HAYS COUNTY GOP

The Elephant Call

Election Edition — **Fall 2026**



Vote RED all the way down the ballot.

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GET INVOLVED TODAY!

- Deliver campaign signs
- Donate snacks for election volunteers
- Volunteer at Welcome Center
- Text reminders to vote.
- Drive voters to the polls
- Become an election worker.
- Hold signs at election centers.
- Pass out turn-out brochures at Election Centers.
- Blockwalk for candidates.
- Make phone calls to get out the vote.



Click here to sign up

VOLUNTEER!

ELECTION DATES & TIMES

EARLY VOTING

OCTOBER 19 - 23
9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
SAT, OCT 23 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM
SUN, OCT 24 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
OCTOBER 26 - 30
7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Sample Ballot

FIND POLLING LOCATIONS & MORE INFORMATION:



Call 512-522-4159 or
haysride.com
To Make a Reservation
Subject to availability

Be Voter Ready!

- Bring a valid photo ID.
- Check your polling location and Chours at REDHAYS.COM.
- Know your candidates before you go to the polls.
- Arrive during off-peak hours to reduce waiting times.
- Early Vote : Avoid the lines, flexible for busy schedules
- Remember you cannot use your cell phones in polling area.
- Print the list of candidates and bring to polls.

MAKE YOUR PLAN TO VOTE

One Vote Made Texas a State.
Yours Still Matters.
By Trey Trainor

In 1842 an old Indiana farmer named Freeman Clark was dying. He asked his sons to carry him to the courthouse in Vevay so he could vote one last time. They did. He cast his ballot for Daniel Kelso for the Indiana State Senate. On the way home, Freeman Clark died.

Kelso won by one vote.

Back then the legislature picked the state's U.S. senator. By one vote—Kelso's—Edward Hannegan went to Washington. Not long after, the Senate faced a joint resolution to bring the Republic of Texas into the Union. The House had already passed it. The Senate sat 26–26. Hannegan's vote broke the tie. Texas became the 28th state.

A sick man who could barely leave his bed helped make Texas a state.

I think about that story every time someone tells me their vote "doesn't matter," or that they'll get to the big races and skip the rest. History doesn't work that way. Neither does Hays County.

We live in a place that still remembers it was once its own country. That memory is not a bumper sticker. It is a reminder that free people show up when it is inconvenient. Freeman Clark did not feel like going. He went anyway. The men at San Jacinto did not wait for perfect weather or a convenient Saturday. They acted. The voters who later ratified annexation did the same.

November 3 is our turn.

This is not only about the top of the ticket. It never has been. County commissioners decide how fast this county grows and who pays for it. Judges decide whether the law still means what it says when it reaches your property, your business, or your child. Constables, school trustees, state representatives, and railroad commissioners do not make cable news. They make the rules you live under when the cameras leave.

I have watched good Republicans vote the "important" races and leave the rest blank. That is how you lose a county one office at a time while still feeling like you did your part. The other side does not make that error. They treat every judicial race and every precinct as if it matters—because it does.

Lucy and I raised our children here in the Hill Country. We taught them that citizenship is not a feeling. It is a duty you perform even when you are tired, even when the race looks safe, even when no one is watching. The ballot is long because self-government is supposed to be local. Skipping the bottom half is not sophistication. It is leaving the work to somebody else.

So here is the ask, plain and simple.

Vote the whole ballot. Early voting will open soon. Take someone with you who was going to sit this one out. Offer a ride. Text the neighbor who "always votes" but has not yet confirmed where to go. Help a precinct chair who is trying to cover more ground than one person can cover. Do not assume the judicial race or the commissioner race will take care of itself.

One vote in Indiana helped give us a state. A few thousand votes in Hays County will decide whether that state still looks like Texas a decade from now – low taxes, secure elections, producing our own energy, and a government that still answers to the people who live here.

Freeman Clark's last public act was not a speech. It was showing up. That is still the most Texan thing any of us can do.

Get conservatives to the polls. All of them, and vote Republican up and down the ballot. Texas was not an accident. Neither is the next election.

Trey Trainor lives in Driftwood, practices election law, and previously serve Chairman of the Federal Election Commission.

