

# Voter Guide for Kendall County

## Primary Elections on Tuesday - March 5, 2024



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#### Read both the Texas State Voter Guide and the Kendall County Voter Guide

The Texas State Voter Guide is published by the League of Women Voters of Texas with information on candidates for President and US Senate, as well as state offices like Railroad Commissioner, Texas State Courts, and the State Board of Education. All these elections are for offices which serve every citizen in the state of Texas. This voter guide is printed in color and has a larger paper format on newsprint paper.

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Deadline Dates for Primary Elections on Tuesday - March 5, 2024			
Register to Vote/Change Address	Monday	February 5	Last day to register to vote
Voting by Mail	Monday	January 1	First day to apply for Mail in Ballot
	Friday	February 23	Last day to apply for Mail in Ballot
	Tuesday	March 5	Last day to return Mail in Ballot
Early Voting	Monday	February 20	First day to vote in-person
	Friday	March 1	Last day to vote in-person
Election Day	Tuesday	March 5	In-person at voting location

## Election and Voting Information for Kendall County

Sample ballots and other Information from the Kendall County Election Department posted online:

<https://www.co.kendall.tx.us/page/Elections>

Take a photo ID with you to the voting location.

Curb-side voting is available for Early Voting and on Election Day.

Remember: no cell phones, no texting, no photos, no campaign material, no loitering

**Yellow voter registration card details the elections for the voter residence address.**

### EARLY VOTING in Kendall County: Main Location

**Boerne**      Kendall County Courthouse Annex 221 Fawn Valley Drive

Monday February 19	Tuesday February 20	Wednesday February 21	Thursday February 22	Friday February 23	Saturday February 24
Presidents Day	8:00am to 6:00pm	8:00am to 6:00pm	8:00am to 6:00pm	8:00am to 6:00pm	7:00am to 7:00pm
Sunday February 25	Monday February 26	Tuesday February 27	Wednesday February 28	Thursday February 29	Friday March 1
8:00am to 2:00pm	7:00am to 7:00pm	7:00am to 7:00pm	7:00am to 7:00pm	7:00am to 7:00pm	7:00am to 7:00pm

### EARLY VOTING in Kendall County: Branch Location

**Comfort**      Comfort Baptist Church      100 Amber Drive

Monday February 19	Tuesday February 20	Wednesday February 21	Thursday February 22	Friday February 23	Saturday February 24
Presidents Day	Closed	Closed	Closed	9:00am to 6:00pm	9:00am to 6:00pm
Sunday February 25	Monday February 26	Tuesday February 27	Wednesday February 28	Thursday February 29	Friday March 1
Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed

### ELECTION DAY in Kendall County: Tuesday - March 5      Locations open 7:00am to 7:00pm

Voter may go to any Vote Center on Election Day.

	Location	Address	
Bergheim	Bergheim Volunteer Fire Department	1 Old Curry Creek Road	
Boerne	Boerne Bible Church	1026 East Blanco Road	
	Boerne City Hall - Training Room	447 North Main Street	
	Burdick Community Center	119 Old San Antonio Road	
	First Baptist Church - HUB	631 South School Street	
	Kendall County Fairgrounds - New Dance Hall	1307 River Road	
	Nineteen: Ten Church	130 FM 1376	
	Waring Fire House	11 Waring Road	
Comfort	Comfort Baptist Church	100 Amber Drove	
Kendalia	Kendalia Community Center	2610 FM 473	
Sisterdale	Sisterdale Community Center	2 Sisterdale-Lindendale Road	

# Kendall County 2024 Primary Elections - State Districts

## United States Congress - House of Representative District 21

The United States House of Representatives has 435 seats and is the lower chamber of the US Congress. US House of Representatives Texas District 21 serves 10 counties: Bandera, Bexar (part), Blanco, Comal, Gillespie, Hays, Kendall, Kerr, Real, and Travis (part). The term of office is two years.

