



BASTROP COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, July 15, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

West End Park, 242 Highway 95 South, Smithville, TX

CANDIDATE MEET & GREET

Come and meet Democratic candidates who are challenging Republicans in 2018.



Senator Kirk Watson,
running for re-election as State Senator,
District 14 [http://www.senate.texas.gov/
member.php?d=14](http://www.senate.texas.gov/member.php?d=14)

Kim Olsen,

Candidate for Texas
Commissioner of Agriculture
is opposing Sid Miller.



Colonel (retired) US Air Force, is a farmer, veteran,
pilot and champion of education. Is influencing the
future of sustainable food production through her
Community Supported Agriculture at the 4K River Ranch, Mineral
Wells, Texas. <https://kimolson4txag.com/>



Tawana Cadien, Candidate for U.S. Representa-
tive, District 10, is opposing Michael McCaul.

Originally from Beaumont, Tawana has served on her
local community's Democratic executive committee,
and was elected twice as Precinct Chair of Jefferson
County Precinct 26. [https://www.tawanacadien
forcongress.com/](https://www.tawanacadienforcongress.com/)

Joe Miguez,

Candidate for U.S. Representative,
District 10, is opposing Michael McCaul.

He is an Army veteran, a former military intelligence
analyst specializing in Middle East affairs, a member
of the City of Austin Human Rights Commission, a life-
long progressive Democrat, a proud husband, and father of two beautiful
daughters. [https://www.crowdpac.com/campaigns/
263801/
joemiguez-for-congress-strength-and-leadership-for-tx-10](https://www.crowdpac.com/campaigns/263801/joemiguez-for-congress-strength-and-leadership-for-tx-10)



Ryan Stone, Candidate for U.S. Representative,
District 10, is opposing Michael McCaul.

Manor, Texas city council member and small
business accountant, Ryan Stone is running for
U.S. Congress in Texas' 10th district as a
Democrat candidate with Brand New Congress

-- a unified national campaign that seeks to
launch hundreds of candidates into office in 2018 on a post-partisan
platform. <https://brandnewcongress.org/Ryan-Stone>



Michelle Ryan, Candidate for State Representative,
District 17, is opposing John Cyrier.

Michelle is a native Texan with roots in a small town
that help her understand the needs of rural Texans. The
daughter of a law enforcement officer and public school
teacher, she learned the value of community service
starting at an early age. <http://michellefortexas.org/>

Indivisible Movement Primer from Founder of Bastrop County Indivisible for District 10

As the founder of the Bastrop County Indivisible for
District 10 resistance group, I would like to give a quick
primer on what the Indivisible movement is all about.

The Indivisible movement started out as a document
posted on the internet. This document was written by
former congressional staffers who watched the rise of
the Tea Party during the Obama administration, and it
details the tactics and practices used by the Tea Party
movement to influence and exert pressure on members
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Join us at the
Bastrop Pedestrian Bridge,
10 am-Noon
and bring signs.



JULY EVENTS

- **Sunday, July 2 •**
Impeach Trump Rally
10:00 a.m.–Noon
on Bastrop
Pedestrian Bridge
- **Wednesday, July 12 •**
Volunteer Deputy Registrar Training
10:00–11:00 a.m.
Lower Level, Bastrop
Courthouse Annex
804 Pecan St., Bastrop
- **Wednesday, July 12 •**
Bastrop County Democratic Ladies Monthly Luncheon
1:00 p.m.
Chinese Dragon,
1591 TX-71, Cedar Creek
- **Thursday, July 13 •**
BCDP Monthly Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Kerr Community Center
1308 Walnut St, Bastrop
- **Saturday, July 15 •**
Candidate Meet & Greet
7:00 p.m.
West End Park,
242 Hwy 95 S, Smithville

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of Congress. You can check out this concise, brilliantly written document at <https://www.indivisibleguide.com/>.

