

# Newsletter

## Hidalgo County GOP

# CAMPAIGN CORNER



### Message from the Chair

As 2023 comes to a close, 2024 is right around the corner. This means that a new era approaches. What a blessing it's been to see the fire and passion grow in the hearts and minds of our committee chairs, precinct chairs, members of our community, our region, our state and our beloved country. What I've learned is that together anything is possible. Sharing your story will help us continue to spread the conservative movement like wildfire. God has called each of us for a time such as this. We must walk boldly into the future, trusting God's plan for our lives. If you want to join us in saving our country and protecting our state, become a precinct chair, join one of our committees or sign up to register voters.

### Message from the Secretary

A big Thank You to all who helped make our LRD Silent Auction a big success! Also, thank you to all Committee Chairs for submitting reports in time for presentation at our last CEC meeting. REMINDER to all Precinct Chairs to continue working your precincts to get voters out and involved. There is "Strength in Unity, and Unity in Strength."



### Message from the PR Committee Chair

The Hidalgo County GOP PR Committee is re-launching our newsletter for the upcoming 2024 elections. If you would like us to share your flyer or event information, you will need to email it to [publicrelations.hcgop@gmail.com](mailto:publicrelations.hcgop@gmail.com) by the 1st Monday of every month. This will ensure a successful delivery of the newsletter by the 1st Friday of every month.



### **Message from the StrikeForce Committee Chair**

The Strikeforce Committee is dedicated to activating volunteers so they can put into action their own passion for our shared values and become part of a team working together towards one goal: WINNING ELECTIONS! During the busy campaign season that action may be in the form of phone banking, block walking, or other Get Out the Vote (GOTV) activities. The Strikeforce serves to guide and coordinate with campaigns to maximize our efforts.

### **Message from Outreach Committee Chair**

Outreach is starting to gear up to recruit people to become VDRs. The Thanksgiving Potluck is on Thursday, November 16. We are also looking for volunteers that want to help with our Operation Red Santa initiative and identify businesses to collect toys.



### **Message from the LEO Committee Chair**

The LEO Committee is dedicated to serving our law enforcement officers here in Hidalgo County. Whether it's going into the field and taking our agents supplies, like water and hand sanitizer, having a barbecue on a Saturday afternoon, it is important that they know that their community is here to support them. If you'd like to get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out.



## Message from the PAC Chair



## Message from Vacancy Committee Chair

It's been a pleasure to serve as the Chair of the Vacancy Committee for these past 6 years. Every year we have seen an increase in the number of people willing to serve. This is great! It helps promote our shared goals of helping to elect conservative candidates to office. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.



## Message from the Candidate Committee Chair

The candidate filing period for public office and for the office of county chair begins on Saturday, November 11, 2023. The dates are provided below:

- **All Public Offices:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 - Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6pm
- **County Chair:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 - Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6pm
- **Precinct Chair:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 - Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6pm





### **Message from the Hispanic Outreach Chair**

The Hispanic Outreach Committee is a new committee that is striving to bring information to the Spanish speaking community who is seeking to learn more about the Republican Party. We will be setting up activities throughout the community to register voters and to encourage those who are looking to get more involved and help make a difference in our country.

### **Message from the Bylaw Committee Chair**

The Bylaw Committee ensures our bylaws are up to date and changes are made to ensure the HCGOP runs smoothly and effectively. I also want to thank those who have attended the Constitutional 101 classes and hope they are knowledgeable and a good resource for those who want to know more about the Constitution.



### **Message from the Veteran Support Chair**

Please feel free to reach out to me if you would like to be part of the Veteran Support Committee.





### **Message from the Sergeant at Arms**

My main role as Sargeant at Arms is to maintain order at the Hidalgo County GOP during our CCEC meetings along with any duties that the Chair might need completed. This role varies in different organizations. The most common duty is to keep order. Please don't hesitate to reach out, should you need help with anything.