Duties: represents a specific geographic area of a state; creates, debates, and votes on bills that become law for the United States; creates and votes on a two-year budget; and oversees the administration of public policy by serving on committees.

<b>Democratic Primary</b>	<b>Kristin Hook</b>	<b>Candidate unopposed in the Democratic Primary Election.</b>
<b>Republican Primary</b>	<b>Chip Roy</b>	<b>Candidate unopposed in the Republican Primary Election.</b>

## Texas Legislature - Senate District 25

The Texas Senate has 31 seats and is the upper chamber of the Texas Legislature. Texas Senate District 25 serves 6 counties: Bexar (part), Blanco, Comal, Guadalupe (part), Hays (part), Kendall, and Travis (part). The term of office is four years.

Duties: represents a specific geographic area of the state; creates, debates, and votes on bills that become law for the State of Texas; sets levels for state spending by passing a two-year budget; votes to raise and lower taxes for the state; and votes to uphold or override gubernatorial vetoes of bills.

<b>Democratic Primary</b>	<b>Merrie Fox</b>	<b>Candidate unopposed in the Democratic Primary Election.</b>
<b>Republican Primary</b>	<b>Donna Campbell</b>	<b>Candidate unopposed in the Republican Primary Election.</b>

## Texas Legislature - House of Representative District 19

The Texas House of Representatives has 150 seats and is the lower chamber of the Texas Legislature. Texas House District 19 serves 5 counties: Blanco, Burnet, Gillespie, Kendall, and Travis (part). The term of office is two years.

Duties: passes bills on public policy that become the law for the State of Texas; sets levels for state spending by passing a two-year budget; votes to raise and lower taxes for the state; and votes to uphold or override gubernatorial vetoes of bills.

### Democratic Primary

<b>Dwain Handley</b>	<b>Zach Vance</b>
Website: <a href="http://www.handley4texas.com">www.handley4texas.com</a>	Candidate has not yet responded.

### What in your background qualifies you to serve the as a state representative in Texas?

**Handley:** I come to this race with a background in grassroots field organizing. I've chaired Democratic precincts in six of the last eleven years, and was trained by Battleground Texas as a Neighborhood Team Leader, organizing a full grassroots field for the Wendy Davis campaign. I have BBA and MS degrees in Finance from Texas A&M. My professional career was in banking and later, wireless telecommunications, and finally, as a self-employed fitness trainer. Though raised Republican, I came to disagree with the party's direction. I've been a Democrat now for a quarter-century.

**Vance:** No response received.

### What are the most pressing issues facing the next session of the Texas Legislature?

**Handley:** My number one issue is DEMOCRACY. While there are so many pressing imperatives today – climate change, voter suppression, underfunded public education, children slaughtered by guns of war, a legislature practicing medicine without a license – NOT ONE of these demanding issues may be rectified without democracy. And democracy is in peril. Our politics are broken, and we must heal them. Only then can it once again function as we need it. Fortunately, I believe this is entirely possible. It begins by electing Democratic majorities that will stand firm for the principles of republican democracy.

**Vance:** No response received.

### **What are your three top priorities for the next session of the Legislature?**

**Handley:** If Democrats come to control both houses of the Legislature, the best way to enact reforms while bypassing the governor's veto will be by amending the Texas Constitution. I want to submit a constitutional amendment that prohibits partisan gerrymandering of districted elections – Legislature, Congress, SBOE – any jurisdictions where elections are conducted on party lines. I want to draft another amendment restoring full voting rights as they stood prior to the U.S. "Shelby County" decision. And I envision a third amendment affirming the authority of counties and home-rule cities to exercise primary control over local affairs.

**Vance:** No response received.

### **What are your priorities for education in the next session of the Legislature?**

**Handley:** The greatest imperative with public education is to fund it fully. Right now, Austin literally usurps tax revenues collected by school districts and directs them toward thoroughly unrelated uses. High property taxes are increasingly burdensome, and yet our schools are underfunded. How does this paradox exist? Because the Republican majority imposes a dishonest tax, making school districts "do the dirty work" of raising them while Austin gets to scheme over how the loot gets spent. There are other pressing matters, to be sure. Banning books, privatizing it all for billionaire enrichment. But that discussion exceeds 100 words.

