



Bexar County Democratic Party Newsletter

A message from our Chairwoman, Monica Alcántara, January 7, 2020-Volume#: 2020-01

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BCDP is incredibly grateful for the support and encouragement of every one of our donors, volunteers, and friends over the past year. We wish everyone a Happy, Prosperous, and Blue Texas this Year.

But there is work to be done, important work.

Let's get to it!



ARE YOU READY FOR 2020?

WE NEED MORE THAN YOUR VOTE, AND YOU KNOW IT TOO

Do you feel this election year is more important than past Presidential election years? I do. While casting our votes is incredibly important, just voting is not enough. Elected Republican Party leaders have condoned unprecedented levels of dishonesty and corruption to just stay in power. Democrats must beat them on every level, so none of us can afford to stay on the sidelines until election day. We are clustering our Precinct Chairs to increase voter registration and actively scheduling voter registration drives to get out the vote.

There are more of us than them, we just have to get to the polls.

How can you help? Read on! We've included many ways for you to join the fight right now! Mostly it involves preparing yourself to vote wisely in the elections, showing up at events and meetings, joining, getting involved, and contributing your hard-earned money to finance the fight. Every little bit helps. **Want to do it old school? Just walk in** to our headquarters on [1844 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, TX 78201](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1844+Fredericksburg+Rd,+San+Antonio,+TX+78201) and say you are here to volunteer. We are open for business 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

Want to join from home? Keep reading! Here some things you need to know:

SUPER TUESDAY IS COMING! WE HAVE DEADLINES!

Mon, Feb 3: Last day to register to vote in primaries

Tues, Feb 18: Early voting begins

Fri Feb 21: Last day to apply for a ballot by mail (received, not postmarked)

Fri, Feb 28: Last day for early voting

Tues, Mar 3: Election Day & the last day to receive ballots by mail (NLT 7 p.m.)

So, with that in mind...

IT'S TIME TO WORK TO GET OUT THE VOTES

Voter Registration Drives are scheduled at the Pearl and more are planned at Alamo Community Colleges for the late January. Drives began in last September and since then BCDP volunteers have joined in with Bexar Blue Action Democrats and SATX Indivisible to register over 300 voters. Our goal is to reach 500 voters before the Feb. 3rd voter registration deadline for the March 3rd Primary. Voter registration drives will continue to be scheduled through October 2020 to be ready for November election. Because...

WE HAVE GREAT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES!

Here are their Presidential Candidate names and **the order they will appear on our ballot** on Super Tuesday: TOM STEYER, ELIZABETH WARREN, MARIANNE WILLIAMSON, MICHAEL BENNET, CORY BOOKER, ANDREW YANG, BERNIE SANDERS, DEVAL PATRICK, MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG, TULSI GABBARD, ROQUE "ROCKY" DE LA FUENTE, ROBBY WELLS, JOSEPH R. BIDEN, PETE BUTTIGIEG, JOHN K. DELANEY. [Here is a link to the entire ballot](#). We will publish information about them and other candidates for office in our next newsletter to help you decide. But...

ARE YOU PROPERLY REGISTERED TO VOTE? THE DEADLINE IS COMING SOON...

The last day to register to vote for the Texas primary is **Monday, February 3rd**. Every vote is important in Texas and now is a good time to make sure you are properly registered to vote. You can check on-line if you are properly registered to vote at the Bexar County Election Department by [CLICKING HERE](#). You just input your date of birth and street number in their secure website and you will have your information on screen. It is a little slow and doesn't show it is working, but it is. Just be patient. Your voter registration is effective 30 days after it is received. If you've moved here from another county, you must re-register in Bexar County, your new residence. If you lost your voting certificate, notify the Bexar County Election Department in writing at 1103 S. Frio, Ste. 100, San Antonio, TX 78207 to receive a new one. You will automatically receive a new certificate every two years if you haven't moved from the address at which you are registered. More information can be found on the [Bexar County Election Department website](#). Now that you are properly registered...

DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT ID TO VOTE? NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE SURE

There are **Seven forms of ID** that are acceptable to vote in Texas:

1. **Texas Driver License** issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS);
2. **Texas Personal Identification Card** issued by DPS;
3. **Texas Election Identification Certificate** issued by DPS;
4. **Texas Handgun License** issued by DPS;
5. **United States Military Identification Card** containing the person's photograph;
6. **United States Citizenship Certificate** containing the person's photograph;
7. **United States Passport** (book or card)

EXPIRED ID'S? NO PROBLEM! MOSTLY...

