

Candidate Bios

Candidates are listed in ballot order.

The Attorney General and Lieutenant Governor races will be on the ballot in the Democratic Primary runoff election in Collin County.

US Senate



James Talarico

Bio: James is an eighth-generation Texan, former middle school teacher, and Presbyterian seminarian. As a state representative, he's led the fight against the billionaire mega-donors and puppet politicians who have taken over Texas. Now, he's running for U.S. Senate to take his fight against corruption to Washington and win power back for working people.

US Rep District 3



Evan Hunt

Bio: Evan Hunt is a decorated 20-year veteran and combat aviator, a business leader, and a Texas family man with kids in the local public schools. Evan is running for U.S. Congress in 3rd District, as a Democrat, to take our country back from the extremist MAGA agenda and to better represent the diverse people of 3rd district. Evan is a retired USAF Lt. Colonel, Squadron Commander and B1-Bomber aviator. He flew combat missions in support of OEF and OIF. Following his military career, Evan transitioned into the aerospace industry, where he has held executive roles at leading companies, including publicly traded corporations like Raytheon, private equity-backed firms, and venture-backed startups. With deep experience in national security, emerging technologies, and global strategy,

As a business leader, Evan understands the power of innovation, the importance of smart economic policy, and the critical need to keep America competitive on the global stage. He is focused on ensuring North Texas continues to be a hub for emerging technology, jobs, and security.

Evan obtained his Bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania (including a year abroad at the London School of Economics) and graduated with a double-major in History and Political Science., Evan also earned his Master's degree in International Relations & Conflict Resolution at the American Military University. His education and experiences have equipped him with a global perspective and a local sense of responsibility.

US Rep District 4



Jason Pearce

Bio: My name is Jason Pearce, and I was born and raised in Plano, Texas. I believe that true leadership is not determined by how far ahead the ones at the front are, but how few are left behind. Our job as representatives is to be the hand of action for the voices of the people. Politicians have forgotten what it means to serve the community who voted them into office. I intend to focus on serving all of my constituents with honesty, integrity, empathy, and acceptance. They want us to be divided, hateful, and afraid. They want us to focus on the 5 issues that we will never agree on, not the 500 that effect all of us. My policies will focus on affordability, housing availability, term limits for all branches, banning lobbyists and overturning citizens united. There is so much money and corruption in our current political landscape. I intend to return to the fundamentals of our nation, serving the people I grew up with and providing liberty and justice for all.

US Rep District 32



Dan Barrios

Bio: Dan Barrios is a public servant, former educator, and nonprofit leader currently serving as City Councilman for Richardson and a candidate for Congress in Congressional District 32.

Dan grew up in Brownsville, where he learned the importance of community, perseverance, and public service. Those early lessons shaped a career dedicated to bringing people together and strengthening communities. After building a career in business and education, Dan turned his focus to public service and civic leadership.

On the Richardson City Council, Dan represents more than 120,000 residents and works on policies that improve city operations and promote community well-being. He approaches leadership with curiosity, collaboration, and a strong belief in transparency and inclusive governance.

Dan holds an MBA in Strategic Management from the University of North Texas, which informs his work overseeing public investments, long-term planning, and accountability in government. His experience as an educator and nonprofit leader reinforces his focus on opportunity, civic engagement, and building trust between institutions and the people they serve.

As a candidate for Congressional District 32, Dan is focused on expanding opportunities and ensuring government works effectively for the communities it represents. He lives in Richardson with his wife, son, mother, and their dog, and is deeply committed to the people and communities he serves.

Governor



Gina Hinojosa

Bio: Gina Hinojosa is a native Texan, born and raised in the Rio Grande Valley.

Gina began her career as an advocate for families and workers as a civil rights and union lawyer. She represented hard working Texans fighting to make sure they were treated fairly, got the wages and benefits they earned, and helping them support their families.

Gina never planned on running for office. But when her son's elementary school was threatened for closure by state budget cuts, Gina rallied other parents, ran for the School Board—and won. She kept her son's school open.

But neighborhood schools kept closing across the state because Republican leaders kept diverting Texas tax dollars away from schools, so Gina ran for a seat in the Texas House of Representatives—and won. In 2019, she fought for and helped win an investment of more than \$11 billion in Texas public schools. Inspired by her experience with her own kids, she led on legislation that would reduce standardized testing and provide pay raises for every Texas teacher.

