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December 20, 2012

Jeff S. Jordan, Esq.  
Office of the General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR 6683

Dear Mr. Jordan:

The undersigned represents the Fort Bend County Democratic Party and S. Qaisar Imam "Q," Treasurer ("FBCDP"). By this letter, the committee responds to a complaint filed by Michael D. Gibson. In his complaint, Mr. Gibson alleges that the FBCDP disseminated a thirty-six page voter guide that featured a picture of Barack Obama and included one page advocating the election of Al Green (which was paid for by Congressman Green) without registering as a political committee and failed to provide an appropriate disclaimer.

The committee acknowledges that it mailed the voter guide. The total cost of printing and postage for the guide was \$19,790. However, since the share allocable to federal candidates constituted, at most, approximately 5% of the voter guide mailing, the committee did not exceed the \$1,000 expenditure threshold that would have triggered registration and reporting with the Federal Election Commission (A complete copy of the mailing is attached to this response).

The Federal Election Campaign Act ("the Act") requires a local party committee to register as a political committee if it makes \$1,000 in contributions or expenditures in connection with a federal election in a calendar year. 2 U.S.C. § 431(4)(C). The complaint also incorrectly alleges that the FBCDP should have paid expenses from a federal account and failed to allocate expenses with the required portion of federal and non-federal funds. However, if the committee does not reach this threshold, it may make expenditures in connection with a federal election so long as those expenditures are made from funds that are permissible under the Act. 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.5(b). The FBCDP had

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sufficient funds from federally permissible sources to pay for the entirety of the mailing. In addition, since the FBCDP did not trigger political committee status, it was not required to file an October 20, 2012 monthly report as alleged by the complainant. See also 11 C.F.R. § 300.36(a).

Although the advertisement properly acknowledged that it was paid for by the FBCDP, the FBCDP admits that the advertisement does not fully comply with the Commission's regulations that require all public communications that expressly advocate the election of a federal candidate to comply with the Commission's regulations since it did not state whether it was authorized by a federal candidate nor was the disclaimer in a printed box. 11 C.F.R. § 110.11(a)(2). The committee has been admonished by its Washington counsel that all advertising that references a federal candidate must comply with federal disclaimer requirements. Any such ads run in the future by the FBCDP will comply with the Commission's disclaimer requirements in the future.

### CONCLUSION

Contrary to Mr. Gibson's assertion, the FBCDP did not reach the \$1,000 political committee threshold. To be sure, the advertisements referenced in the complaint were the only "expenditures" made by the FCB DP during the 2012 calendar year. The total cost for the mailing was \$19,790. Thus, the federal portion of the mailing was clearly less than \$1,000 based upon any reasonable time and space analysis. See 11 C.F.R. § 106.1. Thus, the FDCDP did not trigger political committee status in 2012. Furthermore, in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 102.5(b), the FBCDP had sufficient permissible funds to pay for the federal portion of this expenditure. Although the advertisements run by the FBCDP contained a disclaimer that properly identified the FBCDP as the payee of the advertisement, the FBCDP was unaware of the full requirements for federal disclaimers under federal law.

Based upon the small amounts spent on the mailing allocable to federal candidates, the Commission should use its prosecutorial discretion and dismiss the complaint. See MURs 5892, 5893 & 5894. In the alternative, the matter should be referred to the Alternative Dispute Resolution office for disposition.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (202) 479-1111.

Sincerely,



Neil Reiff  
Counsel to the Fort Bend County  
Democratic Party and S. Qaisar  
Imam "Q," as Treasurer

# Voter's Guide

## Inside:

# Candidate Profiles Democratic Club Profiles Voter Info

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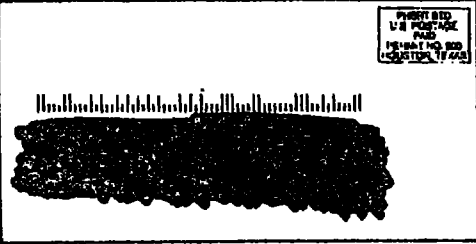
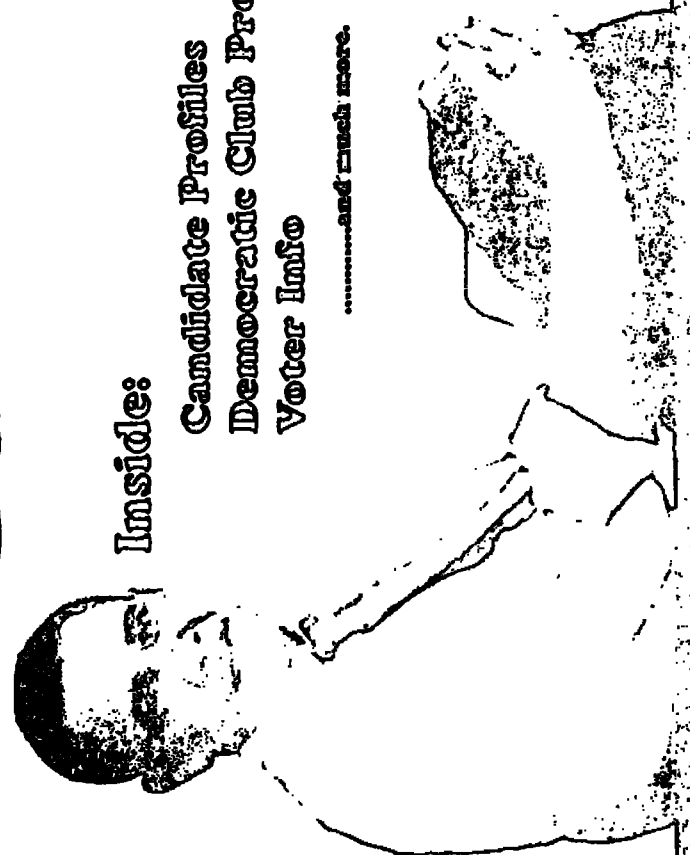



