

# VOTERS GUIDE MAY 2012

Find information here for the  
**May 12, 2012**  
**Hays CISD School Board Election**  
**and Kyle Local Option Election**  
 and the  
**May 29, 2012**  
**Democratic and Republican**  
**Primaries**

## Liquor law on the ballot

**K**yle voters are set to go to the polls May 12 to decide whether the city should fully permit the sale of alcohol, including mixed drinks.

The change would allow for the operation of wine bars, cocktail lounges and roadhouses in the city that has been dry or "damp" for many decades.

Supporters say approval of the referendum would also change local laws so restaurants could qualify for beer-and-wine permits from the state, instead of a more costly permit for full liquor sales. Voters first gave restaurants the OK to sell alcohol in 2007, so long as more than 51 percent of their profits came from food.

The measure will be on the Buda ballot in November.

Under current law, Kyle and Buda allow alcohol sales at restaurants, gas stations and grocery stores, and Kyle allows liquor stores while Buda does not.

But restaurants in Kyle and Buda are not eligible for a \$903 beer-and-wine retailer's permit from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, according to TABC spokeswoman Carolyn Beck. Instead, Kyle-Buda restaurateurs must purchase a mixed beverage permit for \$6,602 in addition to a food-and-beverage certificate for \$776.

The political action committee Better Business for Hays funded a petition drive and marketing campaign in support of the relaxed liquor laws.



## What people are saying:

*Kyle has grown so much that it does not take much to drive to Austin or San Marcos to go get a drink in a bar. Kyle should not miss out on those dollars, just make sure KPD has excellent training in DWI to pull over those that decided to drink and drive.*

— Gabriel Casas

*I'm sure we're losing tons of money to San Marcos and Austin. I spend most of my money in Austin. I wouldn't mind keeping that in Kyle. I have followed, on several occasions, drunk drivers who were driving into Kyle from Austin. I believe it may help in reducing this problem as well.*

— James Pavia

*Well let the accidents be your guide! So do you want it on your conscience that you sold your city and neighbors out for just a few tax dollars? Hmm, hope you're ready to live with that! Anything for the almighty dollar, huh?!*

— Jo Ann Metz

*I've been waiting for this day! Can't wait to cast my vote!*

— Kari Backus Wroblewski

*People drink alcohol whether its in celebration or sorrow. Why should we send all of our tax revenue somewhere else when its an inevitable revenue.*

— Michelle Anderson Matthews

*Relaxing the liquor laws in Kyle will have nothing to do with DWI arrests. People who drink and drive will do so regardless of where they get their alcohol.*

— Sarah Pennington Lyle

*I have no aversion to folks drinking alcohol and having a good time. I just don't want the drunks driving down my street where kids still play, and they will. I don't want violent crimes to rise in our area because drunks will fight at the drop of a hat. You can't convince me that they won't. I lived in Austin for years and I moved away for many reasons, and one was the concurrent rise in drunk alcohol related arrest, violent crime, car accidents and murder. All so that the city could make a little more money and people could be free to drink how they wanted. I say no!*

— Rene Aguirre

Source: facebook.com/haysforpress

## On the Democratic Ballot:

**PRESIDENT**  
Barack Obama  
John Wolfe  
Bob Ely  
Daroy G. Richardson

**U.S. SENATOR**  
Ardie Burnell Allen  
Civily Yarrborough  
Paul Sautter  
Sean Hubbard

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 21**  
Darius Boone  
Candace Duvall

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 25**  
Elaine M. Henderson

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 35**  
Maria Luisa Alvarado  
Lloyd Diggitt  
Sylvia Romo