For voters aged 18-69, your ID must not be expired for more than four years when you show up to vote. For voters 70 years of age or older, your ID may be expired for any length of time if the ID is otherwise valid. You may have noticed that the current change Texas is making to the "Real ID" identification card. A "Real ID" is not required for voting. More information can be found by clicking on the [Texas Secretary of State Website](#).

In anticipation of the 2020 elections...

WE ARE EXPANDING THE REACH OF OUR NEWSLETTER

We are very excited that we tripled the email reach of our Newsletter in December and today, our January Newsletter will reach five times as many people as December's Newsletter did. And there is more growth to come next month. Printed copies of our current newsletter are now available at our Fredericksburg office, and will be available for meetings and events. New publications will be coming the first part of every month so we can be informed of what is going on while we work for a Blue Texas in 2020.

LET'S MARCH FOR MLK DAY!

I would like to see as many Precinct Chairs and other friendly Democrat's faces dressing up in our Bexar County Democratic Party shirts ([Click HERE](#) to get yours) to march together behind our banner in **San Antonio's Martin Luther King Jr. Day March on January 20th at @9:30 a.m.** The march is always the largest in the country and is expected to attract as many as 300,000 marchers and onlookers in honor of the slain civil rights leader. We will gather for the 2.75 mile march which begin at 10 a.m. at the MLK Academy at [3501 MLK Drive](#), then walk together on MLK Drive to the [Pittman-Sullivan Park at 1101 Iowa Street](#). **Look for our Banner.**



LET'S FILL UP OUR CALENDAR AND THEN SHOW UP! WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO

Our Bexar County Democrats website has **two calendars**: [The BCDP Official Calendar](#) for official party meetings and events, and the [Bexar Democrats Clubs & Candidates Calendar](#), for every other event, candidate, or meeting. Once your event is on our calendar, we will help you get the word out by listing your event in our monthly Newsletters. Just [CLICK HERE](#) to input your club and candidate events and meetings. Use the comments portion of the input form to attract people to your event or meeting. Tell people why it is important to come. But just putting an event or meeting on a calendar doesn't get the work done. Pitch in the best way you can as early as possible. And if you don't have the time (or even if you do), please consider our next story:

NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO BECOME A BCDP SUSTAINING MEMBER

The work we do now for the November election will determine if we can bring our State and Country back from poor policy choices, corruption, and polarizing politics. Along with the work, we know it takes \$\$ to win those wars. Now would be a great time for you pitch in by joining the Bexar Democratic Party as a sustaining member. Any monthly amount is greatly appreciated and much needed. Just click [HERE](#) to do your part.

REGISTER NOW FOR SENATORIAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

The Bexar County Senatorial District Conventions for the 19th, 21st, 25th, and 26th Districts will be on March 21, 2020 (locations to be announced). The conventions are held for counties containing more than one political district in March of even-numbered years to adopt resolutions and to name delegates to a county convention. We ask that you please go to the [Texas Democrats page](#) to sign-up, register and receive more information.

BUY FROM OUR STORE

2020 is here and it is time to show our colors. Our [online webstore](#) has "Bexar Democrats" products which make your loyalty and policy positions known. The more people who are wearing our products, the stronger we are. The profits from the sales are also much needed in the important work we are doing this year. We continue to work to expand our product line to give you even more selections, so check back regularly.



CALLING ALL PRECINCT CHAIRS - NEW ADVANCED COURSE

John Goodman is presenting **three Precinct Chair training courses in January**. You may register for Course 1 (held on two times this month) or Course 2. There are no pre-requisites for either. But before you attend Course 3, you should have taken Course 1 & 2

John will present Course 1 two times this month: **Monday, January 13th**, 6-8:00 p.m. and the same course presented again on **Saturday, January 18th**, 12-2:00 p.m. Entitled, **Precinct Chair Training Course #1: Developing Your Precinct**, each Course 1 presentation will be held at [1844 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, TX 78201](#). In Course 1, you will learn about effective block walking techniques, how to develop your volunteer base, and how to find your Democratic voters in the VAN system. The course is open to all new and existing precinct chairs and coordinators. POC: John Goodman, (210) 832-0736, jhntchr@icloud.com

John will present Course 2 on **Wednesday, January 15th**. Entitled: **Training Course #2 "Know Your Precinct,"** it's at 6-8:00 p.m. at the BCDP HQ, [1844 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, 78201](#). It will be a deep dive into the Bexar Elections website, where you will learn about the site's capabilities, analyze historical voting data for your precinct, and set goals for turnout in five different types of elections.

