Progress Texas

2023 Texas Statewide Ballot Guide

Here's our convenient, easy-to-follow election guide for the November 2023 Constitutional Amendment elections.

IT'S ALMOST TIME TO VOTE! No, 2024 hasn't come early, but just because it's not the general election yet doesn't mean we don't get to flex our civic muscles and help shape the direction of our cities and state!

This November, (and later this month if you're an early voter) Texans have a lot of hard choices to make, and we are here to help provide recommendations through our voter guide for state-wide initiatives. We need your help to get the word out before the November election to let people know how this election affects them directly!

Early Voting – Mon, Oct. 23 to Fri, Nov. 3 Election Day – Tue, November 7

STATEWIDE ENDORSEMENTS

If you are not sure what you need to do to be a 2023 voter head over to <u>GoVoteTexas.org</u>. To see what will be on your ballot, visit <u>Vote411.org</u>.

Here's our 2023 Texas voter guide to help you navigate the issues and elections on the ballot this year.

State Prop 1: No X

Removes local control, enabling large, industrial factory farms to operate with less accountability.

State Prop 2: Yes 🧖

Child care is essential for parents, particularly mothers, to participate in education, training, and our workforce, and contribute to economic growth.

State Prop 3: No 🗶

This is political posturing against something that doesn't exist, hasn't been proposed, and could hinder future Texans' flexibility to write tax laws that reflect the will of the people at that time.

State Prop 4: Toss Up 🧐

Lawmakers should have prioritized basic allotment. Although it does nothing for renters, it's progressive among homeowners, as each gets the same dollar decrease in their tax bill.

University of Houston, Texas Tech, University of North Texas and Texas State University have earned the research investment dollars the Texas University Fund endowment grants.

Like our rickety grid, Texas' water infrastructure needs updating, but this is not a clear environmental winner as funds can be used on fracking water.

No new gas plants. No taxpayer subsidies for wealthy polluter companies. (Especially when reliable renewables strengthen our grid and kept the power on this summer.)

Close the digital divide for seven million Texans without access, and draw down federal matching funds from the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Program.

Release the funds (already in the Teacher Retirement System account)! This COLA is the first raise some educators will see in nearly 20 years.

Texas' neighborhood public schools are already underfunded. Eliminating property taxes on biomed equipment and inventory will reduce funds available to our public schools.

Funds for park and recreation facilities benefit the health of wellness of residents, and encourage economic development.

Currently, the role of treasurer is elected by voters and is outside the influence of county judge and commissioners. Let's keep this position from being easily controlled.

Extending the mandatory retirement age will alleviate present turnover keeping elected judges, who are willing to keep working, on the bench.

Secure new parks for future generations of Texans to explore and enjoy. We all benefit from natural areas, state parks, clean water, and so does the local economy.

<u>Click here to see ballot language for 2023 November elections.</u> Please share our progressive voter guide with friends!