### **Message from the Project Manager**

As Project Manager, my goals are to promote the success of the Hidalgo County Republican Party. Exercise independent judgement. Exercise reasonable care, skill and diligence. Currently looking for people to join the Project Management Team. If you are interested, don't hesitate to reach out via text 956.616.7514 or email at [chelsea\\_rgv@yahoo.com](mailto:chelsea_rgv@yahoo.com).





## Message from the Elections Committee Chair

### Elections 2023

In Texas during the odd numbered years the focus of elections is on amendments to the state constitution, school boards, and elections for local offices. With 2023 being an odd numbered year, we in Hidalgo County will be voting on school bond/rate elections where several school districts are asking the voters for more money. Additionally, county voters will be voting on 14 constitutional amendments.

### School Bond/Rate Elections

Eight school districts in the county have ordered tax rate elections, while two school districts are trying to pass bonds. Hidalgo, Mission, Monte Alto, PSJA and Progreso school districts have ordered elections, joining [Edinburg](#), [La Joya](#) and [McAllen](#), which had already ordered elections.

### November 2023 Constitutional Amendment Ballot

Proposition 1 – HJR 126 "The constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage in farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture, and wildlife management."

Proposition 2 – SJR 64 "The constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county or municipality of all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility."

Proposition 3 – HJR 132 "The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual wealth or net worth tax, including a tax on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family."

Proposition 4 – HJR 2 from the second special session "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to establish a temporary limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes; to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads from \$40,000 to \$100,000; to adjust the amount of



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the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in certain exemption amounts; to except certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and to authorize the legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts."

Proposition 5 – HJR 3 "The constitutional amendment relating to the Texas University Fund, which provides funding to certain institutions of higher education to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive the state economy."

Proposition 6 – SJR 75 "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state."

Proposition 7 – SJR 93 "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas energy fund to support the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities."

Proposition 8 – HJR 125 "The constitutional amendment creating the broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed broadband access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects."

Proposition 9 – HJR 2, regular session "The constitutional amendment authorizing the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas."

Proposition 10 – SJR 87 "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation equipment or inventory held by a manufacturer of medical or biomedical products to protect the Texas healthcare network and strengthen our medical supply chain."



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**Proposition 11** – SJR 32 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

**Proposition 12** – HJR 134 "The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Galveston County."

**Proposition 13** – HJR 107 "The constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory age of retirement for state justices and judges."

**Proposition 14** – SJR 74 "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the centennial parks conservation fund to be used for the creation and improvement of state parks."

### Key Election Dates

October 10th – Last day to register to vote

October 23rd – Start of Early Voting

November 3rd – End of Early Voting

November 7th – Election Day



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## Lincoln Reagan Dinner

Thank you for coming to our Annual Hidalgo County GOP 2023 Lincoln-Reagan Dinner. The evening was unforgettable! Thank you to all of our special guests and committed volunteers for participating in this historic event. Special thanks to our speakers who took the time to address our guests during this unforgettable event.

- Justice Jaime Tijerina
- Justice Aaron Peña
- Senator Mayes Middleton
- Congresswoman Monica De La Cruz
- Former Congresswoman Mayra Flores
- Kari Lake

The one and only, President Donald Trump, called us LIVE to acknowledge our efforts and even highlighted our bold leader, Chairwoman Adrienne Peña-Garza, who was awarded the Champion of Freedom Award. Also recognized for their valiant efforts were:

- Jaqueline Baez-Lugo the recipient of the coveted Lincoln Award
- Robert Cantu the recipient of the coveted Reagan Award
- Michelle Burton the recipient of the coveted Trump Award

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Upcoming Events



**PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE  
WATCH PARTY POTLUCK**


SEPTEMBER 27  
8 PM  
4900 N 23RD ST, MCALLEN  
PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH OR  
SIDE TO THE POTLUCK

**HIDALGO GOP  
ELECTIONS  
TRAINING**

- ★ ELECTION OVERSIGHT
- ★ POLL WORKER/POLL WATCHER RECRUITMENT
- ★ ELECTION INTEGRITY


**October 7  
9:00 AM  
4900 N 23rd St**

Visit our website at [www.HidalgoCountyGOP.us](http://www.HidalgoCountyGOP.us)

