

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020**

**9 AM Coffee | 9:30 AM Forum | 10:30 Presidential Straw Poll/Caucus**

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**SPECIAL GUESTS**

**US Senate Forum with Chris Bell and  
Amanda Edwards**

Come meet US Senate Candidates Mr. Bell and Ms Edwards at this special Valentine's Meeting. Hear each of them discuss why they are the best Democratic candidate to take on Senator John Cornyn.

Special Moderator: Co. [Commissioner Theresa Daniel](#)  
After the Forum we will have a brief club meeting and then a brief Presidential Straw Poll/Caucus to see how the LHWR Democrats are leaning in the Presidential race.

**President's Note**

Over the past week, as I've been thinking about what to write here, I've stopped myself several times and said to myself, "No, I'm just preaching to the choir and don't need to bring that up." I certainly don't need to tell the Lake Highlands White Rock Democrats the importance of holding the newly gained Democrat seats in the Texas State House while flipping enough seats to win the Texas State House. Or the importance of electing a Democratic Railroad Commissioner to protect the environment in one of the largest gas-producing economies on Earth. Or the importance of beating Donald J. Trump in 2020 and reversing the damage he has done to our leadership status in the world, the environment, and the moral fiber of our country.

As Democrats, we have shared values, so I often wonder how much sense it makes for me or others to be lecturing the base on issues. We don't need more talk about the issues we care about; we need to elect leaders that have workable solutions to the challenges that we face and a proven record of getting stuff done.

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**Meet Senate Candidate MJ Hegar with  
The Lake Highlands White Rock Democrats**

<https://www.facebook.com/events/520516658573050/>

MJ won't take a dime from corporate PACs, because she'll be accountable to the people. A combat veteran, working mom, and Texan, MJ Hegar doesn't back down from a fight when it means standing up for what's right.

Veteran, working mom, Texan. Running for U.S. Senate.

**February 15, 2020**

**6:30 - 8:00 PM**

White Rock Ale House

7331 Gaston Ave #100, Dallas, TX 75214

**The Phone Committee** thanks resigning members Diane Hill and Nicky Stout for all the calls they made, and welcomes the return of Michael Jewell to the Committee.

To pay respects and share memories of Phyllis Guest you are invited to join a gathering of friends and family on **Saturday Feb 22, from 2-5 pm** at the First Unitarian Church, Dallas. A casual event, akin to a cocktail party or viewing. Drinks and snacks will be served.

## President's Note (cont.)

After thinking about the choir analogy a little more, I came to a few conclusions. The first being that we need a larger choir to communicate our Democratic views and values more effectively. Our political system has deteriorated into an "us" against "them" contest, and we need to make sure that "our side" can be inclusive of moderates and independents. Moving too far to the left may exclude this enormous number of potential independent and moderate voters.

Secondly, we need to make sure the choir is singing the right song and has the proper equipment to get the message across to a diverse audience effectively. The Democratic Party needs to be crafting a message moving toward the general election not just to target the Democratic base but also to target undecided and independent voters. Also, using new media such as Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Tik Tok, and other ways to get out the vote and connect with voters is more crucial than ever.

At the LHWR Democrats, we are going through some of this ourselves while we reevaluate the effectiveness of direct mail pieces and printed newsletters. PS.. make sure to follow us on Instagram at @lhwrdemocrats

Ultimately, I concluded that we don't need to be preaching to the choir. What we need to be doing is growing and equipping the choir with new tools so that our Democratic messages can be amplified and heard from a distance and with stinging poignancy.

As a club that works to elect Democratic candidates, we are indeed stronger with more volunteers and members that are united and spreading these Democratic values. Please invite your friends to attend one of these meetings to learn more about how they can get involved with the club and the Dallas County Democratic Party. Or simply direct them to our website to become a member.

