



Texas Building Branch

Capitol Roundup

February 20, 2018

This week's Capitol Roundup:

Primary Election Early Voting Begins Today

AGC TBB is supporting nearly 20 candidates in tight primary races

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Quote of the Week

"To the extent that there are some indications out there that at the national level there is a Democratic wave coming...it shows that there are also factors in Texas that make for a pretty good breakwater if you're a Republican."

-Jim Henson, Texas Politics Project



Henson, director of the Texas Politics Project at the University of Texas at Austin, made the comment in response to a [Texas Tribune article](#) showing that donors contributed a total of \$67 million into state election campaigns from the beginning of 2017 through Jan. 25. Of that total, \$57 million, roughly 86 percent, went to Republican candidates, according to the Tribune.

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Texas Primary Elections: Early Voting Begins Today

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE - AGC Texas Building Branch encourages all members to get to the polls and make a difference in 2018.

Please remember, the vast majority of Texas state elections are decided in March. These are the elections that matter.

Use the links below to find early voting locations, and scroll further to check out candidates AGC Texas Building branch is supporting in some hotly contested primary races.

Primary Voting Deadlines

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018 - First Day of Early Voting

- All registered voters may vote early by appearing in person at any early voting location in the county of registration. [Click here](#) for more information on early voting requirements.
- [Click here](#)

to check voter registration status or find early voting locations.

Friday, Feb. 23, 2018 - Mail-in Ballot Deadline

Friday, March 2, 2018 - Last Day of Early Voting

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 - ELECTION DAY

Texas Building Branch is Supporting Candidates in Close Legislative Races

AGC Texas Building Branch is actively supporting the following candidates in very tight 2018 primary election legislative races.

Please consider supporting these candidates, as we believe they share our values and will vote in the interest of commercial builders across the state of Texas.

[Click here](#) to see a House district map. [Click here](#) to find your district.

AUSTIN / CENTRAL TEXAS AREA

House District 47 - Rep. Paul Workman (R-Austin) faces two primary opponents for the seat he has held since 2011. Workman is a member of the Business & Industry Committee and the Natural Resources Committee. In 2016, Workman won the primary with 60.5 percent of the vote and the general election with 53.6 percent.

House District 52 - Cynthia Flores (R-Round Rock) has two primary opponents in this open-seat race. Flores is a case manager at the Round Rock Area Serving Center and serves on the board of the Brazos River Authority.

House District 55 - Rep. Hugh Shine (R-Temple) will square off against two primary challengers. Shine is the vice-chair of the Business & Industry Committee and is a member of the Ways & Means Committee and the General Investigating & Ethics Committee. Shine was elected to the seat in 2016 when he won the primary with 50.3 percent of the vote and ran unopposed in the general election.

HOUSTON / SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA

House District 18 - Rep. Ernest Bailes (R-Shepherd) faces one primary challenger. Bailes serves on the committees for Rules & Resolutions; Land and Resource Management; and Economic and Small Business Development. Bailes was elected to the seat in 2016 after winning a primary runoff election with 67 percent of the vote.

House District 23 - Rep. Wayne Faircloth (R-Galveston) has one primary opponent for the seat he has held since 2013. Faircloth is vice-chair of the Culture, Recreation & Tourism Committee and is a member of the following committees: Select Committee on Texas Ports, Innovation & Infrastructure; Rules & Resolutions; and Land & Resource Management. Faircloth won the 2016 general election with 58.8 percent of the vote after going unopposed in the primary.

House District 126 - Sam Harless (R-Spring) is running for the open seat against two primary opponents. Harless is owner and operator of an independent used automobile dealership.

House District 134 - Rep. Sarah Davis (R-West University Place) faces one challenger for the seat she has held since 2011. Davis chairs the General Investigating & Ethics Committee and the Subcommittee on Article II. She also sits on the following committees: Corrections; Appropriations, and Calendars. Davis won the 2016 primary election with 59.5 percent of the vote and received 53.6 percent in the general.