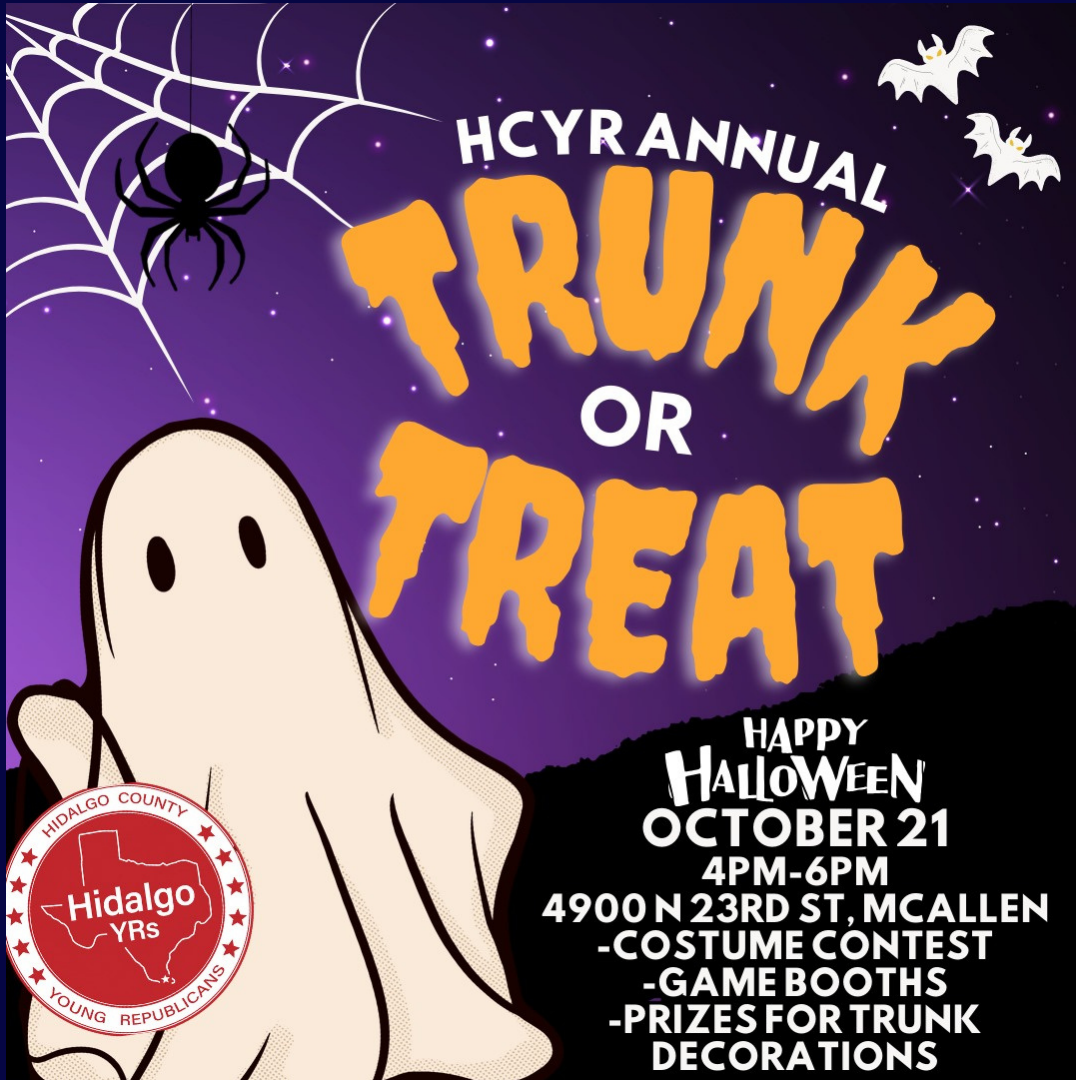



**CONSTITUTION 101**

— PART 3 —  
10/12 6:30 PM  
4900 N 23RD ST MCALLEN TX



Upcoming Events



If you would like to host a trunk, please call/ text  
956.353.1280 to reserve your spot!