

We are the Wall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Election Integrity
September TBA

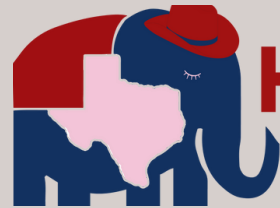
**Nomination
Committee for
HCRW Officers**
September
Meeting

Oktoberfest
October 21

**HCRW Election of
Officers**
November 14

Election Day
November 7

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webpage for more
details](#)



**HAYS COUNTY
REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

CELEBRATE

4TH OF JULY

Join us at the
Wimberley Parade
Tuesday, July 4 @ 10:00

HCRW WILL BE THERE
LOOK FOR OUR FLOAT!

[WIMBERLEY PARADE INFORMATION](#)



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

As most of you have seen, late in the legislative session the House approved twenty articles of impeachment against Attorney General Ken Paxton. Under the impeachment provisions of the Texas Constitution, Ken Paxton was required to be temporarily suspended of his official duties until completion of the trial in the Senate. Governor Abbott has appointed former Secretary of State John Scott as a placeholder for the Attorney General. Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick has stated the impeachment trial will begin by September 5th and has appointed Senator Brian Birdwell and a select committee, to devise the rules and procedures for that trial.

We are currently wrapping up a special session to address property tax reform. The Senate and House are in a gridlock of how to best to address the property tax crisis many homeowners are facing. With this gridlock came threats from Governor Abbott to veto several different pieces of legislation. June 18th was the deadline for vetoes, with Abbott vetoing a personal record of 77 bills, declaring many of them not as important as property tax reform. That list can be [found here](#). The Senate most recently passed a newer version of its property tax bill (SJR2 & SB 26) on June 20th, which includes the \$100,000 homestead exemption, a 10-cent property tax compression rate and a higher threshold on the business franchise tax exemption to now \$2.47 million instead of the original \$1 million, making exempt tens of thousands more of small businesses. A good summary can be [found here](#). We are waiting to see how the House will respond. The first special session ends June 29th.

Additionally, Governor Abbott has promised several special sessions to address priority legislation, including school choice, after property tax reform is addressed. Many would also like to see Border Security and Election Integrity on the special call list in the fall. Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick has written a letter to Governor Greg Abbott asking for specific bills which died in the Texas House, to be included on the list for a special session. That list can be [found here](#). A few of the election highlights that are on Dan Patrick's wish list for a special session include two very good bills—SB 990 which requires precinct-based voting on Election Day and SB 1039, an election audit bill which lays out a process for election judges, candidates, county chairs and state party chairs to appeal to local election offices for answers to observed irregularities. If not given an adequate response, these positions may also appeal to the Secretary of State for answers to their questions. Both are great bills and need to be actively pushed for election security, so we have these measures in place before 2024.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

We had a few important wins during the regular session on RPT legislative priorities which were voted on at Convention last summer. Our own Senator, Donna Campbell, authored and passed Senate Bill 14, which prevents the gender modification of children. Doctors will lose their license if they are in violation of this law which goes into effect September 1st.

Senator Campbell did an amazing job defending this bill in committee and on the Senate Floor. The House sponsor to this bill was Rep. Tom Oliverson, a doctor as well, who did an equally fantastic job in defending this bill from the procedural attacks by Democrats. Many thanks to both Sen. Campbell and Rep. Oliverson for their expertise and leadership on this subject! Thank you as well to the grassroots who showed up three separate days in the House Gallery to show overwhelming support for this bill. You truly made a difference!

We made significant strides under the RPT legislative priority of stopping the sexualization of kids including passing HB 900, which prohibits Texas schools from having sexually explicit material—a huge victory in protecting children’s innocence. The Legislature also passed HB 1181, requiring age verification for online pornography (18 years old) and SB 12 which bans drag shows and other sexually oriented performances if minors are present. These are decisive victories in the culture wars raging against the souls of our kids.

In the world of college campus reforms, we had four major wins to fight the progressive ideology in our universities. First and foremost, the 88th Legislature took a strong stand against diversity, equity and inclusion policies on college campuses by terminating the use of taxpayer money towards these types of offices with the passage of SB 17, now model legislation for the country passed by Senator Brandon Creighton. Senator Creighton also lead efforts to reform tenure with the passage of SB 18. Additionally, the legislature passed SB 15 which bans biological men from competing in women’s collegiate sports, authored by freshman Senator Mays Middleton.

