

November 5th Election Brings New Voting Machines, New Procedures

VOTING DEADLINES: While most of us are looking ahead toward Congressional impeachment and removal votes late this year, and a primary and general election in 2020, there is another election looming large on our horizon this November. Important deadlines face us: October 7 : Registration deadline, October 21: Early Voting Begins, October 25: Vote by mail application deadline, November 1: Early Voting Ends, November 5: General Election

NEW VOTING MACHINES: For the first time, Bexar County voters will be using new, secure voting machines designed to create a paper record along with an electronic one. While voting on these machines is similar to the past machines, there is one critical difference: *After you print out and check your paper ballot, you have to place the paper ballot into another machine, a scanner called the "Precinct tabulator" to record your vote.* Your paper ballot will then drop into a locked box to be taken to a secure location by the Bexar County Elections Department (BCED).

YOU MUST USE TWO MACHINES TO VOTE: As always, there will be trained election staff to assist you in voting at each location, but the important thing for voters to remember is this: *If you haven't used two machines to vote, you haven't voted.* Make sure you scan your paper ballot before you leave. This off-year election, though important, will be good practice for voters, and good experience for poll workers for our vitally important elections next year.

SAME ID AS BEFORE: As you know, the Texas DPS is in the process of notifying residents that their Drivers License or IDs must be re-issued to include the new REAL ID graphic on the right top of the card. **YOU DON'T NEED A REAL ID TO VOTE** in this election. Any identification voters used in the last election can be used in the 2019 election.

VOTE ANYWHERE: The next thing that will be different from past elections is that you can now vote at any location in Bexar County, including during early voting. Wherever you go, you won't be turned away to another location. Early voting locations will also be open on Election Day. And, as usual, all voting sites will be listed on the BCED website.

VOTE BY MAIL: Some voters may want to avoid the new machines altogether, and vote by mail. But to do so, voters must be 65 years or older, disabled, be out of the county during early voting and on election day, OR be confined in jail, but still eligible to vote. They must also ensure their application to vote by mail is in the BCED office by COB, no later than 11 days before Election Day.



A message from-
Monica Alcántara,
BCDP Chairwoman

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Notice to all Precinct Chairs and Precinct Chair Candidates:

Time has come to file again to be a Precinct Chair for the 2020-2022 term.

Bexar County Democratic Party
Precinct Chair Applications filing for the primary are accepted from
September 10, 2019 and ending December 9th at 6:00pm.
Only contested races are placed on the primary ballot.

Precinct Chair Applications can only be accepted at address listed below.
Bexar County Democratic Headquarters
1844 Fredricksburg Rd.
San Antonio, Texas 78201



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Weds, Oct 2, 6:30-7:30pm

BCDP Budget & Finance Committee Meeting

1844 Fredericksburg Rd,
San Antonio, TX 78201,
Meeting moved to October
2 POC James Kane (210) 482-9683, james-kane1046@gmail.com

Calendar of Events, contd.

Weds, Oct 2, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wendy Davis Meet and Greet, Location on RSVP, <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/satx10.02> POC: **Tatum Zeko**, (214) 926-1308 Tatum@wendydavisforcongress.com

Sat, Oct 5, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Seminar: The Texas Constitutional Amendments, University of Incarnate Word, International Conference Center Auditorium, 4301 Broadway St. San Antonio, Tx 78209. Join policy experts from San Antonio, as we explore the constitutional amendments coming up on the November 5, 2019, Ballot. Speakers include Honorable Rebeca Martinez, Justice 4th Court of Appeals; Honorable Jose Menendez, Texas Senator; Policy Expert Marisa Bono, Chief Strategic Officer VIA. Moderated by: Celina Montoya, Policy Expert. POC: Claudia Sanchez (210)-912-1863, zetadivinty@gmail.com

Sat, Oct 5, 9-10a.m. Presentation on New Voting Machines for Nov 2019, Luby's Cafeteria at Huebner and Floyd Curl Host: Northwest Democrats, Presenter: Jackie Callanen, Bexar County Elections Administrator, **Free Continental Breakfast Available**. POC: Esmeralda Rodriguez (210) 771-6984 [mail-to:mererodriguez@yahoo.com](mailto:mererodriguez@yahoo.com)

Calendar of Events, contd.

Mon, Oct 7 : Registration deadline—November 5th General Election

Tues, Oct 8, 630-8 p.m., CEC Regular Meeting, Mount Zion First Baptist Church, 333 Martin Luther King Dr., 78203
Check-in starts at 6p.m. All precinct chairs, coordinators and the public are invited to attend the monthly business meeting of the Bexar County Democratic Party. Please bring your [Precinct Chair ballot applications](#) for the next term (2020-2022) for processing with the Primary Campaign team. Application can be found on the BCDP website.

Thurs, Oct 10, 6-7 p.m. Bexar County Democratic Women Regular Meeting, AFL-CIO Office, 9502 Computer Dr, San Antonio, 78229. Interested Democrats can train to become a certified Deputy Voter Registrars in Bexar County. POC: Emma Preciado (210) 288-1224 Emma.preciado@sbcglobal.net

Sat, Oct 12 2-6 p.m. Alamo Area County Summit, BCDP HQ, 1844 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, 78201. Revised time is 2PM to 6PM Let's Keep Bexar County Blue! And Let's Turn All Of Texas Blue! Remember folks the 2020 election is just over a year away! Let's get mobilized! Let's get organized! Let's register voters! And-Let's win in November 2020!! POC: Brett (210) 544-1474, brettzilla@mac.com

Weds, Oct 16, 6:00-7:30pm, Communications Committee Monthly Meeting, BCDP HQ, 1844 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, 78201 POC: Jose (Joe) Flores (210) 573-7832, flores6775@att.net

Weds, Oct 16, 6:30—7:00pm, Budget & Finance Committee Meeting, BCDP HQ, 1844 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, TX 78201. This meeting is in addition to the one already scheduled on 10/2/19. POC: Zada True-Courage (210) 872-4213, ztcourage@swbell.net

Thurs, Oct 17, 6:30-8:00pm, Precinct Recruitment & Training Committee Meeting, BCDP HQ, 1844 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, 78201. POC: Matthew Montgomery, (210) 382-9339, matt@day32.com

Mon, Oct 21: Early Voting Begins

Mon, Oct 21, 7– 8pm, Election Integrity and Voter Protection Committee Meeting, BCDP HQ, 1844 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, TX 78201. POC: Marinella Murillo, (210) 386-8624, reff78@yahoo.com

Tues, Oct 22, 6:30-8:00pm, Steering Committee Meeting, BCDP HQ, 1844 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, 78201, POC: Mark Camann, (512) 698-5477, secretary@bexardemocrat.org

Weds, Oct 23, 6:30– 7:30pm, Rules Committee Meeting, BCDP HQ, 1844 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, 78201, POC: James Kane (210) 482-9683 jameskane1046@gmail.com

Fri, Oct 25: Vote by mail application deadline

Fri, Nov 1: Early Voting Ends

Tues, Nov 5: General Election

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Click [HERE](#) for short **videos explaining the Texas Constitutional Amendments** on the 2019 Ballot

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