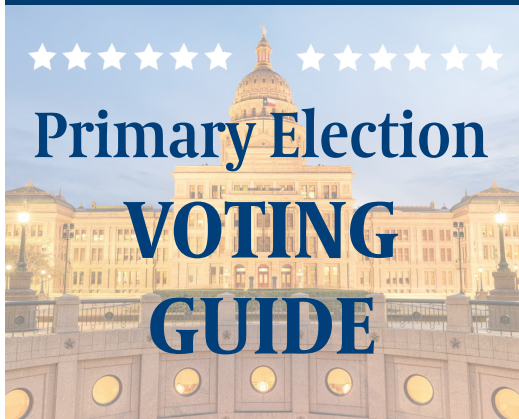


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February 2022



Greetings, AFSCME members!

We hope you all are staying safe and healthy during these difficult times. Local 1624 worked through some big challenges in 2021. As we embark on a new year, I ask everyone to remember the power of our union. More challenges lie ahead, and we will get through them together.

Throughout the pandemic, we have had to call on local elected officials at the City and County to prioritize your safety on the job and to fund meaningful pay increases. Many of these elected officials who came through for us are on the ballot for the March Primary Election, and we will be working to make sure they succeed. Without contracts or collective bargaining agreements at our disposal, electing candidates who will ensure fair wages, good benefits and safe working conditions is essential.

Our VOTE PAC Committee, which is comprised of City and County employees who contribute to the Local PAC, met in December to interview candidates one by one. At the end of the meeting, we voted for the candidates that we believe will prioritize the needs of public employees. We strongly encourage you to refer to our voting guide when you go to the polls.

As always, we will be getting out the vote for our endorsed candidates throughout the month of February. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer your time for a block walk or text bank. If you are not able to volunteer, we ask that you help us spread the word about voting and supporting labor endorsed candidates to friends and family.

Stay safe out there!

Krissy O'Brien
Political Organizer

2022 PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Important Dates

February 14: *First day of early voting*

February 18: *Last day to apply to vote by mail*

February 25: *Last day of early voting*

March 1: *Election Day*

For more information, visit
TravisCountyElections.org
or call us at (512) 477-5544

2022 PRIMARY ELECTION VOTING GUIDE

AFSCME Local 1624 Endorsements

U.S. House of Representatives



Claudia Zapata for CD 21



Greg Casar for CD 35



Lloyd Doggett for CD 37

Texas House of Representatives



Erin Zweiner for HD 45



Lulu Flores for HD 51



James Talarico for HD 50

Texas Courts



Beth Payan for 3rd Court of Appeals Place 4



Daniella Deseta Lytle for 261st District Court



Jessica Huynh for 331st District Court



Brandy Mueller for 403rd District Court



Catherine Mauzy for 419th District Court



Laurie Eiserloh for 455th District Court



Dimple Malhotra for County Court at Law 4



Tanisa Jeffers for County Court at Law 5



Denise Hernandez for County Court at Law 6

Travis County



Dyana Limon-Mercado for County Clerk



Brigid Shea for County Commissioner Precinct 2



Margaret Gomez for County Commissioner Precinct 4



Yvonne Williams for Justice of the Peace Precinct 1



Nick Chu for Justice of the Peace Precinct 5

DID YOU KNOW? Membership can save you money



As an AFSCME member, you have an advantage in the workplace, but did you know that membership can be an advantage when you shop? Whether it's travel, buying car insurance or even shopping for a home mortgage, the AFSCME Advantage Program can save you money.

Benefits include FREE COLLEGE, mortgage assistance, and discounts on Dental and Vision insurance, pet health insurance, cell phone service, and entertainment, just to name a few. In upcoming issues of our newsletter, we will highlight an AFSCME Advantage benefit in greater detail – because we want you to get the most out of your membership!

You can also get more information at www.afscme.org/members/advantage.



Membership Drive - EXTENDED

Our referral bonus increase from \$36 to \$50 has been extended until March 31, 2022. Help us spread the word about the benefits of membership and grow our union while earning some extra cash:

Sign up 5 new members and earn \$250!

To be eligible for the referral bonus, your recruits must be active members for 90 days. For more information, please contact Mando Flores at (512) 477-5544.

AFSCME Local 1624 Scholarship Program

Who Can Apply?

Graduating high school seniors whose parent or legal guardian is an active member of AFSCME Local 1624.

Requirements

At the time the scholarship is awarded, applicant must be enrolled in a university, college, junior college or trade school for the 2022 Fall Semester.

AFSCME's Scholarship Committee will interview eligible applicants and select recipients May 9-13.

Spread the Word!

Deadline to apply
is **April 29, 2022.**

Visit AFSCME1624.org
for more information
and to submit an
application.



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Calendar of Events

Feb.
14 Early voting in the 2022 Primary Election begins.

Feb.
25 Last day to vote early in the Primary Election

March
01 **2022 Primary Election Day**

April
29 Local 1624 scholarship application deadline

May
9-13 Local 1624 scholarship interviews