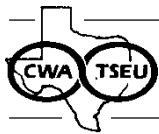


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VOTE IN THE 2010 PRIMARY ELECTIONS

EARLY VOTING: February 16 - 26
PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: March 2

Attend your party's precinct convention on March 2 after polls close

TSEU/ TX AFL-CIO endorsements

- GOVERNOR:
BILL WHITE (D)
- LT. GOVERNOR:
LINDA CHAVEZ-THOMPSON (D)
- ATTORNEY GENERAL:
BARBARA RADNOFSKY
- AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER:
HANK GILBERT
- LAND COMMISSIONER:
HECTOR URIBE
- RAILROAD COMMISSION:
JEFF WEEMS (D)

Primaries elections are held separately for each political party. The winners of these elections become the party's nominees in the general election in November. TSEU has strong friends in both major parties who have opponents in the primary elections. Details for your area follow. You can only vote in one party primary. In some areas there are contests in both major parties that TSEU considers important. Members in those areas should decide which races are most important and vote accordingly.

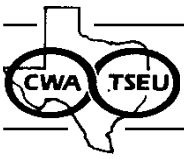
SUPPORT PRO-STATE WORKER, PRO-STATE SERVICES CANDIDATES: Each of these candidates have been endorsed by the Texas AFL-CIO, TSEU, or both. TSEU has made separate endorsements only when the AFL-CIO has made either multiple endorsements or has not endorsed any candidate. These endorsements are only those where a TSEU and/or Labor supported candidate has an opponent in the primary.

TSEU RESOLUTIONS FOR PARTY CONVENTIONS: TSEU members will introduce our resolutions in as many precinct conventions of both parties as we can. Contact TSEU Political Director Derrick Osobase (dosobase@cwa-tseu.org, 512 448-4225 for details or copies. Copies will also be posted on TSEU's web site.

* **SUPPORT TSEU FRIENDS:** **Joellen Snow** represented TSEU in several important cases including some key right-to-organize cases at MHMR and the Highway Dept (now TxDOT). Besides being a longtime friend and supporter of TSEU, she has 20 years of experience in probate, guardianship, and similar areas of law. **Charles Spain** has been an active TSEU member since 1992, and a staff attorney in the Texas courts for over 20 years.

TSEU/ TX AFL-CIO endorsements

- HD= (Texas) House District
CD = (US) Congressional District
- CD 18 (HOUSTON):
SHEILA JACKSON-LEE (D)
 - CD 22 (FT BEND COUNTY):
DOUG BLATT (D)
 - HD 27 (SW HOUSTON, FT. BEND COUNTY):
DORA OLIVO (D)
 - HD 146 (HOUSTON):
AL EDWARDS (D)
 - PROBATE COURT #2:
* **JOELLEN SNOW**
 - 270TH DISTRICT COURT:
* **CHARLES SPAIN**



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THE COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL EDUCATION

MONTHLY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3
6:30PM / TSEU OFFICE

Houston Work Party

ALL HOUSTON-AREA TSEU MEMBERS
THURSDAY, MARCH 18
5:00-7:30 / TSEU OFFICE



WE NEED YOU!

Please come to the Houston TSEU office and help with our monthly mailout. Refreshments & food are provided.

Budget Crisis Looming

Due to falling sales tax revenues and changes in tax laws, the budget for the state of Texas is projected to be in the red somewhere between \$11 and \$16 Billion dollars during the next budget cycle. This means legislators will be looking to slash budgets to state agencies and universities when they return to the Capitol early next year. State employee benefits will undoubtedly be targeted too.

State Leaders Say: "Cut Back"

Anticipating this budget crisis, state leaders have instructed agencies and universities to cut 5% from their current state funding. Hiring freezes, cuts in programs, layoffs, and furloughs have all been proposed as ways to reach this 5% goal, although it is unclear whether these proposals will become reality. State workers, and the Texans we serve, will again be told to do more with less.

We Say: "Fight Back!"

State agencies and universities are already overwhelmed from inadequate state funding. State employees and retirees pay has not kept up with inflation, even in better economic times. Building a stronger union will be crucial to stopping the attacks on state employees and state services that are ahead. Ask your coworkers who aren't members yet to join TSEU. Join and get involved with COPE to help elect legislators who support state employees and state services.

•BRENHAM STATE SUPPORTED LIVING CENTER

INFORMATION & SIGN-UP TABLES IN THE CANTEEN

Tuesday, March 2 / 9:00AM-2:00PM
Tuesday, March 16 / 9:30AM-3:00PM
Tuesday, March 23 / 10:00AM-3:30PM
Tuesday, March 30 / 9:30AM-2:00PM

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 16 / 12:00NOON / Canteen

•RICHMOND STATE SUPPORTED LIVING CENTER

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, March 1 / Gazebo

•PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEETING,

Thursday, March 4 / 11:30AM-1:30PM / All Faiths Chapel

•TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEETING

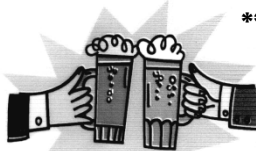
Wednesday, March 31 / 12:00NOON / Location TBA

•FPS - HOUSTON AREA

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday March 9 / 6:00PM / TSEU Office

•PAROLE - HOUSTON AREA



** PAROLE HAPPY HOUR **

Saturday, March 13
4:00PM- 7:00PM / TSEU Office

Refreshments and snacks will be provided, but feel free to bring along food or beverages - *and don't forget to bring your family and co-workers!* Contact the Houston office for details or if you can help with the party.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, March 20 / 10:00AM / TSEU Office

•BEAUMONT AREA - ALL AGENCIES

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, March 15 / Beaumont CWA Hall (1125 South 7th Street)

•BEAUMONT TYC, AL PRICE

INFORMATION & SIGN-UP TABLES

Monday, March 1 & Thursday, April 1 / entrance gate / All Shifts



VOICES AT WORK RADIO

Voices At Work, hosted by TSEU members Ron Gonyea and Joseph Davis, is radio FOR workers and BY workers. Each show is a mix of labor news, music, and interviews with activists, historians, leaders and educators. Participate in our discussions by calling the radio station at 713-526-5738. We air every Friday at 8:00PM on KPFT 90.1FM in Houston and 89.5FM in Galveston. You can also listen live from KPFT's live audio stream, at www.kpft.org.