



Bellaire Democrats

Newsletter

Election Issue - October 2006

2006 Election Dates

First Day of Early Voting
Last Day to Apply for a Ballot by Mail (Received)
Last Day of Early Voting
Regular Election Date

October 23, 2006
October 31, 2006
November 3, 2006
November 7, 2006

Where to Vote

For additional locations, location verification, and information on voting by mail, go to www.harrisvotes.com or call 713-755-9529 or 713-755-6965. Election day polling locations are subject to last-minute change. Early voting locations are open for longer hours; early voting is easy and fast!

Early Voting

- Downtown, Harris County Administration Building, 1001 Preston, 1st Floor
- Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet near Hillcroft
- Fiesta Mart, Inc., 8130 Kirby Drive just south of O.S.T.

Election Day - November 7th - Bellaire Precinct Polling Places

Precinct		
128	Southwest	Bellaire Civic Center, 7008 South Rice Avenue
182	Southeast	Horn Elementary School, 4535 Pine at Avenue B
214	Northwest	Southwest Presbyterian Church, 6033 S. Rice (between Elm and Tamarisk)
215	Northeast	Faith Lutheran Church, 4600 Bellaire Blvd. at Ave B
268	South Central	Christ Church Presbyterian Fellowship Hall, 4925 Bellaire Blvd.

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." Martin Luther King, Jr.

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ARE YOU PROUD OF OUR GOVERNMENT? TOGETHER WE CAN ELECT A GOVERNMENT THAT MAKES US PROUD!

Dear Bellaire Voter,

The Bellaire Democrats believe that the November 7th election is pivotal for our state and country - and we believe that most of our citizens are ready for a change!

We ask you: Are you proud of a Texas that ranks 50th in high school graduation, 48th in S.A.T. scores, and was the only state to cut per-pupil spending in 2005? Are you proud that the Republican leadership spent millions in tax dollars on five special sessions to address public school funding – and the result guarantees no additional funding for public education?

Are you proud that Texas lags far behind other states in providing state parks for our citizens and that the ones that we do have are so poorly funded that they have fallen into disrepair?

Are you proud that the company entrusted with our social services is so incompetent that applications have been faxed to a wrong number in some other state – and that Texas has the highest rate of citizens without health insurance in the nation, with one in four children lacking health coverage?!

If you want more for your family's future, vote for a **new vision for Texas. Vote for Chris Bell for Governor. Vote for Ellen Cohen for the Texas Legislature.** It's time for change.

Are you proud that the U.S. under Bush tortures prisoners of war and "suspected" terrorists – and has held "suspected" terrorists for five years without filing charges or granting them the right to speak to an attorney?

Are you proud that we are not providing our soldiers and veterans with the military and medical services they need? Are you proud that after five years we haven't found Osama Bin Laden? Are you pleased that the U.S. government gives no-bid contracts to its supporters such as Halliburton?

Are you proud that the U.S. government is leaving your grandchildren the largest debt in world history?

If you are troubled by these questions, **vote for a change in Washington. Vote for Barbara Ann Radnofsky for the U.S. Senate, and vote for Jim Henley for the U.S. Congress.**

Regardless of whom you may have supported in the past, we think that you will agree that a decade of One Party Rule has demonstrated that "Absolute power corrupts absolutely." We think you will agree that **it's time to clean house.**

The Democrats are offering **candidates that will make you proud to be a Texan and an American.** We are providing you with information about these candidates and hope you will vote for Democrats throughout the entire ballot.

We need balance in Austin, in Washington, and in our local courthouses. We need a two-party system. And we have **the best candidates** for the jobs! **Let's create a government we can be proud of!**

Nancy Lomax
President, Bellaire Democrats

CANDIDATES WHO WILL MAKE US PROUD

Other State Races

Maria Luisa Alvarado – Lieutenant Governor - <http://www.onetexasforall.com>
David Van Os – Attorney General - <http://www.vanosfortexas.com>
Fred Head - Comptroller of Public Accounts
VaLinda Hathcox – Land Commissioner - <http://www.valindahathcox.com/>
Hank Gilbert – Agriculture Commissioner - <http://www.hankgilbert.com/>
Dale Henry – Railroad Commissioner
William E. (Bill) Moody – Justice, Texas Supreme Court, Place 2
J. R. Molina – Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals

County Races

James G. Pierre – Harris County Clerk
John Shike – Harris County District Clerk
Richard Garcia – Harris County Treasurer

