

HARRIS COUNTY

ELECTION GUIDE

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Democratic Primary Progressive Voter Guide



This guide helps you:

LEARN ABOUT YOUR
CANDIDATES & OFFICES
FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTION

Candidate recommendations made by:
Texas Progressive Executive Council
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THE LEADERSHIP TEAM THAT BROUGHT THE 2018 **BLUE WAVE** TO HARRIS COUNTY



KIM OGG

District Attorney

Progressive District Attorney implemented the first large scale diversion program for marijuana charges. She championed a balance between advocating criminal justice reform and ensuring public safety. A reform minded District Attorney that has aggressively prosecuted violent criminals.



ED GONZALEZ

Sheriff

Head law enforcement agent in Harris County who has brought reforms to law enforcement while aggressively fighting violent crime. His leadership through various natural disasters has been acknowledged locally and nationally. We feel safer with Sheriff Gonzalez in charge!



ANN HARRIS BENNETT

County Tax Assessor-Collector

Has registered thousands of voters in Harris County. Has provided licenses and training for an army of volunteers to register voters in Harris County; she is the quiet force behind the fair representation in County elections. The blue wave will find its starting steps with her work of registering folks to vote.



VINCE RYAN

County Attorney

Protects Harris County, its representatives, and its constituents through representation of County related issues in civil court. His office has championed and been revered nationally as an advocate of our natural resources, and bayous. A true champion of our environment.



ALAN ROSEN

Constable, Precinct 1

Constable Alan Rosen's law enforcement knowledge, ethics, business experience, training, and education, helps him lead the Harris County Precinct One Constable's Office to further success and growth. He has spent more than 29 years in local law enforcement in office.



WHY IS THE TEXAS SUPREME COURT IMPORTANT TO US?

It is the highest authority in the State of Texas to decide on a case. Final decisions on cases that affect our everyday lives are decided by the Supreme Court of Texas.

Issues that could be in front of Texas Supreme Court:



Health Care



Sensible Gun Law



Free Speech



Civil Rights



Wages



Immigration

JERRY ZIMMERER

Chief Justice, Supreme Court

Justice Jerry Zimmerer is a current Justice on the 14th Court of Appeals, a district that serves 24% of the State of Texas. As a candidate for Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice, he plans to facilitate a better judicial balance in the State's highest courts. He strongly believes all ideas and points of view should be heard and included in the judicial process.



KATHY CHENG

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6

Kathy Cheng, is an attorney in private practice who has advocated for her clients for nearly two decades in the Greater Houston area. Having witnessed the injustice of political oppression at a young age, Kathy understands that to achieve equality and fairness, one must have a voice.



