



BEXAR DEMOCRATS

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Bexar County Democratic Party Newsletter

Message from Monica Alcantara, BCDP Chairwoman

Special Election HD 125

We have a Special House District 125 Election underway, early voting started on Monday, January 28, 2019 through Friday, February 8, 2019. Election Day is Tuesday, February 12, 2019! If you are in District 125 please go out and support one of our Democratic Candidates. The Democratic Candidates are (in the order as listed on the ballot): Steve Huerta, Ray Lopez, Coda Rayo-Garza and Arthur "Art" Reyna.

Martin Luther King, Jr. March

This year was the largest Martin Luther King, Jr. March in the Nation, it was so nice to see so many of our precinct chairs and elected officials marching together for the legacy of justice, peace and equality. For next year's march, I would love for us to March together as a unified party, with a banner identifying our party and honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. I would also like for us to have a booth at the end of the march where we are able to provide information and make connections with the community. If a precinct chair or several precinct chairs would like to help us organize this effort, please contact me at 210-643-1257.

Cesar E. Chavez March & Educational Foundation

I am working with Ernest Martinez, with the Cesar E. Chavez & Educational Foundation to Preserve the Life & Legacy of Cesar E. Chavez. CECLEF is focused on engaging in Civic Participation, Advocating for Social and Economic Justice and providing College Scholarships. The March is on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. starting at the corner of Guadalupe and Brazos.

This year the Cesar E. Chavez & Educational Foundation has teamed up with the San Antonio Food Bank with The Yes We CAN Campaign. As you are all aware the San Antonio Food Bank is in desperate need of can goods. For the March this year the goal is to raise 15,000 pounds of food. I am going to ask that you all bring in can goods to our March CEC meeting and I will have someone here from the CECLEF to receive your donations or you can bring your donations to the march. Please let me know if you are interested in Marching as a unified group for the BCDP and we can work to make that happen.

Fundraising

Our focus and energy for the next several months is on fundraising for the Bexar County Democratic Party. I am putting together several Ad Hoc groups to focus on just that, bring in money for the party. If you are interested in joining a group and helping, please let me know and we certainly welcome the help and your ideas.

Sustaining Membership

We are revamping our Sustaining Membership and opening our membership to all Democrats to join us! We will have this information available to everyone to send out to all your family and friends and welcome them into our Democratic Family!

Remember,

We are stronger together!

Monica Alcantara
Chairwoman, Bexar County Democratic Party

**4th Annual Valentine's Dance
sponsored by Senator Jose' Menendez**

**Mark your calendar and save the date for the
4th Annual Sweetheart Dance!
Enjoy dancing, free food
and entertainment.**

**Thursday, February 14, 2019
10:00am-1:00pm
Lucky Ballroom
1340 Callaghan Road
San Antonio, Texas 78228**

Please call 210-733-6604 to RSVP

CEC Meeting Members' and Guests' Conduct

All of us want to have safe, civil and productive CEC meetings. In the spirit of inclusiveness and transparency, we encourage Bexar county Democrats and guests to observe the CEC in action. It is important to note that the CEC is a deliberative body, and the purpose of our meetings is to make decisions and conduct the business of the BCDP. To keep our meetings running smoothly, a few basics courtesies should be adhered to. Before speaking, CEC members must seek recognition by the Chair. They should rise and identify themselves by name and precinct number, then state the reason they wish to speak. Note that non-CEC members MAY be recognized and allowed to speak, but only at the Chair's discretion. If any non-CEC member present becomes disruptive or otherwise interferes with the conduct of the meeting, they are subject to immediate removal by the Chair. RONR (11th ed.), p. 648 ll. 10-35, 649 ll. 1-15. Respecting one another and speaking in turn only when recognized will go a long way in making our CEC meetings pleasant and productive.

By John Weisen

Stay Informed During The 86th Legislative Session

As the Texas Legislature convenes in Austin, we encourage you to stay up to date with important issues. The Texas Legislature Online website enables you to look up and track bills, watch livestream of the Senate and the House, along with a wealth of additional helpful information. Visit the website at capitol.texas.gov

Have You Moved?

Have you moved recently? If so, it is up to you to update your voter registration with the Bexar county elections office <https://www.bexar.org/1568/Elections-Department> . If you are a precinct chair and you have moved out of your original precinct, state law requires that you resign from your chairmanship. According to Texas Election Code Section 171.023, a precinct chair must reside in the precinct they represent. If the precinct you have moved into is vacant, you may apply to be a chair in that precinct. If the precinct already has a chair, we encourage you to assist the existing chair by becoming a precinct coordinator.

**Everyone is invited to come join the fun!
NEBCD annual winter fundraiser
6:30 hors d oeuvres, and cash bar
7:30 Show starts: "Laughing Liberally"
comedy political satire and music
Josephine Theatre on St. Mary's St.
Thursday, March 7 from 6:30pm -8:00 pm
\$55 members, \$65 non-members
Sponsorships and ads available
For information 713.825.7773**