

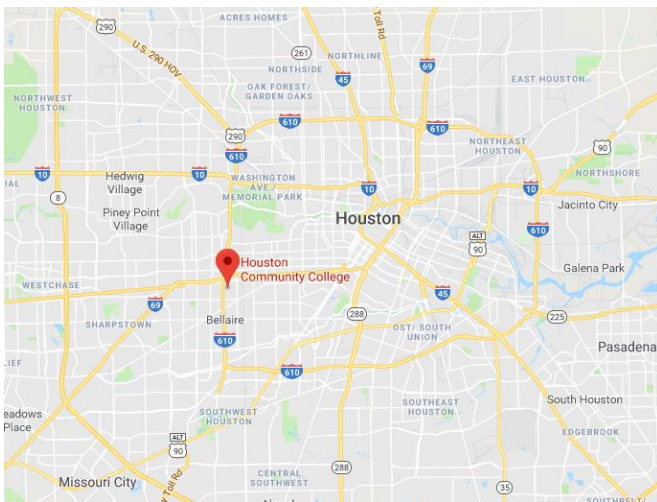


To: Harris County Republican Party 2018 Executive Committee
From: Paul Simpson, Harris County Republican Party Chair
Re: 2018 Harris County Republican Executive Committee Organizational Meeting

Organizational Meeting Notice: This is your official notice for the Organizational Meeting of the Republican Executive Committee of Harris County, Texas, for 2018-2020. The meeting will take place on **Saturday, June 23, 2018** at the **Houston Community College West Loop Campus** in Houston, Texas. **This is a new location, for this meeting only.**

Location: The Houston Community College West Loop Campus, 5601 West Loop S, Houston, TX 77081. Parking is available in front of the school. Summer classes will be in progress, so please be respectful of the faculty and staff and do not enter any rooms that are not specifically designated for HCRP.

Check-in: Precinct chairs must check-in where directed by signs. Only those checked in will be allowed to sit in seats designated for voting. Additional seating will be available for guests.



Directions: Houston Community College is at 5601 West Loop S, Houston, TX 77081—on the 610 West Loop service road heading north, just south of the interchange with the Southwest Freeway (Highway 59). Enter the parking lot from the service road or the side streets, Glenmont Drive or Pin Oak Drive.

NOTE: Harris County Republican Precinct Chairs elected *or* appointed in 2018 as are invited to attend the June 23rd Organizational Meeting. Those whose terms ended in June and whose precincts then became vacant are listed below and will be offered for re-appointment.

About the 2018 Organizational Meeting:

Under Texas law, each Republican County Executive Committee includes the County Chair plus all Precinct Chairs elected in the primary or previously appointed by the rest of the Executive Committee. A new Executive Committee thus takes office every two years and has to organize itself.

The Republican Party of Texas Rules call for each Executive Committee to hold an organizational meeting within 45 days after taking office on June 11, 2018. The order of business must include adopting new Bylaws and Rules. Proposed Bylaws and Rules are to be sent with the meeting call. Therefore, included with this call are the proposed Bylaws and Rules for adoption at the Organizational Meeting. Those Bylaws and Rules are substantially the same as those in effect last term, with minor changes (described below) approved and proposed by the outgoing Rules Committee.

Bylaws and Rules: The proposed bylaws are adapted from those in effect last term, with updates proposed by the outgoing Rules Committee. The updates include the following changes:

- The Accounting Review Committee is renamed the Financial Oversight Committee;
- The Financial Oversight Committee is given “the authority to inspect” instead of “[responsibility] for the accounting review” of the books, records, etc. of the Party, because the former language was problematic to licensed CPA members of the committee;
- The Committee Chairmen of Training and Development, Financial Development, Young Leadership Development, Engagement, and Military Partnership Committees are granted the authority to “appoint additional ex-officio non-voting members of those committees, at the chairman’s discretion,” to accommodate the workload of these committees (as was done last term for the Ballot Security Committee);
- The Committee Chairman of the Local Government Committee is granted the authority to “appoint additional ex-officio non-voting members of that committees, subject to approval by the committee,” to accommodate the workload of that committee; and
- The Rules of Order will require resolutions to be submitted ten days before a meeting with no endorsements (as before), or at least “one business day before the meeting date, provided at least ten precinct chairs endorse the resolution in writing by the start of the meeting,” to allow all members at least a business day’s notice and opportunity to review resolutions to be considered. The Rules of Order can still be temporarily suspended at a meeting by majority vote.

If the proposed Bylaws are adopted, this meeting will consist of two parts: the meeting of the entire Harris County Republican Executive Committee, and caucuses by Texas State Senate Districts (SDs) to elect SD Chairs and Committee members. (The proposed agenda is set out below.)

