

ISLAND DEMOCRATS/PRECINCT 40 AGENDA Sept 30 2020

Hosts: Craig Rogers and Victoria Rogers

Next meeting October 14 via zoom. https://zoom.us/j/97263575698

<u>registerbluevoters@gmail.com</u> for link or visit <u>www.islanddemocrats.com</u> 0r call/text 361-548-6804

Sample ballot for Precinct 40 https://www.nuecesco.com/Home/ShowDocument?id=26650

1. 34 days to Election Day-Tues, Nov 3. Early voting starts-Tues, Oct 13. 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.

- 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.

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 protest

NEED HIM OUT

- 3. **Voting updates.** The GOP plan is clear. Trump announced it last night at the debate. They are going to say mail ballots are fake and challenge them in court, where Moscow Mitch's radical right wing judges will do all they can to steal the election. Mail vote are gping to be about 75% Democrat. **Don't vote by mail unless you have to.**
- 4. What Island Dems have been up to.

We had a great time at the unveiling of the Big Biden Banner at Webb Cason law firm at 710 N. Mesquite, downtown. There was a band and free food from House of Rock. Thanks to Charlie Webb and Benny Cason.

And Saturday before last, we had a Cheer Them On gathering at Webb Cason where we gathered and cheered the Tejano Democrats Ridin' With Biden car caravan.

We attended the RBG Memorial on Saturday downtown in front of the Federal Courthouse. Very moving speeches by former mayor Nelda Martinez and attorney Matt Manning.

Also on Saturday, we went to Eric Holguin's HQ downtown and helped prepare voter registration packets to hang on doorknobs, then we visited a couple of apartment complexes and hung a couple hundred those out. Thanks to Krista Casper for the help!



5. Upcoming Events/Meetings:

Heritage Park on Chaparral, Democratic Booth at Heritage Park Market Daysby Port A Dems - Saturday, October 3, 9am-4pm

Drive Through Voter Registration! Sunday Oct 4 from 10:30am to 1:30pm. Brewster Street South, S. Staples and Holly.

Port A Democrats have their meeting Oct 7, 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

Next Presidential Debate is ... oh, who cares. What a waste of time. Oct 15.

6. Mail in voting.

Major development. A federal Judge in Laredo said we have to reinstate straight party voting. Our County Clerk, Kara Sands, is not sending out mail in ballots because the case is being appealed. That means it could be a while before you get your ballot. Which makes it harder to get them back in time.

IF YOU HAVE TO VOTE BY MAIL, 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.

7. Census-Like everything Trump touches, this is screwed up. Trump tried to shorten the period to respond to Sept 30-today. But a court said he couldn't do that. Who knows? So keep telling people to take the census. TX is behind. Way behind. We stand to lose up to 4 Congressional seats. If we can get folks to register in

numbers, we can get add congressional seats and more Fed money for infrastructure projects and schools. 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** are working on radio ads for Spanish language radio. Also, a Ridin' With Biden Caravan is scheduled for Sat. morning. Call Stephanie 361-249-3041 for details.
- 9. **Biden yard signs.** Victoria has yard signs. We are asking for a \$5 donation. Please call Victoria at 361-548-6804 or registerbluevoters@gmail.com to make arrangements.

10. Get involved.

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 voters.

- 11. Coronavirus updates. According to the Republican numbers, cases and deaths are down in our area. Friends in Dallas are reporting an increase in cases after schools re-opened.
- 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.
- 13. **Voting Security**. We are contacting local leaders about having CCPD around the Courthouse on election night to protect poll workers bringing in the voting machines, and to protect the ballot counters so they can do their job. Trump and his White Supremist bootlickers are calling for voter intimidation and armed revolt. We need to prepare. These people are nuts. Don't think they won't stoop to violence to try to cheat their way to a win.
- 14. Next meeting is Wed, Oct 14, 5:30pm. https://zoom.us/j/97263575698

15. Contact Info

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Kara Sands (361) 888-0580 Nueces County Clerk-in charge of elections **Nueces County Courthouse** 901 Leopard St. Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Floor: 2nd Room: 201

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*