Judicial Races

Jim Sharp – Justice, 1st Court of Appeals District, Place 9
Leora T. Kahn – Justice, 14th Court of Appeals District, Place 6
Robert Voigt – District Judge, 183rd Judicial District
Randall Kallinen – Judge, Criminal District Court District 185
Charles (Chuck) Silverman – Judge, Civil District Court District 189
Larry Weiman – Judge, 80th District Court
Herb Ritchie – Judge, 232nd District Court
Mary Kay Green – Judge, Judicial District Court (Family)
Lydia Clay-Jackson – Judge, Criminal District Court District 248
Bill Connolly – Judge, Juvenile District Court District 315
Joan Nwuli – Judge, County Criminal Court at Law Number 1
Silvia Pubchara – Judge, County Criminal Court at Law Number 2
Alfred (Bud) Valdez – Judge, County Criminal Court at Law Number 8
Randy E. Roll – Judge, County Criminal Court at Law Number 9
David Patronella – Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2

For more information on the candidates, see the League of Women Voters *Voters' Guide* available in libraries or at <http://www.lwvhouston.org>; or at the Harris County Democratic Party website at <http://www.hcdp.org>, Candidates tab. The Houston Chronicle will publish comprehensive information close to November 7 – probably the prior week-end.

For more information on the Bellaire Democrats, go to <http://www.bellairedemocrats.org> or contact:

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**This election depends upon US to VOTE for A NEW VISION in state government
AND A CHANGE in Washington!**

**SPREAD THE WORD. Tell your friends TO VOTE - and to VOTE FOR
CANDIDATES WHO WILL MAKE US PROUD!**

EVERY VOTE COUNTS!

Why does your vote for Governor matter so much? Under Texas law, the candidate with the most votes on November 7 wins – no runoff! Even with Perry's growing reputation as a "do nothing" governor and tumbling approval ratings – the anti-Perry vote will be split by votes for independent candidates. It is possible to defeat Perry only by voting cohesively for Chris Bell and avoiding the temptation to vote for an independent.

WE CAN BRING POSITIVE CHANGE IF WE STICK TOGETHER AND ELECT CHRIS BELL!

CANDIDATES WHO WILL MAKE US PROUD

Chris Bell for Governor

- Attorney/litigator, former TV/radio journalist
- Five years on Houston City Council, chaired ethics committee; one term in U. S. Congress (defeated by Delay redistricting), filed ethics complaint against Tom Delay
- Community volunteer and activist, champion for children and the homeless
- Advocates making public schools the best in U. S., raising teachers' salaries, ending tuition deregulation to make college education affordable, fully fund CHIP for low-income children, ethics reform to make government transparent and accountable, honest sex education for youth, stem cell research, insurance reform
- Donate/learn more: <http://www.chrisbell.com>
- His opponent Perry took five multi-million dollar special sessions to adopt a flawed and inadequate school finance plan with small property tax cuts; spent millions coddling right-wing zealots, supporting a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage; and has favored tax cuts above all else — resulting in inadequate public education funding, 200,000 children dropped from the Children's Health Insurance Program, decreases in social services and park lands.

Ellen Cohen for Texas State Representative District 134

- BBA, Management, 15-year President/CEO of Houston Area Women's Center
- Lifetime community activist and volunteer, serving on boards and committees and winner of numerous awards for community service
- Independent thinker who believes that reforming our educational finance system, access to healthcare, property tax relief, and improving air quality can be addressed with common sense, not partisan politics.
- Donate/learn more: <http://www.ellencohen.org/>
- Her incumbent opponent has opposed additional funding for public education, raising teacher salaries to the national average, supporting women with expanded support for victims of sexual assault or insurance coverage for contraception; and has supported private school vouchers, cutting the Children's Health Insurance Program dropping 180,000 Texas children from health insurance, and promoting scare tactics for women in distress.

Barbara Anne Radnofsky for U. S. Senate

- Attorney for 27 years, trained mediator and arbitrator, winner of legal awards
- Teacher of peer mediation to middle- and high-school students
- Supports transparency and integrity in government, energy independence, health insurance reform, education opportunities, economic responsibility, honoring our commitment to veterans
- Donate/learn more: <http://www.radnofsky.com>
- Her opponent has consistently supported the Administration's foreign and domestic policies and its agenda of giveaways to Big Oil and business, tax cuts for the wealthy, etc.

Jim Henley for U. S. Congress 7th District

- Teacher for 19 years – currently teaches Debate and History at Lanier Middle School
- Ordained Baptist minister, pastor for nine years
- Supports improved teacher pay and quality, long-term reduction of energy consumption, phased withdrawal from Iraq and redeployment against Al-Qaeda, a balanced budget, increase in the minimum wage, change of the Medicare Prescription Drug program
- Donate/learn more: <http://henleyforcongress.com>
- His opponent has consistently supported Republican administration foreign and domestic policies and the agendas of right-wing organizations, opposed women's right to choose, and blocked federal aid for rail transit in Houston.