Our biggest disappointment over the session was in Elections and Border Security. On elections, at least 23 GREAT election bills came out of the Senate with only a handful making it through the full process in the House. Several election audit and prosecution bills were prevented by the House Chair on Elections, Rep. Reggie Smith, from being heard in Committee. A handful of other Senate bills made it through the House Elections Committee but got caught up in procedural moves during the final stages of going to the House floor sadly.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

On Border Security, we did lose HB 20, the big omnibus border security bill which would have created the Texas Border Task Force and allowed Texas to return illegal aliens back across the Border. Given the thousands of illegal aliens crossing every single day, we must ask Greg Abbott to put this on the call for a special session as soon as property tax reform is addressed. On a higher note, Senator Tan Parker passed SB 1403, which creates an interstate compact for border security, giving Texas the ability to share information and resources with other states, while also allowing other states to share resources or personnel with Texas. SB 1900, passed by Senator Brian Birdwell, authorizes Texas to designate cartels as foreign terrorist organizations.

Many in TFRW were concerned about a contract that a former Secretary of State had initiated with a nonprofit organization by the name of ERIC (AKA the Electronic Registration Information Center) in 2020. This contract required the sharing of personally identifiable information that was sent to nongovernmental third parties, an extreme violation of voter security and data privacy. SB 1070 was authored and passed by Senator Bryan Hughes, THE major legislative victory for election integrity this session. Thank you again to all the grassroots who spent time educating the Legislature on our ERIC concerns. TFRW hosted a panel on this topic in February, highlighting the importance of leaving ERIC.

Other wins in elections included reforms to the mail in ballot process, availability of voted and cast vote records to the public after an election, better procedures for reporting deaths to the Secretary of State and returning illegal voting back to a second-degree felony (an oversight that occurred under SB 1 last session).

Banning Democrat chairs in the Texas House was a critical objective heading into the session. We had some success with fewer Democrats being appointed to these positions; however, nine were still named to important positions and simultaneously killed several Republican priorities during session. Sadly, there were a number of RPT priorities which died in the hands of Republican chairman as well, a dynamic that needs to change immediately with electing new representatives across our State.

Lucy Trainer
HCRW Legislative Board Member



BORDER PATROL

By Mary Clarkson
HCRW Caring for America Chair

On Saturday, June 2nd, I headed to San Antonio to meet Debbie Wall and others to caravan to Del Rio. Our goal was to bring supplies to our border.

On our way there we first stopped in Uvalde to pay our respects at the memorial. We continued our journey to the Kinney County Sheriff's Office in Brackettville. They were very happy to get my vehicle's supplies ranging from Chapstick to gloves to non-perishable snacks to powdered Gatorade. The small towns do not have a budget to accommodate the huge influx of illegals pouring into their counties. If an illegal needs medical help, the county is financially responsible.

The final stop - the Del Rio Border Patrol Union Office. The Union President gave us a tour of two different border walls. Make it your mission to go on the next trip and witness this for yourself. Our Border Patrol is down 5000 agents. The federal government is impeding their ability to do their job. This small group of patriots are coming to the rescue, bringing goods to the agents in their time of need.

The border patrol, and the sheriff's office are very appreciative of all our efforts. Pray for these people and the next time you are on a shopping trip get an extra snack or Gatorade etc. I will gladly gather your donations until the next trip.



[Click here for more information on Border Volunteer Opportunities.](#)

HCRW NEWS

HAYS COUNTY elected officials for the Texas Senate & House of Representatives.

Keep an eye on legislation and contact your lawmakers to let them know why you may or may not support it and why it is good or bad for Hays County residents.

Your voice matters!

State Senator, District 21
- [Judith Zaffarini](#) (D)

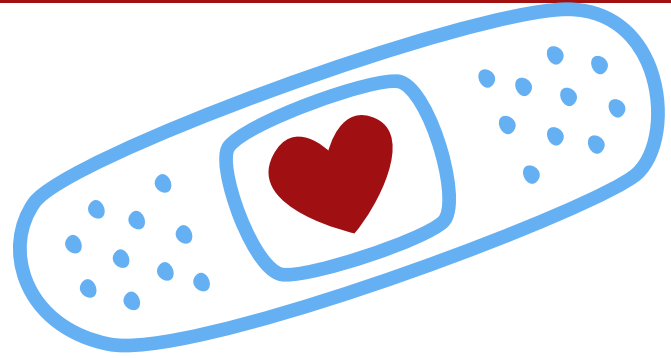
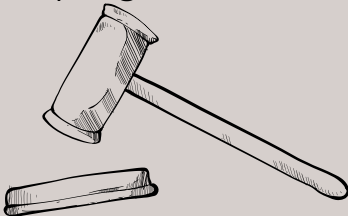
State Senator, District 25
- [Donna Campbell](#) (R)

State Representative, District 45 -
[Erin Zweiner](#) (D)

State Representative, District 73 -
[Carrie Isaac](#) (R)

Interested in learning more about the legislative process in Texas? [CLICK HERE.](#)

Want to see a list of filed bills during the 88th Legislative Session, and track their progress? [CLICK HERE.](#)



Border Patrol Supplies Needed

Please continue to bring items to the GOP Welcome Center or any HCRW sponsored event.

