

THE LLANO REPUBLICAN ROUNDUP

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LLANO COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNTY CHAIR

JESSICA MCREE-GRABERT

Friends and Neighbors,

We talk a lot about what's happening in Washington and Austin—but the truth is, some of the most important decisions affecting your daily life are made right here in Llano County. Roads, schools, taxes, public safety, property rights—these are shaped by the people we elect and support at the local level.

That's why I want to take a moment to talk with you about how local government works and why it's more important than ever for conservatives to get involved.

So—What Is Local Government?

Local government includes our city councils, county commissioners, school boards, and elected officials who make day-to-day decisions that directly impact our homes, our families, and our freedoms. It's the closest and most responsive level of government we have.

What Do Local Officials Actually Do?

They handle the services and policies that affect us every day:

Law enforcement and emergency response

Road maintenance and infrastructure

Parks, libraries, and recreation

Property tax rates and budgeting

School policy and curriculum decisions

Zoning, land use, and business development

Even those small local ordinances—like leash laws or noise rules—are decided by people we elect.

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Who's Leading Right Here in Llano County?

We are blessed with dedicated public servants here in Llano County, including:

- County Judge & Commissioners – Oversee budgets, roads, and public services
- City Council Members – Vote on ordinances and shape city priorities
- School Board Trustees – Make key decisions about education
- Sheriff, JPs, and Other Officials – Uphold law and order






These offices may not make the news, but they make a difference—and your voice can shape that leadership.

Why This Matters to Us as Republicans

I believe deeply that conservative principles—limited government, fiscal responsibility, strong families, and individual liberty—start at the local level. Whether it's defending parental rights, protecting our property values, or pushing back against government overreach, local leadership is where we build a freer future.

How You Can Make a Difference

Here's how you can take action—starting today:

-  Vote in every local election
-  Attend city, county, and school board meetings
-  Speak up to your local representatives
-  Volunteer with our local Republican team
-  Run for office—we'll be here to support you every step of the way

Ready to Get Involved?

I personally invite you to join us at an upcoming meeting or event. Bring your ideas, your energy, and your conservative values—we need leaders like you. If you've ever thought, "Someone should do something about that," then maybe that someone is you.

Let's lead—together, and locally.
With gratitude,

Jessica McRee-Grabert
County Chair, Llano County Republican Party

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FROM YOUR LLANO COUNTY VICE-CHAIR KAREN CALDERON-SCHWEITZER



As we reflect on the birth of our great nation, I urge you to take the opportunity to appreciate the sacrifices made for liberty and to recommit to the values that bind the country together.

Independence Day commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, which declared the thirteen American colonies' separation from Great Britain. This act, while not immediately securing freedom, marked the birth of a new nation founded on the ideals of self-governance and individual liberty.

The path to independence was fraught with challenges and sacrifices. Reflecting on this day means acknowledging the courage and resilience of those who fought for freedom throughout our US history.

While celebrating the nation's founding, it's crucial to acknowledge that the pursuit of a more perfect union is an ongoing process. Independence Day can inspire a commitment to addressing the challenges and issues that still exist in America.

The struggle for a better America is palpable with the resounding victory achieved by Republicans for American workers, farmers, and small businesses by passing President Donald J. Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill - a transformative

legislative package that locks in historic tax relief, delivers border security, reforms welfare, funds critical infrastructure, and more.

Texas is heartbroken as in the early hours of July 4, a devastating flood swept through the Texas Hill Country. The affected area is located about 70 miles west of San Antonio, destroying everything in its path. As of today, at least 27 people have died, about 24 girls from one summer camp and other people in the area are still unaccounted for, and more than 500 people had to be rescued. Our hearts and prayers are with all of those affected by the devastation.

If you would like to help directly, here are two organizations accepting donations to aid those affected:

• **San Angelo:** <https://www.saafound.org/>

• **Kerrville:**
https://cftexashillcountry.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=4201

☎ Please feel free to reach out to me at 818-388-9945.