**Vance:** No response received.

### **What are the greatest concerns of the voters in your district?**

**Handley:** Voters in HD19 are concerned about many of the same things as other Texans. They're concerned about water scarcity – a consequence of climate change. I've talked about education and preserving democracy. They're worried sick, dropping off their daughters and sons, that it may be their last goodbye. They suspect our best years may be behind us and our future is a diminished one. But this need not come to pass. Just one institution stands between us and the bright future we all know we can build, and that's the Republican Party. Return Democrats to power, and we'll restore that future.

**Vance:** No response received.

## **Republican Primary**

<b>Kyle Biedermann</b>	<b>Manny Campos</b>	<b>Ellen Troxclair</b>
Website: <a href="http://www.KyleforTexas.com">www.KyleforTexas.com</a>	Website: <a href="http://www.manny2024.com">www.manny2024.com</a>	Website: <a href="http://www.TroxclairforTexas.com">www.TroxclairforTexas.com</a>

### **What in your background qualifies you to serve the as a state representative in Texas?**

**Biedermann:** I was a state representative from 2017-2023 in HD 73. I am not a career politician so I decided not to run in the last election cycle and instead go home to my family and business. I have 7 daughters and 15 grandchildren. I have owned and operated Biedermann's Ace Hardware in Fredericksburg for 39 yrs as well as opened Harper Feed & Hardware last year.

**Campos:** Manny Campos' multifaceted background as a small business owner, a business director at a large corporation, and a board member of a non-profit small business incubator uniquely equips him for State Representative in District 19. His entrepreneurial experience offers a firsthand understanding of local business challenges, advocating for policies promoting economic growth. Serving on a non-profit's board demonstrates his commitment to community development. Manny Campos' diverse roles reflect a comprehensive grasp of business needs, enabling him to navigate legislative intricacies effectively, advocate for small businesses, and foster initiatives fostering economic resilience in District 19.

**Troxclair:** I am a mom, a business owner, and a proven conservative with a record of passing the largest property tax cut in US history, fighting to secure our border by adding \$6.5B for the border wall and barriers, banning COVID vaccine mandates, protecting children from sexual predators and big tech, fully funding our policy, and saving women's sports. I have built a reputation as a hard-working, principled, and effective leader for our district who keeps my promises.

### **What are the most pressing issues facing the next session of the Texas Legislature?**

**Biedermann:** Border security and election integrity.

**Campos:** The next Texas Legislature faces a gamut of pressing issues. Vouchers and school finance demand attention to ensure equitable access to quality education. Immigration and border security remain pivotal due to their impact on demographics and state resources. Higher education requires support for affordability and accessibility. School safety concerns mandate proactive measures. Property taxes need reform to ease burdens. The electric grid's resilience and water supply infrastructure are critical for a sustainable future. Addressing these multifaceted challenges will shape Texas' socio-economic landscape, demanding comprehensive, strategic legislative action for the state's well-being.

**Troxclair:** Securing our southern border remains the most pressing issue for our state. In addition to investing in border security and enforcing the Remain in Mexico policy that I helped pass last session, we must continue to do everything in our state's power to protect our citizens from the trafficking of humans and drugs across our border. Additionally, I am working to eliminate school property taxes and Robin Hood by fully funding schools through our state revenue.

### **What are your three top priorities for the next session of the Legislature?**

**Biedermann:** Water availability and growth in the Hill Country were my top priorities while I was a Representative and will continue to be one of my top priorities when elected. Border security and election integrity are also top priorities.