TINA CLINTON
PLACE 4



BRANDY VOSS
PLACE 7



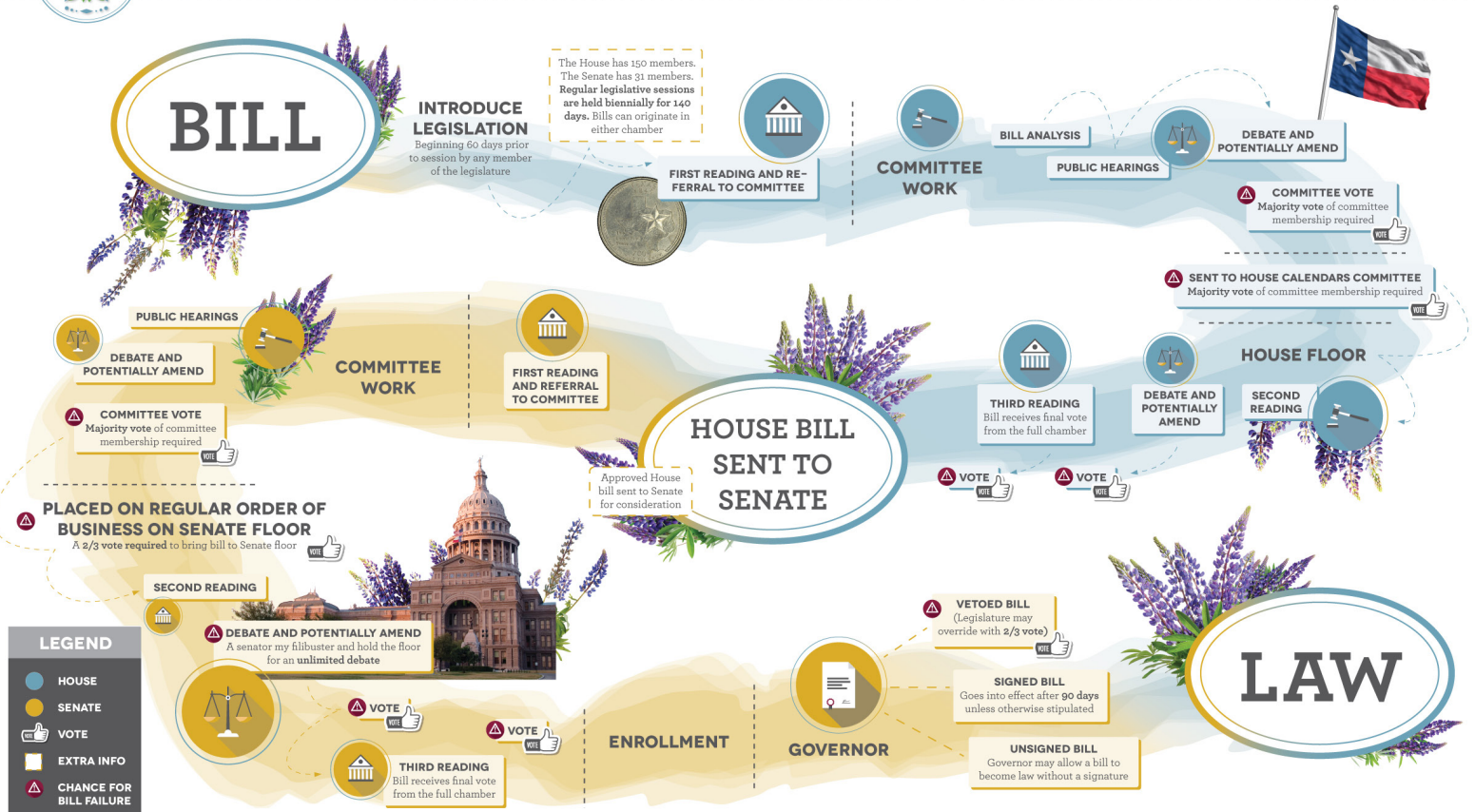
STACI WILLIAMS
PLACE 7



GISELA D. TRIANA
PLACE 8



HOW A **BILL** BECOMES **LAW** IN TEXAS



WHAT DO OUR STATE SENATORS AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES DO?

Texas Senators and Texas House of Representatives decide on laws for the State of Texas. State Senators & Representatives must provide fair representation for their constituents and districts.

BORIS MILES

State Senator, District 13

A lifelong resident of Houston, Senator Boris L. Miles was elected to the Texas Senate in 2016 after serving four terms in the Texas House of Representatives. His legislative initiatives included increased funding for HIV testing, giving second chances to individuals by making it easier to seal their juvenile records, creating an ombudsman office for the juvenile justice department, and creating economic development.

SUSAN CRISS

State Senator, District 11

Susan Criss has spent her life making a difference for Galveston and the Gulf Coast, as an advocate, a tough prosecutor, a passionate defender and as a judge who created innovative progress in our courts. Nationally recognized, Susan has a proven record of fighting to protect coastal residents — and she gets results.

PENNY MORALES SHAW

State Representative, District 148

Penny Morales Shaw is a lawyer, mother of four, business owner and legislative advocate for human and civil rights. As a Congressional Advocate, she worked to pass laws such as IVAWA (International Violence Against Women Act), children's access to early childhood education, and women's right to maternal healthcare.