Our Border Patrol still need the following:

- Hand Sanitizer
 - Hand Sanitizer Wipes
 - Microban Sanitizing Spray
 - AA/AAA batteries
 - Latex Gloves
 - Disposable Gloves
 - Insect Repellant
 - Band-Aids
 - First-Aid Kits
 - Liquid IV Hydration Powdered Sports Drinks
 - Gatorade Powdered Sports Drinks
 - 6 inch Rolled Gauze
 - Monetary Donations
 - Gift Cards to HEB, Sam's, Costco or Amazon
- If you have any questions, please contact
Mary Clarkson.
512-589-4433

[What can you do? Join HCRW today!](#)

Anthony Hipolito

Candidate for Hays County Sheriff

Anthony Hipolito, Candidate for Hays County Sheriff, grew up in Buda, Texas and has lived in Hays County since 1985. Hipolito attended Jack C. Hays High School and graduated in 1993.

Hipolito started his law enforcement career with the Austin Police Department in 1998, served 23 years and retired as a Sergeant in July 2021. While at APD, Hipolito worked in a variety of assignments to include, Organized Crime, Internal Affairs, Public Information Office, Mounted Patrol, Executive Protection just to name a few.

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Hipolito, knowing he was going to run for Sheriff, started his journey as a Deputy with the Hays County Sheriff's Office in September 2021, where he spent time on patrol and is currently assigned to the Community Outreach Unit. Hipolito felt it was important to start his career at the Sheriff's Office like every applicant. Hipolito successfully completed the training program and worked both day and night patrol before transferring to Community Outreach.



HAYS COUNTY CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY

Hipolito married his wife, Peggy Hipolito in 2006 and they have two beautiful daughters, Peyton (18) and Sydnee (15). Peyton recently graduated from Dripping Springs High School and will attend Texas Tech University in the fall. Sydnee will be a sophomore at Dripping Springs High School and is a part of the Athletic Training program and FFA.

Hipolito and his family lived in Kyle (9 years), Buda, (4 years), and has resided in Dripping Springs for the last 4+ years.

Hipolito volunteers at Dripping Springs High School and at Buda Johnson High School where he is the public address announcer for Tiger Football and Jaguar Baseball.

Hipolito loves Hays County, is a servant leader, will continue to build relationships with all segments of the county and looks forward to prioritizing public safety as your Sheriff.



[CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ANTHONY HIPOLITO](#)

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HCRW EXECUTIVE BOARD SPOTLIGHT

Pamela (Pam) Eakin

Communications and Media Co-Chair

Communications and Media Co-Chair Pam is a retired Texas teacher. Originally from Indiana and raised in the Midwest, Pam was recruited by Spring Branch ISD in 1983 and moved to Texas to teach Junior High Language Arts. She has lived in Texas for 39 years and is married to a 4th generation Texan. She has a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Jr. High & Middle Language Arts from Indiana State University as well as a Master's Degree in English Curriculum and Instruction from The University of Houston.

Currently, she is learning the latest in technology and social media platforms via Learning Institute to keep Hays County Conservatives informed as well as communicate and develop rapport with undecided voters, new voters, and college-age voters in order to clearly spread our candidates' conservative platforms. She utilizes Constant Contact, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn for HCRW as well as the Co-Editor of HCRW Newsletter and Web Page. Pam realizes that elections in the future will be won using social media consistently in order for our Republican candidates to win especially in 2024.

Membership

HCRW Membership Update as of June Hays County HCRW is still classified as a "Jumbo" Club. We have 101 voting members and 39 associate members for a total of 140 members!



**If you are interested in serving
on the HCRW Executive Board
for 2024-25, let us know.**

AMERICANISM

Americanism

by Laura Nunn
HCRW Interim Secretary

Galatians 5:1 says, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free." Yet freedom isn't free.

About a dozen years after we declared our independence from the crown and fought a war, France had a bloody revolution predicated upon liberty, equality, and fraternity. French society was unable to accept the eternal truth that there will always be inequality. They descended into a society devoid of a functional moral compass.

Late 18th-century philosopher, Edmund Burke, writing to a member of the French Parliament during those tumultuous years, applied Galatians 5:1 to the troubles facing France when stating, "Society cannot exist unless a controlling power upon will and appetite be placed somewhere; and the less there is from within, the more there must be from without...it is ordained in the eternal constitution of things that men of intemperate minds cannot be free. Their passions forge their fetters."

If we belong to Christ, then Christ has set us free. We live in a free country with constitutional protections, though the application of that moral compass is deteriorating.

This Independence Day let us give thanks for and rejoice in our freedom; use it wisely; and persevere for ourselves and our posterity. God Bless America!