Now, Gina is taking the fight directly to Greg Abbott, who for over a decade has helped the corrupt elite get rich while working Texans struggle to get by. Texans deserve a leader who puts people first, defends our values, and leads with courage—not one who is loyal to his campaign donors.

Lt. Governor



Vikki Goodwin

Bio: Representative Vikki Goodwin is serving her fourth term in the Texas Legislature, representing parts of Austin, Lakeway and Bee Cave, serving on the Appropriations and Insurance Committees. She is a passionate supporter of public schools, understanding that a great education leads to better opportunities. Her top priorities are to: increase funding to public schools; ensure people can access the healthcare they need affordably, reducing the maternal mortality rate; pass policies addressing housing affordability; and update laws regarding water use, planning and infrastructure.

Vikki and her husband raised their children in Austin, and run a small business together, Goodwin & Goodwin Real Estate. Vikki is a graduate of the University of Texas, and earned her Master's degree from the LBJ School of Public Affairs.



Marcos Velez

Bio: Marcos Vélez is an oil worker, union leader, community volunteer, and Democratic candidate for Texas Lieutenant Governor who has spent his adult life fighting for working Texans. He was raised in a working class family, grew up around diesel shops and physically demanding work. After graduating high school, Marcos went into industrial employment, eventually building a career in the oil industry where he experienced firsthand the long hours, safety risks, and economic pressures faced by Texas workers.

Those experiences led him into the labor movement. Marcos is a United Steelworkers Assistant District Director and has spent more than a decade representing Texas workers in contract negotiations, safety enforcement, labor arbitrations, mediation, and workplace disputes. He is not an attorney and not a career politician. His leadership has been shaped by real world experience on the job and at the bargaining table, advocating alongside Texas workers for fair pay, safer workplaces, and job security.

Marcos is a bilingual and speaks fluent English and Spanish. He and his wife are raising their four children in Houston where he grew up. Outside of his professional work, Marcos has long been involved in community service. He has participated in disaster relief efforts, supported community volunteer initiatives, and helped organize and contribute to local programs such as toy drives and assistance for families in need. He has also volunteered his time helping youth sports.

Marcos Vélez is running for Texas Lieutenant Governor because he believes working families deserve leadership focused on affordability, strong public schools, and real opportunity for Texans, not political games.

Attorney General



Nathan Johnson

Bio: INTRODUCTION:

Nathan Johnson is a seasoned litigator and a Texas State Senator, with a proven record of effective public service. He brings to the Attorney General's race both policy depth and legal expertise, along with a reputation for taking on the most difficult problems, asking the hard questions, and working to fix what's wrong no matter who or what stands in the way. Through his four sessions in office there runs a thread of defending constitutional principles, advocating for responsible, responsive government, and insisting on fairness and consistency in the

law.

BIOGRAPHY:

Full Name: Nathan M. Johnson

Hometown: Dallas

Political Party: Democrat

Occupation: Attorney, Thompson Coburn LLP

Education:

University of Arizona, B.S. in Physics, magna cum laude with Honors

University of Texas at Austin, J.D.

Legislative Experience:

Texas State Senator, Senate District 16, 2019-present

Full Bio:

First elected in 2018, Senator Nathan Johnson has built a reputation for tackling the hard issues, bringing thoughtful leadership and practical solutions to complex problems. He holds a B.S. in physics from the University of Arizona and a law degree from the University of Texas at Austin. A litigator and mediator in the Dallas office of Thompson Coburn LLP, he has also composed musical scores for the hit anime series Dragon Ball Z. He is the proud father of three adult children, and enjoys swimming, reading boring books, and making peanut butter.

Since taking office in 2019, Senator Johnson has authored approximately 433 bills and passed 134 into law. His legislative portfolio affects virtually every aspect of public policy in Texas, including electrical power and grid growth, workforce development, banking, construction,

housing, artificial intelligence, environmental issues, water supply and quality, public education, physical and mental healthcare, as well as law enforcement and criminal justice.

Legislative Committees:

Senator Johnson serves as Vice Chair of the Senate Jurisprudence Committee and is a member of the Senate Committees on Business & Commerce; Economic Development; Transportation; and Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs. He also serves on the Texas Energy Fund Advisory Committee and the Energy Policy Advisory Council, contributing to oversight of major investments in grid infrastructure and energy reliability.

Legislative Stats:

Total bills filed: 433

Bills sent to the Governor: 141

Passed into law: 134

Number of vetoed bills: 7

Legislative Highlights:

88R SB 2112 (passed as part of 88R SB 2627) Created the “Texas Power Promise”: \$2 billion for a statewide set of small scale backup power systems to protect hospitals, emergency operations, and water infrastructure.

