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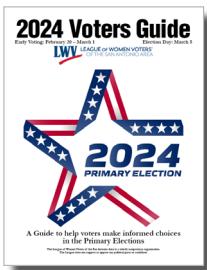
MAKE INFORMED CHOICES

Know who the candidates are and what they stand for.

Vote for candidates whose views most closely match your own.

HELP AVAILABLE

Printed Voters Guide



Check the League's nonpartisan Voters Guide available in all public libraries. It includes candidate responses to questions on major policy issues posed by the League.

Digital Voters Guide

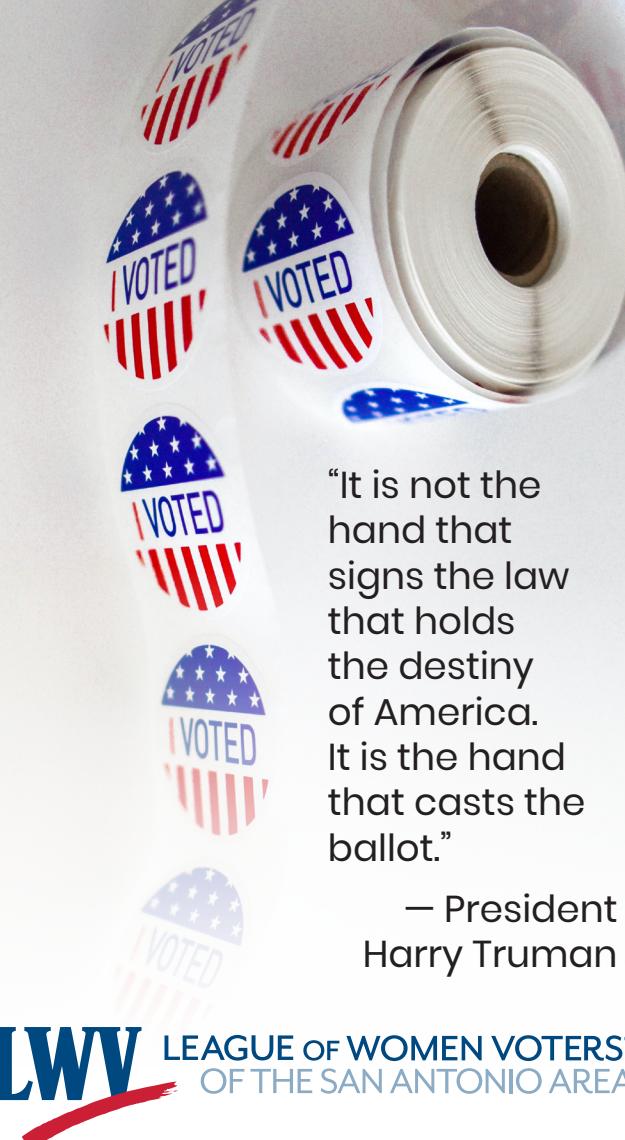


ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED

Get information on your customized ballot with 5 easy steps:

- **Step 1:** Enter your address to find the races on your ballot
- **Step 2:** Get your personalized ballot
- **Step 3:** Read about and compare candidates
- **Step 4:** Mark your informed choices
- **Step 5:** Print your choices to use as a reference when you vote

Sign up for election reminders and to know when the Voters Guide is available using the QR code at right. Your information is for LWVSA use and will not be shared.



“It is not the hand that signs the law that holds the destiny of America. It is the hand that casts the ballot.”

— President Harry Truman



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PRIMARY ELECTIONS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



A trusted nonpartisan election resource.

PRIMARY ELECTION FAQ

WHAT ARE PRIMARY ELECTIONS?

- In the primaries for the Democratic and Republican parties, each party chooses its candidates for important national, state and county offices, from U.S. president to county sheriff.
- In primary elections, Republican candidates compete against each other, and Democrats compete against each other. The winners of the primaries from each party face off in November, along with third-party and independent candidates.
- Primary elections allow you to select your preferred candidates, of the party of your choice, to appear on the November general election ballot.

ARE PRIMARY ELECTIONS FOR THE TWO PARTIES HELD ON DIFFERENT DAYS?

- No. Both the Republican and the Democratic primaries (joint primaries) are held the same day at the same polling places.

HOW DO THE PRIMARIES WORK?

- Voters are required to choose one of the two parties' ballot.
- Texas has open primaries. You can choose from year to year which party's nominees you'd like to select in the primary election.
- Voting in a Democratic or Republican primary does not register you as a party member.
- Voting in a primary does not commit you to vote for a particular candidate in the general election. You can vote for either party's candidate in the November election.

WHAT IS A RUNOFF ELECTION?

- Runoff elections are held for every race in which no candidate gets more than 50% of the vote.
- In a primary runoff election, the voter can receive only the ballot for the party chosen in the primary election.
- Runoffs are as important as primaries – they determine the final list of Republican and Democratic candidates on the general election ballot.

CAN I VOTE IN A RUNOFF ELECTION EVEN IF I DIDN'T VOTE IN THE PRIMARY?

- Yes. if you did not vote in the primary, you still have another chance to make a difference. With no primary vote, you can choose to vote in either party's runoff election.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO VOTE IN THE PRIMARIES?

- Voting in a primary lets you impact who will be elected in November to national, state and county offices.
- Primary elections generally draw more partisan voters resulting in candidates on the general election ballot who do not necessarily represent the mainstream.
- If more mainstream voters cast ballots in the primaries, leaders will be elected who better reflect the spectrum of ideologies and will work across the aisle to make government offices more functional.
- Extreme candidates, once elected, aggravate political polarization and reinforce partisan gridlock.

WHAT ABOUT THIRD PARTY CANDIDATES?

- Third-party candidates for the general election are selected by their parties in conventions rather than primaries and appear only on the November ballot.
- Independents run only in the general election.

WHAT HAS VOTER TURNOUT BEEN IN PAST PRIMARY ELECTIONS?

- On average, just 20% of Bexar County registered voters cast ballots in the primary in the last three presidential election years, according to Bexar County Elections Department records. Almost 60% voted in those November general elections. That means two-thirds of the general election voters let someone else pick who will be on their ballots.
- Voter turnout for runoffs averages less than 5%.

**EMPOWERING VOTERS.
DEFENDING DEMOCRACY.**

Election Day | Tuesday, March 5

Early Voting | February 20 - March 1

Important Deadlines:

- **First day to apply for a ballot by mail:** Monday, January 1
- **Last day to register to vote:** Monday, February 5
- **Last day for Elections Department to receive mail ballot application:** Friday, February 23
- Last day for Elections Department to receive mail ballot:**
 - Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 pm if not postmarked
 - Wednesday, March 6, 5:00 pm if postmarked locally by Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 pm

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VOTER**

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