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NEXT ELECTION

Constitutional Amendments 2025

288 Constitutional Amendments were filed in the 2025 89R session, but as of June 15, 2025, 17 statewide ballot measures have been certified for the Constitutional Amendment Election. Only 1 of these is directly related to voting and elections. Since the adoption of the Texas Constitution in 1976, 711 amendments have been proposed, but only 530 were approved by Texas voters (181 amendments failed.)

Title	Subject	Description
Allocate Portion of Sales Tax Revenue to Water Fund Amendment	Water; Sales taxes; Restricted-use funds	Allocate sales tax revenue that exceeds the first \$46.5 billion with a maximum of \$1 billion per fiscal year to the state water fund and authorize the state legislature, by a two-thirds vote, to adjust the amount allocated
Authorize Tax Exemption for Tangible Property Used for Income Production Amendment	Tax exemptions	Authorize the state legislature to exempt \$125,000 of the market value of personal tangible property used for income production from taxes
Change Membership and Authority of State Commission on Judicial Conduct Amendment	Judiciary	Change the composition of the state Commission on Judicial Conduct, provide for a temporary tribunal to review the commission's recommendations, and change the authority governing judicial misconduct
Citizenship Voting Requirement Amendment	Citizenship voting	Amend the Texas Constitution to provide that "persons who are not citizens of the United States" cannot vote
Denial of Bail for Certain Violent or Sexual Offenses Punishable as a Felony Amendment	Bail	Deny bail to individuals accused of certain violent or sexual offenses punishable as a felony
Establish Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas Amendment	Healthcare	Establish the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas with \$3 billion from the general fund
Establish Homestead Exemption for Surviving Spouses of Veterans Killed by	Homestead tax; Tax exemptions; Veterans	Establish a property tax homestead exemption on all or part of the market value of the homestead of

a Service-Connected Disease Amendment		a surviving spouse of a veteran who died from a service-connected disease
Establish Special Funds for State Technical College System Amendment	Higher education funding; Restricted-use funds	Establish the Permanent Technical Institution Infrastructure Fund (Permanent Fund) and the Available Workforce Education Fund (Available Fund) as special funds in the state treasury to support the Texas Technical College System
Homestead Exemption for Improvements Made to Residence Destroyed by Fire Amendment	Homestead tax; Tax exemptions	Provide a temporary homestead exemption for improvements made to residences destroyed by fire

Increase Homestead Property Tax Exemption Amendment	Homestead tax; Tax exemptions	Increase the property tax exemption from \$10,000 to \$60,000 of the market value for homesteads owned by elderly or disabled individuals
Increase Homestead Tax Exemption for Elderly and Disabled Amendment	Homestead tax; Tax exemptions	Increase the property tax exemption from \$10,000 to \$60,000 of the market value for homesteads owned by elderly or disabled individuals
Parental Rights Amendment	Constitutional rights; Family	Provide that parents have the right "to exercise care, custody, and control of the parent's child, including the right to make decisions concerning the child's upbringing"
Prohibit Capital Gains Tax on Individuals, Estates, and Trusts Amendment	Income taxes	Prohibit a tax on the realized or unrealized capital gains of an individual, family, estate, or trust
Prohibit Estate Taxes and New Taxes on Estate Transfers, Inheritances, and Gifts Amendment	Property taxes	Prohibit the state legislature from enacting laws imposing taxes on a decedent's property or the transfer of an estate
Prohibit Taxes on Certain Securities Transactions Amendment	Business taxes	Prohibit the enactment of laws that impose taxes on entities that enter into transactions conveying securities or on certain securities transactions
Property Tax Exemption for Border Security Infrastructure Amendment	Tax exemptions	Authorize the state legislature to provide for a property tax exemption for the construction of border infrastructure on property located in a county that borders Mexico
Property Tax Exemption on Retail Animal Feed Amendment	Agriculture; Tax exemptions	Establish a property tax exemption on animal feed held by the owner of the property for retail sale

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UPCOMING EVENTS



LLANO COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY CEC General Meeting

Saturday, July 19

9:00 AM

Kingsland Library, 125 Polk St, Kingsland.



TOWN HALL WITH REPRESENTATIVE WES VIRDELL

Wednesday, July 9

1:00 PM

**Lyssy & Eckel Public Room
105 East Young Street, Llano TX**



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