NATALI HURTADO

STATE REPRESENTATIVE,
DISTRICT 126



JOSH MARKLE

STATE REPRESENTATIVE,
DISTRICT 128



ALMA A. ALLEN

STATE REPRESENTATIVE,
DISTRICT 131



ANN JOHNSON

STATE REPRESENTATIVE,
DISTRICT 134



AKILAH BACY

STATE REPRESENTATIVE,
DISTRICT 138



JARVIS D. JOHNSON

STATE REPRESENTATIVE,
DISTRICT 139



SENFRONIA THOMPSON

STATE REPRESENTATIVE,
DISTRICT 141



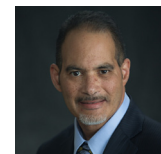
HAROLD V. DUTTON, JR.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE,
DISTRICT 142



SHAWN NICOLE THIERRY

STATE REPRESENTATIVE,
DISTRICT 146



GARNET F. COLEMAN

STATE REPRESENTATIVE,
DISTRICT 147



DINESH SINGHAL

1st Court of Appeals District, Place 3

Dinesh is a board-certified trial lawyer with 27 years of legal experience, including 21 years of trial and appellate experience in Texas. He was President of Harris County Democratic Lawyers Association, 2015-2018, Precinct Chair, Precinct 135, and election Judge, for Harris County Democratic Party, 2018.



URSULA HALL

District Judge, 165th Judicial District

Judge Ursula Hall is a graduate of local, public magnet schools for the academically gifted and talented, Wellesley College and South Texas College of Law. Judge Hall possesses the range of virtues that comprise intellectual integrity, honesty, courage, fairness, sensitivity, perceptiveness and insightfulness.



DARYL MOORE

District Judge, 333rd Judicial District

Judge Moore achieved 2019's highest-rated judge of the 84 elected trial-court judges in Harris County (civil, criminal, family, juvenile, and probate courts). He was also voted 2018's "Trial Judge of the Year" by the Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists.



JULIA MALDONADO

Family District Judge, 507th Judicial District

Fairness and Families First! Judge Julia Maldonado is the Presiding Judge of the 507th Family District Court in Harris County. Judge Maldonado is currently the Administrative Judge - Family Law Division of Harris County. Out of the ten family court judges, she is the senior judge.



STEVEN KIRKLAND

District Judge, 334th Judicial District

Judge Kirkland has 14 years on the bench, 29 years of legal experience and a lifetime of service to Texas communities. He knows that balance, equity and fundamental fairness are standards that all judges must strive for as they interpret the law and seek justice.



GEORGE POWELL

District Judge, 351st Judicial District

Judge George Powell grew up in Maryland and is a graduate of Towson University in Baltimore. Judge Powell is also a graduate of the historic Thurgood Marshall School of Law - at Texas Southern University in Houston. Judge Powell was first elected in 2016.



LESLEY BRIONES

Judge, County Civil Court at Law No. 4

Judge Lesley Briones is committed to advancing justice, equality, and fairness for all. She is humbled to serve on the bench and is proud to be one of the few Latina civil judges in Harris County. Lesley is committed to upholding the law with impartiality, and administering equal justice.



WHAT IS THE DISTRICT COURT?

The Court of Appeal and District Courts in Harris County preside over legal disputes in Harris County. The Judges presiding over these courts will make decisions pertaining to civil and criminal cases in the county. It is important that Harris County has the most qualified and fair judges on the bench.