**RAILROAD COMMISSIONER**  
Dale Henry

**JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 6**  
Monroe Patty

**PRESIDING JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS**  
Keith Harrison

**MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 5**  
Hobacco Bell-Motereau

**STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 21**  
Judith Zaffrin

**STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 25**  
John Courage

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 45**  
John Adams

**JUSTICE, 3RD COURT OF APPEALS, DISTRICT, PLACE 2**  
J. Andrew Hethcock

**JUSTICE, 3RD COURT OF APPEALS, DISTRICT, PLACE 3**  
Diane Hanson

**JUSTICE, 3RD COURT OF APPEALS, DISTRICT, PLACE 5**  
Karin L. Watkins

**JUSTICE, 3RD COURT OF APPEALS, DISTRICT, PLACE 6**  
Bryan Osto

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1**  
Debbie Gonzales-Ingalsbe

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. 1, PLACE 1**  
Janice Prado

**CONSTABLE, PCT. 1**  
Rodrigo Arroya  
David Peterson

**CONSTABLE, PCT. 2**  
Guy Irwin  
James H. Kohler

**COUNTY CHAIRMAN**  
Bill Liddle

## On the Republican Ballot:

**PRESIDENT**  
Ron Paul  
Mitt Romney  
Newt Gingrich  
Jon Huntsman  
Rick Santorum  
John Davis  
Michelle Bachmann  
Charles "Buddy" Rowser

**U.S. SENATOR**  
Lela Pittenger  
Gleason Addison  
Joe Aguilera  
Bret Garfield  
Craig James  
Ted Cruz  
David Josephant  
Tom Leppert  
Curt Oberauer

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 21**  
Richard Mack  
Richard Morgan  
Lance Smith

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 25**  
Brian Matthews  
Wes Roodie  
Bill Busch  
Dianne Costa  
Roger Williams  
Chad Wilkerson  
Justin Hewitt  
Charlie Holcomb  
Ernie Belz Jr.  
James "Frank" Dixon  
Michael Williams  
Dave Garrison

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 35**  
John Yegorist  
Susan Narvick  
Rob Roark

**RAILROAD COMMISSIONER**  
Roland Sledge  
Deryl Burgess  
Joe Cottrell  
Becky Berger  
Warren Chroum  
Clivet Oradick

**RAILROAD COMM., UNEXPIRED TERM**  
Elizabeth Murray-Koeb  
Greg Parker  
Al Leo  
Berry Smitherman

**JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 2**  
Don Whitt  
Steve Smith

**JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 4**  
Joe Pool Jr.  
John Devine  
David Medina

**JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 6**  
Nathan Hecht

**PRESIDING JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS**  
Sharon Keller

**JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 7**  
Barbara Parker Hervey

**JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 8**  
Eric Acosta

**MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 5**  
Ken Mercer  
Steve Salzer

**STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 21**  
Grant Rustig

**STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 25**  
Elizabeth Ames Jones  
Cliff Wentworth  
Dorria Campbell

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 45**  
Jason A. Isaac

**JUSTICE, 3RD COURT OF APPEALS, DISTRICT, PLACE 2**  
Jeff Rouse

**JUSTICE, 3RD COURT OF APPEALS, DISTRICT, PLACE 3**  
Scott Field  
Madelaine Corino

**JUSTICE, 3RD COURT OF APPEALS, DISTRICT, PLACE 5**  
David Puryear

**JUSTICE, 3RD COURT OF APPEALS, DISTRICT, PLACE 6**  
Buck Penbertson

**DISTRICT JUDGE, 22ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
Ranna Dickens  
Bruce Boyer  
David S. Glickler  
David L. Nigh

**SHERIFF**  
Tommy Rathbun  
Gary Guller

**COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR**  
Lashine Caraway

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1**  
Mary E. Gonzalez

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3**  
Sam Brannan  
Will Corley

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. 1, PLACE 1**  
Amy Lee Almes

**CONSTABLE, PCT. 1**  
Stephen A. Velasquez

**CONSTABLE, PCT. 2**  
Ron Hall

**CONSTABLE, PCT. 3**  
Darnell W. Ayres

**CONSTABLE, PCT. 4**  
Ron E. Hood

**CONSTABLE, PCT. 5**  
Mark Mancillas, III

**COUNTY CHAIRMAN**  
John Pughson  
Shawn K. Blawieley

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# Candidates for Hays School Board

*Eric John is also a candidate for the Hays School Board At Large position, but did not return a questionnaire*

## Doug Ragsdale

**Office sought:**  
Hays CISD Board of Trustees - At Large position

**Why are you the most qualified candidate for this position?**  
My 29 years as an educator in the public school system affords me a unique perspective from which to make decisions that affect the HCISD, a view from the student/teacher relationship. When deciding to run, it just made sense to me that a school board could benefit from an educator.

