



President's Corner

As always, October in Galveston is BUSY! Festivals, fundraisers, and Halloween too! Hopefully you've each had a chance to participate in one or more of our GID activities this month or have signed up to participate with us at LULAC's **Dia de los Muertos Fiesta** on October 25 at the "old" City Hall. This should be a really fun day! We still need a few more volunteers to help us staff our table and greet people. If you've been wanting to get more involved, this is a great opportunity! To help out, visit our website or click: <https://galvisledems.com/volunteering/>

The holidays (and holiday parties) will be here before we know it, and I'd like to celebrate our success as a club with some sort of fun activity in November. So, we are **moving our November Monthly Membership Meeting** from the last Tuesday of the month to November 18. **Mark your calendars now!**

Please take a moment to learn about the **17 proposed amendments** to the Texas Constitution by looking at our [GID website \(HERE\)](#). Our dedicated volunteers on the Legislative Affairs Committee have done remarkable research and have put together some great references. We know the key to making changes at both the state and national levels is by getting people to the polls – every time. Talk to your neighbors, friends and family – so many people are completely unaware of this ballot. Also on the ballot is a very important bond proposal for Galveston Island: a new fire station to better protect and serve the eastern portion of the City.

Although the news out of D.C. and Austin assails us daily, on this barrier reef island in the Gulf of Mexico we have found our voices this year and have found each other. Of course, our work is not done – and we will need to be both resilient and creative. We will need your individual talents and support as we **Resist** and **Persist!** Stay strong, stay hopeful, and take

Carol Derragon
President

Join us!

Galveston Island Democrats Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

6:30-7:00 pm Social

7:00 pm Meeting

ILA Meeting Hall, 6501 Harborside Dr.

Click below to register and for directions:

<https://www.mobilize.us/gcdptx/event/610458/>

A draft copy of the minutes from the September 30 membership meeting are located on our website (click [HERE](#)). A vote will be taken at the October meeting to accept the minutes.

PROPOSED BYLAWS

Please **be sure to review** the proposed bylaws on our website ([HERE](#)) and attend our October 28 meeting as we will be voting on their adoption. The biggest change to the current bylaws is the creation of a second vice president position to better oversee and coordinate our increased activities.

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In accordance with our bylaws, our officers are elected annually at our January meeting. We rely on self-nominations for our executive officers. This year's proposed bylaws (see above) include a fifth member in the Executive Committee by creating two Vice President positions instead of one: President, Vice President-Administration, Vice President-Finance, Secretary, and Treasurer. Once elected, the officers then appoint our Committee Chairs.

Also in accordance with our bylaws, self-submissions should be submitted to the Secretary. Please contact current GID Secretary, Shelia Salinas, at secretary@galvisledems.com beginning November 1 through December 15, 2025. Please be sure to include the position for which you are self-nominating.

January 27, 2020 monthly membership meeting. Elections will be held at the January meeting. Please consider serving in a leadership role. It is rewarding and a great way to make a difference. Feel free to contact any of the current officers or reach out by email (galvisledems@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

REMINDER: IMPORTANT DATES

- Early Voting [Oct 20 - Oct 31, 2025](#)
- Last day to apply for mail-in ballot: [Oct 24, 2025](#)
- Election Day: [November 4, 2025](#)



LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

The proposed Texas Constitutional Amendments with analysis can be found at: <https://galvisledems.com/committee/constitutional-amendments/>. Included on this page is a printable handout with a quick reference of the voting recommendations by the Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC).

SOCIAL EVENTS



Saturday, November 1

6th Annual Barry White Birthday Party - 2:00-5:00 pm

Lucky Lounge, 904 Ave M, on the Seawall

- In honor of the rhythm and blues singer born in Galveston on Sept. 12, 1944
- Benefiting Access Care of Coastal Texas (ACCT)
- Featuring cocktails, food starting at 2:00, and live music 2:00 to 5:00 pm

Friday, November 7

GID 1st Friday Drop-in Coffee Club - 9:00-10:30 am

**Mr. Texas Coffee House @ Pride Center Galveston,
1502 39th Street**

- Friendship, coffee, community, and conversation. Fresh baked goods by local bakers
- Pride Center will be accepting donations of men's and women's clothing & shoes. Have a bag of clothes ready to donate after your fall closet refresh? It will be appreciated.

BOOK CLUB

The next GID Zoom book club meeting will be held Monday, October 27, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. We are currently reading *All We Can Save: Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis*, edited by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson and Katharine K. Wilkinson, One World Essentials, 2021.

Members are welcome to join in reading and discussing the book. Contact Carol Hollaway at precinct223chair@gmail.com to receive a Zoom invitation to the meeting.

Sunday, October 26

Voter Information Table

Galveston's Own Farmer's Market - 9:00 am-12:00 pm

3304 Market Street

You can sign up there for rides to the polls



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