JANE ROBINSON

CHIEF JUSTICE, 14TH COURT OF APPEALS



GRANT J. HARVEY

DISTRICT JUDGE, 164TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



AMPARO MONIQUE GUERRA

JUSTICE, 1ST COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, PLACE 5



NIKITA "NIKI" HARMON

DISTRICT JUDGE, 176TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



WALLY KRONZER

JUSTICE, 14TH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, PLACE 7



RANDY ROLL

DISTRICT JUDGE, 179TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



WILLIAM PIERATT DEMOND

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 3



COLLEEN GAIDO

DISTRICT JUDGE, 337TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



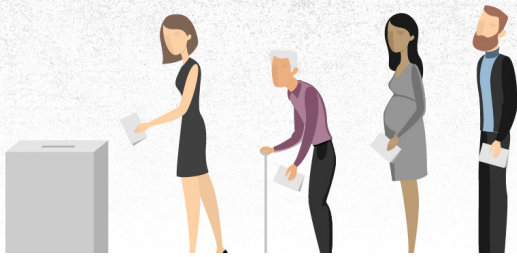
LARRY WEIMAN

DISTRICT JUDGE, 80TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



TE'IVA BELL

DISTRICT JUDGE, 339TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



SAMPLE BALLOT

TEXAS SUPREME COURT

Chief Justice, Supreme Court

☒ **Jerry Zimmerer**

☐ Amy Clark Meachum

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6

☐ Larry Praeger

☒ **Kathy Cheng**

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7*

☒ **Brandy Voss**

☒ **Staci Williams**

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8

☒ **Gisela D. Triana**

☐ Peter Kelly

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3

☒ **William Pieratt Demond**

☐ Dan Wood

☐ Elizabeth Davis Frizell

Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4

☒ **Tina Clinton**

☐ Steven Miears

Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 9

☒ **Brandon Birmingham**

STATE SENATORS**

State Senator, District 4

☒ **Jay Sittleburg**

State Senator, District 6

☒ **Carol Alvarado**

State Senator, District 11

☐ Margarita Ruiz-Johnson

☒ **Susan Criss**

State Senator, District 13

☐ Richard R. Andrews

☒ **Borris Miles**

☐ Melissa Morris

State Senator, District 18

☒ **Michael Antalan**

STATE REPRESENTATIVES**

State Representative, District 126

☒ **Natali Hurtado**

☐ Undrai F. Fizer

State Representative, District 128

☐ Mary E. Williams

☒ **Josh Markle**

State Representative, District 129

☒ **Kayla Alix**

State Representative, District 130

☒ **Bryan J. Henry**

STATE REPRESENTATIVES (Con't)

State Representative, District 131

☐ Carey Lashley

☐ Elvonte Patton

☒ **Alma A. Allen**

State Representative, District 132

☒ **Gina Calanni**

State Representative, District 133

☒ **Sandra G. Moore**

State Representative, District 134

☐ Ruby Powers

☒ **Ann Johnson**

☐ Lanny Bose

State Representative, District 135

☒ **Jon E. Rosenthal**

State Representative, District 137

☒ **Gene Wu**

State Representative, District 138

☐ Josh Wallenstein

☒ **Akilah Bacy**

☐ Jenifer Rene Pool

State Representative, District 139

☒ **Jarvis D. Johnson**

☐ Angeanette Thibodeaux

State Representative, District 140

☒ **Armando Lucio Walle**

State Representative, District 141

☐ Willie Roaches Franklyn

☒ **Senfronia Thompson**

STATE REPRESENTATIVES (Con't)

State Representative, District 142

☒ **Harold V. Dutton, Jr.**

☐ Jerry Davis

☐ Richard Bonton

☐ Natasha Ruiz

State Representative, District 143

☒ **Ana Hernandez**

State Representative, District 144

☒ **Mary Ann Perez**

State Representative, District 145

☒ **Christina Morales**

State Representative, District 146

☐ Ashton P. Woods

☒ **Shawn Nicole Thierry**

State Representative, District 147

☐ Colin Ross

☐ Aurelia Wagner

☒ **Garnet F. Coleman**

State Representative, District 148*

☐ Emily Wolf

☒ **Anna Eastman**

☐ Cynthia Reyes-Revilla

☒ **Penny Morales-Shaw**

☐ Adrian Garcia

State Representative, District 149

☒ **Hubert Vo**

State Representative, District 150

☒ **Michael Robert Walsh**



* Dual recommendation

** Only the district that you live in will be on listed on your ballot

COURT OF APPEALS

Chief Justice, 14th Court of Appeals

☒ **Jane Robinson**

☐ Jim Evans

Justice, 1st Court of Appeals District, Place 3

☐ Jim Sharp

☒ **Dinesh Singhal**

☐ Veronica Rivas-Molloy

Justice, 1st Court of Appeals District, Place 5

☒ **Amparo Monique Guerra**

☐ Tim Hootman

Justice, 14th Court of Appeals District, Place 7

☐ Dominic J. Merino

☒ **Wally Kronzer**

☐ V.R. Faulkner

☐ Tamika “Tami” Craft

☐ Cheri Thomas

☐ Lennon C. Wright

DISTRICT JUDGES

District Judge, 11th Judicial District

☒ **Kristen Hawkins**

District Judge, 61st Judicial District

☒ **Fredericka Phillips**

District Judge, 80th Judicial District

☐ Jeralynn Manor

☒ **Larry Weiman**

District Judge, 125th Judicial District

☒ **Kyle Carter**

DISTRICT JUDGES (Con’t)

District Judge, 127th Judicial District

☒ **R. K. Sandill**

District Judge, 129th Judicial District

☒ **Michael Gomez**

District Judge, 133rd Judicial District

☒ **Jaclanel McFarland**

District Judge, 151st Judicial District

☒ **Mike Engelhart**

District Judge, 152nd Judicial District

☒ **Robert K. Schaffer**

District Judge, 164th Judicial District

☐ Cheryl Elliot Thornton

☐ Alexandra Smoots-Thomas

☒ **Grant J. Harvey**

District Judge, 165th Judicial District

☒ **Ursula A. Hall**

☐ Megan Daic

☐ Jimmie L Brown Jr.