87R SB 1296 Took power back from the federal government to regulate health insurance premiums, allowing more than 350,000 previously uninsured Texans to purchase health insurance on the private marketplace using federal subsidies.

89R SB 237 (passed as part of 89R HB 2) Provides free pre-kindergarten for the children of public school educators.

87R SB 248 Regulates the sale of e-cigarettes to minors, mirroring the sale of tobacco cigarettes.

89R SB 2373 Allows victims of AI financial scams to recover lost money by creating civil and criminal penalties for fraudsters that use AI-generated media.

88R HB 3858 Established the Police Officer Wellness Program to proactively engage with officers who have been involved in traumatic incidents.

88R SB 2105 Protects Texan’s personal data by requiring companies to implement security standards for the handling of customer’s personal information.



Joe Jaworski

Bio: Elected after 2008’s Hurricane Ike, Joe served as the 55th mayor of Galveston, Texas. Mayor Joe, widely regarded as the city’s most responsive and accessible mayor in its nearly two-century history, led Galveston’s transformative recovery from epic natural disaster.

Mayor Joe personally resolved a decades-long Galveston dispute, leading the call for a popular election that forever changed the way

improvements to Galveston's famous Seawall Boulevard would be financed, a solution that today benefits millions of Texans yearly.

Joe risked his mayorship to support the rebuilding of Galveston's storm-damaged public housing by championing a community-based solution to build mixed-income housing for thousands, a game-changing first for the Island community. Joe "stood behind bringing families home to Galveston."

Galveston lost two centuries worth of tree canopy to Hurricane Ike's floodwaters, and during Joe's term and with his leadership, the Galveston Island Tree Conservancy planted 40,000 new trees Island-wide, restoring the Island's historic canopy.

Before his election, Joe capably responded to the University of Texas System's illegal decision to close the Hurricane Ike-damaged University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in favor of a new campus in Austin. Joe sued the U.T. system and its Gov. Rick Perry-appointed board in Galveston state district court to enjoin its sudden, illegal decision to terminate over 4,000 UTMB workers; he argued and won a winner-take-all, pivotal venue hearing to keep the matter from being transferred to Austin, and he created a program whereby terminated employees would be promptly rehired. Today, thanks to many, UTMB Galveston is thriving.

Galveston Island was rebuilt during Mayor Joe's term, hardening its infrastructure, re-populating its neighborhoods and strengthening its economy for the next century.

Joe, a third-generation Texas attorney, practicing in the profession that his grandfather Leon and father Joseph famously pursued, graduated from the University of Texas School of Law along with his wife Rebecca in 1991. Joe then clerked for respected maritime and civil rights jurist United States Court of Appeals Judge John R. Brown. Following a successful three-decades strong trial law practice in Gulf Coast state and federal courts, Joe is now a highly sought after national and international mediator.

Joe and Rebecca are proud parents of two: Joseph, who is studying to become a lawyer, and Becca, who is pursuing pre-law studies in college.

Comptroller of Public Accounts



Sarah Eckhardt

Bio: Senator Sarah Eckhardt brings two decades of legislative and executive experience to the Comptroller's race, including her historic service as the first woman Travis County Judge. In that role, she managed a budget for 1.3 million residents and oversaw 4,000

employees—consistently delivering balanced budgets while reducing property taxes three times.

Known for valuing results over credit, Eckhardt has passed impactful, bipartisan legislation even as a member of the minority party. As Comptroller, she will be a watchdog for your money, not a lapdog for the rich and powerful. She is ready on Day One to fight corruption and end the "pay-to-play" system. She will ensure our government works for Texans struggling with the basics—like food, prescriptions, and housing—so they can finally do more than just get by.

Commissioner of the General Land Office



Ben Flores

Bio: I came in the U.S. in 1996 after studying geography for about six months at UNAM in Mexico City. I arrived with two bags of clothes, a strong work ethic and a dream. I washed cars, fried chicken at KFC, and repaired hotel computers at a Marriott in California before getting deep into computer networking. This led to my 30-year career in cybersecurity protecting banks, fintech firms and county government from fraud and systemic errors. At my core, I am a do-it-yourselfer, an innovator and a stickler for compliance. I live by the values of service and loyalty.