**Campos:** The 2024 Texas political issues we see as the most important are, vouchers and school finance, immigration and border security, and water infrastructure stand as pivotal issues. Vouchers and school finance drive at the heart of educational equity, shaping future generations. Immigration and border security remain hot topics, impacting Texas' demographics, economy, and national identity. Water infrastructure, vital for sustenance, is a constant challenge particularly in small communities. Addressing these concerns not only reflects Texans' immediate needs but also determines the state's trajectory, defining its educational, social, and economic landscape for years to come.

**Troxclair:** In addition to further cutting property taxes, we must secure the border and cut off the incentives that encourage illegal immigration in order to keep our communities and schools safe. We must preserve the Hill Country's natural resources and beauty by managing growth and protecting our water resources. We must give parents the ability to choose the best education for their children and put an end to lobbyists being paid with taxpayer dollars.

### **What are your priorities for education in the next session of the Legislature?**

**Biedermann:** My priorities for the next legislative session focus on advocating for increased parental choice in education, particularly for low-income families. Additionally, I aim to allocate more resources to enhance classrooms and support teachers in public schools. Addressing the issue of excessive bureaucracy in the school system, which diminishes local control and teacher salaries, remains a key concern. Despite facing setbacks in passing a bill for teacher input through an anonymous survey, and efforts to make the Robin Hood system fairer to contributing ISDs, I will persist in pushing for positive changes in the public education system.

**Campos:** In the upcoming Texas Legislative session, educational priorities focus on expanding school choice options, fostering accountability through rigorous standards, and empowering local districts. Enhancing teaching quality, particularly through merit-based incentives are crucial. Prioritizing STEM education aligns with preparing students for evolving careers. Fiscal responsibility in budgeting and funding allocations while addressing special education needs and promoting alternative education programs round out key focuses. Creating a dynamic, accountable, and locally controlled educational environment that maximizes opportunities for all students across Texas is important.

**Troxclair:** Every child deserves access to an excellent education. We must ensure our education funding ends up in the classroom to benefit teachers and students, and not lost in red tape. I will continue fighting to ensure inappropriate content and CRT/DEI content stay OUT of our schools and universities, and that teachers are supported. We must ensure our children are taught HOW to think instead of WHAT to think, and that reading, writing, math, science, and history are prioritized in the classroom.

### **What are the greatest concerns of the voters in your district?**

**Biedermann:** Water, density, growth and property taxes.

**Campos:** In Texas House District 19, water infrastructure holds immense significance due to its arid climate, necessitating reliable water sources for agriculture, industry, and community sustenance. Addressing water infrastructure ensures a stable supply vital for growth and resilience against droughts. Simultaneously, school vouchers impact educational access, particularly crucial in diverse communities. They determine the quality of education accessible to students, shaping their futures and the district's socio-economic vitality. Prioritizing both issues in District 19 is imperative for securing essential resources and fostering educational opportunities, driving sustainable development and prosperity.

**Troxclair:** For the last three years, the current Administration has done everything they can to open our borders, cripple our access to reliable energy, and destroy traditional family values. They have spent over \$6 TRILLION dollars catapulting our national debt to \$34 TRILLION and increasing the cost of gas, groceries, and commodities through inflation. Families just want safe communities, quality schools, an affordable cost of living, and to have their personal liberties protected. I have fought, and always will fight, for these things.

### **Texas 4th Court of Appeals**

The 4th Court of Appeals is one of 14 state courts and has jurisdiction in a 32-county region of the state. This court has a Chief Justice and six other justices, who are elected at large for a term of six years.

Duties: receives appeals in civil and criminal cases from district and county courts; has intermediate appellate jurisdiction of both civil and criminal cases appealed from lower courts; in civil cases where judgment rendered exceeds \$250, exclusive of costs, and other civil proceedings as provided by law; and in criminal cases except in post-conviction writs of habeas corpus and where the death penalty has been imposed.