<https://www.lhwrdemocrats.org/membership>

We certainly have our work cut out for us, and every vote counts and we can only do this with your support. So let's get out the vote. **Turn Texas Blue, and**

**BEAT DONALD J. TRUMP!**

Brian Hasenbauer 2020 President, L H W R Democrats

### [Financial Transactions Taxes Are No Longer a "Fringe" Idea](#)

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[Read the Article →](#)

## Election Day is March 3, 2020

**Tuesday 7am – 7pm**

### Early Voting Begins on February 18, 2020

Tuesday 2/18 - Saturday 2/22	8am - 5pm
Sunday 2/23	1pm - 6pm
Monday 2/24 - Friday 2/28	7am - 7pm

#### Locations

Lakewood Library	6121 Worth Street
Harry Stone Rec Center	2403 Millmar
Lochwood Library	11221 Lochwood
Our Redeemer Lutheran	7611 Park Lane
Samuell Grand Rec Center	6200 East Grand
Bethany Lutheran Church	10101 Walnut Hill

## Lake Highlands White Rock Democrats Official 2020 Democratic Primary

### Endorsements

#### Railroad Commissioner

Chrysta Castañeda

#### Judge Court of Criminal Appeals Place 3

Elizabeth Davis Frizell

#### Judge Court of Criminal Appeals Place 4

Tina Clinton

#### State Representative District 100

Jasmine Felicia Crockett

#### State Representative District 108

Joanna Cattanach

#### District Judge, 162nd Judicial District

Maricela Moore

#### District Judge, 254th Judicial District

Sandre Streete Monciffe

#### Criminal District Judge, Dallas County Number 3

Teresa Jan Hawthorne

#### Sheriff

Roy Williams, JR.

#### County Commissioner Precinct 1

Theresa Daniel

#### Dallas Democratic County Chair

Carol Crabtree Donovan

When you go to vote in the Democratic Primary, please bring this with you or provide to a friend that needs guidance if they are not familiar with the candidates in the races. These candidates received a majority of the club's votes and would make for wonderful elected officials and be strong candidates in the general election.

**February 21, 2020**

**LAST DAY TO RECEIVE AN APPLICATION FOR  
BALLOT BY MAIL**

You are eligible to vote early by mail if you are a registered voter who is: 65 years of age or older, out of the county during the entire election or • disabled. To vote by mail, you must first apply for a ballot. The Dallas County Elections office does not send out applications or ballots without a specific request from the voter. We must receive your application no later than the close of business 11 days before election day. If the deadline falls on a weekend, the last day to submit an application is the preceding Friday. If the deadline falls on a state or federal holiday, the ballot must be received on the preceding business day. You may [download an Early Voting Absentee application](#) from our site. *Note: This file requires Adobe Acrobat Reader to view or print. The reader can be [downloaded free from Adobe](#).* For more information [evapplications@dallascounty.org](mailto:evapplications@dallascounty.org)

Regular Applications. or write us at:

Toni Pippins-Poole – Early Voting Clerk,  
Dallas County Elections

1520 Round Table Drive, Dallas, Texas 75247

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### **Judge's Ruling That Texas Violated 'Motor Voter' Law Could Lead To Online Registration**

By **DAVID MARTIN DAVIES** • JAN 31, 2020

A federal judge ordered Texas to allow three citizens to register to vote after they renewed their driver's licenses online. This could open the door allowing more than 1 million new voter registrations in Texas. [Listen](#)

### **New Texas Election Process Has**

Democrats Expecting A Delay In Super Tuesday Delegate Totals By **ALEXA URA / THE TEXAS TRIBUNE** • [Share](#)[Tweet](#)[Email](#)

### **Here's How Texas Democrats Dole Out Their 261 Delegates In The Presidential Primary**

By MEGAN MENCHACA / THE TEXAS

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### **The Return of Karl Rove is arguably more responsible than anyone for the big-business-friendly, socially conservative DNA of the modern Republican Party**

Former *Dallas Morning News* political journalist **Wayne Slater** remembers the moment well. He was sitting at a sports bar near downtown Austin one day in the late 1980s, listening to a quixotic political consultant pitch his plan to turn Texas—a one-party state dominated by Democrats for nearly a century—red.