The Indivisible movement is not a monolithic organization with centralized leadership or distinct membership. It is more of an Organizing Principle, than a political organization. We are a loose association of patriotic Americans who oppose Donald Trump and his agenda, and who are willing to engage our members of Congress to express our opposition to specific legislation. This takes the form of daily Calls to Action, which are usually coordinated phone calls to our own members of Congress or State Legislators, expressing our desires as constituents. Group actions may also take the form of organized protests, town hall meetings, and visits to the offices of our members of Congress or State Legislators. These actions are coordinated through a Facebook Group Page, where daily actions are posted and group “members” can communicate.

Congressional District 10, represented by Republican Michael McCaul, stretches from North Austin all the way to the edges of Houston, so there are about 8 Indivisible groups in District 10; all completely autonomous and independent of each other. However, the effectiveness of the movement depends greatly on the coordination of effort among these groups. With 8 different groups from across the district making phone calls on a given day about a given issue, this can amount to thousands of phone calls pouring in to the offices of our members of Congress. It definitely makes an impression, whether our Republican Congressmen want to admit it or not.

The groups will often organize visits or protests at the offices of their members of Congress, and members will travel to different towns within district 10 to support their fellow Indivisibles, and to present a united front against the Trump agenda.

These distinct groups operate on a strictly voluntary basis. We receive no funding from anyone, and all expenses – time, travel, materials, etc – are covered by the individual group members. Our interaction with the National Indivisible movement is limited to exchanges of information and moral support only. If you would like to join our movement, please visit our Facebook Group - Bastrop County Indivisible for District 10.

Thank you.

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Indivisible for District 10
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Editor's Note: If you reside in District 27, represented by Republican Blake Farenthold, you are encouraged to visit their Facebook Group – Indivisible TX-27 Bastrop.



PRECINCT CHAIR COMMUNIQUE

PRECINCT 1001 ~ ANNIE MARRS: I have been working on a plan for VE Day (Victory on Election Day 2018). The first, most crucial step is the formation of a Steering Committee. Hopefully the first meeting will be sometime in August. My sincere gratitude to nine special Democrats in my precinct who are considering serving on the committee. Please contact me if you would like to join us as we work to turn Precinct 1001 BLUE.

PRECINCT 2005 ~ MICHELE RUTHERFORD: Please save the date. Saturday, July 15th @ 7p.m. at West End Park, 242 Hwy. 95 South in Smithville. Candidate Meet & Greet and MORE. Meet Democratic candidates who are challenging Republicans in 2018.

PRECINCT 3015 ~ STEVE CHAMBERLAIN: Residents of Cedar Creek are currently preparing to fight a proposed Waste Transfer site at TX 21 & FM 812. We expect a Public Meeting sometime around/after July 31. Anyone who thinks Hwy 21 has enough traffic, who doesn't want odorous toxic trash, who doesn't want property values plummeting or who would rather see economic growth, instead of the trash from Austin, please leave comments at the TCEQ web site <http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/> the permit application number is 40291 or contact Steve Chamberlain at bcdp16@gmail.com.

PRECINCT 4019 ~ MICHELLE RYAN: We're thrilled to announce that the Democrats have a new candidate. Michelle Ryan, a recent precinct chair in the Elgin area, is running for State Representative in District 17. Drop by her website and let her know how you can help. <http://michellefortexas.org/>

UNITED, WE WIN *By Melanie Hunt, Precinct 2009*

At 16, my hero was Bobby Kennedy. I passed out flyers for him in my liberal California town, filled with hope for a compassionate nation. His assassination was the end of my interest in politics. I was over 50 when a crazy friend insisted I register to vote so Texas could have a governor named Kinky: sure, why not? First presidential vote was for Obama, just because I liked him.