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## Working to Move Fort Bend Forward

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**Re-Elect**



**Al Green respectfully asks for your vote in November.**



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# Steve Brown

## Chairman, Fort Bend County Democratic Party

### FORT BEND IS READY TO T/P

Dear Fellow Democrats:

Welcome to our first ever Fort Bend County Democratic Party Voters Guide!

You are receiving it because we recognize that you have been an avid supporter of Democrats locally, and we want to make sure that you are well informed on our candidates, clubs and platform leading to the 2012 November election. This election will be one of the closest in recent history. You have a real opportunity this election to *be the Difference* in getting President Barack Obama re-elected and forming Fort Bend Blue.

In Malcolm Gladwell's national best seller, *Tipping Point*, he defines the "domino moment" when everything changes all at once. In an epidemic or social movement, as it's called in *Tipping Point*. In order to achieve this it takes a common belief that change is possible and a commitment to small, incremental but successful initiatives.

Fort Bend has been closing in on its Democratic tipping point for the last decade. We've seen in election after election the Republican margin gradually shrinking locally. President Barack Obama came within 5,574 votes of winning Fort Bend outright in 2008. In 2010, for the first time in 20 years the number of straight ticket Democrats surpassed straight ticket Republican voters.

Today, more Fort Bend County voters are identified as Democrats than Republicans - 45,000 more. The belief that a tipping point is near for Democrats is real.

I hope you find this guide to be informative, and use it to start a dialogue in your home and community about our Democratic values and in all levels of Democratic office throughout Fort Bend County.

Sincerely,

Steve Brown

Steve Brown

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# Have You Been Purged From The Voting Rolls? Check Your Voter Registration!

The Republican Party has been busy conducting purges of voters on the voter registration rolls in several states including Texas. The attempt by GOP Governor Rick Scott to purge 180,000 voters from the rolls is in litigation right now and preliminary review shows that 98.4% of the voters on the Florida voter purge list are legal registered voters who just happen to be mainly minority voters. The State of Texas is trying to get access to the same Federal database being used by Florida to purge voters.

More than 2.7 million living people who voted in 2008 have since been purged from the voter rolls. Among those, African American voters are "1.5 times more likely to be purged than Caucasian voters, nationally." Minorities and voters under the age of 40 and voters are over the age of 65 are also far more likely to be the subject of a voter purge.

While there is litigation pending in Florida on the voter purge, many Texans may not be aware that the Texas GOP is busy trying to purge 300,000 voters from the voter registration rolls. Watch out for voter registration cancellations.

## Purging the rolls

Many attempts to purge voter rolls from November 2008 to November 2010 targeted valid voters, data shows.

County	Voters receiving removal notices	Percent presenting information to remain registered
Collin	54,272	70%
Bexar	117,552	40%
Galveston	31,403	37%
Harris	270,113	16%
Tarrant	121,601	12%
Denton	56,705	11%
Fort Bend	50,543	10%
Dallas	126,253	8%
Travis	98,811	7%
El Paso	48,238	3%
Statewide	1,578,204	21%

Problems while voting? Call the Fort Bend Elections office at 281-341-8670 and e-mail the Voter Protection team for the Fort Bend Democratic Party at [Fortbendvoterprotection@gmail.com](mailto:Fortbendvoterprotection@gmail.com).

Source: Houston Chronicle analysis of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission data submitted by Texas counties that sent more than 30,000 or more cancellation notices to voters in the two-year period.

Houston Chronicle

Texas voter registration rates are already among the lowest in the nation, and one out of every 10 Texas voters' registration is currently suspended. The almost 1.5 million voters who are suspended could be purged if they fail to vote in two consecutive general elections.

In order to make sure that you are able to vote, each voter needs to check their voter registration which is very easy to do. All you need to do is go to the website for the Fort Bend Elections office which you do by searching for Fort Bend Elections. Once you are on the Fort Bend Election Website, click on the left of the page for Voter Registration Database Lookup. Once you are on this page, you can confirm that your registration is current. If your search shows that you are not registered, you can call the Fort Bend Elections office at 281-341-8670 or you can e-mail the Fort Bend Elections office at [vote@fba.org](mailto:vote@fba.org). If you have any trouble you can e-mail the Voter Protection team for the Fort Bend Democratic Party at [Fortbendvoterprotection@gmail.com](mailto:Fortbendvoterprotection@gmail.com).