Only two Texas Republicans had ever won statewide elections in the 20th century. But the ambitious politico, a man in his late 30s named Karl Rove, was shoving papers in front of Slater that showed how demographic changes in Texas suburbs would open the door for a wholesale political realignment. "He basically predicted exactly what was going to happen," recalled Slater, who went on to co-write three books about Rove.

By the end of the century, Republicans controlled every statewide office and Governor George W. Bush was on his way to the White House.

As the architect of the GOP takeover in Texas—and the country—Rove is arguably more responsible than anyone for the big-business-friendly, socially conservative DNA of the modern Republican Party.

Ever since he left for Washington, Rove has remained focused on national politics, building an infrastructure of shadowy super PACs and embracing his role as a celebrity pundit. While he's maintained a homestead in Austin, he's rarely dipped his toe back in state politics.

The state GOP no longer needed his services: Texas was once again a one-party state, with Republicans comfortably holding the reins at every level. But the political foundation that Rove laid three decades ago is beginning to crumble, thanks in no small part to President Donald Trump, who has proved to be an accelerant for Texas' political realignment.

## Rove (cont.)

In 2016, Hillary Clinton shaved 7 percentage points off the presidential margin. The state's urban centers, long blue bastions, are booming. The suburbs, once a stronghold for Republicans, are also growing—and diversifying. Beto O'Rourke's Senate bid confirmed the urban-suburban seismic shift in 2018; the former congressman from El Paso came closer to winning statewide than any other member of his party in a generation, energizing a new base of Democratic activists and helping dozens of Democrats oust Republicans down-ballot.

High-level state Republicans have warned that Texas is becoming purple, and they're concerned that the president's toxicity could capsize the party in 2020. Soon-to-be-former Texas House Speaker Dennis Bonnen complained behind closed doors that Trump is "killing us" with urban and suburban voters; a leaked copy of an internal Texas GOP memo cited concerns that his "polarizing nature" could sap turnout.

In short, the crown jewel of Rove's career is in peril. Now he has come home to ensure that Trump doesn't unravel his legacy. He's aiding a super PAC that has raised nearly \$10 million from some of the same megadonors who helped finance his takeover: he is the treasurer of a new PAC to keep House Republicans from advancing Democrats. As Texas GOP chair James Dickey told the *Observer*, "The last time GOP had such a large-scale electoral effort was back in the **1990s**, when Rove was leading the charge: "there was no way Rove was not going to get involved to make sure the state wouldn't flip again." It might seem surprising that Rove is going all in on an election that will be consumed by Trump, since Rove is no fan of the president's insurgent style of politics. During the 2016 Republican primary, he called Trump "a complete idiot" who would destroy the party. But Rove has also never been one to put principles over politics. Ahead of Bush's 2004 reelection campaign, he convinced Bush to come out against same-sex marriage—something that neither the president nor Rove personally felt strongly about—as a way to mobilize evangelical conservatives. Rove recognizes, too, the political value of Trumpism and the raw, evanchist energy that fuels it. He ended up advising Trump in 2016; and he's now volunteering his services for the president's reelection campaign in Texas. How prominent a role will Rove play in Texas? The party appears ready to embrace the tactics of the notorious dirty trickster. Rule No. 1: Go on the attack from the outset. A leaked campaign memo highlighted the GOP's plan to go after the 12 state House Democrats who ousted Republicans in 2018. As the memo outlined, ***the GOP would buy up website domains with the Democrats' names and fill them with attacks based on information gleaned from***

***their public votes, campaign pages, and "any other means to gather negative material on them."*** ***If Trump is toxic in the suburbs, the key for Texas Republicans is to make Democrats seem even more so.*** It's somewhat poetic that Rove is partly responsible for the specter now threatening to undo his political project. The GOP he built to win Trump's presidency—a party of country clubs, chambers of commerce, and compassionate conservatism—morphed into the party of Trump thanks to the sort of zero-sum Rove strategies that embrace extremism to maintain power.