John will be presenting the Advanced, 3rd Precinct Chair training course on **Monday, January 20th** at 6-8:00 p.m. Entitled, **Precinct Chair Training Course #3: Advanced VAN Training**, it will also be held at BCDP HQ, [1844 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, TX 78201](#). Tired of carrying paper lists on your block walks? Tired of inputting data manually? Then come to Advanced VAN training. In this course we learn how to cut turf and create our lists in MiniVAN. We also learn how to update information during the block walk on the phone. Finally, we learn how to use VAN to send emails, do phone banks, and enter voter registration data. Bring a laptop or comparable device to the class if you have one. Please RSVP to POC: [John Goodman](#), (210) 832-0736, jhntchr@icloud.com

Get BCDP Calendar automatically entered on your own Google Calendar

Just go to the BCDP Calendar and click on the [+Google Calendar](#) button on the lower right of the screen, then select "Add." As people add entries or change them, your calendar stays updated. [BCDP Calendar page](#).

Email an event POC: From your phone or computer just click on the POC's name and an email will be properly addressed with the event title in the subject line.

Call an event POC: Just highlight the phone number and select call on your phone.

Find the place of a meeting: Just click on the hyperlinked address from any event listing in our Newsletter from your phone and a Google Maps GPS route will come up, guiding you to the event.

Our Newsletter is loaded with [hyperlinks](#) so you can easily find the things which matter to you, get to important events, and look deeper into issues that matter.

Have a suggestion, question, or something to say? [Just click HERE](#) to get it to our Editor.

JANUARY CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Every month when we write the Newsletter, we look for upcoming Democratic Party local events on our web page calendar, Facebook, twitter and other publications and social media. **If you want us to advertise your event, place your upcoming event on our web page calendar by [just clicking HERE](#).** Normally the Newsletter goes out the first week of the month. Need it sooner? [Just click HERE](#) and send an instant support email to our Editor. Have a small graphic (Not saying to vote for a candidate) Send it by [clicking HERE](#).

While you are enjoying your event, take pictures, then email a short writeup about your event, and send them to our Editor by [Just Clicking HERE](#). If we have the space, we may just write that up too in our next newsletter, so people see what you are doing and appreciate the people who are doing it.

Mon, Jan 6, 6:30-8 p.m., **Steering Committee Meeting,** BCDP HQ, [1844 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, 78201](#). POC: [Mark Camann](#), (512) 698-5477, secretary@bexardemocrat.org

Tues, Jan 7, 6:30-7:30 p.m., **Veteran's Committee Meeting,** [1844 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, TX 78201](#), POC: [Marcia Gregory](#), 210-563-9533, mpg3122@gmail.com

Weds, Jan 8, 6:15 p.m-7:30, **Budget & Finance Committee Meeting,** BCDP HQ, [1844 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, TX 78201](#). POC: [Gloria Gutierrez](#) (817) 366-9463, ggbcdp@gmail.com

Thurs, Jan 9, 6-9 p.m. **Bexar County Democratic Women's Meeting,** [AFL-CIO Office, 9502 Computer Dr, San Antonio](#). 78229. Regular meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month. POC: [Emma Preciado](#) (210) 288-1224

Thurs, Jan 9, 7-8:00 p.m., **Election Integrity Committee Meeting,** BCDP HQ, [1844 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, TX 78201](#). POC: [Jim Kane](#), (210) 482-9683, jameskane1046@gmail.com

Fri, Jan 10, 6:30pm – 8:00pm, **Precinct Grouping Committee Meeting,** [BCDP HQ, 1844 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, TX 78201](#). The committee will group precincts as required for the Senatorial District Conventions. POC: [Mark Camann](#), (512) 698-5477, secretary@bexardemocrat.org

Sat, Jan 11, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., **Northeast Bexar County Democrats Meeting,** Unity Church of San Antonio, [1723 Lawndale, San Antonio, TX 78209](#). This month we are having a Democratic Primary Election Judicial Candidates Forum & Endorsement Session. POC: [Robert Miller](#), (210) 803-9965, rwmiller7@hotmail.com