If those bylaws are adopted largely as proposed, the following business will proceed:

- **Entire Executive Committee:** Elect Party Secretary; approve County Chairman’s appointments as required (e.g., Vice-Chairman, Sergeant-at-Arms, & Legal Counsel, then Chairman’s appointments to committees).
- **SD Caucuses:** Each Senatorial District will caucus separately in a designated area, per the agenda. Each caucus will elect a Senatorial District Chair, who must be a precinct chair from that Senatorial District. The caucus may then elect representatives to various Standing Committees. Below are general descriptions of roles and makeup of the *elected* Standing Committee. (More detail on these, and on the *appointed* committees, is in the draft Bylaws.) Note that three committees require precinct chairs as members, while the rest do not:

Elected Standing Committee	General Description	Pct. Chair Only?	Number of Committee Members Elected from Senatorial District							
			SD 4	SD 6	SD 7	SD 11	SD 13	SD 15	SD 17	SD 18
Financial Oversight	Authority to inspect books and records and determine proper accounting controls, procedures, & compliance are in effect; prepare biennial report	Yes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ballot Security	Recruit & train election judges, poll watchers, & others to protect integrity and veracity of election process	No	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1
Candidates	Research, review, train, and promote Harris County Republican candidates for non-judicial offices	No	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1
Local Government	Research & review propositions, bond issues, governmental charters/by-laws changes, tax changes, non-partisan elections, and ordinances	No	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1
Military Partnership	Strengthen relationships between Republican Party and GOP candidates with military personnel and veterans	No	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1
Rules	Consider changes to Bylaws & Rules	Yes	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1
Training and Development	Train Republican activists to organize and win elections, including precinct organization and operations	No	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1
Vacancy	Seek, recruit, interview, and recommend persons to fill Precinct Chair vacancies	Yes	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1



AGENDA
HARRIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
2018 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Houston Community College
5601 West Loop S, Houston, TX 77081
Saturday, June 23, 2018

9:00am – Registration & beverage service

10:00am – Call to Order

- 1. Invocation**
- 2. Pledges of Allegiance**
- 3. National Anthem**
- 4. Introduction**
- 5. Oath of Office (The Honorable Eva Guzman)**
- 6. Certification of Quorum**
- 7. Welcome(s) by elected official(s) (video)**
- 8. Update: Paul Simpson, County Chair**
- 9. Adoption of 2018-2020 Bylaws and Standing Rules of Order**
- 10. Election of Party Secretary**
- 11. County Chair's Party Officer Appointments**
- 12. Treasurer's Report**
- 13. Proposed appointment of Precinct Chairs in vacant precincts**
- 14. Other New Business**
- 15. Senate District Caucuses (breakout to assigned areas)**
- 16. Resume General Session (as needed)**
- 17. Adjourn**

NOTE: We will break for boxed lunches at an appropriate time

Recommendation of 2016-18 Vacancy Committee to 2018-20 HCRP Executive Committee

Recently Appointed in Vacant Precincts: The prior Executive Committee appointed many new precinct chairs in 2018, after the December 2017 deadline had passed to file for election in March 2018. ***The term of office for those newly approved precinct chairs expires June 10, leaving many of their precincts now vacant.*** Therefore, the 2016-18 Vacancy Committee recommended that the following candidates be re-appointed by the Harris County Republican Executive Committee at the 2018 Organizational Meeting, to fill those new Precinct Chair vacancies:

PCT	Name	VOID	SD	HD	Primary Voting History ('18, '16, '14, '12, '10, '08)	Date Approved by Executive Committee
890	David Tonyan	1208780128	13	145	R,R,-,-,-	February 26, 2018
385	Ana Coello	1111306107	7	133	R,R,-,R,R,R	February 26, 2018
154	Marco Roberts	1102595582	6	145	R,R,R,R,R,R	February 26, 2018
491	Michael Drew	1201780621	17	133	R,-,-,-,-	February 26, 2018
88	Gig Rohmfeld	1104169036	11	129	R,R,R,R,R,R	February 26, 2018
694	Shane Stankevitz	1101393604	7	126	R,R,R,-,-,R	February 26, 2018
174	Phyllis Tacquard	1106225529	11	129	R,R,R,R,R,R	February 26, 2018
34	Regina Recinos	2126264701	15	147	R,-,-,-,-	February 26, 2018
762	Heather Harris	1103817659	6	145	R,R,-,-,-	February 26, 2018
422	Jeremiah Mbong	1164408695	13	146	R,R,R,R,R,-	May 7, 2018
745	Paula Nelson	1173014536	11	129	R,R,R,R,-,-	May 7, 2018
72	Martha Fierro	1103772409	6	145	R,R,-,-,R,-	May 7, 2018
537	Vicky Smith	2122335173	11	129	R,-,-,-,-	May 7, 2018
438	Craig Hagedorn	1112474385	17	133	R,R,R,R,R,R	May 7, 2018
744	Mary Corbin	1120665567	11	129	R,R,R,R,R,R	May 7, 2018
206	William Price	1042763237	6	148	R,R,R,R,R,-	May 7, 2018
563	Leigh Kelley	1116122673	4	127	R,R,-,-,R,R	May 7, 2018
50	Kay Smith	1103223674	7	135	R,R,R,R,R,R	May 7, 2018
256	Carl McConnell	1169166398	13	137	R,R,-,-,-	May 7, 2018