In 2016, my wife Ann, our daughter Nadia and I moved from Austin to Bay City, Texas. We started a ten-acre family business raising heritage-breed pigs. Wrestling with the red tape common to small producers pushed me toward public service. Wanting to see that our local laws were fair and transparent, I ran for and was elected to Bay City's city council.

I currently serve on our city council, on the Bay City Development Corporation and represent Bay City on the Houston-Galveston Area Council. Drawing on my CERT training I promote emergency preparedness in Bay City and elsewhere.

Commissioner of Agriculture



Clayton Tucker

Bio: Clayton Tucker is a co-founder and chair emeritus of Texas Progressive Caucus, Secretary of the Texas Farmers Union, former member of the State Democratic Executive Committee and the Lampasas County Chair, a fair trade organizer, and helps manage his family ranch in Lampasas. He is running to be our next Texas Agriculture Commissioner to make food and farming affordable.

Railroad Commissioner



Jon Rosenthal

Bio: Representative Jon Rosenthal has been in Texas since 1979. A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin in 1991, Jon earned his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He worked for over 25 years in and around the oil & gas industry demonstrating success as a Project Manager, Engineering Manager, and Subsea Systems Engineer – including leading large multi-national teams on Billion Dollar development projects. In 2016, Jon earned a Graduate Certificate in Subsea Engineering from the University of Houston.

Jon is happily married to his wife Aminta, and they share 2 adult children; Janet and Bryan. The Rosenthal family has lived in Northwest Houston since 2007.

Grateful and fortunate enough to be elected by the wonderful constituents of House District 135 (Northwest Houston – Cypress and Katy Area), Jon spent four terms in the Texas State Legislature advocating for public education, veterans, affordable housing, and public health & safety. His unique background being the only career mechanical engineer in the Texas State House of Representatives and his pragmatic “no-BS” approach earned him respect and credibility across the aisle and across the political spectrum.

As a new member to the 86th Legislative session, Representative Rosenthal was named Freshman of the Year by the Legislative Study Group Caucus, a nonpartisan policy analysis group and the second largest caucus in the Texas State House.

Supreme Court Chief Justice



Maggie Ellis

Bio: I survived a childhood marked by poverty, constant moves, parent abandonment, homelessness, and interrupted schooling to become the only one of my eight siblings to graduate from college. I was a teacher and a foster mom and went to law school to help children and families who were like me and my siblings. As a lawyer, I have represented and defended people at risk of losing their liberty, their homes, and their children. As a prosecutor, I have been the voice for victims in cases ranging from sexual assault to murder. I was previously appointed as an Administrative Law Judge, and I currently serve as a justice on the Third Court of Appeals. I have handled thousands of matters in court, and I bring tremendous legal experience to this seat. I also bring a lived understanding experienced by many who come before the courts. I am the first LGBTQ+ female to serve as an appellate justice in Texas, and if I am elected as Chief Justice, I will be the first woman ever

elected to this seat. I would be honored and grateful to earn your support and your vote.

Supreme Court Justice Place 2

Chari Kelly

Supreme Court Justice Place 7

Gordon Goodman

Kristen Hawkins

Supreme Court Justice Place 8

Gisela D. Triana

Court of Criminal Appeals Place 3



Okey Anyiam

Bio: Attorney Okey Anyiam is the 2026 Democratic Nominee for Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3. He has 28 years of practicing criminal law, representing thousands of individuals, defending their due process rights in trials, dismissals, plea bargains, rehabilitation and diversion programs. Anyiam intends to apply his extensive experience in trial court and work with other Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Judges to hear more cases than this court currently does. Anyiam will

give guidance on important issues that are apparent on the record though not raised, so attorneys do not have to wait several years for the court's opinion on those issues in future appeals. Anyiam has 28 years of legal experience. He is married to Judge Chika Anyiam, and lives and works in Dallas.

Court of Criminal Appeals Place 4



Audra Riley

Bio: Judge Audra Riley is the Presiding Judge of Texas Criminal District Court 3, a felony court with jurisdiction in Dallas County. She is running for the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4. First elected in 2020, Judge Riley has 20 years of combined legal and judicial experience. She is a graduate, with honors, of Sam Houston State University with a

Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology. She earned her law degree from Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

Court of Criminal Appeals Place 9



Holly Taylor

Bio: With over 25 years of experience in criminal law, Holly Taylor is running to serve on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals (CCA) – the state's highest court for criminal cases, vital guardian of Texans' constitutional rights.

