare, as well as our national parks</li> </ul> <p><b>Learn more - <a href="http://www.electstevendavid.com">www.electstevendavid.com</a></b></p>
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## Texas Statewide Candidates

 <p><b>Lupe Valdez for Governor</b> <i>Governor heads state executive branch &amp; commands state's military; approves or vetoes bills.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End gerrymandering &amp; protect voting rights</li> <li>• Reduce taxes on homeowners &amp; fund public education</li> <li>• Protect women's health &amp; provide comprehensive sex ed</li> <li>• Will invest in infrastructure for growth.</li> <li>• End mass incarceration, cash bail, and for-profit prisons</li> </ul> <p><b>Learn more - <a href="http://www.lupevaldez.com">www.lupevaldez.com</a></b></p>	 <p><b>Mike Collier for Lt. Governor</b> <i>President of Texas Senate, controls budgets &amp; audits, assumes role of Governor as needed, on Redistricting Committee.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will close the corporate property tax loopholes that unfairly puts the tax burden on homeowners &amp; small businesses, as well underfunds education</li> <li>• Propose an amendment for independent audits to end corruption &amp; waste while improving performance</li> </ul> <p><b>Learn more - <a href="http://www.collierfortexas.com">www.collierfortexas.com</a></b></p>
 <p><b>Justin Nelson for Attorney General</b> <i>The AG represents the state in civil litigation and approve public bond issues.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will fight corruption, fraud, and waste; and is NOT under indictment</li> <li>• I will work for ALL Texans, not for special interests.</li> <li>• Will ensure everyone is treated equally under the law</li> <li>• Will safeguard consumer protections</li> </ul> <p><b>Learn more - <a href="http://www.nelsonfortexas.com">www.nelsonfortexas.com</a></b></p>	 <p><b>Joi Chevalier for Comptroller, Public Accts</b> <i>The Comptroller's office collects all tax revenue owed to Texas.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide comprehensive audits to highlight waste, inefficiency</li> <li>• Improve technologies for revenue gathering, management, and taxpayer engagement</li> <li>• Expose hidden costs affecting the people of our state</li> </ul> <p><b>Learn more - <a href="http://www.joifortexas.com">www.joifortexas.com</a></b></p>
 <p><b>Kim Olson for Agriculture Commissioner</b> <i>Responsible for matters pertaining to agriculture, rural community affairs.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for future farmers &amp; ranchers, and best practices for our food, land &amp; water</li> <li>• Legalization and promotion of hemp farming</li> <li>• Expand rural internet for healthcare, schools &amp; agriculture</li> <li>• Improve school lunches &amp; end childhood summer hunger</li> </ul> <p><b>Learn more - <a href="https://votekimolson.org">https://votekimolson.org</a></b></p>	 <p><b>Miguel Suazo for Land Commissioner</b> <i>The General Land Office manages Texas's publicly owned lands.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotes sustainable energy strategy that doesn't harm the Texas economy</li> <li>• Reduce storm impacts with building codes, redrawn flood maps, &amp; restore coastal areas to reduce storm surge damage, as well as mitigate erosion</li> </ul> <p><b>Learn more - <a href="http://www.miguelsuazo.org">www.miguelsuazo.org</a></b></p>
 <p><b>Roman McAllen for Railroad Commissioner</b> <i>Railroad Commissioner regulates oil &amp; gas industry, gas utilities, pipelines and surface mining.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports changing the commission's name, since it actually regulates oil &amp; gas</li> <li>• Enforce current environmental &amp; public safety protections</li> <li>• Eliminate fresh water use for fracking &amp; disposal wells</li> <li>• Bar commissioners from taking industry \$\$</li> </ul> <p><b>Learn more - <a href="http://www.mcallenfortexas.com">www.mcallenfortexas.com</a></b></p>	 <p><b>Steven Kirkland for Justice-2, Supreme Court</b> <i>The Supreme Court of Texas is the court of last resort for civil appeals in TX; it licenses attorneys in TX.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 years on the bench and 27 years legal experience</li> <li>• Will serve the people, not political parties</li> <li>• As a judge, fought to make our court system more transparent, accountable and fair</li> </ul> <p><b>Learn more - <a href="http://www.judgetevenkirkland.com">www.judgetevenkirkland.com</a></b></p>
 <p><b>R.K. Sandill for Justice-4, Supreme Court</b> <i>The Supreme Court of Texas is the court of last resort for civil appeals in TX; it licenses attorneys in TX.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil District Court Judge since 2009</li> <li>• Will serve ALL Texans</li> <li>• Will focus on the rule of law, rather than a fringe ideological agenda</li> <li>• Restore an independent voice to our highest judicial body</li> </ul> <p><b>Learn more - <a href="http://www.sandillfortexas.com">www.sandillfortexas.com</a></b></p>	 <p><b>Kathy Cheng for Justice-6, Supreme Court</b> <i>The Supreme Court of Texas is the court of last resort for civil appeals in TX; it licenses attorneys in TX.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will strive for justice, equality and fairness</li> <li>• The judiciary should reflect the diversity of Texas</li> <li>• Will provide compassionate, open minded, sensitive, bias-free, and decisive justice</li> <li>• A true supporter of the U.S. &amp; Texas Constitutions</li> </ul> <p><b>Learn more - <a href="http://www.chengforjustice.com">www.chengforjustice.com</a></b></p>