It wasn't until Bernie Sanders emerged, explaining political/social dynamics in ways that hit home, that I woke up and felt the same commitment RFK inspired. I became active in the Democratic Party because of him and tried to learn more about how things work in politics. I've met some fine people along the way, many of whom are Hillary supporters. Though most of us are far too civil to brawl over candidate loyalty, it would be disingenuous not to recognize a chasm exists. It needs to be addressed and healed if the Party ever expects to change the current political landscape.

Let's acknowledge the elephant in the room: Seasoned Democrats shy away from Progressives as "too radical," and Progressives are frustrated at the lack of vision within the Party, so many have jumped ship. The last election was contentious, ending in both sides blaming the other for Trump. It's time to move on: Neither Hillary nor Bernie can win a general election in 2020, so let's start focusing on progressive candidates, young firebrands who can inspire trust and hope in what we think America should be.

We must be the Party of progress, because this country we love is going backwards, and we need all factions on the spectrum involved in a united effort. Progressives bring passionate energy and activism to the conversation. The Democratic Party needs to embrace such an infusion of enthusiasm and empowerment. I personally want to see Progressive activists showing up for meetings with a sense that they have a place in an established party with the infrastructure necessary to win elections. If the left leaning folks can be wooed back to the Party, we will all benefit. We all basically share the same values.

After it became apparent Bernie was not going to win the nomination, I started making plans to leave the country...after voting for Hillary. Cambodia was to be my refuge from the horrors of Trumpism, but health issues brought me back to the U.S. sooner than planned. Since I AM here again, it's emotionally impossible to be a mere observer. Joining groups of earnest souls committed to resisting the onerous legislation of the present regime brings me some peace and hope. Unfortunately, many have lost faith in the Democratic Party as an instrument for fundamental change. Berniecrats are calling for formation of a third People's Party, but that would further divide us and be ineffectual. In my political naivety, I believe it's possible to all come together to create one powerful alliance, capable of turning this country blue again.

A CASE FOR UNITY *By Annie Marrs, Precinct 1001*

Did you read about or watch the events around the recent election of Tom Perez as Chair of the Democratic National Committee? Just in case you did not, here is what happened:

On DNC election day - just prior to voting - something monumental happened for the Democratic Party. Tom Perez and Keith Ellison, two very close finalists, stood on the platform before the gathered voters. Perez was wearing an Ellison campaign button. Ellison was wearing a Perez campaign button. They stood there, literally with an arm around each other. And they promised that which ever one won the election the other would support him 100%. At that moment we were given the opportunity to become a truly "united" Party.

After his election Tom Perez immediately appointed Keith Ellison as Deputy Chair. Together they have been on the media, appearing together to show the unity of the Party. This will, perhaps, sound simplistic but I want to tell you what I saw when I watched Perez and Ellison when they appeared together on a morning show. In my mind's eye I saw Tom Perez and Keith Ellison disappear, and, in their places, I saw Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders.

Tom Perez and Keith Ellison have given us an example of what it means to be a united Democratic Party. Now it is time for us to act like a

united Democratic Party. We need all Democrats to pull together and to work together. We need conservative Democrats. We need moderate Democrats. We need liberal Democrats. It is only in accepting each other, in listening and learning from each other, that we will not only be a united Party but we will also be a balanced and effective Party. We can only continue to claim to be the Party of "inclusion" if we "include" all versions of ourselves - conservative, moderate, and liberal. Like Perez and Ellison we need to embrace each other and work together - for the future of the United States of America.

Because of a man named Trump, we have become a party of activists. We make phone calls. We send postcards, letters and emails. We make posters and go to rallies and town halls. We go to congressional offices to talk with congressmen or their staff. We are the "doers and shakers".

All of that is very much to the good, and it is most certainly evoking some positive changes in thinking and in policy. Let's keep in mind that if our ultimate goal is to save our Country from authoritarianism, then we also need to evoke change - at the polls. So, together, as a united Party, let's reach out to the young, to Independents, and, yes, to Republicans. As a united Party we can and will alter the course of history.