Holly has the experience and values needed to serve on the CCA. She is Board Certified in Criminal Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and has fought for justice in hundreds of criminal cases – from misdemeanors to serious felonies like sexual assault, child abuse, and murder. Holly has argued before Texas trial and appellate courts and the CCA, and she has litigated cases in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Holly has served as the Director of the Public Integrity and Complex Crimes Division and Assistant Director of the Civil Rights Division at the Travis County District Attorney's Office, where she has led teams that investigate corruption, protect civil rights, and ensure accountability under the law. She is passionate about her work with the Conviction Integrity Unit, which reviews wrongful conviction claims and seeks justice for the innocent and wrongfully convicted.

Holly brings unique insight into the CCA's inner workings. She is the only person to have ever served as the CCA's Rules Attorney. She also previously served as a staff attorney for the CCA and was a member of the CCA's Rules Advisory Committee.

Holly will bring a highly qualified and principled voice to the CCA. She is committed to a justice system that is independent, fair, and grounded in the Constitution and rule of law.

Holly was born and raised in Houston and lives in Austin, where she and her husband have raised their four kids. She earned her B.A. from Rice University and both her J.D. and Master of Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Austin.

Court of Appeals 5th District Place 3



Amanda Reichel

Bio: From 2019 to 2024, Amanda Reichel served as Justice, Place 10, on the Fifth District Court of Appeals. While on the court, Reichel

consistently received the highest rating from the Dallas Bar Association, and earned a reputation as a fair, serious, and hard-working judge.

Reichek is now running for Place 3 to return to this court. Reichek has more than 20 years of combined legal and judicial experience, has authored more than 500 appellate opinions, and has served as a panelist on a wide range of appeals. Reichek is Board Certified in Labor & Employment Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Reichek is a graduate of Texas Tech Law School, with honors. During law school, she clerked for the Houston Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO and Texas Rural Legal Aid. She went on to work in employment law at several firms before founding her own law firm, and currently serves at a litigation firm in Dallas. Reichek is the current Chair of the Appellate Section of the Dallas Bar Association, and has served as Co-Chair and Secretary. She is a frequent speaker on appellate law topics.

Court of Appeals 5th District Place 6



Monica Purdy

Bio: Judge Monica Purdy is the Presiding Judge of the 95th Judicial District Court. She is campaigning for 5th District Court of Appeals, Place 6, in the 2026 election cycle. Judge Purdy is a longtime judge in Dallas County with a strong background in civil litigation. Her extensive trial experience and knowledge of civil law are key for the 5th Court of Appeals, which handles primarily civil appeals.

Prior to being elected to the 95th Judicial District Court, Judge Purdy served as an Associate Judge to the State Civil District Courts, appointed in 2013. She has also served as a Municipal Court Judge for the City of Dallas, and practiced civil litigation privately and for a prominent national law firm.

Judge Purdy is a graduate of Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University. She earned her undergraduate degree from Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia. She is a past recipient of the prestigious Trial Judge of the Year Award from the American Board of Trial Advocates Dallas Chapter.

Court of Appeals 5th District Place 8



Andrea Plumlee

Bio: Judge Andrea Plumlee was elected as the District Judge of the 330th Judicial District in November 2010 and is currently serving her

fourth term. She is campaigning for 5th District Court of Appeals, Place 8, in the 2026 election cycle. She will bring much-needed family law expertise to the appellate court that serves six North Texas counties, including Collin County.

Prior to her tenure on the bench, Judge Plumlee worked in the private practice of family law, and she also has experience in civil law, juvenile defense, and child welfare litigation. Judge Plumlee is a graduate of SMU School of Law and the University of North Texas.

Judge Plumlee currently serves as the Local Administrative District Judge in Dallas County where she provides administrative oversight for 29 district courts under her jurisdiction. She is the immediate past Presiding Judge of the seven family District Courts in Dallas County.

Court of Appeals 15th District Chief Justice

Jerry Zimmerer

Court of Appeals 15th District Place 2

Thomas Baker

Court of Appeals 15th District Place 3

Marc M. Meyer

Senate District 2



Keenan Colbert

Bio: My name is Keenan Colbert and I am running for office to improve the lives and conditions of my district's constituents.

I am committed to running for senator of district 2 because I fundamentally believe that more can and should be done with the understanding and interest of everyday Americans in mind. I am not rich or wealthy. I am also not a career politician. What I am is capable, eligible, and dedicated.