**What is the No. 1 issue affecting our community, and what will you do to address it?**

The #1 issue of education is developing a process that delivers the best possible product, which, for a school board should be the achievement levels of the students within the district. I believe that our classroom teachers possess a wealth of unappreciated ideas on how to best address that issue.

**What is the last book you read?**  
"Heaven Is For Real"

**What adjective would a close friend use to describe you?**  
Dedicated

**First vehicle:**  
I first owned a 1958 Chevrolet Apache Pickup that my dad and I bought for \$200, repainted candy apple red, fixed the gearshift with a baseball bat, covered the seats with nautical and drove off to college for four years. What a truck!

**Current job and prior public service:**  
Teacher/Coach at Hays High School - will retire June 1.

**Education:**  
BA from Western New Mexico University, MA in guidance and counseling, 40 credit hours toward Administrative Certificate.

**Family members:**  
Wife of 40 years, Cheryl, R.N.; son, Rick, 39; son, Ray 36; and daughter, Rene, 32, all graduates of Hays High School. Eight wonderful grandchildren, ages 4 to 11.

**Years living in Hays County:**  
22



## Holly Raymond

**Office sought:**  
Hays CISD Board of Trustees - At Large position

**Why are you the most qualified candidate for this position?**  
Our board needs specific expertise to protect the resources we have and to influence others to get more of what our teachers and students need. Paired with lifelong ties to Hays, I have the operational and financial leadership background that makes me uniquely qualified for this position.

**What is the No. 1 issue affecting our community, and what will you do to address it?**

Growth. We're experiencing exciting growth in our district, but are doing so in a period of cuts from the capitol and competing priorities that makes maintaining our high standards ever more challenging. I'll work to put scalable solutions in place that protect our standing and build for the future.

**What is the last book you read?**

"The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families," by Stephen Covey

**What adjective would a close friend use to describe you?**

Loyal. My three best friends ( fellow Hays graduates) have been part of my life for 20+ years. And loyal is what I feel towards Hays CISD, too. This district has played a central role in shaping me and I'm honored to give back in any way I can.

**First vehicle:**

As my parents emphasized "Made in the USA," my first car was a 1968 Black Chevy Blazer I nicknamed "The Blazer." It was a stick shift because my dad thought that everyone should learn how to "really drive." He was certainly happy for Coach Green to handle my driver's education however.

**Current job and prior public service:**

I currently serve as Vice President of Finance & Operations for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas. I also presently serve as treasurer for the Hays CISD Education Foundation, Hays Basketball Coach, T-ball Team Mom, Girl Scout Cookie Mom, PTA member and classroom volunteer.

**Education:**

I began kindergarten at Buda Elementary with Ms. Beck and graduated from Jack C. Hays in 1996. I went directly to the University of Texas at Austin and earned a bachelor's degree in business and a master's degree in accounting after completing their #1 nationally-ranked Program in Professional Accounting.

**Family members:**

My husband, Jeff, and I live in Plum Creek with our three children: Madelyn (12) is a 8th grader at Barton Middle School; Beck (9) is a 2nd-grader at Negley; and Bristol (6) is in Kinder at Negley. My parents, L.C. and Arlene Smith, still live in Niederwies.

**Years living in Hays County:** More than 30 years.



## Bert Bronaugh

**Office sought:**  
I am running for the Hays CISD Board of Trustees, District 3 seat.

**My qualifications:**

I am running for my second term in this position. I have attended every training session and conference available. I have four children, all of whom have been through Hays CISD, so I have a long history with the district, dating back to 1983. I have lived the Buda/Kyle area since 1991.