Each vote is important. The only way to prevent the GOP from purging legal voters from the rolls is for all voters to check on the status of their registration.

## Voter Suppression It CAN Happen Here!

"From Texas to Wisconsin to Mississippi to Maine, Republicans have launched an assault on voting rights. Their primary aim is to ensure their reelection—at the expense of the voting rights of eligible Americans, particularly persons of limited means, minorities, young people, and our seniors." – Donna Brazille.

The GOP has a long history of attempting to suppress the vote. Former Justice Rehnquist got his start in Republican politics as a member of a "ballot security" squad who challenged minority voters at the polls in Arizona.

In the past, other examples of voter suppression has been voter caging which is the practice of sending letters to voters hoping that all or some of these letters would be returned. The GOP would then challenge any voters who lived at the address of a voter whose letter was returned. In Michigan during the 2010 election, the GOP attempted to challenge any voters whose homes were foreclosed on. The Democratic Party has been successful in fighting these efforts and the Republican National Committee is subject to an injunction that prohibits the RNC from engaging in "ballot security" efforts other than normal poll watching.

In 2010, the King Street Patriots and their affiliate True the Vote, attempted to intimidate voters in Harris County by having "poll watchers" stand over, and attempt to influence, voters at polling locations. We expect these groups and other groups will be attempting to intimidate voters in Fort Bend and other counties. The Texas Democratic Party is suing the King Street Patriots and will be monitoring their efforts.

In addition, the Department of Justice sent in election observers to Harris County in 2010 and we hope that the Department of Justice will send observers in the upcoming general election as well.

The best way to fight voter suppression efforts is the following:

1. Know your rights. See the Voter Bill of Rights on page 25 for an explanation of your rights as a voter.
2. Be diligent. If you see any examples of voter suppression contact the State Democratic Party or the Fort Bend Democratic Party at the numbers set forth below.
3. Help your Party to protect the Right to Vote! If you wish to help, the party will be training poll watchers in time for early voting and the general election. The best way to protect the right to vote is to have observers in place to protect the right to vote. You can volunteer to be a poll watcher by e-mailing: [fortbendvoterprotection@gmail.com](mailto:fortbendvoterprotection@gmail.com).

If you have any questions or problems, please call 512-478-9800.

Or, you may contact the Fort Bend Democrats at 281-702-1091 or

e-mail the Fort Bend Voter Protection Team at: [Fortbendvoterprotection@gmail.com](mailto:Fortbendvoterprotection@gmail.com)



**FORT BEND**  
COUNTY  
DEMOCRATIC  
PARTY

# Teana Watson

## for 434<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge

Teana Watson is running for 434<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge in Fort Bend County. It is an elected position few voters know, yet it is a position that has enormous local significance for the administration of justice here in Fort Bend County.

There are 6 District Court Judges in the county, each serving terms of 4 years. These are the highest courts in the county and the courts hear cases ranging from civil to criminal matters. The 434<sup>th</sup> District Judgeship, is simply one of the six District Court Judgeships that have jurisdiction over Fort Bend county.

"I am running to bring my extensive background and 21 years of legal experience to the District Court in Fort Bend County, and continue my record of making a difference in the lives of the people in need of justice. My campaign is about the vision I can bring to the Fort Bend Judiciary. A vision that includes better programs for persons on community supervision and more resources for persons in the legal system who suffer from mental illness. My goal is to help make our community better and safer for everyone. As Judge, I will maintain a presence and remain connected to the community."

Teana Watson is an attorney with over twenty one years of legal experience. She worked as a prosecutor in multiple counties, including Fort Bend, before opening up her private practice. She also served as a municipal court judge in Stafford, Texas from 2002-2010. She has worked as a prosecutor and a defense attorney, and has a clientele that includes juveniles, teachers, court appointments, and parents. Her extensive legal experience makes her uniquely suited to hear and fairly decide the plethora of cases that would come before her, if elected.

Teana Watson is a native Houstonian and proud 1982 graduate of Jesse Jones High School Vanguard Program. After high school, Teana graduated with honors from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee in 1986. Two of her most memorable collegiate accomplishments were studying as a Sloan Fellow at Princeton University and pledging Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. During law school at Syracuse University, Teana was chosen out of thousands of applicants to intern for the prestigious Manhattan District Attorney's Office in New York, New York. Tired of shoveling snow, Teana returned home after law school to become licensed as an attorney in Texas, married Ricardo Watson and began her career in the Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office, where she was later promoted to Chief of the Juvenile Division. She is a long time Fort Bend County resident of over twenty years. Currently, she lives in Missouri City with her husband, two sons, Ricky and Cordell, and the family dog, Buddy.

Justice requires a sense of fairness and of understanding. Teana promises to have both.

This November, please remember to vote for Teana Watson. For information about the campaign and what you can do to help, visit her website at [www.TeanaWatsonForJudge.com](http://www.TeanaWatsonForJudge.com).



Teana with her husband, Ricardo, two sons, Ricky and Cordell, and family dog, Buddy.



Teana Watson former Municipal Court Judge, City of Stafford, Texas.