### **Justice, Place 2**

#### **Democratic Primary**

<b>Velia J. Meza</b>	<b>Beth Watkins</b>
No contact information received.	Website: <a href="http://www.KeepBeth.com">www.KeepBeth.com</a>

### **Qualifications: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?**

**Meza:** I currently serve as a Criminal District Court Judge in San Antonio, Texas. I have 22 years of combined jury trial and appellate experience in both criminal and civil matters.

**Watkins:** I have been on this bench 5 years, am one of the most productive justices in the State, and am rarely overturned. I'm Board Certified in civil appellate law. I work really hard and I love my job!

### **Ethics: Since judicial candidates solicit donations and raise money to be elected, how can voters be assured that campaign donations will not impact how judges interpret the law and/or review lower court decisions?**

**Meza:** The public can rest assured that campaign contributions are used for the specific purposes allowed by the Texas Ethics Commission. Judges routinely file campaign finance reports to assure full compliance and transparency.

**Watkins:** This is a hard question, but I have an easy answer—I do not accept campaign contributions from lawyers or parties appearing before me. Period.

Judges must avoid even the appearance of impropriety, and taking campaign contributions from someone who has a case pending in your court just doesn't pass the smell test.

### **Separation of Powers: What is your view of the role of courts relative to the other branches of government?**

**Meza:** My view is that the Judiciary is an independent branch of government. We are called upon to interpret the law. We are also called upon to collaborate with the other branches for the proper functioning of our government. As part of an independent Judiciary, I faithfully and impartially discharge my duties without regard for a litigant's background, influence, or status.

**Watkins:** The US Constitution is a sacred document and I revere it. I have taught constitutional law at St. Mary's University School of Law for years and have studied the Constitution extensively. The Framers created three separate, distinct—and equal—branches. Our role is to interpret the laws passed by the legislature and to resolve conflicts that arise in their execution. It's a brilliant system.



**Equity: What can be done to improve access to justice for all, including persons or groups who may be underserved?**

**Meza:** We need to encourage access to justice as early as law school and encourage the State Bar members to remain engaged in representing those who cannot afford representation. When I was in private practice I frequently helped single moms to establish or collect court ordered child support payments for their children.

**Watkins:** To live our values of "justice for all," we must close the justice gap. We need more funding for legal aid organizations, so they can represent low-income Texans in critical cases involving landlord-tenant disputes, child support, and insurance conflicts. Groups like the Texas and San Antonio Bar Foundations do this work every day. I am a proud long-time sustaining member of both organizations.

**Court System: What effect will the new business court and statewide court of appeals have on the administration of justice in Texas?**

**Meza:** Since the courts were recently created by our Legislature and have not started operating, it is unclear how the courts will improve or not improve the administration of justice in Texas.

**Watkins:** I understand lawsuits have already been filed to challenge these courts. Those challenges could come through my court. The Texas Canons of Judicial Conduct provide, "A judge shall abstain from public comment about a pending or impending proceeding which may come before the judge's court...." As a result, I must respectfully decline to answer this question.

<b>Republican Primary</b>	<b>No one filed for this office</b>
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**Justice, Place 3**

<b>Democratic Primary</b>	<b>Cynthia Marie Chapa</b>	<b>Candidate unopposed in the Democratic Primary.</b>
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**Republican Primary**

<b>Todd McCray</b>	Website: <a href="http://www.mccrayforjudge.com">www.mccrayforjudge.com</a>	<b>Michael J. Ritter</b>	Website: <a href="http://www.vote4ritter.com">www.vote4ritter.com</a>
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**Qualifications: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?**

**McCray:** 34 years experience representing both the State of Texas as prosecutor and low-income individuals in trial and appeal court. Tried 100 plus jury trials. Board Certified by the TBLS since 1997.

**Ritter:** I'm a current elected official with 10+ years of judicial experience. I've written 450+ opinions and worked on 1,000+ appeals. I'm double board certified in both civil appeals and criminal appeals.