2026 REPUBLICAN VOTER GUIDE

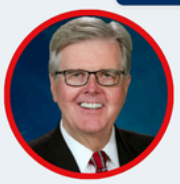
★ STATEWIDE, COUNTY, & LOCAL CANDIDATES ★

(I) = Incumbent

State



Greg Abbott (I)
Governor



Dan Patrick (I)
Lt. Governor



Mayes Middleton
Attorney General



Don Huffines (I)
Comptroller



Dawn Buckingham (I)
Land Commissioner



Nate Sheets
Agriculture Commissioner



Bo French
Railroad Commissioner



Jimmy Blacklock (I)
Chief Justice
Supreme Court of TX



James Sullivan (I)
Justice
Supreme Court of TX, Pl 2



Kyle Hawkins (I)
Justice
Supreme Court of TX, Pl 7



Brett Busby (I)
Justice
Supreme Court of TX, Pl 8



Thomas Smith
Justice
Court of Crim. App., Pl 3



Kevin Yeary (I)
Justice
Court of Crim. App., Pl 4



John Messinger
Justice
Court of Crim. App., Pl 9



Mica Arellano
Member
State Board of Edu., Dst 5



Julie Dahlberg
State Senator
District 21



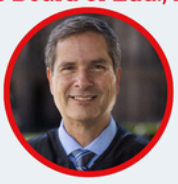
Tennyson Moreno
State Representative
District 45



Carrie Isaac (I)
State Representative
District 71



Scott Brister (I)
Chief Justice
15th Court of Appeals



Scott K. Field (I)
Justice
15th Court of Appeals, Pl 3



April Farris
Justice
15th Court of Appeals, Pl 3



Cory Liu
Chief Justice
3rd Court ofAppeals, Dst 3



Tracy Wright Reneau (I)
District Judge
207th District Court



Gary L. Steel (I)
District Judge
274th District Court



Paul Still
District Judge
428th District Court

Hays County



Geoffrey Tahuahua
County Judge



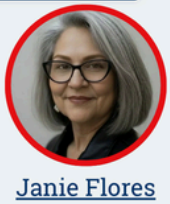
Charmaine Wilde
Judge
Court at Law #2



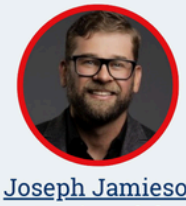
Abby Gibson
Commissioner
Pct 2



Rob McClelland
Commissioner
Pct 4



Janie Flores
Justice of the Peace, Pct 2, Pl 1



Joseph Jamieson
Justice of the Peace, Pct 3



John Burns (I)
Justice of the Peace, Pct 4

Suggested Independent

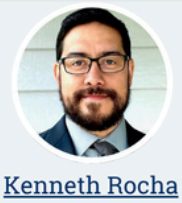


Kirsta Melton
District Attorney

Local



Melissa Medina (I)
Kyle City Council, Pl 2



Kenneth Rocha
Kyle City Council, Pl 4



GEOFFREY TAHUAHUA

For Hays County Judge

GeoffreyForHays.com

Meet Geoffrey

Geoffrey is a dedicated public servant and a longtime advocate for Hays County with experience in strategic planning, budgeting, and solving problems at the local level. He is running to restore trust in county government. Since his election to Dripping Springs City Council in 2021, his leadership has contributed to road expansions, wastewater improvements, and reduced barriers for small businesses, In his prior service as president of North Hays EMS, he guided the agency through major financial challenges. Today, the EMS operates independently with improved long-term stability and service delivery. As a father Geoffrey is committed to building a community that will continue to thrive for future generations. He and his wife live in Dripping Springs with their three sons.

"I've spent my career bringing people together, solving complex challenges, and delivering real results at the local and state level. As your County Judge, I'll work every day to strengthen public safety, improve infrastructure, manage growth responsibly, and ensure county government serves the people with transparency, accountability, and common sense."

Geoffrey's Priorities

Roads & Infrastructure

Infrastructure should stay ahead of growth, not fall behind it. By planning for future needs, coordinating with our regional partners, and making smart investments, we can reduce congestion, improve mobility, and ensure taxpayers see lasting value from every infrastructure dollar.

Public Safety

Keeping people safe is county government's most fundamental responsibility. I will work to ensure our Sheriff's Office, Constables' Offices, emergency management professionals, and first responders have the resources, coordination, and support they need to protect our communities.

Efficient Government

Every dollar the county spends belongs to the taxpayers. Good government means setting clear priorities, operating efficiently, and focusing resources on the core services residents depend on most. I believe in disciplined budgeting, eliminating waste where we can, and ensuring taxpayer dollars deliver real value for the people of Hays County.



ABBY GIBSON

For County Commissioner, PCT 2

abbyforhays.com

Meet Abby

Abby believes the most effective leadership is through humble servitude, that anything worth doing - is worth doing well; and that together, we can accomplish great things for Hays County. She has extensive and multi-faceted experience in business/operations, policy, and education in the private sector that lends itself strongly to county government. Abby is a fiscal conservative, a devoted mother of two, and a lover of philosophy and history.

