ISLAND DEMOCRATS/PRECINCT 40 AGENDA Aug 26 2020

Hosts: Craig Rogers and Victoria Rogers

1. 69 days to Election Day-Tues, Nov 3. 48 days till early voting!-Tues, Oct 13. 40 days till deadline to register to vote - Monday, Oct 5. To check to see if you or someone else is registered, or to see if your address is correct (many people move and forget to update), go to the Texas Secretary of State's website for voting. It has info on just about any question you have, and is available in Spanish: https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/

Candidate Intros. Jim Klein, City Council, Precinct 4.

2. Top 3 Priorities:

- 1. Biden
- 2. U.S. Senate-MJ Hager
- 3. **Eric Holguin**-State Rep-we redistrict this year-need only 9 house seats to get majority in TX House-we can stop GOP gerrymandering if we do this. Only do this once every 10 years. Huge.

Special thank you to everyone that participated in the **Birthday Fundraiser** for Eric Holguin - along with the Port A Democrats we gave Eric a surprise fundraiser to help his campaign. Thanks to **Teresa Klein** for letting us know it was his birthday and **Victoria** for the great fundraising idea!

The Democratic party declared this an important race. In 2018, Eric ran for US House. He lost that race, but in Nueces County the vote totals were 50/50. So this is a winnable race.

Beto and Wendy Davis have each had a fundraiser for him.

Here's how Eric's opponent has voted:

- 1. For Guns in schools
- 2. Against abortion rights many times-sponsored a partial birth abortion bill
- 3. Against sanctuary cities
- 4. For Open Carry
- 5. Against straight party voting
- 6. For increasing penalty for pipeline protests

NEED HIM OUT

- 3. **Voting updates.** Kara Sands, the Nueces County Clerk who is in charge of setting up elections, has suggested drive-in voting. She was looking for locations and trying to get County Commissioners' approval. We'll keep you posted.
- 4. **Celebrity voting Public Service Announcements.** We are looking into getting some Texas and local celebrities to cut some PSAs to reach out to South Texas voters to urge them to register and to make a plan to vote. Eva Longoria is a target that we have some connections with. Anyone know how to contact Manu Ginobli? Any suggestions for other celebrities that could drum up South Texas votes?
- 5. Upcoming Events/Meetings:

Port A Democrats have their meeting Sept 9, at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. Please attend. Email Suanne Pyle at spyle64@hotmail.com for an invite.

Coastal Bend Texas Democratic Women

Contact Susan Reeves for information. susanr516@sbcglobal.net

Tejano Democrats

Contact Laura Estrada texanica33@yahoo.com Pop up tent for Joe Biden at Trade Center every Saturday Meetings on Tuesdays

- 6. Mail in voting. ASK FOR YOUR BALLOT NOW! MAIL IT IN IMMEDIATELY. DON'T LET THE POST OFFICE DELAY COST YOUR VOTE. You will not be able to use mail in ballot unless you are over 65 or disabled. Fear of Coronavirus is not a disability. But the Texas Supreme Court said it was up to voters to decide if they were disabled and it is not the duty of election clerks to verify. Only you know if you have a disability.
- 7. Census-The corrupt Republicans strike again. They shortened the time to register by one month! TX is behind. Way behind. We stand to lose a Congressional seat. If we can get folks to register in numbers, we can get another congressional seat and more Fed money. Encourage others to complete it. Online. Takes 5 minutes.

The new deadline to take the census is Sept 30.

Here's the link to register: https://2020census.gov/

8. **The Tejano Democrats** have a booth at the Trade Center on SPID. It costs \$35 for the booth each week. They are raising money by selling Biden shirts, signs and bumper stickers. They use that money to buy more advertising. If you can pay for the booth, they can use that money to buy more Biden ads/signs. They would appreciate your help. Contact us and we can tell you where to send money.

