

Coalition of Harris County Democratic Elected Officials

Coalition Members

(By Date of Election to Present Office)

Representative Senfronia Thompson

Senator John Whitmire

Commissioner El Franco Lee

Constable Gary Freeman

Senator Rodney Ellis

Representative Garnet Coleman

Congressman Gene Green

Senator Mario Gallegos

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee

Representative Jessica Farrar

Commissioner Sylvia Garcia

Representative Alma Allen

Constable May Walker

Representative Hubert Vo

Representative Ana Hernandez

Representative Ellen Cohen

Representative Carol Alvarado

Representative Armando Walle

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Today the newly-formed Coalition of Harris County Democratic Elected Officials is releasing the names of judicial candidates it will recommend to Democratic primary voters in the March 2nd Primary Election.

Formation of the Coalition began in early summer of '09, as Party leaders in Harris County realized that interest among potential Democratic candidates for local judicial posts was booming because of the dramatic rise in Democratic balloting generated by the 2008 Presidential Campaign of Barack Obama. Obama is the first Democratic Presidential candidate since President Lyndon Johnson in 1964 to win a majority of votes in Harris County.

Because so many candidates were inclined to seek the Democratic nomination for dozens of judgeships in 2010, elected leaders created a process for screening and recommending candidates to help insure that the quality and diversity of those nominated bring strength to the Democratic Party.

Membership in the Coalition is limited to non-judicial Democratic elected officials who represent Harris County voters. The roles of several offices held by Democrats, such as the Harris County District Clerk which serves all District judges, and the Office of County Attorney, representing all County officials and

departments, makes their participation problematic; however most non-judicial Democratic leaders are participating.

Very careful screening of judicial candidates by panels of elected officials has taken place over several months, with final decisions made after filing deadline had passed.

Judicial candidates recommended to Democratic voters for the March 2, 2010 Primary are listed on the attached sheets. Candidates having an asterisk by their names have no Democratic opposition.

Through a number of projects, the Coalition plans to bring these judicial recommendations to Democratic voters throughout the primary election season.

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