**Ethics: Since judicial candidates solicit donations and raise money to be elected, how can voters be assured that campaign donations will not impact how judges interpret the law and/or review lower court decisions?**

**McCray:** Our judicial system should be independent, fair and impartial. Candidates should refrain from financial dealings that reflect adversely on impartiality. Although the Code of Judicial Conduct does not prohibit candidates from soliciting funds for appropriate expenses, in order to uphold judicial integrity, candidates should adhere to the Judicial Conduct Code and personally observe those standards.

**Ritter:** Voters should select candidates with judicial experience and a proven record of applying the law fairly, despite having received donations. Candidates without prior judicial experience are more likely to be influenced by the donors who got them into office. Judges' ability to rule fairly, uninfluenced by donations, only comes from confidence in their experience and qualifications to be a judge.

**Separation of Powers: What is your view of the role of courts relative to the other branches of government?**

**McCray:** Our judicial branch of government should be independent and impartial relative to the other branches. Judicial independence is derived from the U.S. Constitution which means that courts should be protected from undue influence from the other branches. Judges should be free to decide cases fairly and impartially, relying only on the facts and law. The judiciary should uphold the rule of law.

**Ritter:** My judicial philosophy is very conservative. To protect the rule of law, judges must not be activists who legislate from the bench. When judges impose their own personal views of what the law should be (not what it is), it's wholly unfair to those who followed the law, destroys confidence that judges are unbiased, and ends up in reversals from higher courts, just wasting everyone's time and money.

**Equity: What can be done to improve access to justice for all, including persons or groups who may be underserved?**

**McCray:** I have 34 years of experience representing the rights of low income and underserved individuals before trial and appellate courts throughout Texas. Board Certification was established by the Texas Supreme Court to "promote the availability, accessibility and quality of services of attorneys to the public." Advocacy for access to justice improves equity for all Texans.

**Ritter:** One access-to-justice barrier is the unnecessary costs of inefficient courts. Inefficient courts run by inexperienced judges only increase the expense of hiring a lawyer to go through wasteful proceedings. Judges also take too long to rule. Many don't show up to work because they know voters often don't find out. With experienced judges, you get better courts and more affordable justice for all.

**Court System: What effect will the new business court and statewide court of appeals have on the administration of justice in Texas?**

**McCray:** As a board-certified attorney I am able to say that Texans will benefit from courts and judges that have the experience and expertise to fairly and efficiently resolve cases. Trial and appeal courts with more experienced judges operate more effectively, alleviate caseloads in trial and appeal courts, and burdens on the higher courts.

**Ritter:** The new courts will reduce inefficiencies by ensuring more qualified judges, but at a cost. Our appellate courts are so backlogged that we now must pay more tax dollars on more courts. All courts must implement better efficiency methods. While working for the judiciary, that's what I've done. If all judges would do the same, we wouldn't need to pay more taxes for bigger government and more courts.

**Justice, Place 4**

<b>Democratic Primary</b>	<b>Luz Elena Chapa</b>	<b>Candidate unopposed in the Democratic Primary.</b>
<b>Republican Primary</b>	<b>Lori Massey Brissette</b>	<b>Candidate unopposed in the Republican Primary.</b>

**Justice, Place 5**

<b>Democratic Primary</b>	<b>Liza A. Rodriguez</b>	<b>Candidate unopposed in the Democratic Primary.</b>
<b>Republican Primary</b>	<b>Adrian Spears</b>	<b>Candidate unopposed in the Republican Primary.</b>

**Justice, Place 7**

<b>Democratic Primary</b>	<b>No one filed for this office</b>	
<b>Republican Primary</b>	<b>Lori I. Valenzuela</b>	<b>Candidate unopposed in the Republican Primary.</b>