Prior to beginning this endeavor, my career was centered in logistics and operations management, originally derived from my time served honorably in the United States Marine Corps. To this day, I still possess a deep and innate desire to serve the American

people. As a lifelong Texan and patriot, I see no better place or time to serve my community than here and now, where I call home.

House District 33



Orlando Lopez

Bio: Orlando was born and raised in South Texas in a hardworking Mexican-American family. His parents instilled in him and his siblings the values of hard work, honesty, selflessness, and personal responsibility. He was also deeply influenced by his maternal grandmother, a strong matriarchal figure who guided the family with love and wisdom. Members of his family within the LGBTQ+ community have further shaped Orlando's commitment to equality, inclusion, and standing up for those whose voices are too often overlooked.

A graduate of Hidalgo High School and Texas A&M University, with a degree in Construction Science, Orlando has spent more than a decade working in the construction industry. In 2020, he became the youngest project manager at his former company, leading teams and managing complex development projects focused in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. His leadership experience and background in infrastructure give him a grounded understanding of the challenges and opportunities in rapidly growing communities.

Orlando lives in Heath, Texas with his wife, Carolina, a former public school teacher and counselor, and their daughter Clara. Their family's connection to public education, through experience and profession, informs Orlando's commitment to keeping public schools strong, fully funded, and safe for all.

House District 61



Brittany Black

Bio: Brittany Black is a senior software engineer, entrepreneur, and community advocate committed to bringing practical, district-first leadership to Texas House District 61. With more than fifteen years of experience in the technology sector, Brittany has led high-performing engineering teams, solved large-scale technical challenges, and managed complex projects where accountability, accuracy, and results are essential. As a business owner, she understands the importance of responsible budgeting, economic opportunity, and the challenges facing local job creators.

Brittany is running for the Texas House to strengthen public schools, support first responders, address infrastructure needs, and promote responsible use of taxpayer dollars in a rapidly

growing district. She believes in transparent, steady, and solutions-oriented leadership — the kind rooted in real-world experience, not political insider culture. As a native Texan raised on values of hard work and community service, Brittany is committed to listening, being accessible, and putting HD 61 first in every decision she makes.

House District 66



Sandeep Srivastava

Bio: Sandeep Srivastava, a longtime Plano/Frisco resident, business owner, and community advocate, is officially running for Texas House District 66 in 2026.

Sandeep is running to bring bold, fresh leadership to the Texas Legislature—leadership that reflects the diversity, values, and priorities of District 66. A proud Texan and first-generation immigrant, he is committed to fighting for quality public education, accessible health care, reproductive rights, and real solutions to lower property taxes while investing in infrastructure and community safety.

“For too long, our district has lacked a representative who listens and acts in the best interest of our families and future,” said Srivastava. “I’m running to give a voice to every resident of District 66, regardless of party, who believes in progress, fairness, and opportunity for all.”

With a strong background in business and civic engagement, Sandeep is building a broad coalition of supporters across party lines, focused on pragmatic solutions and real change. As a parent, husband, and small business leader, he understands the challenges families in Collin County face every day and is ready to be their voice in Austin.

This campaign isn’t about him. It’s about the community—the neighbors, the kids, and the future of District 66.

House District 67



Jordan Wheatley

Bio: Jordan Wheatley is a public school teacher and former behavior technician who spent his early career working with kids with autism and supporting students and families across North Texas. In the classroom and the community, he has seen how rising costs, political divides, and leadership disconnected from everyday issues affect families in Collin

County. These challenges hit home for him because of where he comes from.

He grew up in a small West Virginia town where he learned that doing the work matters more than talking about it and that an honest day's work should keep your family fed, clothed, cared for, and able to save a little. Those lessons shaped his belief in humility, hard work, and truthfulness, and taught him that community means stepping up for people who can't do it on their own. It's the same approach he brings to his classroom today.

To Jordan, teaching isn't just about what happens in his classroom; he knows his impact reaches far beyond the school walls. For this reason, he remains an advocate for his students whose futures are currently under attack and why he has stepped in when resources have fallen short, by securing grants for library books, classroom supplies, and even a school garden. He knows the future of Texas is those very students sitting in his classroom and they deserve someone fighting for them and their families.

Jordan is currently a candidate for Texas State Representative House District 67, so he can go from the Classroom to the Capitol to fight for Freedom, Fairness and Security because believes in a Texas where families have the freedom to live without struggling every month just to keep up; where fairness means people get straight answers and honesty from the politicians elected to represent them, and where security comes from fully funded public schools, reliable infrastructure, and safe neighborhoods.