**Number one issue affecting our community, my ideas:**

The number one issue that I see with our community, as it pertains to the school district, is making sure that our children have the education that they need to succeed on their own. We have a wonderful teaching staff and administration, all of whom have weathered some severe changes lately, and we need to make sure that we, as a community, give them the support they need to continue preparing our children for their future.

**The last book I read:**

I love to read, although it's usually unabridged audio books lately, so that's an easy one, although it would probably be either "Anna Karenina," by Leo Tolstoy, or "Lost Empire," by Clive Cussler.

**An adjective that a friend would use to describe me:**

Friendly would hopefully be the most used.

**My first vehicle:**

I worked on my grandparent's farm since I was 8 years old, and the year that I turned 16, I used all of my \$1,200 earnings to pay my grandfather \$1,200 for a rebuilt 1971 International 1110 pickup. That truck took me to Texas A&M after I graduated high school. Wonderful question!

**Current job, public service:**

I work full time for the ICRA (8.5 years), and work part-time at Truck City Ford (21 years). I have worked with the Boy Scouts, primarily with Troop 128 (11 years), but also work with several packs and troops in the area. My family attends Faith Assembly of God, Buda, and have for 15+ years.

**Education:**

I graduated high school in Burnet, Texas, then attended Texas A&M and Rice County College. I attended North Lake College, where I earned an associate's degree in electrical technology. I earned the Senior Master Technician certification from Ford Motor Co. in 1989, and have retained it through 2012.

**Family members:**

My father is a Presbyterian minister in Schulenburg, where he and my mother now live. My family and I live in the Shadow Creek subdivision in Kyle. I have been married to my lovely wife, Vonda, for 27 years. We have four children, the older two of which are attending Texas A&M, College Station, and are, or were, both in the Fighting Texas Aggie Band. Bert III is 23, and will graduate on May 12. Brandon, 21, is about to be a senior. John, 16, will be a senior at Hays High School, and Leah, 14, is at Barton Middle School, and will be attending Hays High School this fall as a freshman.

**Years in Hays:**

My family moved into Buda in 1991, and managed a church camp while working at Truck City. We then moved to the Niederwald area, still in Hays school district, and lived there until a few years ago. We ended up in Shadow Creek about three years ago.



## KEEP OUR TAX \$ AT HOME

Vote **"FOR"**

### Kyle Local Option Proposition

#### KEEPING \$\$ IN KYLE

"I am often asked by local residents why Kyle doesn't have more restaurant choices and entertainment venues. As Mayor, I am always striving to bring new commercial development to our city and I believe changing this law is the key to our future success. We live in a growing community, and our residents deserve to have a variety of local dining and entertainment options without having to drive to Austin or San Marcos. I'll be voting "FOR" on May 12th."

- Lucy Johnson, Mayor of Kyle

#### BALANCING THE PLAYING FIELD

"We are excited about this effort. Having served as a volunteer serving both Buda and Kyle, I have seen firsthand the limitations the current laws have placed on our ability to increase economic development initiatives. We believe Buda and Kyle's concerted effort is also important to compete with San Marcos and Austin for businesses. By voting "FOR" the Kyle Local Option Proposition, voters can increase economic development and additional businesses create more tax revenue, jobs and visitors to our area."

- Laurie Cromwell, Former Hays CISD Board President  
Spokesman, Better Business for Hays Committee

#### MORE RESTAURANT CHOICES

"Kyle residents want more entertainment choices. With Seton Medical Center Hays (SMCH) and the new businesses coming to our area, we can attract more restaurants and venues for our citizens—and better compete with other cities on the I-35 corridor."

- Ray Hernandez, Executive Director,  
Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce

## City of Kyle Residents... Why We Need to Support Local Kyle Restaurants & Retail.



Members of the Better Business for Hays Committee along with Kyle Mayor, Lucy Johnson, present petitions bearing the names of over 1800 Kyle registered voters calling for the election. Accepting the State required petitions on behalf of the City of Kyle is City Secretary, Amelia Sanchez.