Sun, Jan 12, 3–5 p.m. **Bexar Blue Action Democrats Flip Texas 2020 Kickoff,** [Igo Branch Library, 13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy, San Antonio, TX 78249](#). We have been hard at work putting together the plans, the tools and the kits

for our precinct clusters. Cluster leaders will get their precinct kits complete with GOTV push cards, post cards, pens, scripts, data and turf, and postage. Precinct Chairs will report on the actions they accomplished in December (see email from John Goodman soon). Neighborhood volunteers (in the Commissioner's Court #3 district) are welcome to come

meet your precinct leaders, get suggestions on canvassing, registering voters, hooking up seniors with mail-in ballots, phone banking and post card writing. It's time to do this Bexar Blue Action Dems. RSVP: <https://www.facebook.com/events/521037908753151/> POC: [Jamie Eickhoff](mailto:jamie@texascreative.com), 210-218-6958, jamie@texascreative.com

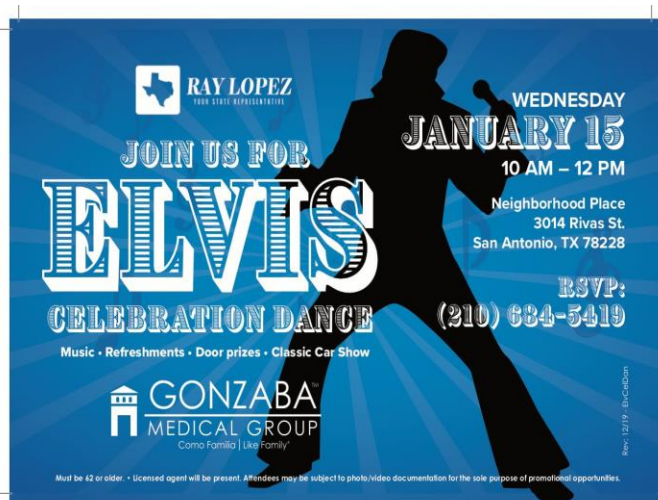
Mon-Tues Jan 13-14, Time TBD. **Voter Registration Drive**, Culinary Institute at Pearl Brewery. POC: [Linda Alaniz](mailto:info@bexardemocrat.org), (210) 332-5436, info@bexardemocrat.org

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Mon, Jan 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m., **Rules Committee Meeting**, BCDP HQ, [1844 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, TX 78201](#). POC: [Jim Kane](#), (210) 482-9683, jameskane1046@gmail.com

Tues, Jan 14, 10–11:30 a.m. & 6-7:30 p.m., **Deputy Voter Registrar Class**, [Bexar County Elections Department, 1103 S. Frio, Ste. 100 San Antonio, TX 78207](#), Volunteer Deputy Registrars are entrusted with the responsibility of officially registering voters in the State of Texas. They are appointed by county voter registrars and charged with helping increase voter registration in the state. If you are interested in the Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar Classes, please call (210) 335-6625

Tues, Jan 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m. **CEC Meeting**, Living Church at Woodlawn Pointe, [702 Donaldson Ave, San Antonio, TX 78201](#), Check-in starts at 6 p.m.



Weds, Jan 15, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. **Elvis Celebration Dance**, must be 62 or older. Neighborhood Place, [3014 Rivas Street, San Antonio, TX 78228](#). RSVP (210) 684-5419

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Weds, Jan 15, 6:00-7:30pm, Communications Committee Monthly Meeting, BCDP HQ, [1844 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, TX 78201](#), POC: [Jose \(Joe\) Flores](#) (210) 573-7832, flores6775@att.net

Weds, Jan 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Primary Candidate Meet and Greet, La Taza Java Coffee Shop, [10550 San Pedro Ave, San Antonio, 78232](#). A cluster of 10 Precincts are hosting a meet and greet between candidates and voters RSVP to POC: [Eva Guzman](#), (210) 854-8052, gwxguzman@sbcglobal.net

Thurs, Jan 16, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Precinct Recruitment & Training Committee, BCDP HQ, [1844 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, TX 78201](#), NOTE: All future meetings will be at BCDP HQ. POC: [Matthew Montgomery](#), (210) 382-9339, matt@day32.com

Sat, Jan 18, 10 a.m.–12 p.m., NEBCD Congressional & Texas House Candidate Forum, [University of Incarnate Word, Mabee Library Auditorium](#), Congressional District 21 Candidates **Wendy Davis & Jenny Lou Leeder** will attend with Legislative District 121 Candidates **Becca DeFelice, Celina Montoya, and Jack Guerra**. POC: [Sandra Thomson](#), (210) 571-5790, sj_thomson@icloud.com



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