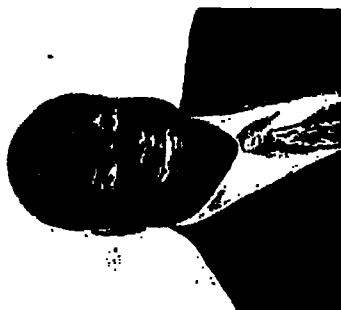
# Candidate for Fort Bend County Sheriff

**"It is an honor as well as a privilege to bear the title, "Public Servant".**

Michael Ellison grew up in the Southwest Houston area, where he attended schools in the Houston Independent School District. His deep family ties allowed him to spend his summers in Fort Bend County. He met his wife, Rossiline, in middle school and has been married to her for 27 years. Ellison is a strong advocate of family and commitment. He and Rossiline currently reside in the Sugar Land area. They have two grown children, Shanase and Michael II, one son-in-law, Anthony Mathis Jr., as well as two grandsons, Anthony Mathis III and Javion Michael Mathis.

**Michael Ellison** is a man of strong faith. He is the proud Pastor of Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church, located in Richmond. He has been a preacher for over 17 years and Pastoring Zion Hill for the past 10 years. Rev. Ellison has a true shepherd's heart- serving people is what he was dedicated his life doing. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Religion at Faith Evangelical Seminary, Tacoma, WA, where he is a candidate for Master of Arts in Theological Studies. His educational background includes: The College of Biblical Studies, in Houston TX.

For the past 27 years, he has been employed with the Harris County Sheriff's Office where he has been a Sergeant for the last 10. Sergeant Ellison has an extensive background and experience in Law Enforcement. He also continues to progress as a Supervisor by motivating others to function at a higher level of excellence. He extends professionalism, integrity and high moral standards as was demonstrated on August 4th, 2011, night here in Fort Bend County when Sergeant Ellison confronted a group of armed robbers during a bank heist and exchanged gunfire with one of the suspects. Ellison sustained multiple gunshot wounds. His concern for the safety and welfare of others was far greater than for himself. This is, and was, the climatic event that brought on his decision to run for the Office of Sheriff in Fort Bend County.



**MICHAEL ELLISON: A SHERIFF FOR ALL PEOPLE...  
A SHERIFF FOR ALL PARTIES... A SHERIFF IN ALL PLACES**

# M. E. "Skip" Belt

FOR

## Fort Bend County Attorney



My name is Morris E. Belt, Jr. but my friends and family call me "Skip".

I support the Platform of the Democratic Party and I am thankful for the leadership and vision of our President, Barack Obama. I am running for local county-wide office and urge all Democrats and free thinking Independents to vote for me as your next County Attorney of Fort Bend County.

My wife, Judy, and I are both native Texans. We have lived in Fort Bend and Missouri City for 36 years and have always been active in community and civic events. I am passionate about soccer and manage a league and club.

I am a graduate of the University of Texas in Latin American Studies and Law School. I have supplemented my education with graduate business courses with NYU and Houston Baptist University. I am bilingual English/Spanish. I have practical experience as an international banker, and as general counsel and risk and insurance manager for an international oil drilling contractor.

I have been a lawyer for 41 years both as a corporate officer and private practice. In the public sector I have served two terms as a City Councilman of Missouri City. I continue as a member of the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1.

My education and experience in the private sector has given me a broader background and perspective of my role as County Attorney that will be a plus for the County and the taxpayers. I know I can do a better job and save the County money both on the operation of the office and the benefits it will bring to the County as a whole.

Currently the County Attorney plays a limited and passive role of resolving legal problems as they occur. The County Attorney does little to anticipate or identify risks or practices that lead to these lawsuits. Furthermore his common practice is to outsource the defense of the County to expensive outside law firms.

I wish to change the role of the County Attorney to benefit the citizens of Fort Bend County by being more Pro Active and independent to lower the cost of County Government while also improving the morale and efficiency of its departments.

To accomplish this objective of saving the taxpayers money and also rendering improved services, I believe the County Attorney should do the following:

1. Defend the County against common lawsuits and claims rather than outsourcing and paying large fees to outside law firms as is the current practice.
  2. Work with the smaller towns with limited resources to eliminate public nuisances through civil action and assist city attorneys when requested.
  3. Work closely with the County Commissioners and all government departments to do an independent risk management assessment to lower the risk and cost of lawsuits, loss of property and loss of trained personnel.
  4. Coordinate efficiency studies with all government departments, and also serve as an ombudsman to independently evaluate complaints and suggestions from department personnel and citizens for cost savings, efficiency, and service improvements.
  5. Encourage the adoption of a Civil Service Plan for County Employees as was recently approved for the Sheriff's Department which will improve employee morale, assure meritorious promotion, allow redress against arbitrary dismissals or punishments, and also avoid costly employee lawsuits.
- I am guided by the law, the truth, and fairness. I am respected by people in both political parties and independents. I am not beholden to any politician or special interest and will always seek to do what is right. This independence will allow me to do more for the County than is currently the case. I value your support and suggestions.