Pictured: L-R Laurie Cromwell, Mayor Lucy Johnson, Gyné Slovak Barton, Ray Hernandez, Amelia Sanchez, Herb Dyer and Vince Collier.

#### Early Voting Locations & Times:

Kyle City Hall 100 W. Center Street Kyle, TX 78640	HCISD Central Office 21003 IH 35 Kyle, TX 78640
Monday, April 30	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 1 - Friday, May 4	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 5	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Monday, May 7	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### Election Day • Saturday, May 12th

Kyle City Hall 100 W. Center St., Kyle	Chapa Middle School 3311 Dacy Lane, Kyle	Performing Arts Center 979 Kohlers Crossing, Kyle
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# ON MAY 12th - VOTE "FOR" KYLE!

# Hays School Board continued

## Robert Limon

**Office sought:** Hays CISD School Board Trustee, District 3

**Why are you the most qualified candidate for this position?**

I had that my 30 years of work experience, my education, and volunteer experience in the district give me a strong skill-set and perspective that will help our school board plan for the future. I am sure this election will do no other purpose than to serve the community to the best of my abilities.

**What is the No. 1 issue affecting our community and what will you do to address it?**  
The budget will continue to be our biggest challenge. Our current board and

administration have done a good job of minimizing the impact of the current funding cuts by the state. We need to continue to scrutinize every dollar we spend without sacrificing the quality of education. Decisions should always be data-driven and include input from all stakeholders in the community.

**What is the last book you read?**

I read "The Great Gatsby," again. It was assigned to my son Bobby in Ms. Espinoza's English class. I read it again so I could help him understand the book and prepare for his exam. Thirty years later, it was still a tough read.

**What adjective would a close friend use to describe you?**  
Reliable

**First vehicle:**

It was a used 1976 primer-colored Chevy Monza that I bought from my Uncle Jesse. It only had half a back seat, one door that wouldn't open, and bald tires but had a stereo installed that was probably worth more than the car. I loved that car.

**Current job and prior public service:**

I'm currently a small business owner with 30 years of experience in the public and private sectors including the last 16 years in accounting, budget, and financial work for Austin Community College and the state of Texas. During that time, I also served as president of the Tom Green and Burton PDAs.

**Education:**  
Graduate of S.E. Austin High School in Austin; associate degree in government,

Austin Community College, 1999; bachelor's of business administration, St. Edwards University, 2001; major: Business Management

**Family members:**

I'm married to Norma Limon, an employee for the State of Texas. I also have a daughter, Alyssa (20), a sophomore at the University of Texas at Austin and 2010 graduate of Hays High School, and a son, Bobby (17), a junior at Hays High School.

**Years living in Hays County:**  
My family and I have lived in the Hays school district for 17 years, with 14 years in District 3, the district I'm running for in the election. My mother is just of the original Mendler family from Kyle, so we have deep roots in Hays County.



# Candidates for Hays County Sheriff

## Gary Cutler

**Office sought:** Hays County Sheriff (incumbent)

**Why are you the most qualified candidate?**

I have 37.5 years law enforcement experience, 31 as a county employee holding ranks of jailer, deputy, investigator, Sgt., Lt., Capt., and an elected sheriff along with my team management skills, education and proven ability to conservatively manage multimillion dollar budgets during our recent times of economic crisis.

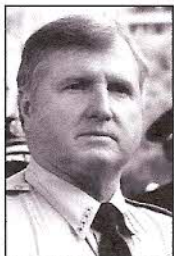
**What is the number one issue affecting our community and what will you do to address it?**

Growth is the problem we face. Three out of 10 service calls are for traffic related issues. Through recent reorganization I have increased our Traffic Unit by 10 percent without cost to the taxpayer. I will find more ways to address this burgeoning problem within the agency or through Commissioner's Act.

**What is the last book you read?**

"Warlord," by Harjo Pantano

**What adjective would a close friend use to describe you?**  
INTEGRITY



**First vehicle:**

I was almost injured in 1969 when I purchased my first car. I was a senior at Walter Hatching H.S. just south of Dallas. The car was a gold 1965 2-door Chevrolet Malibu SS 327 with a four speed stick.