House District 70



Mihaela Pleșa

Bio: State Representative Mihaela Pleșa serves House District 70 in Collin County, where she has quickly become one of the most effective and hardworking voices in the Texas Legislature. The first Democrat to hold this suburban North Texas seat in a generation, Rep. Pleșa is now 2–0 against Greg Abbott and the Texas GOP in what has become the most competitive district in the state.

In just her first session, she was named Freshman of the Year, and this year she was honored as Texas Woman Democratic Lawmaker of the Year. Educators across North Texas also recognized her leadership, naming her the ATPE Region 10 Lawmaker of the Year for her steadfast support of public schools and the professionals who serve in them. Her colleagues in Austin further affirmed her leadership by electing her Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, where she helps guide the caucus's strategy and priorities.

Rep. Pleșa has passed major bipartisan legislation that is now Texas law, including bills to protect children and families, improve public safety, and support veterans. She led the first increase in Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) funding in a decade, delivering a \$10 million

boost for children with developmental delays and disabilities and the families who rely on these services.

As Vice Chair of the House Pensions, Investments & Financial Services Committee and a member of the Elections Committee, Rep. Pleșa fights every day for fair maps, free and fair elections, responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars, and a Texas economy that works for working families—not just the well-connected.

Whether she's passing bipartisan bills in Austin or beating back extremist attacks at the ballot box, Rep. Mihaela Pleșa is proving that strong, principled, pro-democracy leadership can still deliver real results for Texas families.

House District 89



Angie Carraway

Bio: I am a fifth generation, Hispanic Texan and I've called Collin County home for the past 20 years. My husband and I have been married for 29 years and together we've raised four children who continually shaped the way I see the world.

I grew up as a military brat as one of four siblings in a family that moved wherever duty called. My dad served in the United States Marine Corps for 13 years so my childhood was spent living in different parts of the country, but Texas was always home.

My young working career started in hospitality: waiting tables, opening restaurants, and teaching others to do the same. Once I

started to have children I spent 10 years as a stay-at-home mom and during that time I was able to finish my degree.

I earned my BA in sociology with a minor in history, followed by a Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction. Those studies deepened my understanding of people, communities, and the systems that shape our everyday lives.

I've spent the past 14 years as a public-school teacher. A career that grew out of a calling I felt as a young child. Teaching has always been in my nature whether I was helping a sibling, a classmate, or later my own children, I've always found myself drawn to helping others learn and understand the world around them.

Today, that commitment continues to guide me. My journey from military bases to Collin County classrooms has shaped the person I am today at my core. I'm someone who believes in service, learning, and the power of community to uplift and support one another.

County Clerk



John J. Russell

Bio: John Russell has been a resident of the county since 2019, living in Plano and working in the cybersecurity field. He holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Connecticut, an MBA from the University of Massachusetts, and a Master's in Science Education from East Carolina University.

John decided to enter this race at the last minute after learning it would otherwise be unopposed. "I believe the current clerk deserves the respect of a real race after her years of service," he says, "and voters deserve actual choices on their ballots. Democracy works best when it's not just a formality."

While he admits that running for office wasn't on his calendar a few months ago, John is committed to bringing fresh perspective, transparency, and accountability to the clerk's office. His background in cybersecurity—protecting systems from bad actors—combined with his education in management and community service, has prepared him to serve residents with integrity and efficiency.

"Sometimes the best candidates are the ones who step up when nobody else will," John notes. "I'm here to earn your vote, not just claim it by default."

County Commissioner Pct 4



Julie Holmer

Bio: Julie Holmer is a lifelong Collin County resident, community advocate, and proven local leader running for Collin County Commissioner, Precinct 4. Raised in Plano after moving there with her family in 1981, Julie graduated from Plano Senior High School and has spent more than four decades deeply rooted in the community she proudly calls home.

Julie most recently served on the Plano City Council, where she was known as a thoughtful, collaborative leader focused on practical solutions and responsible governance. First elected in a competitive 2021 special election, Julie was re-elected unopposed in 2023 after earning broad trust across the community. During her time on council, her work emphasized infrastructure, public safety, fiscal stewardship, arts and cultural investment, and meaningful community engagement.

Julie holds a degree in Social Work, which informs her people-first approach to leadership and her understanding of how public policy impacts individuals and families. She also brings extensive experience in senior human resources leadership, with a background in strategic

planning, organizational management, workforce development, and compliance—experience that translates directly to effective, accountable government.

