

Pflugerville Council of Neighborhood Associations
Travis County Commissioners Precinct 1 Primary Candidates Forum. February 8, 2016
(Candidate Profiles: Community Impact Newspaper, Vote 2016 Guide)

Richard Franklin III
Democratic Candidate



Experience: Del Valle ISD board trustee and precinct chair, past president of the Black Austin Democrats, vice chair of membership for the Texas Coalition of Black Democrats

www.richardfranklin4pct1.info

Why are you running for county commissioner?

I am running for county commissioner, as this is another step that will allow me to serve my community.

Marc Hoskins
Democratic Candidate



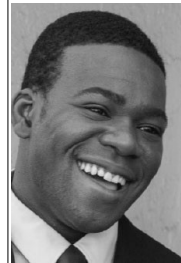
Experience: Austin business owner, former Texas Senate staffer and lobbyist, former Galveston City Council member

www.electmarchoskins.com

Why are you running for county commissioner?

To provide strong leadership and a new perspective to the challenges that people face on a day-to-day basis. From pay equity to economic development to issues around affordability as well as re-entry, I am prepared to meet those challenges while using my position to advocate for all citizens and work toward solutions for the issues in Precinct 1.

James Nortey
Democratic Candidate



Experience: attorney, member of the Austin Planning Commission, Zero Waste Advisory Commission member, past president of Black Austin Democrats

www.jamesnortey.com

Why are you running for county commissioner?

Our community has too many neglected needs and gross disparities. I am running to help close the economic and equity divide in Travis County by promoting job growth, containing traffic congestion and taking meaningful steps to improve affordability.

Arthur Sampson
Democratic Candidate



Experience: More than 30 years experience as a project coordinator, inspector and plan reviewer; liaison for the downtown Austin Alliance; former police officer

www.arthursampson.com

Why are you running for county commissioner?

The residents of Travis County need a voice that is capable of building an alliance necessary to guide the future development and improve the services delivered to Travis County and Precinct 1. Some of the residents in Precinct 1 are lacking the basic needs for a good quality of life.

Jeff Travillion
Democratic Candidate



Experience: served on campus advisory committees, Sloan Fellow at Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz School of Public Affairs, studied at John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University

www.jefftravillion.com

Why are you running for county commissioner?

I have lived, worked and been involved in civic issues in Travis County for more than 30 years. I have dedicated my professional career to significant issues that confront local and state government, including business development, performance measurement and management, process improvement and best practices for government operations.

Pat McCord
Republican Candidate



Experience: (from his website) Republican, Conservative, Veteran, Pflugerville City Council member, Photographer providing photography services for Pflugerville and surrounding areas with over 35 years of photo experience. Active community volunteer with my church and many civic organizations.

www.Patmccord.com

campaign web site coming soon
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Travis County Commissioners Court - 2015



(L to R) Commissioner Margaret Gómez, Precinct 4, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty, Precinct 3, Sarah Eckhardt, Travis County Judge, Commissioner Brigid Shea, Precinct 2, Commissioner Ron Davis, Precinct 1

As a group, the commissioners and county judge are the chief policy-making and administrative branch of county government. Among their many functions, the court sets the tax rate, determines fees for many county services, and determines how the collected revenues will be distributed among different county departments to provide services to the community.

The court meets in a voting session each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom on the first floor of the Travis County Administration Building at 700 Lavaca, Austin. The public is welcome in the courtroom, or may choose to watch a live broadcast of the proceedings on TCTV-17 or to view video files.

Elections Calendar for 2016:

- Tuesday, March 1, 2016 – Joint Primary Election
Early Voting: Feb 16 to Feb 26
- Saturday, May 7, 2016 – Local Elections
- Tuesday, May 24, 2016 – Primary Runoff Elections (if required)
- Saturday, June 18, 2016 – Local Elections Runoff (if required)
- Tuesday, November 8, 2016 – Presidential Joint General Election
Last day to register to vote Oct 11, Early Voting Oct 24 to Nov 4
- Tuesday, December 13, 2016 – General and Special Elections Runoff

To watch video recordings from tonight, visit PfCONA.org

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Our Mission: *Building Community Together*

Since 1985, PfCONA has been a discussion forum for solving challenges in Pflugerville neighborhoods. Visit our web site pfcona.org or on Facebook for video recordings.

Submit Written Questions For Candidates

- Please submit written questions on cards and pass them to the aisle for collection.
- Questions should be *simply* written so candidates may answer in 2 minute time limit.
- We apologize if your question is not read by the moderator because of limited time or duplication with other questions.

Audience Decorum

- Please mute or turn off your cell phone and take calls outside.
- Please be quiet so we may all hear candidates.
- Respect those who are speaking, even though you may not agree. This is a public meeting.
- All candidates have the same time to answer. Please let our time keeper and moderator indicate when time is up.
- Restrooms are outside in the lobby. A volunteer with a badge can open the lobby door.

Program Agenda (approximate)

1. Welcome – PfCONA Chairman Clay Leben, Guest Introductions, Acknowledgments
Pflugerville Political Groups: NETCo Dems and Pflugerville Republicans
2. Instructions – Moderator, Doug Weiss
3. Candidate Opening Statements - 5 minutes each. Candidates will be introduced when they arrive.
4. Candidate Q & A - Audience written questions 2 minute answers
5. Candidate Closing Statements - 3 minutes each
6. Moderator Closing remarks - 8:30 pm adjourn