**Current job and prior public service:**

I have been elected Republican Sheriff of Hays County for the last 17 months. Prior public service includes 6 years service as a Special Investigator at the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, 3 years service at the Williamson County Sheriff's Office as Sgt. and Lt., 26.5 years at the Travis County Sheriff's Office as a jailer, deputy, investigator and captain.

**Education:**

I graduated from Sam Houston State University with a B.S. in criminal justice. I hold a Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Master Peace Officer's License and Instructor's License. I have attended several thousand hours of accredited in-service training through various state and local police academies.

**Family members:**

I have been married to my wife Carol, a dental hygienist, for almost 38 years. We have two adult sons, William and Trevor.

**Years living in Hays County?**

My wife and I have lived in Hays County for over 24 years.

## Tommy Ratliff

**Office sought:** Sheriff, Hays County

**Why are you the most qualified candidate for this position?** I have 35 years in law enforcement; 21 years as a Texas Ranger; 12 years as a State Trooper; and 2 years as Sheriff of Hays County.

**What is the No. 1 issue affecting our community and what will you do to address it?** I will have officers focus on finding drug dealers and investigating burglaries. I will also put a stop to frivolous spending of taxpayer dollars.

**What is the last book you read?**  
"Lone Star Justice," by Robert Utley

**What adjective would a close friend use to describe you?** Integrity.

**First vehicle:** 1966 Chevrolet Impala 2-door.

**Current job and prior public service:** Retired Texas Ranger / Mr. Mom

**Education:** Bachelor of Science from Texas State University Master Peace Officer License, and Special Texas Ranger Certification.

**Family members:** Wife Carolina, daughter Victoria, and son Will Ratliff.

**Years living in Hays County:** 16 years.



# Candidates for Hays County Commissioner, Pct. 1

## Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe

**Office sought:** Hays County Commissioner Pct. 1 (incumbent)

**Why are you the most qualified candidate for this position?**

My years of experience on the Commissioners Court and a proven commitment and willingness to work well with others to retain and bring quality jobs, improve our transportation infrastructure, diversity and protect our water resources and provide the services a fast growing county expects while maintaining a low tax rate.

**What is the No. 1 issue affecting our community and what will you do to address it?**

Trying to name one issue is difficult since many issues tie so closely together. Water is at the top of the list. I will continue to work with our cities, water providers, groundwater district, legislators and others to ensure we work toward securing water resources needed today and the future.

**What is the last book you read?**

"Same Kind of Different as Me"

**What adjective would a close friend use to describe you?**  
Trustworthy



**First vehicle:**

I was working at our restaurant and my dad asked me to come outside where he marooned me with my first vehicle. It was a 2-door, super, 1978 Monte Carlo with white leather seats.

**Current job and prior public service:**

Hays County Commissioner, Pct. 1. Working as a deputy constable for three years was a very rewarding public service opportunity. It helped me gain experience and a knowledge of county government and law enforcement which provided a good sense of guidance for the people I currently serve.

**Education:**

Attended classes at SWSU, now Texas State. Received my Peace Officer's Certification from the Travis County Sheriff's Academy, and have over 780 hours of continuing education for county commissioner.

**Family members:**

Husband, Gary, and two children, Peggy and Robbie Rodriguez.

**Years living in Hays County:** 51 years

## Mary Gonzales

**Office sought:** Hays County Commissioner, Precinct 1

**Why are you the most qualified candidate for this position?**

I have worked a majority of my life in the private sector. I have worked for nine corporations, four of which I worked in managing positions in retail, and three were in the manufacturing industry. A major portion of the revenue the government spends comes from the private sector.

**What is the No. 1 issue affecting our community and what will you be doing to address it?**

Since 2005, Hays County debt has grown from \$12 million to over \$30 million. I will commit to stop the unnecessary spending by influencing the court not to be persons of powerful self-interest groups, such as engineering firms and developers who are ultimately managing our growth.