Recommended after last EC meeting: The 2016-18 Vacancy Committee recommended the following individuals for appointment by the Executive Committee:

PCT	Name	VOID	SD	HD	Primary Voting History ('18,'16,'14,'12,'10,'09,'08)	Date Approved by Vacancy Committee
49	Richard Smith	1103163647	18	130	R,-,-,R,-	May 14, 2018
464	Christopher Smith	1113228278	7	150	R,R,-,D,D	May 14, 2018
142	Pedro "Pete" Navejar	1190719020	6	145	-,-,-,-,-	May 14, 2018
335	Dan Smith	2120465214	13	137	-,R,-,-,-	May 14, 2018
469	Timothy Baker	1116751856	4	127	R,R,-,R,-	June 7, 2018
785	Adelle Flores	1212581188	6	144	-,D,-,-,n/a,n/a	June 7, 2018
173	Jose Melendez	1162881520	7	130	R,R,R,R,-,n/a	June 7, 2018
32	Ted Pentecost	1126180677	15	147	R,R,R,-,-	June 7, 2018
199	Erick Robinson	1106737968	4	127	R,R,-,-,D	June 7, 2018
59	Lyric Gillett	1169625795	15	148	R,R,R,R,n/a,n/a	June 7, 2018

Prior Chairs in Vacant precincts: The following 2016-18 Republican precinct chairs did not re-file before the December 2017 deadline to file for re-election in March 2018. **Their terms of office expired in June. Their precincts are now vacant.** However, they are willing and able to continue to serve as Republican precinct chairs. Therefore, it is anticipated they will be recommended for appointment by the Executive Committee at the 2018 Organizational Meeting, to fill those new Precinct Chair vacancies:

PCT	Name	VOID	SD	HD	Primary Voting History ('18,'16,'14,'12,'10,'08,'06)
803	Roman Gawel	1103223528	7	135	-,R,-,-,-
170	Linda Bowers	1110588487	6	144	R,R,-,-,D
722	Joshua Garcia	1168207631	13	131	-,-,-,-,-
131	Ernest Goebel	1105362499	13	131	R,R,R,R,R,R
125	Linda Bowles	1105065898	7	126	R,R,R,R,R,R
80	Adolfo Cepeda	1122673533	15	143	R,R,R,R,R,R
512	Elizabeth Mayer	1114700806	7	135	R,R,R,R,R,R
152	Bryan Baltazar	2002091242	6	140	-,R,n/a,n/a,n/a,n/a
194	Wendell Champion	1111419926	13	147	R,R,-,-,R

259	Cheron Clark	1108186966	15	142	-,R,-,-,D
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Resolutions: Under the proposed Rules of Order, resolutions should be in writing, include the author's name, and be submitted electronically via email to the County Chair by 5 p.m. at least (a) ten days before the meeting date (i.e., Wednesday, June 13) or (b) one business day before the meeting date (i.e., Thursday, June 21), provided at least ten Precinct Chairs endorse the resolution in writing by the start of the meeting.



Chairman's Update

It's a great time to be a Harris County Republican! Every precinct chair can play a vital role in our Party's success in this year by being the most influential political leader in your community. And we have programs and operations to help every precinct chair be that leader.

As in any off-year after we win the White House, Republicans face headwinds in the 2018 elections. But the heralded "Blue Wave" has not materialized. This year's primary elections have shown that Republican voters and activists are fired up in Harris County and across the country to make sure the great progress made by the Trump Administration with a Republican Congress, and by Republican leadership in Texas and Harris County, continue into the future.

We have an exciting slate of candidates from the top to bottom of our long ballot this year. With the most ambitious campaign the Harris County Republican Party has ever undertaken, we must be laser-focused on victory this fall. Working together as a team, ***we will win*** in November.

Having been a Precinct Chair for twenty years, I know it is one of the most important jobs in politics. Recruiting volunteers, persuading voters, and getting out the vote for Republicans in your area can make the difference. We have resources to help every precinct chair in the primary task of maximizing your precinct's Republican vote. So take advantage of available information, tools, and training ***now***, to be ready to win in the fall. Get the latest training, recruit and lead volunteers, block walk and call your neighborhood – to win in November!

New programs and initiatives are in the works, including recruiting, training, engagement, communications, training, and funding. We are also arranging more campaign offices around the County for this election season. We will announce more programs at the Organizational Meeting and later. So be sure to attend on Saturday, June 23, and stay tuned!

Appointments: Our Party committees do a lot of great work. There are a variety of committee and other appointments available for those who interested in pitching in there. Check the Party website (www.HarrisCountyGOP.com) for listings and to apply online.

Working together, unified, the Harris County Republican Party can be a model for the nation of what an urban Republican Party can achieve. Together, we will succeed. Onward!

Paul Simpson, County Chair