"Local government should be grounded in competence, consistency, and long-term impact, with a focus on serving residents through efficient, transparent systems rather than "performative governance". As a mother, I am deeply concerned about how county decisions will affect my children's future and the community they will inherit. "

Abby's Priorities

Fiscal conservatism

You can't have affordability without accountability - and that means honoring every tax dollar knowing it's coming from your neighbors pocketbook. I will put taxpayers first, and lead with transparency so voters can see exactly where their hard-earned money is going.

Infrastructure

Improve road conditions and traffic management throughout Precinct 2, Support smart infrastructure investments that prepare for future growth, Ensure transparent planning and budgeting for infrastructure projects, Prioritize safety improvements in high-traffic areasImprove road conditions and traffic management throughout Precinct 2

Public Safety

Support law enforcement and first responders, Advocate for public safety resources and training, Work to improve emergency response times, Protect children and families through proactive safety measures, ensure road conditions do not impede public safety



ROB MCCLELLAND

For Hays County Commissioner, Precinct 4

ROBFORTEXAS.COM

Meet Rob

Rob McClelland was raised in Edinburg, Texas, and graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Construction Management. After 9/11 happened during his sophomore year, he decided to serve, spending 12 years as a U.S. Army officer and reaching the rank of Major — including a posting at the White House Military Office — before earning an honorable discharge. Today, he works in business development for a Central Texas construction firm, serves on the Dripping Springs ISD School Board (elected 2022), and was appointed by Governor Abbott to the Texas School Safety Center Board. He's a husband and father with two kids in DSISD schools, a Deacon at Bannockburn Church, and a local youth sports baseball coach.

"I'm running because Hays County is growing faster than almost anywhere in the country, and I've seen firsthand as a school board trustee how to deliver results without raising taxes. I want to bring that same fiscal discipline and hands-on leadership to Commissioners Court, so our roads, water supply and public safety keep pace with our growth."

Rob's Priorities

Fiscal Discipline

Keep property taxes low and make growth pay for itself. Promote responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

Roads and Mobility

Invest in road capacity & safety. Maintain roads.

Public Safety

Properly resource the Sheriff's Office, constables, and count jail. No Soft on Crime policies. Back Law Enforcement & emergency Response

Water Concerns

Incentivize conservation, improve aquifer recharge, and strengthen region water partnerships.

Work for responsible growth, safeguard our water supply, and preserve the landscapes and character.



PAUL STILL

For Judge 428 District Court

STILLFORJUDGE.COM

Meet Paul

Paul is a former Harris County prosecutor and current staff attorney for the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, the highest criminal court in Texas. He is board certified in criminal appellate law a member of the Texas Bar College and Criminal Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. His work has helped shape the Texas judiciary at every level, from class C misdemeanors to capital felonies. He is running for office because he believes judges should serve with humility and decency. His philosophy is : Respect for the law, respect for all people. Paul and his wife are raising their two children in Buda.

"I understand that the role of a judge is not to seek attention or advance an agenda, but to apply the law fairly, thoughtfully, and consistently. I believe communities are strongest when courts operate with integrity, accountability, and respect for the Constitution."

Paul's Priorities



CONSTITUTION-BASED DECISIONMAKING

Judges are bound to follow the law and the Constitution, even when doing so is difficult or unpopular. Paul believes accountability on the bench means applying the law as written, without politics, pressure, or personal agendas influencing decisions.
As judge, he will uphold the rule of law with consistency, restraint, and integrity.



RESPECT FOR PEOPLE & PROCESS

Courts function best when people trust the process. Paul believes respect in the courtroom means listening carefully, maintaining professionalism, and treating every person with dignity.
He will foster a courtroom environment that reflects patience, fairness, and respect for the rights of all parties.



FAIR & IMPARTIAL JUSTICE

Justice requires neutrality and judicial restraint. Paul believes every case deserves an objective review based on the facts and the law, not who the parties are or how high-profile the case is.
He is committed to ensuring that all individuals are treated fairly and equally under the law.



JUDGE KEVIN YEARY

Re-Elect for Judge Place 4,

Texas Court of Criminal Appeal

WWW.JUDGEYEARY.COM

Meet Judge Yeary

TEXAN

Judge Yeary is a Texan through and through. Born in Cotulla and raised in Laredo, where his family has deep roots, he obtained both his undergraduate degree and his law degree from St. Mary's University in San Antonio. He and his wife have four children. They now live in the Texas Hill Country, near Austin.