***Kendall County 2024 Primary Elections - County***

**Democratic Primary** - No one filed to run for a county office.

**Republican Primary** - All candidates listed below are on the ballot and are *unopposed*.

Kendall County Sheriff: Al Auxier

Kendall County Tax Assessor/Collector: James A. Hudson

Kendall County Commissioner Precinct 3: Richard Chapman

Kendall County Constable Precinct 1: Todd Setliff

Kendall County Constable Precinct 2: Paul L. Knoll

Kendall County Constable Precinct 3: Gene Serene

Kendall County Constable Precinct 4: Brian Vaughan

**The Kendall County election listed below is on the ballot with more than one candidate.**



## Kendall County Commissioner Precinct 1

A county commissioner in the state of Texas is elected to the County Commissioners Court to conduct the general business of the county. The Court consists of the county judge who is elected at-large and four commissioners who are elected by geographical precinct. Each commissioner is typically responsible for building and maintaining county roads and bridges with the precinct. The term of office is four years.

Duties: adopts the county budget and the county tax rate; approves all budgeted purchases of the county; sets all salaries and benefits for county employees; authorizes all county contracts; provides and maintains all county buildings and facilities; and fills vacancies in elective and appointed county offices.

### Republican Primary

<b>Christina Bergmann</b>	<b>Jennifer McCall</b>
Website: <a href="http://www.votebergmann.com">www.votebergmann.com</a>	Email: <a href="mailto:jenniferforcommissioner@gmail.com">jenniferforcommissioner@gmail.com</a>

### What in your background qualifies you to serve as Kendall County Commissioner for Precinct 1?

**Bergmann:** I first served to protect my community at the age of 16 as a Boerne Volunteer Fire Department member and still serve to this day. As a board member of Cibolo Preserve, I protect Kendall County's natural beauty. I previously served on the Boerne City Council, Boerne's Historic Landmark Commission, and Boerne Heights Homeowners Association. I am active with the Boerne Chamber of Commerce and Kendall County Republican Women. On the Commissioners Court, I serve as Judge Pro-Tem, and I have also completed the Commissioners Court Advance Curriculum through the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas.

**McCall:** My background is that of banking, business management, and the healthcare industry. As a tax paying resident of Kendall County for the last 30 years, I have witnessed the growth and change that has occurred. Some has been good for our community, but some changes seem to not be in the best interest of the tax paying citizens. I have chosen to step forward, utilizing my skills and training to address these concerns. It is my goal to seek out, listen, and represent the citizens of Precinct 1 at Commissioner's Court.

### What are the most pressing issues facing the Kendall County Commissioners Court?

**Bergmann:** Kendall County is experiencing explosive growth that strains our infrastructure, law enforcement, and water supply. Unlike municipalities, counties have limited regulatory authority regarding development, so we must work twice as hard to protect our family-friendly way of life.

**McCall:** Mobility, development versus natural resources (in particular availability of water), and how to most effectively and efficiently pay for the needed services for our citizens are the most pressing issues facing Kendall County. All of these are critical. Some of these concerns need to be addressed locally at the county level, some in partnership with the cities of Boerne and Fair Oaks Ranch, and some will require help from our state legislative officials. Good communication, transparent planning and listening to citizens' concerns are key to effectively addressing these issues.

### What are the citizens of Kendall County telling you about county problems?

**Bergmann:** The main concerns I hear from my constituents are the problems that come with the growth we are experiencing and the development that comes with it. As stated above, the main concern is water, followed by infrastructure.

**McCall:** Even prior to announcing my candidacy, I sought out and visited with citizens of Kendall County to discuss their views and concerns facing our community. They have shared the importance of quality roads, smarter development and the effective use of natural resources, especially water availability, both now and in the future. The assessment of tax and the costs of living balanced with the provision of County services is also a key concern. It is my intention to carry these concerns to the County Commissioner's Court and be the voice for the citizens of Precinct 1.

### **League of Women Voters - Hill Country Texas**

For over forty years this League has served Kerr County and now serves six counties in the Texas Hill Country: Bandera, Blanco, Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr, and Llano. Members of this League live in all six counties. Both men and women over the age of 16 are members of the League and there are various membership levels with annual dues as a part of the membership. Visit the website to join: [lwvhillcountrytexas.org](http://lwvhillcountrytexas.org)

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