Who Represents Me? <http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/mnuAddress.aspx>

Zip Codes:	U.S. Senators	U.S House Representative	State Senator	State Representative
78602	Cornyn / Cruz	McCaul / Farenthold	Watson	Cyrier
78612	Cornyn / Cruz	McCaul / Farenthold / Doggett	Watson / Zaffirini	Cyrier / Rodriguez
78957	Cornyn / Cruz	McCaul / Farenthold	Watson / Kolkhorst	Schubert / Cyrier
78621	Cornyn / Cruz	McCaul / Flores / Farenthold / Carter	Schwertner / Watson / Kolkhorst	Cyrier / Wilson / Israel / Gonzales
Carter, John (Dist 31) 202-225-3864	Farenthold, Blake (Dist 27) 202-225-7742	Kolkhorst, Lois W (Dist 18) 512-463-0118	Schwertner, Charles (Dist 5) 512-463-0105 Ext E1.806	
Cornyn, John 512-469-6034	Flores, Bill (Dist 17) 202-225-6105	McCaul, Michael T (Dist 10) 202-225-2401	Watson, Kirk (Dist 14) 512-463-0114 Ext E1.804	
Cruz, Ted 512-916-5834	Gonzales, Larry (Dist 51) 512-463-0670 Ext E2.418	Rodriguez, Eddie (Dist 51) 512-463-0674	Wilson, Terry (Dist 20) 512-463-0309 Est E2.702	
Cyrier, John (Dist 17) 512-463-0682 Ext E2.314	Israel, Celia (Dist 50) 512-463-0821 Ext E2.212	Schubert, Leighton (Dist 13) 512-463-0600 Ext E1.512	Zaffirini, Judith (Dist 21) 512-463-0121	
Doggett, Lloyd (Dist 35) 202-225-4865				

How Do YOU Want To Be Involved?

There is much to do at all levels as we strive to thwart the Republican agenda and turn Bastrop County, the State of Texas and America BLUE.

Here are some possibilities for your consideration:

RESISTANCE ACTIVITIES

- **Bastrop County Indivisible for District 10**

Contact Robert Kraft
robert@voicekraft.com

- **Indivisible TX-27 Bastrop**

Contact Robin Rieck
rrieck@austin.rr.com

- **Progressive Revolution Bastrop County**

Contact Chris Smith
cbsmith@myself.com

- **Hogeye Huddle**

Contact Michelle Ryan
hogeyehuddle@gmail.com

LIVELY DISCUSSION GROUPS

- **Bastrop County Democratic Ladies Monthly Luncheon**

Contact Mary Liz Singleton
marylizsingleton@gmail.com

- **Drinking Liberally**

Contact Marsha Correia
marshac1017@sbcglobal.net

- **Uppity Women Monthly Caucus**

Contact Carole Marmell
cmarmell@gmail.com

VOTER REGISTRATION

Become a Volunteer Deputy Registrar

Contact Mary Liz Singleton
marylizsingleton@gmail.com

BCDP LEADERSHIP ROLE

- **Precinct Chair**
- **Volunteer Coordinator**

Contact Cheryl Reese
cheryl.reese@yahoo.com

CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE AT THE LOCAL OR COUNTY LEVEL

Contact Cheryl Reese
cheryl.reese@yahoo.com

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

- **Photographers** for meetings and events
- **Webmaster**
- **Writers** to contribute articles/ letters-to-the editor to local newspapers

Contact Bill McCann
bmccann42@gmail.com

SUPPORT STAFF ROLE

Volunteer in the BCDP Office

Contact Diana Kern
expectrecovery@gmail.com

VOTER OUTREACH

- **Block Walking**
- **Phone Banking**

Contact your local Precinct Chair
www.bastropdemocrats.org/contact-us/

CONTRIBUTE TO THE BASTROP COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/bastrop-county-democratic-party-1>

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