EXPERIENCED

He **is the only currently serving Judge on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to have previously worked at the Court as an attorney. From 1991 to 1992, he served as briefing attorney to the late Honorable Judge Bill M. White. After his clerkship, Judge Yeary spent time working first as a civil litigator and as a criminal defense attorney and then as a prosecutor. Before his election in 2014, he served nearly 20 years as an appellate prosecutor, working in three of Texas' largest District Attorney's offices – in Dallas, Houston, and then in San Antonio. He briefed and argued cases before both the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and the Texas Supreme Court. He also prepared and filed briefs in cases before the United States Supreme Court.**

PROVEN

Judge Yeary has a nearly 12-year judicial track record for Texans to see. His record shows he understands that judges do not make law.

"Opinions are not above the law. I believe that the law must be written by the Legislature, not by the courts."



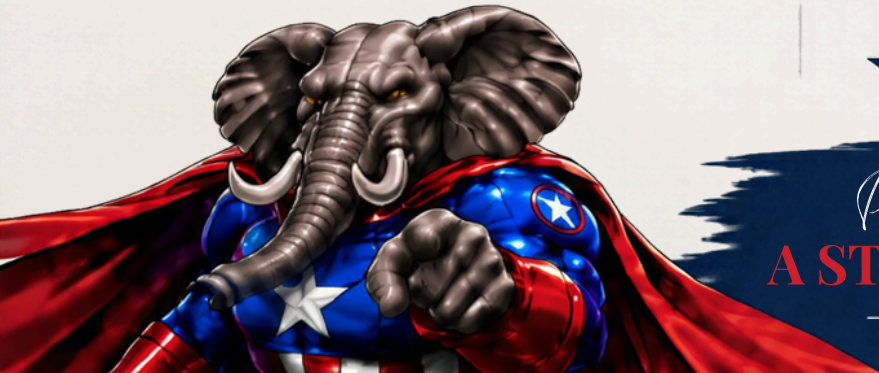
Restraint & Humility

Judge Yeary believes that the Judicial Department of our government should exercise restraint when called upon to interpret the law. The Judiciary must be fiercely independent, but also cautious in the exercise of its immense power. This is particularly true with regard to judges serving on high courts. Judges should be humble, understanding that they are not all-knowing or prescient. All judicial decisions must follow the actual law, found in our statutes and our constitutions and must be driven by principle and commitment to the truth--about what the law requires and what it does not. Judges should not allow themselves to be fooled into believing that the people have given them the power to "make law." Opinions written by Judges are not "the LAW." It is true that judicial opinions can sometimes establish "RULES of decision" that are binding on lower courts, but those opinions should never be be considered to be more authoritative than the actual text of our statutes and our constitutions.

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OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE JUNE

- **Filled roughly half of Hays County's Republican Precinct Chair positions,** strengthening our organization and presence at the precinct level.
- **Won "Most Patriotic Entry"** at the Wimmerley Independence Day Parade, giving the party a strong and positive community presence.
- **Reopened and revitalized the Hays County GOP Welcome Center,** turning it into an active headquarters for volunteers, voter outreach, candidate materials, trainings, and election operations.
- **Built a countywide voter-contact operation that includes block walking,** phone banking, text banking, candidate events, and targeted voter outreach.
- **Established regular grassroots training and volunteer development,** including Leadership Institute training, voter registration training, precinct-chair development, and volunteer onboarding.
- **Created a more consistent field program,** with recurring Super Saturday block walks, weekly phone and text banking, Welcome Center shifts, community events, and candidate engagement.
- **Built a stronger major-donor program through the 1848 Club,** creating a more organized structure for donor recruitment, cultivation, and continued engagement.
- **Overhauled the HCRP website** and added portals to communicate with precinct chairs, candidates, and clubs.
- **Established a schedule of online social media posting at least twice a day** educating voters of the reason to vote for GOP candidates.
- **Added 1 billboard and 2 electronic billboards during the election season** encouraging voters to vote RED down the ballot.
- **Restructured CEC into "Committees" to further delegate tasks,** Each committee has a chair and up to 6 members.
- **Launched Abbott APP for Precinct Chairs** to continue to connect with their GOP as well as swing voters.
- **Endorsed nonpartisan candidates** in Kyle, Buda, and San Marcos.
- **Designed and sent mailers to selected GOP voters** to encourage voter turnout as well as changed messaging to Strong Elephant "Save Hays County" to capture voters. (Non-traditional approach was utilized)
- **In process of developing a "flipablee" online newsletter** to encourage and inform voters.
- **Investigating and creating a calendar of community events** in order to connect with voters.
- **Continue to investigate and research** election integrity in Hays County.
- **Established a Luma link to find election volunteers** and provide training.
- **Created a online volunteer survey online** and continue to plug volunteers into needed areas.



People. Partnerships. Action.

A STRONGER HAYS COUNTY.

SAVE HAYS COUNTY

VOTE RED

ALL THE WAY

DOWN THE BALLOT