# Fredericka Allen Petry

## for 387th Judicial District Court



Fairness, Integrity, Justice. Fredericka Allen Petry, the Democratic nominee for the 387th Judicial District Court, Fort Bend County, desires to bring these positive changes to Fort Bend County. She promises that all individuals coming before the court will be treated fairly and impartially and that cases will be processed in a timely and efficient manner.

A native of Beaumont, Texas, Fredericka is the only daughter of Ronald Phillips Sr., a retired employee of Centerpoint Energy, and Fredericka Phillips, a registered nurse. Fredericka's involvement in politics and law began at an early age with her participation in voter registration drives, canvassing, and marches with the Beaumont branch of the NAACP, of which she was a member and her parents are lifetime members. Fredericka also participated in the first youth courts established in Jefferson County, Texas advocating for high school students in disciplinary matters before the court.

Fredericka attended college at Lamar University Beaumont and received a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice graduating cum laude in 1996. She moved to Houston in 1997 to attend law school at South Texas College of Law where she was a member of law review. During law school, Fredericka clerked for the late Judge Austin of Harris County Probate Court No. 1. Fredericka received her Juris Doctorate degree from South Texas College of Law in May 2000 and has been practicing law for over twelve years.

Fredericka's practice has covered a variety of legal practice areas with particular emphasis on civil litigation. She has represented both individuals and businesses as plaintiffs and defendants in a broad range of cases including divorce and custody cases, personal injury disputes, commercial disputes, construction defect case, probate and more. Fredericka has represented clients in state and federal courts at all levels including arguing a multi-million dollar breach of contract appeal before the US Fifth Circuit.

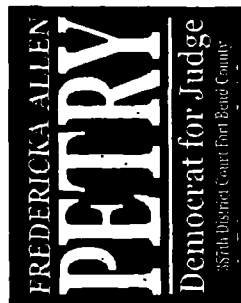
Fredericka uses her legal expertise to give back to her community. She has volunteered her time in pro bono activities with the Houston Bar Association (HBA), the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program and participated HBA's annual Will-A-Thon. Fredericka also served as an Election Protection volunteer lawyer for the 2008 election to ensure all citizens access to the polls and right to vote was protected.

Fredericka's commitment to her community also extends to volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, and raising money for and participating in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for Cure, and Sisters Network walk for breast cancer.

As a mother, Fredericka knows the importance great role models play in helping to shape our future generations. As such, Fredericka also served as a volunteer working with children at DePelchin Children's Center in Richmond, as a member of the Member of the Professionals Group for Big Brother Big Sisters of Greater Houston, and a member of Twelve Days of Christmas, an organization dedicated to providing food, school supplies, toys and more to underprivileged youth.

Fredericka is a Texas Majority Builder/Sustaining Member of Texas Democratic Party, a Sustaining Member of the Fort Bend County Democratic Party, President of the Suburban Southwest Texas Democratic Women, and a member of the Sugarland Democrats Club.

Fredericka needs your help in making her campaign successful. She is looking for volunteers to blockwalk and make phone calls for the campaign. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Fredericka at [www.voteperforjudge.com](http://www.voteperforjudge.com). Donations can also be made online as well.



## Who is Vy Nguyen?

**She speaks conversational Spanish and Vietnamese.**  
**Vy is a community volunteer.**

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# VOTE TEANA WATSON

 For the 434<sup>th</sup> District Court

- 21 Years Legal Experience
- Former Chief Prosecutor, Fort Bend County D.A.'s office
- Attorney: Criminal & Civil Law
- Former Municipal Court Judge in Stafford, Texas
- Legal Counsel to the Fort Bend Employee Federation
- 20 years in Fort Bend County Community
- Married to Ricardo Watson Sr.; 2 sons Ricky Jr. & Cordell.



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Comerica Bank Building, 1 Sugar Creek Center, Suite 1045

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# Elect Dora Olivo

## Democrat for State Representative

### District 85



#### SUPPORTS:

- Protecting our natural resources and ensuring an adequate supply of water for agriculture and our communities at the lowest cost possible
- Teachers and ensuring schools become learning centers, instead of testing centers
- Economic development and jobs, especially in largely rural areas
- Keeping small business opportunities and incentives available for rural and farming communities

Experienced Leader ★ Attorney ★ Former Educator ★ Mother & Grandmother



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## How Do I Vote A Straight Democratic Ticket?

By voting for every Democrat on the ballot, you will be ensuring the continued progress of Fort Bend County in progressive legislation, criminal justice and safety, fair and balanced courts, and efficient county administration.

Look for the Straight Ticket option at the top of your ballot.

On an electronic machine, press the Straight Democratic option, and submit your vote.



Thanks for doing your part to turn Fort Bend blue!

If you are a first time voter and would like some assistance, you may ask an election worker to help you.

They may not instruct you on whom to vote for, but can show you how to use the machine!



If YOU KNOW PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO VOTE, BUT REMAIN UNREGISTERED, THERE IS STILL TIME. YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE UP UNTIL OCTOBER 6, 2012.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE FORT BEND DEMOCRATIC PARTY AT 281-702-1091.

