



*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

Primary election day is behind us, but the primary is not over because a few of the seats (US Rep District 14, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, State Board of Education Place 7, and 14th Court of Appeals) are going into a runoff. Seems a little frustrating but, like one of the board members is fond of saying, this is a good problem to have. We had multiple candidates running for the same positions and, with all of them receiving votes, some of the candidates did not reach the 50% threshold.

We also had some sad news with some of our candidates not advancing, and to those candidates, especially the younger ones, your energy and enthusiasm were not wasted. You helped bring new voters into the fold, resulting in a record-breaking primary turnout. It has been a joy to see you attend so many events, and to hear you express your passion and hopes better with each opportunity. I hope you will continue to speak loudly for what you want our representatives and our voters to hear.

Thank you to Robert Quintero, our speaker at the Feb 24th meeting, for giving us important information on supporting immigrants through practical assistance, and staying engaged through voting, especially making a plan to provide rides to the polls and organizing to protect civil rights. And watch for more information on the upcoming No Kings protest on March 28th.

A special shout out to Peggy Purvis, head of the newly formed voter contact committee, a small group of foot-sore volunteers who did an incredible job of block walking large swaths of the city, putting up signs for candidates at the polls, and organizing poll watchers, all in under two weeks. And again to Sylvia Salinas, our new book club leader, who also helped out with many of the block walks, as well as our new social media

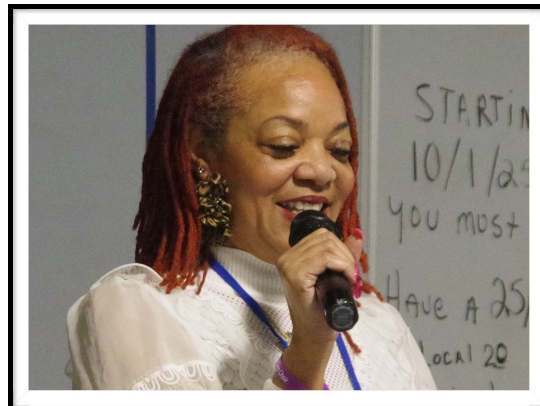
patient Diane Smith and Shawn and David Carlson who braved the cold with Cheryl Watson and me at Galveston's Own Farmers Market to hand out voter guides.

We have less than eight months until the general election. The recent kerfuffle in Dallas and Williamson Counties where voting locations for Democrats were suddenly changed, tells us what we could be up against in November. As Mollie Ivins said, "There's a world out there that needs fixing." This is our chance to fix Texas. If you want to be a part of this, we have a place for you. We need precinct chairs and captains so we can help canvas for our Democrat candidates. Activism Committee also is looking for more volunteers to assist with rallies and protests. Email me. [GalvIsleDems@gmail.com](mailto:GalvIsleDems@gmail.com)



Lynda Harvey  
President  
Galveston Island Democrats

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### **[We're Celebrating the Re-Election of Tierr'ishia Bell as County Chair!](#)**

Tierr'ishia has been re-elected as our County Chair, and this victory reflects the dedication, energy, and unity of everyone who stepped up during this primary. Members of GID and friends showed remarkable commitment—block-walking with enthusiasm, sharing information across personal social media pages, making phone calls, joining text banks, gathering donations, placing signs at polling locations, and returning afterward to collect them. Every conversation, every share, every step

Because of your efforts, voters across the county had the opportunity to learn who Tierr'ishia is and to recognize the strong, steady leadership she continues to bring to our county party. Thank you to every volunteer, supporter, and voter who helped make this victory possible. Your passion and hard work powered this win, and together we move forward stronger than ever.

We must continue to do the work that is needed as we head toward the November midterms. Please stay engaged!

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## No Kings – Galveston Rally & March

**Saturday, March 28, 2026, 1:00pm – 3:00pm**

**Location: McGuire-Dent Rec Center, 2222 28<sup>th</sup> St, Galveston TX**



Multiple local Galveston organizations, including Galveston Island Democrats and LULAC #151, will be hosting a No Kings protest event on the south lawn of McGuire-Dent Rec Center, 2222 28th St., on Saturday, March 28, 1:00 to 3:00 PM. The area is fully accessible with a large grassy area – you can even bring a lawn chair. Parking is available along Seawall Blvd (for seawall parking information, click [HERE](#)) and in the paid lot between McGuire-Dent and Fishtails Restaurant.

There will be an optional one-half mile circular march along Seawall Blvd. Speakers at the event are not yet confirmed, so watch Facebook and our

(putting up signage, bringing water, etc.) please click here: <https://>

[signup.com/go/xsLEuOZ](https://mobilize.us/s/haK8OI). To sign up to attend the event, please click here: <https://mobilize.us/s/haK8OI>. Bring a sign or a flag! Bring some friends! Stand up; Stand together!