District Judge, 174th Judicial District

☒ **Hazel B. Jones**

District Judge, 176th Judicial District

☒ **Nikita “Niki” Harmon**

☐ Bryan Acklin

District Judge, 177th Judicial District

☒ **Robert Johnson**

DISTRICT JUDGES (Con’t)

District Judge, 178th Judicial District

☒ **Kelli Johnson**

District Judge, 179th Judicial District

☐ Ana Martinez

☒ **Randy Roll**

District Judge, 215th Judicial District

☒ **Elaine Palmer**

District Judge, 333rd Judicial District

☐ Brittanye Morris

☒ **Daryl Moore**

District Judge, 334th Judicial District

☒ **Steven Kirkland**

☐ Dawn Deshea Rogers

District Judge, 337th Judicial District

☒ **Colleen Gaido**

☐ John A. Clark

☐ David C. Vuong

☐ Brennen Dunn

District Judge, 338th Judicial District

☒ **Ramona Franklin**

District Judge, 339th Judicial District

☐ Dennis Powell

☒ **Te’iva Bel**

☐ Candance White

District Judge, 351st Judicial District

☒ **George Powell**

☐ Natalia “Nata” Cornelio

COUNTY CIVIL COURT AT LAW JUDGES

Family District Judge, 507th Judicial District

☐ Robert S. Morales

☐ CC “Sonny” Phillips

☒ **Julia Maldonado**

Judge, County Civil Court at Law No. 4

☒ **Lesley Briones**

☐ William “Bill” Mcleod

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT

Judge, County Criminal Court No. 12

☒ **Genesis E. Draper**

Judge, County Criminal Court No. 16

☒ **Darrell William Jordan, Jr.**

COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney

☒ **Vince Ryan**

☐ Ben Rose

☐ Christian Dashaun Menefee

SHERIFF

Sheriff

☒ **Ed Gonzalez**

☐ Harry Zamora

☐ Jerome Moore



ACCOMPLISHED WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS



KIM OGG
District Attorney

Harris County District Attorney Kim K. Ogg is a native Houstonian licensed by the State Bar of Texas in 1987 and recognized as a specialist in Criminal Law by the Board of Legal Specialization since 1992. Upon taking office, she promised a new era of criminal justice by insuring a just process for the victim, the accused, and the community in every case. Kim brings her strong track record of public service and thirty years of criminal justice experience to the position of Harris County D.A. During the first six months of her Administration, she has successfully advanced major drug policy and bail reform, diversified the leadership of the District Attorney's Office and affected legislative reform on behalf of crime victims.



ANN HARRIS BENNETT
Tax Assessor-Collector & Voter Registrar

Ann Harris Bennett is a 5th generation Texan. She is the first African American female to win a Harris County countywide race. She brings to Harris County nearly 30 years of legal and court administrative experience. As a public servant in county government, she stayed apprised of best practices and policies, security and legislation that affected the judicial system. Mrs. Bennett's public service career is rooted and fueled by her passion for transparency, efficiency, accessibility and accountability in county government. She is committed to providing the highest level of customer service to the residents of Harris County. She continues to update the office with the best of technology, security, equipment and employee training.

COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

County Tax Assessor-Collector

- ☐ Jolanda "Jo" Jones
- ☒ **Ann Harris Bennett**
- ☐ Jack Terence

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

District Attorney

- ☐ Todd Overstreet
- ☐ Audia Jones
- ☐ Carvana Cloud
- ☒ **Kim Ogg**

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

County Commissioner, Precinct 1*

- ☒ **Rodney Ellis**
- ☒ **Maria T. (Terri) Jackson**

County Commissioner, Precinct 3*

- ☒ **Kristi Thibaut**
- ☐ Erik "Beto" Hassan
- ☐ Morris Overstreet
- ☒ **Michael Moore**
- ☐ Diana Martinez-Alexander
- ☐ Zaher-Eisa

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 1

- ☒ **Eric William Carter**

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Place 1

- ☒ **Jo Ann Delgado**

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Place 1

- ☒ **Joe Stephens**

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE (Con't)

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 5, Place 1

- ☐ Roel Garcia
- ☒ **Israel Garcia**
- ☐ Eman Afshar

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 6, Place 1

- ☒ **Victor Trevino III**
- ☐ Eva Loreda

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 7, Place 1

- ☒ **Jeremy L. Brown**
- ☐ Wanda Adams

CONSTABLES

Constable, Precinct 1

- ☐ "Ced" Collier
- ☒ **Alan Rosen**
- ☐ Perry D Wesley
- ☐ Gilberto "Gil" Reyna

Constable, Precinct 2

- ☐ Christopher "Chris" Diaz
- ☒ **Jerry Garcia (Harris County Lieutenant)**
- ☐ George Goffney, Jr
- ☐ Jerry Garcia
- ☐ Alberto "Bert" Rivera

Constable, Precinct 3

- ☒ **Sherman Eagleton**
- ☐ Eric Reed
- ☐ Deborah Florus
- ☐ John Jay "JP" Portillo
- ☐ Michel "Poppy" Pappillion
- ☐ Ken Jones

Constable, Precinct 4

- ☒ **Jeff McGowen**

Constable, Precinct 5

- ☐ Randy Newman
- ☒ **Mark Alan Harrison**
- ☐ Mark Miller

Constable, Precinct 6

- ☐ Joseph Guerra
- ☒ **Silvia Trevino**

Constable, Precinct 7

- ☒ **May Walker**



COMMISSIONERS COURT

WHAT DOES THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT DO?

The commissioners court conducts the general business of the County and consists of the county judge and four commissioners. The court adopts the County budget, tax rate, approves all budgeted purchases, and fills vacancies in elections. It also sets the salaries and benefits for all County employees. It has exclusive authority to authorize County contracts, and provides and maintains all County buildings and facilities.

Basically, if you want to do business in the County they need to approve it!



MARIA JACKSON
PRECINCT 1



RODNEY ELLIS
PRECINCT 1



KRISTI THIBAUT
PRECINCT 3



MICHAEL MOORE
PRECINCT 3



JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

WHAT DOES A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DO?

Hears traffic and other Class C misdemeanor cases punishable by fine only. Hears civil cases with up to \$10,000 in controversy. Hears landlord and tenant disputes. Hears truancy cases. Performs magistrate duties. Conducts inquests.



ERIC WILLIAM CARTER
PRECINCT 1, PLACE 1



ISRAEL GARCIA
PRECINCT 5, PLACE 1



VICTOR TREVINO III
PRECINCT 6, PLACE 1



JEREMY L. BROWN
PRECINCT 7, PLACE 1



CONSTABLES

WHAT DOES A CONSTABLE DO?

Constables are licensed peace officers and perform various law enforcement functions, including fighting crime and other services such as:

- Investigation all types of crime.
- Issuing citations.
- Serving warrants and civil papers such as subpoenas.
- Serving temporary restraining orders.
- Provide security and protect the courts in Harris County.



ALAN ROSEN
Constable, Precinct 1

Constable Rosen has initiated groundbreaking and unique collaborations between law enforcement and the community to help bridge the gap between law enforcement and local youth. Constable Rosen is deeply committed to keeping families safe, aggressively addressing crime issues and improving the quality of life for all residents of Precinct One.



JERRY GARCIA
CONSTABLE
PRECINCT 2



SHERMAN EAGLETON
CONSTABLE
PRECINCT 3


















MARK ALAN HARRISON
CONSTABLE
PRECINCT 5



SILVIA TREVINO
CONSTABLE
PRECINCT 6

OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS SHOULD ADOPT
OUR PRINCIPLES ON PROGRESSIVE ISSUES

 Criminal Justice Reform	 Diversity	 Wages
 Patriotism	 Truth	 Environment
 Education	 Health Care	 Immigration
 Free Speech	 Civil Rights	 Sensible Gun Law
 Voting Rights	 Gerrymandering	 Justice

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