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Early Voting
October 23 until
November 3,
2023

Constitutional Amendment Election (Elección sobre Enmiendas a la Constitución)
(Condado de) **Comal County, Texas**
November 7, 2023 (7 de noviembre de 2023)
Sample Ballot (Boleta de Muestra)

STATE OF TEXAS
PROPOSITION 1
(PROPUESTA
NÚMERO 1 DEL
ESTADO DE TEXAS)

For (A Favor)

Against (En Contra)

VOTER'S CHOICE

The constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage in farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture, and wildlife management."

"La enmienda constitucional que protege el derecho a dedicarse a la agricultura, la ganadería, la producción de madera, la horticultura y la gestión de la vida silvestre".

It is certainly in the best interest of everyone to develop and maintain a strong food supply. throughout Texas to support our growing urban areas in a holistic manner.

Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance: "While it sounds good and it will help some farmers who are struggling with unfair government regulations, the amendment goes much too far and will end up hurting both farmers and communities It uses broad language and sets standards that can be used to prevent not only local governments, but state agencies and even future state legislatures from taking action to rein in operations that truly harm their neighbors and communities."

STATE OF TEXAS
PROPOSITION 2
(PROPUESTA
NÚMERO 2 DEL
ESTADO DE
TEXAS)

For (A Favor)

"The constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county or municipality of all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility."

"La enmienda constitucional que autoriza una exención opcional a nivel local de impuestos ad valorem por un condado o municipio sobre la totalidad o parte del valor tasado de los bienes inmuebles utilizados para operar una instalación de cuidado infantil".

Sen. West said, "The Texas child-care shortage is likely to have devastating effects on early childhood education, economic growth, and employment opportunities for parents. U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Texas' economy loses more than \$9 billion every year due to inadequate childcare."

STATE OF TEXAS
PROPOSITION 3
(PROPUESTA
NÚMERO 3 DEL
ESTADO DE TEXAS)

For (A Favor)

Against (En Contra)

"The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual wealth or net worth tax, including a tax on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family."

"La enmienda constitucional que prohíbe la aplicación de un impuesto sobre la riqueza o el patrimonio neto individual, lo que incluye un impuesto basado en la diferencia entre los activos y pasivos de una persona o familia".

This proposal will make it harder for us to have a more equitable tax system in the future. Would shift more of the tax burden onto the low and middle income Texans. Should low and middle income Texans pay more in taxes to keep an individual or family with wealth or net worth tax from paying a tax on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family?

**STATE OF TEXAS
PROPOSITION 4
(PROPUESTA
NÚMERO 4 DEL
ESTADO DE TEXAS)**

For (A Favor)
Against (En Contra)

VOTER'S CHOICE

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to establish a temporary limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes; to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads from \$40,000 to \$100,000; to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in certain exemption amounts; to except certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and to authorize the legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts."

"La enmienda constitucional para autorizar a la legislatura a establecer un límite temporal sobre el valor máximo de tasación de los bienes inmuebles que no sean residencias familiares a efectos de impuestos ad valorem; a aumentar el monto de la exención de impuestos ad valorem por un distrito escolar aplicable a las residencias familiares de \$40,000 a \$100,000; a ajustar el monto de la limitación de los impuestos ad valorem del distrito escolar aplicados a las residencias familiares de personas mayores o discapacitadas para reflejar los aumentos en ciertos montos de exención; a exceptuar ciertas asignaciones de pagar para el alivio del impuesto ad valorem de la limitación constitucional sobre la tasa de crecimiento de las asignaciones; y a autorizar a la legislatura a prever un mandato de cuatro años de cargo para un miembro de la junta directiva de ciertos distritos de tasación".

Public school district depend on the property taxes for most of their funding. What is the effect on public school districts funding due to a reduction of funding from property taxes? How will the state fund the gap in the future and no record surplus?

**STATE OF TEXAS
PROPOSITION 5
(PROPUESTA
NÚMERO 5 DEL
ESTADO DE TEXAS)**

For (A Favor)
Against (En Contra)

"The constitutional amendment relating to the Texas University Fund, which provides funding to certain institutions of higher education to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive the state economy."

"La enmienda constitucional relacionada con el Fondo Universitario de Texas (Texas University Fund), que establece financiamiento para ciertas instituciones de educación superior con el fin de lograr renombre nacional como importantes universidades de investigación e impulsar la economía estatal".

UT University System and TX A&M University System receive funding from the Permanent University Fund (PUF) This amendment is long-overdue funding for Texas research universities struggling to compete with those in other states. This is an excellent use of rainy-day state funds that will give a boost to our universities to become world-class and bring all the educational and business benefits that come with it.

**STATE OF TEXAS
PROPOSITION 6
(PROPUESTA
NÚMERO 6 DEL
ESTADO DE
TEXAS)**

For (A Favor)
Against (En Contra)

"The constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state."

"La enmienda constitucional que crea el fondo de agua de Texas con el fin de facilitar el financiamiento de proyectos hídricos en este estado".

This fund will shore up water systems that have been stretched due to explosive population growth and a historic drought. State water officials estimate that we'll need to invest \$80B to ensure there's enough water for the state by 2070, largely to make up for depleting aquifers.