Can't make it in the afternoon? Attend the Greater Clear Lake No Kings event from 10:00 AM to noon at Exploration Green; or make it a No Kings Day and attend both events!

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## OUTREACH

### **GID to Co-Sponsor Annual ADA Walk-a-thon** **Saturday, April 18, 2026** **Great Storm Statue, 4901 Seawall**

The ADA Women's Center has been open since 1986 and has helped over 4,000 women achieve sober living. Their annual Journey to Recovery one-mile walk-a-thon aims to raise awareness and combat the stigma of addiction. This will mark the third year that the Galveston Island Democrats have been a sponsor for this Journey.

**Registration** 8:00 am - 8:30 am

**Story of Hope** 8:30 am – 9:00 am

**Walk begins** at 9:00 am.

Come take a walk, have a snow cone and t-shirt, and support recovery in our community.

Lodie Massey, Outreach Chair

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## Voting Dates to Remember

### **Galveston City Election**

GID will not hold a forum this year for candidates, but we have been told about two local forums where voters can meet candidates. Build Galveston will have a candidate meet and greet on April 14th at Weis Middle School from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The Galveston Chamber will have two free events open to the public.

# CANDIDATE COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

## ALL ARE WELCOME!

Several Galveston nonprofits and organizations invite you to a community-centered space to meet the City Council candidates seeking to represent their districts.

Just neighbors connecting with the people who hope to serve them. It's an open-house style gathering of listening, respectful conversation and authentic community connection.

**APRIL 14 6-8PM** WEIS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
7100 STEWART RD.



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Participating nonprofit organizations are nonpartisan and do not endorse political candidates or political parties.

## Chamber City Council Candidate Forum – Districts 1–3

Tuesday, April 7 | 5:30–7:00 p.m.

Elks Lodge #126, 1518 23rd Street

## Chamber City Council Candidate Forum – Districts 4–6

Wednesday, April 8 | 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Galveston Urban Ministries, 1804 69rd Street

## DATES FOR CITY ELECTION

- **Thursday, April 2:** Last day to register to vote in City election
- **Monday, April 20:** Last day to apply to vote by mail in City election; First day of early voting in City election
- **Tuesday, April 28:** Early voting ends for City election
- **Saturday, May 2:** Last day for election office or polling location to receive mail ballot and **ELECTION DAY** for City election

## Democratic Primary Runoff Election

**Lt. Governor:** Vikki Goodwin, Marcos Isaias Velez

**Attorney General:** Nathan Johnson, Joe Jaworski

**TX 14th Congressional District:** Richard Davis, Thurman Bill Bartie

**State Board of Education #7:** Debra Drake Ambrose, Tiffany Perkinz

**14th Court of Appeals:** William Demond, Michael Adams-Hurta

## DATES FOR RUNOFF ELECTION

- **Monday, April 27:** Last day to register to vote in runoff
- **Friday, May 15:** Last day to apply to vote by mail for runoff
- **Monday, May 18:** First day of early voting for runoff
- **Friday, May 22:** Last day of early vote for runoff
- **Tuesday, May 26:** Last day for election office or polling location to

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## BOOK CLUB

GID members met March 17 for the first of eight sessions to read a chapter a week of *Healing the Heart of Democracy: The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of the Human Spirit* by Parker J.

Palmer. Meetings are held at the **Pride Center of Galveston**, 1502 39th St, Galveston, Tuesdays 10:30 am to Noon. Coffee and baked goods are available.

Want to join us? Contact Sylvia Salinas, Book Club Leader, at [Syl2salinas@gmail.com](mailto:Syl2salinas@gmail.com) to register.

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## GID MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Galveston Island Democrats Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

6:30-7:00 pm Social

7:00 pm Meeting

ILA Meeting Hall, 6501 Harborside Dr.

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

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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## GID SOCIAL EVENTS

**Friday, April 3, 2026**

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

**Indies Coffee, 1813 61st St., Galveston**

Flavorful, freshly roasted organic coffee beans & pastries by Chef Mary Bass. Additional unrestricted parking close by at the Sunoco wooden fence.

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026**

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

**Cajun Greek, 2226 61st St., Galveston**

Celebrate at this island favorite, blending cultures & flavors with fresh Gulf seafood. Low priced Happy Hour drinks & bites. Additional parking in the

## OTHER MEETINGS AND RESOURCES

**Sunday, March 29, 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](#)

*Facebook:* [HERE](#)

*Instagram:* [HERE](#)



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