New signs are out! Tejano Democrats, Island Democrats and Port A Democrats have worked together to get Biden/Harris signs. The signs look great. We have 4x4 and 4x8 signs. The Tejano Dems are putting signs up in heavily democratic areas. They could use some help. Contact us if you have some time, or have youngsters who can help.

Democrats working together get things done!

We are also looking for prime locations to put up large signs. We need high traffic areas. Please contact any friends or neighbors who have good locations and see if they will let us put a sign up.

Radio Ads. The Tejano Democrats are trying to get some ads up on Spanish speaking radio stations. For a decent amount of ads, the price is pretty high. We are trying to get some outside money to chip in. If we can get the Biden campaign or a SuperPac to at least get close to the cost, we will try to raise the rest.

9. **Biden yard signs.** Victoria has yard signs ordered for those that would like one. They will be in by next week. We are asking for a \$5 donation. If you would like to make a donation to help cover cost, but can't put one in your yard, buy one and we will give it away to a person in need. Please call Victoria 361-548-6804 or registerbluevoters@gmail.com to make arrangements.

Democrat flags in. Only 1 left. Want one? How many Trump flags have you seen flying on busy streets. We need people who live on busy streets to put out a flag!

10. Get involved.

Join the **Nueces County Democratic Party** SUSTAINER PROGRAM: Become a sustainer for the Nueces County Democratic Party for as little as \$5.00 per month. Every donation that is \$5 or more will be entered into a special drawing each quarter. This quarter you can join as a sustainer to win this RED WHITE & BLUE BUNDLE (valued at \$100+). Click the Link below:

Becky Mueller of Get Out The Vote is looking for volunteers for their local block walking and phone bank. They will be helping all our local democratic candidates and Biden. Please call her and sign up for a shift at 510-923-3707. She will train you!

Beto's organization, **Powered by People**, is doing phone banks and text banks. They will train you if you can join in. Here's a link: https://poweredxpeople.org/

Eric Holguin is asking for help sending out postcards. Needs cash for mail, help addressing and writing notes. He can also use help contacting potential voters. Here's his link: https://www.ericholguin.com/

Latino Victory Project-Eva Longoria's project to increase Latino voting power

latinovictory.us

Voto Latino-reaching out to register young Latino voters

https://votolatino.org/

RideShare2Vote

https://rideshare2vote.com/

Rideshare2Vote is an organization that provides free round-trip transportation to polling places for voters supporting Democrat/ Progressive candidates in local and statewide elections. Its aim is to address the chronic low level of eligible citizens exercising their right to vote. R2V does this by helping remove one of the barriers to voting by literally supplying the wheels of democracy.

- 11. **Coronavirus updates.** We'd like to tell you what's going on, but the Republicans have interfered with the data gathering process so much, you can't trust their numbers. We think our rate of infection has stabilized after the beach closures cut down on tourists, and the mask mandates took effect.
- 12. **Poll workers needed!** If you want to work, we appreciate it! If not, please contact others that may be willing and able-we're targeting younger, healthier Democrats . . . just in case the coronavirus doesn't magically disappear as President "Inject Clorox" predicts. To sign up, call Joel Mumphord, 361-885-0095. He's one of our County Democrat leaders. That's his private phone, so if he doesn't sound like he's in an office, it's because he's not. Just tell him what you want to do.
- 13. Next meeting is Wed, Sept 9, 5:30pm. The one following that will be on Wed. Sept 23.

14. Contact Info

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For election information - https://www.vote411.org/

Important Dates for General Election

NOTE: The date for early voting has been moved up a week!

Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, October 5, 2020*
First Day of early Voting by Personal Appearance	Monday, October 13, 2020*
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received , not Postmarked)	Friday, October 23, 2020*

Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Friday, October 30, 2020*
Last Day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, November 3, 2020* (Election Day at 7:00 p.m. If carrier envelope is not postmarked or Wednesday, November 4, 2020* (next business day after Election Day)at 5:00 p.m. If carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply)
ELECTION DAY	Tuesday, November 3, 2020*