Professionally, Julie is a small business owner and entrepreneur with experience in marketing, communications, and strategic partnerships. She has worked closely with schools, nonprofits, chambers of commerce, and community organizations throughout Collin County, giving her a practical understanding of how county decisions affect residents and local employers.

Julie has served on numerous boards and commissions supporting the arts, public safety, historic preservation, and community development and is a graduate of Leadership Plano. As County Commissioner, she is committed to transparent government, smart growth, reliable infrastructure, and accessible services—ensuring Collin County works for everyone.

County Judge



John R. Buster Brown

Justice of the Peace Pct 2



Darsell E. Johnson

Bio: Darsell Johnson is running For Justice of the Peace – Precinct 2, Collin County**

Darsell Johnson is a dedicated community advocate and proud candidate for Justice of the Peace in Precinct 2, Collin County. Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, Darsell brings lived experience, resilience, and a deep commitment to justice and community service.

A parent of nine children and a lifelong learner with multiple academic achievements, Darsell understands the challenges families face and the importance of building systems that uplift rather than divide. Having experienced firsthand what it means to be on both sides of the law, Darsell believes strongly in offering fair, practical solutions that genuinely meet the needs of the people being served.

For years, Darsell has worked to strengthen the community through activism and outreach—providing resources to combat homelessness, addressing drug addiction, and supporting youth who have aged out of the foster care system. Currently serving as a Case Manager and Team Leader in the mental health field, Darsell brings professional expertise in crisis care, conflict resolution, and supportive services for vulnerable populations.

With a background in social services, community engagement, and legal studies, Darsell is prepared to bring transparency, integrity, balanced judgment, and compassion to the Justice of the Peace office.

Beyond professional accomplishments, Darsell remains deeply involved in service organizations, including active engagement with the Boys and Girls Club of America, volunteering with Legal Aid of Northwest Texas, and serving on the boards of several nonprofit organizations.

Darsell believes that justice should be:

Impartial

Accessible to everyone

Rooted in dignity, integrity and respect

As Justice of the Peace, Darsell Johnson will work tirelessly to ensure that every case is handled with fairness, compassion, and efficiency—reflecting the values and needs of the people of Precinct 2.

Darsell humbly asks for your support in building a justice system that truly serves the community

Justice of the Peace Pct 3



Irvin Lynn Barrett

Bio: Pastor Irvin Lynn Barrett, originally from Broadview, Illinois, relocated to Texas in October 2008 to continue his ministry assignment and now resides in Allen. A product of Proviso West High School, he furthered his education at Chicago Baptist Institute, and Grand Canyon University. He is currently completing dual degrees in Psychology and Theology at Criswell College while also pursuing a degree at Newburgh Theological Institute.

With more than 30 years of pastoral leadership experience, Pastor Barrett serves the growing community of Collin County, Texas, as a passionate pastor and community advocate. His

service extends beyond the pulpit working as a chaplain, bereavement coordinator, volunteer coordinator, custom clothier, licensed insurance agent, and notary public. He has also served on numerous boards and committees throughout Allen, Plano, Collin County, and the greater Dallas–Fort Worth area. In 2022, he launched a strong campaign for Justice of the Peace 3 in Collin County, demonstrating his commitment to civic engagement and justice.

Pastor Barrett has been joyfully married to Lady Nickquolette since 1994. Together, they are the proud parents of two, Irvin II and Nadia MyAngel.

Justice of the Peace Pct 4



Eli Worthy

Bio: Hello! My name is Eli Worthy, I am 18 years old, an Eagle Scout and am running for the Justice of the Peace in Precinct 4 of Collin County. I have just graduated from high school last May and am attending the University of Texas at Dallas studying business administration. I am running because I want to make a difference. A lot of people feel discouraged and feel like they can't do anything. I want to change that narrative. I am running because the world we live in cannot continue forever. If the younger people come out to vote, come out to

make their voices heard we all can make this country a better place. By supporting me you are supporting something bigger, a movement to change people's lives for the better. I want to show you that I am Worthy of your vote and your support.

A Justice of the peace is a judge position in Collin County that is over truancy court, civil cases under \$20,000, and they can marry people. The JP role does NOT need a law degree since the county trains the JP's after they win the election before they take over as the JP on January 1st. Anyone in West Collin County can vote for me. Anyone that lives in Celina, Prosper, Frisco, West Plano (West of Coit), and West McKinney (West of Hardin).