**STATE OF TEXAS
PROPOSITION 7
(PROPUESTA
NÚMERO 7 DEL
ESTADO DE
TEXAS)**

For (A Favor)
Against (En Contra)

"The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas energy fund to support the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities."

"La enmienda constitucional que establece la creación del fondo de energía de Texas con el fin de apoyar la construcción, mantenimiento, modernización y operación de instalaciones generadoras de energía eléctrica".

Would provide billions of dollars in low-interest loans to support the development of new methane gas power plants. Funding of renewable energy by the Texas Energy Fund is excluded. Should Texans subsidize the building of gas power plants that could cost up to \$18 billion in taxpayer money? Gas power plants failed during the 2021 winter storm. The private sector has already given us a clean-energy answer, and it's working. The use of battery storage has been vital preventing rolling blackouts during the record heat this summer.

**STATE OF TEXAS
PROPOSITION 8
(PROPUESTA
NÚMERO 8 DEL
ESTADO DE
TEXAS)**

For (A Favor)
Against (En Contra)

"The constitutional amendment creating the broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed broadband access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects."

"La enmienda constitucional que crea el fondo para infraestructura de banda ancha con el fin de expandir el acceso a la banda ancha de alta velocidad y facilitar el financiamiento de proyectos de conectividad."

Internet access is like electricity or running water. It's a requirement in the 21st century.

**STATE OF TEXAS
PROPOSITION 9
(PROPUESTA
NÚMERO 9 DEL
ESTADO DE TEXAS)**

For (A Favor)
Against (En Contra)

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas."

"La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la 88a Legislatura a proporcionar un ajuste por costo de vida a ciertos beneficiarios del Sistema de Jubilación de Maestros de Texas".

Did you know retired teachers haven't received a cost-of-living increase since 2004. Amendment HJR2 implements a long-overdue change in the Teacher's Retirement System that will go a long way to attracting and retaining good teachers in Texas.

**STATE OF TEXAS
PROPOSITION 10
(PROPUESTA
NÚMERO 10 DEL
ESTADO DE TEXAS)**

For (A Favor)
Against (En Contra)

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation equipment or inventory held by a manufacturer of medical or biomedical products to protect the Texas healthcare network and strengthen our medical supply chain."

"La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura a eximir de impuestos ad valorem los equipos o inventarios pertenecientes a un fabricante de productos médicos o biomédicos, con el fin de proteger a la red de atención médica de Texas y fortalecer nuestra cadena de suministro médico".

Medical manufacturers will get property tax relief if this proposition passes. According to the fiscal analysis done by the Legislative Budget Board, this proposition will cost school districts \$43M in 2024 increasing to \$60M in 2028. These lost funds will either not be recouped, or hard-working Texas families will have to cover the gap.

**STATE OF TEXAS
PROPOSITION 11
(PROPUESTA
NÚMERO 11 DEL
ESTADO DE
TEXAS)**

For (A Favor)
Against (En Contra)

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

"La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura a permitir que los distritos de conservación y reclamación en el Condado de El Paso emitan bonos respaldados por impuestos ad valorem para financiar el desarrollo y mantenimiento de parques e instalaciones recreativas".

It is important to support economic growth in West Texas, and this amendment allows El Paso County to issue bonds required for the development and maintenance of recreational facilities that will spur that economic growth. Parks and Recreational facilities provide a place with the community can come together for special events and healthy living activities.

**STATE OF TEXAS
PROPOSITION 12
(PROPUESTA
NÚMERO 12 DEL
ESTADO DE TEXAS)**

For (A Favor)
Against (En Contra)
VOTER'S CHOICE

"The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Galveston County."

"La enmienda constitucional que establece la abolición del cargo de tesorero del condado en el Condado de Galveston"

The amendment would abolish the office of county treasurer in Galveston County and authorize the county to employ or contract a qualified person or designate another county officer to fulfill the functions previously performed by the treasurer. On Proposition 12, you decide, but it really is up to the people of Galveston County.

**STATE OF TEXAS
PROPOSITION 13
(PROPUESTA
NÚMERO 13 DEL
ESTADO DE) TEXAS)**

For (A Favor)
Against (En Contra)
VOTER'S CHOICE

"The constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory age of retirement for state justices and judges."

"La enmienda constitucional para aumentar la edad obligatoria de jubilación para los magistrados y jueces estatales".

Proposing a constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory age of retirement for state justices and judges from 75 to 79. What is the reasoning behind needing to increase the mandatory retirement age of state justices and judges?

**STATE OF TEXAS
PROPOSITION 14
(PROPUESTA
NÚMERO 14 DEL
ESTADO DE)
TEXAS)**

For (A Favor)
Against (En Contra)

"The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the centennial parks conservation fund to be used for the creation and improvement of state parks."

"La enmienda constitucional que establece la creación del fondo de conservación de los parques centenarios que se utilizará para la creación y mejora de los parques estatales"

Luke Metzger, Executive Director of Environment Texas: "This historic legislation would create a new golden age for our state parks. 2023 marks the centennial of the Texas state parks system and we have a lot to celebrate. What a great birthday present to give all Texans for the state parks system's 100th." Protecting green spaces, like parks, is good for families and the environment. Once land is developed, green space is reduced and most likely lost forever. Texas State Parks should be protected and expanded for all future generations of Texans.

