



*GID is working to educate, promote, and fight for the ideals of the Democratic Party that we believe to be in the best interest of our city, our county, our state, and our country.*

## President's Corner

I am so excited to be your new president of Galveston Island Democrats, but also a little fearful. Excited because I have just returned from the third GCDP (Galveston County Democratic Party) candidate forum where I heard from more of our candidates, and I can honestly say I think this is a really great line up. So much experience, passion, and vision. I have been working closely with our GCDP Liaison to get as many candidates here as possible. On January 27 for the second forum we on the Island hosted candidates who will directly represent us at the state and federal level. See GID minutes for a summary of what the candidates on January 27 had to say.

I am also excited and pleased to say that we had our largest rally to date on February 1 with 700 people attending, marching, and chanting, and some of the best protest signs yet.

And I've been researching some of Galveston Island Democrats history. Did you know that this group organized on November 13, 2019, with eight members present? And one year ago, at our January 2024 meeting, we were thrilled to have 49 attendees. This year on January 27, we had exactly 100 attendees. Our newsletter goes out to 1,200 people and we have 2,060 Facebook followers. We have recently been awarded a matching funds donation of up to \$5,000 to promote our Democratic candidates and get them elected. You can match your donation [HERE](#).

But I am fearful too. Watching the news, most recently on the ICE and border patrol's disregard for human life, is scary and depressing. Our country has turned upside down. Our house--the people's house--is being destroyed. And, still to this day, the first thing I do on a trip to Walmart, the movie theatre, or a nightclub, is to mentally do the 360 and mark the exits.

I'm also fearful that I'm not doing enough to stop the devastation of our

enough. I'm sure you ask yourself the same question. I can't answer that, but I can image what I will feel like if I don't send that email or make that call or if I decide to stay home from that rally.

GID can use your money, but we need your time and your energy more. We need volunteers who are good at writing, social media, or web CMS, can sit at voter information tables (a plus if you are a VDR--Volunteer Voter Registrar), drivers, have experience as poll watchers or want to be one. I want to talk to you. You can contact me at [GalvsleDems@gmail.com](mailto:GalvsleDems@gmail.com) or leave a voice message at 409-762-4791.



Lynda Harvey  
President  
Galveston Island Democrats



Voters have had the opportunity to hear from the candidates that will appear on the Galveston County ballot running in the primary for US Senate and Congress, Texas State Offices, Texas Senate and House, Texas Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals, State Board of Education, County Offices, and Galveston County Democratic Party Chair. Candidate forums were held on January 8 at the GCDP monthly meeting in Texas City, on January 27 at the GID membership meeting, February 4 at Hometown Heroes in League City hosted by Texas Democratic Women of Galveston County, and February 12, hosted by Galveston County Democratic Party and Dickinson Area Democrats.



*More than 700 attendees participated in GID's peaceful protest against ICE abuses on February 1st.*

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## Key Dates to Remember

- **Tuesday, Feb. 17 (5 p.m.):** Last day to request an absentee ballot
- **Tuesday, Feb. 17:** Early voting begins.
- **Saturday, Feb. 28:** Early voting ends
- **Tuesday, March 3:** Primary Election Day and deadline to return an absentee ballot

### [Find a Sample Ballot](#)

[https://ballotpedia.org/Sample\\_Ballot\\_Lookup](https://ballotpedia.org/Sample_Ballot_Lookup)

You can find a bipartisan voter's guide that includes information on individual candidates and other election information at:

[vote411.org/plan-your-vote](http://vote411.org/plan-your-vote)

### [Early Voting Dates & Times](#)

(Check the times closely)

5:00pm

- **Saturday, February 21, 2026, 7:00am to 7:00pm**
- **Sunday, February 22, 2026, 1:00pm to 7:00pm**
- **Monday, February 23, through Friday, February 27, 2026, 7:00am to 7:00pm**

### [Early Voting Locations](#)

- **Galveston County Courthouse** 722 Moody St. 2nd Floor Galveston, TX 77550
- **Galveston County Justice Center** *(please be aware that you will need to walk through a scanner)* 600 59th Street (1st Floor Break Rm) Galveston, TX 77551
- **Moody Methodist Church** 2803 53rd Street (Fellowship Hall) Galveston, TX 77551
- **Seaside Church** 16523 Termini-San Luis Pass Jamaica Beach, TX 77554

### [Election Day Locations](#)

**March 3 2026, 7:00 am – 7:00 pm**

**Same as above, plus:**

- **Rebecca Sealy** 404 8th St. Galveston, TX 77550
- **Texas A & M** 200 Seawolf Pkwy. Galveston, TX 77551

[Curbside voting: 409-319-8248](#)

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## [GID MEETINGS & EVENTS](#)

### **Galveston Island Democrats Monthly Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 24, 2026**

**6:30-7:00 pm Social**

**7:00 pm Meeting**

**ILA Meeting Hall, 6501 Harborside Dr.**

**GID meets monthly on the last Tuesday.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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## [GID SOCIAL EVENTS](#)

**Friday, March 6, 2026**

**2312 Market St., Galveston 77550**

Fresh, locally roasted coffee, diverse menu with specialty lattes & pastries, e.g. kolaches.



**Tuesday, March 17**

**GID 3rd Tuesday Drop-in Happy Hour - 4:30-6 pm**

**Texas Tail Distillery**

**2416 Post Office St., Galveston 77550**

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at this small-batch distillery & eatery creating fine spirits — vodka, whisky, shine, & other liquors. Plus brisket deviled eggs, sandwiches, flat breads, et al.



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## **OTHER MEETINGS AND RESOURCES**

**Sunday, Feb 22, 2026**

**Voter information table 9:00am-noon**

**Galveston's Own Farmers Market (Groundswell)**

**3304 Market Street, Galveston, TX 77550**

## **IMPORTANT GID LINKS**

*Bylaws, meeting minutes, and past newsletters: [HERE](#)*

*Website: [HERE](#)*

instagram: [HERE](#)



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