NORTH TEXAS AREA

Senate District 2 - Rep. Cindy Burkett (R-Sunnyvale) is challenging an incumbent senator in this primary election. Now running for the Senate, Burkett has been a member of the House since 2011 where she chaired the Redistricting Committee and was a member of the committees for Local & Consent Calendars; Transportation; and Public Health. Burkett won the 2016 primary with 55.9 percent of the vote and the general with 55.2 percent.

House District 2 - Rep. Dan Flynn (R-Canton) faces one primary challenger for the seat he was first elected to in 1997. Flynn chairs the Pensions Committee and is a member of the Sunset Advisory Commission and the Defense & Veterans' Affairs Committee. In 2016, Flynn won the primary with 50.9 percent of the vote and ran unopposed in the general election.

House District 8 - Cody Harris (R-Palestine) faces two primary opponents for the open seat. Harris is a real estate broker selling farm and ranch property across the state. He has also served on the Palestine City Council Real Estate Advisory Committee.

House District 64 - Rep. Lynn Stucky (R-Denton) faces one primary challenger for the seat he was elected to in 2016. Stucky is a member of the Agriculture & Livestock Committee and the Land & Resource Management Committee. In 2016, he won the primary runoff with 65.7 percent of the vote and the general with 61.5 percent.

House District 98 - Rep. Giovanni Capriglione (R-Southlake) faces one primary opponent for the seat he has held since 2013. Capriglione is vice-chair of the Government Transparency & Operation Committee and is a member of the following committees: Local & Consent Calendars; General Investigating & Ethics; and Appropriations. In 2016, Capriglione won the general election with 75.2 percent of the vote after going unopposed in the primary.

House District 99 - Rep. Charlie Geren (R-Forth Worth) will face a challenge from one opponent in the primary election. Geren, who has held the seat since 2001, is the chair of the House Administration Committee. He also sits on the committees for Calendars; Licensing & Administrative Procedures; and State Affairs. In 2016, Geren won the primary with 58.2 percent support and the general with 82.7 percent of the vote.

PANHANDLE / WEST TEXAS AREA

Senate District 31 - Sen. Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) has two primary challengers for the seat he has held since a 2004 special election. Seliger chairs the Committee on Higher Education, and he is a

member of the following committees: Select Committee on Government Facilities; Education; Finance; and Natural Resources and Economic Development. In 2014, Seliger won the primary with 52.4 percent of the vote and the general with 90.4 percent.

House District 60 - **Jim Largent (R-Granbury)** is running for the first time for the seat and will face two primary opponents, including an incumbent. Largent is the superintendent of Granbury school district. A former school principal, Largent has been nominated for Superintendent of the Year four times and is chairman-elect of the Granbury Chamber of Commerce.

House District 87 - **Rep. Four Price (R-Amarillo)** faces one primary challenger for the seat he has held since 2011. Price chairs the Public Health Committee and is co-chair of the House Oversight Committee. He also sits on the committees for Natural Resources and General Investigating & Ethics. Price ran unopposed in the 2016 primary and general elections.

SAN ANTONIO AREA

House District 73 - **Dave Campbell (R-Fredericksburg)** is challenging the incumbent in this House primary. Campbell owns Heartland Enterprises, a manufacturing firm, and he is a member of the Fredericksburg School Board Council, the San Antonio Manufacturers Board of Directors, and the Hill Country University Foundation Board.

House District 116 - **Rep. Diana Arévalo (D-San Antonio)** faces one primary challenger to the seat she won in 2016. Arévalo is a member of the committees for Rules & Resolutions; Defense & Veterans' Affairs; and Public Health. Last election, Arévalo won the primary election with 52.9 percent of the vote and ran unopposed in the general.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY AREA

House District 31 - **Rep. Ryan Guillen (D-Rio Grande City)** has one primary challenger for the seat he has held since 2003. Guillen is the vice-chair of the Licensing & Administrative Procedures Committee and is a member of the State Affairs Committee. In 2016, Guillen ran unopposed in the primary and general elections.