If you are unable to find your voter registration card, you may use an alternative form of identification to vote: driver's license, birth certificate, passport, etc.

## BABY BOOMERS BEWARE!

### ROMNEY & RYAN = KILL MEDICARE

They want to give you \$6,000 vouchers for insurance instead of Medicare as we know it.

### ROMNEY & RYAN want to PRIVATIZE SOCIAL SECURITY

They want to "invest" in Wall Street.  
Save Social Security & Medicare



## Vote Democrat!





*Fairness*  
*Integrity*  
*Justice*

Democrat

Fredericka Allen Petry  
for  
387th Judicial District Court - Fort Bend County  
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FREDERICKA ALLEN  
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Democrat for Judge  
387th Judicial Court Fort Bend County

Early Voting: October 22 - November 2, 2012  
Election Day: November 6, 2012

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# Keep Commissioner

★ ★ Richard ★ ★

# MORRISON

as our

# County Commissioner

# Ft. Bend County - Precinct 1

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COMMISSIONER  
MORRISON  
VOTE STRAIGHT  
DEMOCRATIC!**



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Pol. adv. pd. by Friends of Richard Morrison, Allyson Morrison, 1214 Oak Glen Lane, Sugar Land, Texas 77479



# M. E. "Skip" Belt for County Attorney



Seasoned Attorney - 41 years  
Former VP and General Counsel, Risk and Insurance Manager  
for Oil Drilling and Exploration Company  
International Banking Experience  
Bilingual - English and Spanish  
Former City Council member-Missouri City  
Currently serving on TIRZ #1

Married to his high school sweetheart, Judy Belt, for 49 years.  
Three children 9 beautiful grandchildren  
Fifth generation Texan Fort Bend resident since 1976 Youth Soccer Leader

"Candidates for public office should be judged on their own merits and their approach to solving and managing the administration of Fort Bend County, regardless of party affiliation. I have the experience, ability and temperament to make a positive impact as County Attorney of Fort Bend County.  
My policies will save the County and taxpayers money."

281-650-2751 skipbelt@sbcglobal.net

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## LOCAL ACTIVISTS DEDICATED TO BUILDING A STRONGER AMERICA

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## Join a Democrats' Club Today!


www.sl-dc.org  
281-841-5920

Q Inam and Deron Patterson,  
Co-Chairs

### Sugar Land Democrats Club

The SLDC is a club of Democratic activists in Sugar Land, Texas and vicinity dedicated to educating, improving, and uniting our community.

*Below: Q Inam and Deron Patterson making friends with Dems, near and far.*



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Political Ad paid for by the Sugar Land Democrats Club

The Sugar Land Democrats Club has taken an active role in this year's elections. We are working hard for local candidates and "We've got Obama's back."

Sugar Land residents and leaders of the Sugar Land Democrats Club were elected to represent the state of Texas as national delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C. September 4-7, 2012.

Deron Patterson, Co-Chair of the Sugar Land Democrats Club, was elected by Senate District 17 delegates as was Benjamin Chou, Asian-American Outreach Director of the Sugar Land Democrats, Senate District 18.

In addition to Deron and Ben of Sugar Land, nine more Fort Bend County residents were elected to represent the state of Texas at the Democratic National Convention.

The Sugar Land Democrats Club holds monthly meetings. Please visit our website: [www.sl-dc.org](http://www.sl-dc.org) for meeting dates and location.



Formed last year, Silver Democrats is a club for Democrats over the age of 50 in Fort Bend County. In just one year, the club has grown from 4 people at a dining room table to over 200 paid members and many more that come to join in club activities. Dues are \$15 a year for a single or \$25 for a family.

While official meetings are held monthly, activities are weekly and even daily. The Silver Democrats are determined to fight the racial agenda of the Republican Party, protect the sacred trust of social security, and turn Texas blue.

Our office is located in Rosenberg at 2413 Avenue H (that's US Hwy 90A at 8th St.). We have a fully functioning Democratic headquarters where we have work for volunteers, no matter what your skills. We also operate an Obama Shop where you can get your Obama gear - from hats to shirts and from bumper stickers to tote bags - for a reasonable donation. The shop is how we raise money for our Democratic activities.

We block walk every week on Thursday evenings to support Democrats from the White House to the courthouse. We also phone bank, enter data, address postcards to voters, help register voters, throw parties, and proudly support our local candidates.

The best thing about Silver Democrats is that it's a great place to make friends and have a good time for a great cause. We are actively involved in our community and try to become leaders and educators on issues facing our peers, including social security, health care and the kind of country we want to leave our grandchildren. Our phone number is 832-683-3340.

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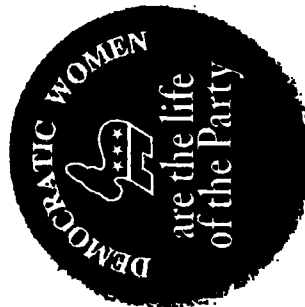
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If you have any questions, contact Fredericka Allen Petry:  
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# Julia Maldonado

Justice, 14th Court of Appeals, Place 8

A practicing lawyer for fourteen years, Maldonado subscribes to the ethos that a judge should be an impartial arbiter. People should have complete confidence that their matter is going to be heard by a judge whose only agenda is to do what the Constitution and law require a judge to do. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Houston and is a 1998 graduate of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law - Texas Southern University.