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**Maria T. (Terri) Jackson for Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals**  
*The Court of Criminal Appeals is the court of last resort for all criminal matters in TX; must hear capital punishment cases.*

- Fair, impartial judge with genuine concern for the safety of police and citizens
- Justice regardless of where you live or what you look like or who you love

**Learn more - [www.judgemariatjackson.com](http://www.judgemariatjackson.com)**




**Ramona Franklin for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 7**  
*The Court of Criminal Appeals is the court of last resort for all criminal matters in TX; must hear capital punishment cases.*

- It is important to have appellate judges with defense experience, not just prosecutors
- Justice should be determined objectively & impartial, regardless of money, wealth, fame, power or identity

**Learn more - [www.judgeramonafranklin.com](http://www.judgeramonafranklin.com)**

**Local Candidates (Not all will apply to your voting district or Precinct)**



**Shirley Layton for State Senator, District 3**  
*The Senate is the upper house of the TX Legislature; 31 members represent single-member districts.*

- Close loopholes that allow corporations to skirt taxes that fund public education
- Fully fund rural hospitals, and bring health care to our most underserved residents
- Expand rural broadband access to introduce high-speed internet to East TX


**Learn more - <https://laytonforstatesenate.com>**



**Lisa Seger for State Representative District 3**  
*The House of Representatives is the lower house of the TX Legislature; 150 members represent single-member districts.*

- Ensure voting rights for all citizens; end gerrymandering.
- Properly funding public schools at the state level
- Establish living wages/raise minimum wage
- Protecting our rights to privacy
- Ensure access to adequate healthcare.


**Learn more - <https://lisaford3.org>**



**Lorena Perez McGill -State Rep Dist 15**  
*The House of Representatives is the lower house of the TX Legislature; 150 members represent single-member districts.*

- Stop unproductive fighting in Austin!
- Start fixing REAL problems facing Texans:
  - Properly fund public schools, no vouchers
  - Improve access to affordable healthcare
  - Develop flood mitigation & infrastructure


**Learn more - <https://lorenafortexas.com>**



**Mike Midler - State Representative Dist 16**  
*The House of Representatives is the lower house of the TX Legislature; 150 members represent single-member districts.*

- Our property tax system needs to be fair to homeowners & small businesses, while properly funding education, local services and growth
- Supports equal opportunity in employment, health care, education, and pay for women
- Opposes regressive taxation, such as increasing sales tax


**Learn more - <http://mikemidlertexashouse.com>**



**Jay Stittleburg for County Judge**  
*County Judge is chief administrator for the county. Has administrative, financial and elections duties; no judicial duties.*

- Eliminate backdoor deals, over-inflated budgets & salaries, nepotism, unethical decision making and conflicts of interest, particularly with appraisals
- Taxpayers are owed transparency & accountability
- Ensuring fiscal responsibility & proper allocation of resources for growth, public safety and infrastructure


**Learn more - [www.jaystittleburg.com](http://www.jaystittleburg.com)**



**Ron Keichline for County Commissioner Pct.2**  
*The Commissioners Court controls the county tax rate and the budget; authorizes contracts, maintains county facilities.*

- Protect, enhance, & modernize our county infrastructure
- ZERO-tolerance on bribery & corruption
- Comprehensive management of floods, drought, development, & resiliency
- Provide budget transparency to control & reduce waste


**Learn more - <https://voteronk.com>**



**Mandy Sunderland for County Treasurer**  
*Treasurer receives and deposits all county revenues. Prepares the payroll. Disburses funds as ordered by Commissioners Court.*

- Will develop and enforce an ethics policy to eliminate conflicts of interest to better serve taxpayers
- Address inefficiencies, eliminate overlap & reduce costs
- Ensure transparency in how the county conducts its business & how taxpayer money is spent


**Learn more - [www.mandyformontgomery.com](http://www.mandyformontgomery.com)**



**John-Brandon Pierre for District Clerk**  
*Indexes and secures all court records, collects filing fees; for felony criminal, divorce, land title, elections, civil matters.*

- Marine Corp Veteran, Engineer , Range Safety Officer & OSHA Certified Officer
- Increase efficiency & affordable innovation to reduce document management cost to save taxpayers' \$\$
- Will run this office in a non-partisan manner that serves all

**Learn more - <https://jbp4mcde.com>**



**Claire Lindsay for Justice of the Peace Pct.3**  
*JOPs hear cases on small claims, truancy, eviction, and conduct inquests.*

- Will use Montgomery Co. Collections Office to save taxpayer's money.
- Will promote technology for greater efficiency while managing costs.
- Experienced in family law, estate planning, probate, & trial work.

**Learn more - [www.claireforjp3.com](http://www.claireforjp3.com)**

**Elections Central**

**Verify your voter registration status**  
Get your polling location information  
Look up Early Voting Locations  
**<http://legacy.mctx.org/election>** (936) 539-7843

**Voter Information Sources**

<a href="http://www.vote411.org">www.vote411.org</a>	<a href="http://www.opensecrets.org">www.opensecrets.org</a>
<a href="http://www.votesmart.org">www.votesmart.org</a>	<a href="https://my.lwv.org/texas/voters-guide">https://my.lwv.org/texas/voters-guide</a>
<a href="https://ballotpedia.org">https://ballotpedia.org</a>	<a href="http://www.politics1.com/tx.htm">www.politics1.com/tx.htm</a>

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