“This Isn’t What I fought For!”

by Carly French

Texas State College Republican VP

This past week while I was visiting with my grandma, we went to HEB to get gas. An older man pulled in on the other side of the pump, and when he got out, he asked my grandma a few questions about her car since he and his wife were looking to trade their truck in. As they were talking, I noticed that this man’s hat read BIDEN across the top. I was taken aback at first, as my grandma lives in a conservative area, but when I asked him about it, he simply turned the hat around for us to read in yellow “Biden Sucks.” We laughed, now knowing that the front of the hat was a play on the MAGA slogan, but we also became engaged in a more political conversation. Mr. Chris, a Vietnam veteran, explained to myself and my grandma his frustrations with the way the world is today. “This isn’t what I fought for. This isn’t what I lost friends for,” he had said, getting choked up as he continued on. While he did fight for our freedom and our right to have it, he didn’t fight for these riots, these “peaceful protests,” and the blatant disrespect for our country; our home. It saddens me that all of these wonderful men and women who laid down their lives, left their families, and moved to another country to fight for us are being so disrespected and hurt by the actions of people who just don’t care.

Our conversation continues for about 45 minutes or so before Mr. Chris relents and goes on to get his groceries. He praised the work of the College Republicans and other groups, and applauded our efforts even if we don’t think we get very far in our more blue area of Hays County. On my drive back to San Marcos, I thought of how this type of conversation could have gone very differently if his hat had in fact complimented Biden, or if I had been with a liberal friend and they read his hat first. These conversations aren’t the ones being heard, and it’s time they are. Freedom isn’t free, and those who fight for it also deserve our utmost respect and gratitude because without them, we would be living in a completely different world.

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“I Pledge Allegiance to Thee, Texas.”

Submitted by Debbie Adams

Poll Watcher Extraordinaire Coordinator for Hays County

Whenever I have traveled, no matter what state, country, or continent and folks ask where I'm from, the answer is always, "Texas". In the highly unlikely event someone doubts my answer, all they need to do is look down at my boots. A good pair of boots says it all.

It doesn't matter where you go, folks LOVE Texas. They want to talk to you about Texas and they want to BE Texans. It's millions of longhorns, Davy Crocket, William Travis, James Bowie and two hundred other defenders with a line drawn in the sand at the Alamo. It's the Battle of San Jacinto, "Come and Take It" in Gonzales--or at least, it used to be.

As hard as it is to face, there is a rot that goes all the way from our local officials, right up to the top. This is something that has been happening for a very long time, much like the proverbial slow frog boil. We have ALL been in a pot for a very long time and the water is beginning to boil. While there is not much we can realistically do about the rot at the top, we by GOD can do a lot locally. LOCAL ACTION is the only way forward.

Once you get over your shock about being in the soup, it's time to get to work. Time to take inspiration from those that declared our independence and paid a steep price. It means being brave and stepping out of your comfort zone in these ways:

Speak up at Commissioner's Court - Demand accountability and answers to why they do the things they do. Why did they apply for and accept over \$200,000 in Zuckerbucks? How did they spend it? Why did they not ask any questions and unanimously approve the "Trusted Build" in 2020 that deleted election results in violation of state and federal law (felony) in Hays County? It's three minutes of your time speaking publicly, you can do it!

ELECTION INTEGRITY EDITORIAL

Become a Poll Watcher – These are non-partisan citizen volunteers who are educated on Texas Election Code who “watch” to make sure Code is followed and report irregularities. Poll watchers have noticed and reported unlocked ballot boxes, clerks not checking picture IDs of voters, seals not matching and other irregularities. Poll watcher affidavits concerning irregularities have stopped shenanigans during elections and have helped craft legislation (thank you Sen. Paul Bettencourt, Sen. Bryan Hughes & Sen. Bob Hall) at the state level—a major contribution to election security! Poll watchers are incredibly important, and frankly, not very much appreciated by election officials. Oh well.

Become an Election Worker – Those are the folks who check you in, give you your access code, point you in the general direction of the machines and offer you a sticker when you get the waving flag at the tabulator. Most have been doing the same job for decades. They are tired and would probably welcome the help!

Call or Write to Your Representatives - Each and every one of them has sworn an oath to Texas, but far too many of them are not honoring that oath. HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE. There are way more of us than there are of them, but they must hear from us, regularly.

We are in trouble folks, BIG trouble. Texas needs us and our country needs Texas. We simply CANNOT leave our elected and appointed officials unattended, trusting they will act in our best interest. Without oversight from the public, they WILL run amok stepping on our God given rights, much like unsupervised children in a candy store who've been given a cappuccino and a puppy.

When you pledge allegiance to Texas, are they just words, or do you FEEL a sense of duty to Texas deep down inside? This is OUR Alamo. The line in the sand has been drawn. The question now is will YOU be one of the defenders? It's time to put on your boots and take a stand for Texas. THE TIME IS NOW-WE ARE NOT GUARANTEED TOMORROW!

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