"It is time for me to do my part in making sure that our appellate court benches are staffed by persons who have the utmost integrity, a supreme devotion to the rule of law and the intellectual capacity to fairly and efficiently administer justice. A judge's rulings must not be based on what lawyer is representing what party, or what connections or affiliations the parties may or may not have."

The Fourteenth Court of Appeals hears appeals in civil and criminal cases but does not include capital murder cases. The Court serves the millions of people who live in Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Harris, Waller and Washington Counties.

To learn more, visit: [www.MaldonadoForJustice.com](http://www.MaldonadoForJustice.com).



# Julia Maldonado

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# Barbara Gardner

## FOR JUSTICE, 14TH COURT OF APPEALS, Place 3

*"Lady Justice is blind and the scales she holds are balanced."*

After practicing law for over 30 years, I am running for the 14th Court of Appeals because the Courts of Appeals are not applying the law fairly.

The 14th Court of Appeals is heavily skewed toward big business against individuals. Following my graduation as #1 in my law school class, I started my career as a law clerk for Federal Judge Carl Bue, who followed the law in every decision he made. Courts today do not always do that. I want to return to the traditional approach - following established law.

The 14th Court of Appeals lacks balance. All of the nine justices are Republican, and seven of the nine justices on the 14th Court of Appeals represented the interests of big business against individuals prior to coming on the court, including my opponent who was recently appointed to the court by Gov. Rick Perry. Of the nine Republican justices, five were appointed by the governor, not elected.

The 14th Court of Appeals issues opinions that are biased against individuals and small business. Judges are supposed to apply the law without bias. However, they cannot help being influenced by their political beliefs. Years of slanted experience in working to defeat the rights of individuals influences the all-Republican justices' attitudes, and decisions are necessarily influenced by attitudes.

Democratic representation on the 14th Court of Appeals is necessary to insure just administration of the law.

I am board certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Labor & Employment Law. I have represented hundreds of people who have been wrongfully terminated, and I have never lost a trial on behalf of an employee who was terminated. It is a "David and Goliath" practice, but I fight for what is right. I also represent small to medium sized companies to help them avoid litigation and to properly manage their employees.

Fort Bend County is one of the most critical counties for me to carry in the 10-county district for the 14th Court of Appeals - but I need your help! I can do the traveling to promote the fairness that we need to return to the Courts of Appeals. I ask for your volunteer time, your donation, and, most of all, for your vote on November 6.



### My Background

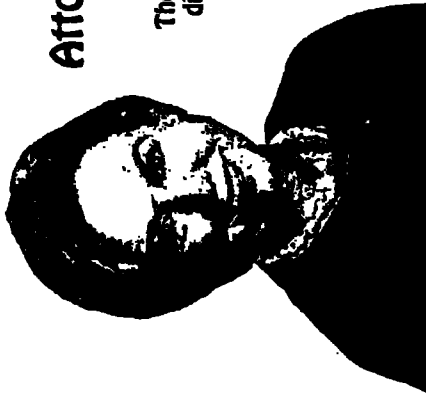
I grew up in East Texas in a working class family and was taught good American values. I put myself through college and law school, where I graduated at the top of my class. After clerking for Federal Judge Carl Bue, I went to Bracewell & Patterson (now "Bracewell & Giuliani" I am now a partner at Tucker, Vaughan, Gardner, Barnes & Garcia where I practice today.

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**Natalia Cokinos Oakes**  
Justice, 1st Court of Appeals, Place 7



**Attorney, Teacher, Community Leader**

The 1st Court of Appeals sorely needs justices with diverse views and experience — justices who can provide deeper insight and perspective into the cases before them.

Family Law is just one area that is not well represented on the court and is an area of expertise I will impart as justice.

Corporations often view a trial as merely a “bump in the road” on the way to the Court of Appeals where, they believe, they are likely to be granted the legal decision they desire. A Court of Appeals with justices who reflect only certain segments of the law and population reinforces this belief.

We have an important opportunity during the 2012 elections to level the playing field so that all who come before the 1st Court of Appeals are treated equally.

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### Democratic Record

President Obama nominated the first Hispanic woman to the United States Supreme Court.  
 Democrats support the Dream Act to provide a path to citizenship for undocumented students.  
 President Obama and Democrats are committed to achieving comprehensive immigration reform.

Democrats and Attorney General Eric Holder oppose voter ID laws that try to suppress the votes of youth, the elderly, and minorities.

President Obama fought in court against Arizona's "Show Me Your Papers" immigration law.

The Affordable Care Act will provide health care coverage to 10 million Hispanics currently without coverage.

President Obama's Student Loan Program has doubled the amount of Pell Grants for Hispanic college students.

President Obama has cut taxes for 98% of all working families.

### Republican Record

Republican Senators voted No and ridiculed Justice Elena Sotomayor.

Mitt Romney promises to veto the Dream Act.

Republican oppose immigration reform.

Rick Perry and Texas Republicans passed voter ID laws to suppress the votes of minorities.