**What is the last book you read?**

I enjoy reading several different books on my Kindle Fire. I read everything from the Bible to "The Right Fight Back," by Mike Allen and Evan Thomas. I am currently reading "The Courageous Case for Faith," by Barry Colwell.

**What adjective would a close friend use to describe you?**

A close friend once told me that I am a passionate person. Once I find something I love, I use every aspect of my life to express that

love. I have a great passion for politics and also for helping people.

**First vehicle:** 1972 Cadillac Supreme, with 350 HP

**Current job and prior public service:**

I am currently a manager of a reliable 100-year-old company. My prior public services were from 1969-94. I worked for an early childhood intervention state program as a clerk.

**Education:**

Attended 7 years State for 2 years; computer accounting at Career Centers of Texas and have hundreds of hours of business management training.

**Family members:**

I have been married 29 years to my husband, Mike. We have two sons, Lorenzo and Julius, and a daughter-in-law Crystal. We also have two dogs, named Star and Daggie Snarf. I am proud to say that I have my mother, Nacaria Gonzales (born in 92 years young), as well as my three brothers, Robert, Jose and Mario Gonzales.

**Years living in Hays County:**

I was born and raised in Hays County. I have volunteered hundreds of hours throughout my adult life supporting candidates which I have felt best representing the people of this community.



# GOP County Chair Candidates

Shaun Blakeley is also a candidate for Hays County Republican Chair, but did not return a questionnaire

## John Pacheco

**Office sought:** Chairman of the Hays County Republican Party. The chairman is a volunteer position responsible for getting the GOP in Hays County and running the Republican primaries. Please see johnpacheco.com for why I am running, and what I'll do if elected.

**Why are you the most qualified candidate for this position?** I have a long history of public service, starting with enlisted and then commissioned officer service in the Army. I also have had a long successful career in sales which is very relevant; there's nothing quite like calling total strangers and asking them for money to prepare you for politics.

**What is the No. 1 issue affecting our community, and what will you do to address it?**

This often does not address issues directly. My job would be to grow the Republican party—assist voters, volunteers, recruit candidates, raise money for campaigns. In other words, get people engaged in the political process. Most people drastically underestimate the influence that we ordinary citizens have on our community and country.

**What is the last book you read?** Can you please ask me what the second to last book I read? Because that was "God According to God," by Gerald Schroeder, which sounds so much more substantive than the last book I read, which is "The Partner," by John Grisham.



**What adjective would a close friend use to describe you?** I enabled my closest buddy Mark and asked. His response was "I was going to say 'my hero' or 'near God-like,' or perhaps, 'effortlessly cool,' but of course none of those is just one word." (There is a very slight possibility he was being sarcastic.) Mark eventually settled on "focussed."

**First vehicle:** A 1972 Ford Mustang Mach 1 Fastback, 351 Cleveland engine with dual headers. White with a blue stripe down the middle. Cornered like a hng on roller skates but did 0 to 60 in no time flat - YEAH BABY!

**Current job and prior public service:**

My wife and I own a compliance and IT consulting company. I am a precinct chairman (and former precinct chair in Travis County), volunteer in the Adult and Family Ministry in our church, volunteer with the North Hays Republican Group, member of the American Legion, VFW, and Knights of Columbus.

**Education:** BSA from UT/D Paso. Also, a few years ago my wife and I decided to pursue our MBA together to shake our heads out a bit; we are about half way through.

**Family members:** My wife Suzanne and I have been married 21 years. My mom lives in El Paso, my dad passed away two years ago. I also have aunts, uncles, and cousins in San Fernando, CA.

**Years living in Hays County:** Sixteen. I grew up in El Paso, and by chance was assigned to it for the last part of my Army career. We moved to Austin right after I got out in 1983, and moved out to Dripping in '96.

# RAYMOND

*"Holly will make an excellent board member. She is passionate in her support of our community and our schools. She brings common sense, business acumen to board service, and an approach to service that is constructive and optimistic. Please join me in supporting her in her bid for election to the District At Large position."*

-Patti Wood,  
Outgoing School Board President

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