

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY



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**Your Voting  
Status!**



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## A Message from Your Precinct Chair

With all the news and events swirling around us like howling winds, it sometimes becomes all absorbing. If you are like me, it becomes a bit overwhelming. In a way it's like that horrific traffic accident from which we cannot avert our eyes, instead of paying attention to the road ahead of us. So, I offer you this thought. When it comes to the upcoming election, do not allow yourself to be distracted by the latest outrage. Instead maintain your focus on your and my priority: VOTING. Plan **NOW** how you will cast your vote. Ensure all eligible family members are registered and vote. Check your voter registration status at [elections.mctx.org](https://elections.mctx.org) (names do get purged from the rolls). Talk to friends and acquaintances and encourage them to develop a plan on how, when, and where to vote. Especially now, **every vote counts!**

My duty as your Precinct Chair is to provide you with as many resources as can be identified on how, where, and when you can safely and confidently vote. For the remainder of this election cycle, the Precinct 29 newsletter will focus on voter

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**"In the end we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."**

Martin Luther King, Jr

Friends and neighbors, besides the COVID pandemic, there is a second pandemic that shrouds our nation. Just as the COVID pandemic is searing across our nation, we are seeing this second pandemic more clearly than ever before. We see it in our economy, in education, in our criminal justice system, and in the policing of our communities. We see it with our own eyes and for far too long, we have cast our eyes away. Racial injustice and racial disparity must be fully addressed. Since the founding of our nation, in fits and starts, we have made progress in addressing these issues. Yet there have been numerous setbacks as well. We have reached the tipping point where bold steps are required to establish a new way forward. I choose that path not from a sense of obligation but one of righteousness, that we are ALL created equal and now is the time to fulfill that pledge.

I offer you a second MLK Jr quote: "A man dies when he refuses to stand up for that which is right. A man dies when he refuses to stand up for justice. A man dies when he refuses to take a stand for that which is true."

***Vote for Change, Vote for Healing, Vote for Unity***

## VOTING ... HOW, WHEN AND WHERE

If you have any questions please call Elections Central at (936) 539-7843.

**Register to Vote Deadline:** The last day to Register to Vote for this November is **Monday, October 5, 2020**

**Application to Vote by Mail-in ballot Deadline:** The last day to Apply for Ballot by Mail is (Received, not Postmarked) **Friday, October 23, 2020.**

**Early Voting:** The first day of in-person Early Voting is **Tuesday, October 13, 2020**

Last Day of Early Voting is **Friday, October 30, 2020.**

### Am I eligible to vote by mail?

The Texas Secretary of State says you must meet one of the following criteria to be eligible for a mail-in ballot:

- ♦ you are 65 years or older;
- ♦ you are disabled;

- ♦ you will be out of the county on Election Day and during the period for early voting by personal appearance; or
- ♦ you are confined in jail, but otherwise eligible.

**You don't need the U.S. Postal Service to deliver your mail-in ballot.**

**You may personally drop off your own completed mail-in ballot at Elections Central by 5 p.m. during the early voting period or on Election Day.** If it is mailed, it must be postmarked on or before Election Day and be received by 5 p.m. on the day after the election. Bring your photo ID.

The only Montgomery County drop off mail-in ballot location is:  
Montgomery County Elections

9159 Airport Road, Conroe, Texas 77303  
(936) 539-7843

Open M-F 8 am to 5 PM starting October 12 to Nov 8.  
Closed Saturday and Sunday

## Meet the Candidates

### Jay Stittleburg, District 4 Texas State Senate



Jay Stittleburg served 15 years in the Navy as a submarine warfare officer following his graduation from the US Naval Academy in 1998. On one of his deployments in 2003, his submarine was the first to launch a Tomahawk Missile into Iraq.

After completing his active duty service, Jay moved to Texas (2007) and completed his master's degree in Engineering Management

and is a certified Project Management Professional. In his professional career (as Project Engineer and Project Manager), he has worked in the oil and gas industry, including offshore construction. More recently, he has focused on consulting work relating to OSHA and Department of Homeland Security issues.

His experience, discipline, and leadership skills offer Texas State Senate District 4 constituents a candidate that will serve our district and our Texas well. He is running against Brandon Creighton for Texas Senate District 4. For more information about Jay, visit his website at [jaystittleburg.com](http://jaystittleburg.com)

(... Cont'd from front page) registration, voter education, and getting out the vote. I am available to you as a resource and encourage you to reach out if you have an issue, a concern or you need assistance (*see contact info below*).

My parting message on all the distractions that are and will continue to be thrown at us: "keep your eyes on the prize, hold on!"

**Plan TODAY about how you will vote safely  
to be sure your vote is counted!**

### Elizabeth Hernandez - District 8 Texas U.S. House of Representatives



Liz Hernandez has 20 years' experience working in accounting. On her website ([lizfortx8.com](http://lizfortx8.com)) she states "... the National Debt is one of the most important issues we face. And it's one of the primary reasons that I'm running for Congress." She is running against Kevin Brady (who has voted 98.3% in line with Trump and has held this office for 23 years). She will work to put our nation's financial house in order.

Other issues on which Liz is passionate include Medicare for all, protection of Social Security, strengthening our civil rights laws, preservation and improvement of public schools with funding for more teachers, lowering the student-teacher ratios and placing more counselors in the schools to help detect and treat any emotional issues from which our children may be suffering (see [ballotpedia.org/Elizabeth Hernandez \(Texas\)](http://ballotpedia.org/Elizabeth_Hernandez_Texas)). Congress needs more accounting trained members and Liz will bring her extensive experience with her to Washington.



We have **Yard Signs!!!** Biden/Harris on one side and MJ Hegar on the other and bumper stickers!! If you would like some (\$5 per sign; \$1 per bumper sticker) please contact Charlotte Riser Harris at [crstharris@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crstharris@sbcglobal.net). Let's make our voices heard!



#### **Your Voter Registration Status/Register to Vote—TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**

The following sites offer information that can be of great help to you on how to register to vote, where to vote and information about candidates or issues appearing on the ballot. In no particular order, Precinct 29 offers you the following:

[www.iwillvote.com](http://www.iwillvote.com) – this site is sponsored by the Democratic National Committee (DNC). Here you can register online or complete the registration form, print it and mail it in.

[www.rockthevote.org](http://www.rockthevote.org) – founded in 1990 by music executives; it has partnered with MTV and since its start has registered 12 million young voters. The site is geared towards younger, first time voters. For those not used to voting, it offers some great information under the "how to vote" tab.

[www.register2vote.org](http://www.register2vote.org) – this organization started in 2018, right here in Texas. Here, you can check you voter status, as well as registering to vote. The organization will, if you prefer, mail you a pre-filled registration form at no cost including return postage. No printer or stamps are necessary.

[www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org) – this site is sponsored by the non-partisan League of Women Voters and was established in 2006. It is truly a "one-stop-shop." It also provides information on voting-by-mail, information on your candidates, and more.

Para obtener información en español, visite: [www.votetexas.gov](http://www.votetexas.gov) y haga clic "En Español" en la esquina superior derecha.