Mitt Romney praised the "Show Me Your Papers" act as a model for the nation.

Mitt Romney and the Republicans vow to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

Republicans oppose President Obama's expansion of the student loan program.

Republicans oppose tax cuts for working families while supporting tax breaks and cuts for the wealthiest Americans.

## The Obama Shop

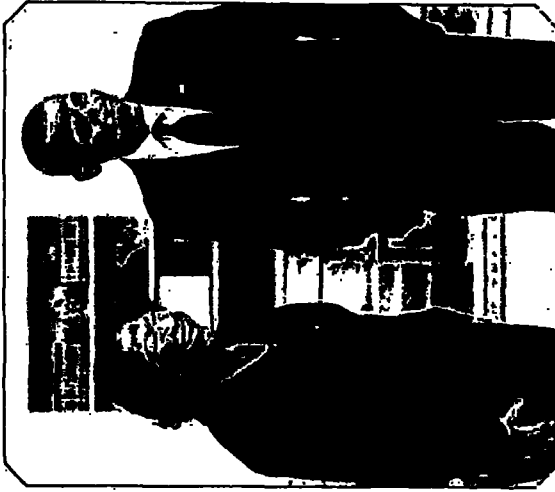
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    - If your name is not on the voter registration roll when you arrive at the polls, you have the right to vote a provisional ballot. However, if you're voting on Election Day, you must cast your ballot in the correct precinct for it to count. To cast a provisional ballot, you must do both of the following:
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      - Present proof of identification
  - ✓ If you are inside the polling location or in line at your polling place any time between 7am and 7pm on E-Day, you have the right to vote.
  - ✓ If you are physically disabled or over 65, you can vote curbside.
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- If your right to vote is questioned or you experience a problem at the polls:
- Don't leave until the problem is resolved.
  - Ask for help. Don't cast your ballot if you are not confident that your vote is being recorded correctly. Once the ballot is cast, it's too late.
  - Get information (election workers names, serial number of machine if malfunctioning, anything that might be helpful in identifying the source of the problem).



If you have any questions or problems, please call 512-478-9800 or email [vote@txdemocrats.org](mailto:vote@txdemocrats.org).



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# Fort Bend County Early Voting Schedule

Early Voting Dates: Monday, October 22 - Friday, November 2, 2012

Schedule for:

Rosenberg Annex Building - 4520 Reading Road, Rosenberg, TX  
 Cinco Ranch Branch Library - 2620 Commercial Center Blvd, Katy, TX  
 Hightower High School - 3333 Hurricane Lane, Missouri City, TX  
 Meadows Place City Hall - One Troyan Dr, Meadows Place, TX  
 Missouri City Community Center - 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, TX  
 Four Corners Community Center - 15700 Old Richmond Road, Sugar Land, TX

Day	Date	Hours
Monday - Friday	Oct. 22 - 26	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	Oct. 27	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	Oct. 28	12:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday	Oct. 29 - Nov. 2	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Schedule for:

Irene Stern Community Center - 6920 Fulshear-Katy Road, Fulshear, TX  
 Beasley City Hall - 319 S. 3rd Street, Beasley, TX  
 Lost Creek Park - 3703 Lost Creek Blvd, Sugar Land, TX  
 City of Richmond Water Maintenance Facility - 110 N. 8th St., Richmond, TX

Day	Date	Hours
Monday - Friday	Oct. 22 - 26	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	Oct. 27	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	Oct. 28	CLOSED
Monday - Friday	Oct. 29 - Nov. 2	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Schedule for:

Chasewood Clubhouse - 7622 Chasewood Drive, Missouri City, TX  
 First Colony Conference Center - 3232 Austin Parkway, Sugar Land, TX  
 FBC Road & Bridge (Needville) - 3743 School Street, Needville, TX  
 (Tentative) Randall's - 5800 New Territory Blvd., Sugar Land, TX

Day	Date	Hours
Monday - Friday	Oct. 22 - 26	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	Oct. 27	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	Oct. 28	12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday	Oct. 29 - Nov. 2	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Schedule for:


Sugar Land Methodist Church - 431 Eldridge, Sugar Land, TX  
 Sienna Branch Library - 8411 Sienna Springs Blvd, Missouri City, TX  
 Harmony Science Academy - 22400 Grand Corner Dr, Katy TX  
 (NE corner of HWY 99 and FM 1093)

Day	Date	Hours
Monday - Friday	Oct. 22 - 26	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	Oct. 27	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	Oct. 28	CLOSED
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Schedule for: Pecan Grove Baptist Church - 1727 FM 359, Richmond, TX

Day	Date	Hours
Monday - Friday	Oct. 22 - 26	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	Oct. 27	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	Oct. 28	CLOSED
Monday - Tuesday	Oct. 29 - Oct. 30	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Oct. 31	7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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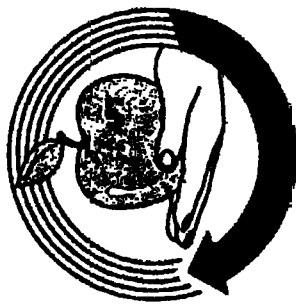


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