"Karl sees [Trump] as a sort of political instrument to make sure the state stays red," Slater told the *Observer*. "If that's who brought you to the dance, then that's who you dance with." . *CANADIAN PRESS* [Justin Miller](#) Jan 9, 2020,

## **Selected Interview with Noam Chomsky: Sanders Threatens the Establishment by Inspiring Popular Movements.**

***Truthout: "Can you summarize for us what you perceive to be the core of Sanders's politico-ideological gestalt, and then explain what scares both conservatives and liberals — the possibility of someone like Sanders leading the country?"***

***Chomsky:*** The core of Sanders's "politico-ideological gestalt" is his long-standing commitment to the interests of the large majority of the population, not the top 1% who hold more than 20% of the country's wealth, or the very rich who were the prime beneficiaries of the slow recovery from the 2008 disaster caused by financial capital. The U.S. achievement in this regard far surpasses that of other developed countries, so we learn from recently released studies, which show that in the U.S., 65% of the growth of the past decade went to the very rich; next in line was Germany, at 51%, then declining sharply. The same studies show that if current trends persist, in the next decade all growth in the U.S. will go to the rich. The welfare of these sectors has never been Sanders's concern. The Democratic establishment and liberal media are hardly likely to look kindly on someone who forthrightly proclaims, "I have no use for those — regardless of their political party — who hold some foolish dream of spinning the clock back to days when unorganized labor was a huddled, almost helpless mass.... Only a handful of unreconstructed reactionaries harbor the ugly thought of breaking unions. Only a fool would try to deprive working men and women of the right to join the union of their choice." By "right to work" laws, for example, or by hiring scabs, or by threatening to ship jobs to Mexico to undermine organizing efforts, to sample the bipartisan political leadership."

## Chomsky (cont.)

That's surely the kind of socialist wild man whom the country is not ready to tolerate.

Even more threatening than Sanders's proposals to carry forward New Deal-style policies is *his inspiring a popular movement* that is steadily engaged in political action and direct activism to change the social order.

Remember President Dwight Eisenhower, the last conservative president. His remarks are a good illustration of how far the political class has shifted to the right under Clintonite "New Democrats" and the Reagan-Gingrich Republicans who have drifted so far off the political spectrum that they are ranked near neo-fascist parties, well to the right of "conservatives." Even more threatening than Sanders's proposals to carry forward New Deal-style policies, is his inspiring a popular movement that is steadily engaged in political action and direct activism to change the social order: A movement of young people, who don't believe that most people are ignorant and meddling outsiders who are spectators, rather than participants in action, or people who push a lever every 4 years and then return to their TV sets and video games while "responsible men" look after serious matters.

20th-century American intellectuals, took on the idea that they were the "responsible men," and the "intelligent minority." Yes, that the "bewildered herd" must therefore be "put in their place" by "necessary illusions" and "emotionally potent simplifications." These were the pronouncements of the most influential 20th-century intellectuals: Walter Lippmann, in his "progressive essays on democracy"; Harold Lasswell, a founder of modern political science; and Reinhold Niebuhr, "theologian of the (liberal) establishment." These inspired a serious attack on democracy -- an intolerable assault against good order.

**Truthout: I believe we witnessed something similar to the U.K.elections: the case of Jeremy Corbyn. What does this tell us about liberal democracy, and the rise and spread of authoritarianism and the far right in many parts of the world?**

**Chomsky:** There are definite similarities. Corbyn, a decent and honorable man, was subjected to an extraordinary flood of vilification and defamation. At the same time, polls indicated that his policies had led to a remarkable victory for Labor in 2017 that remained popular. A special feature in the U.K. was Brexit, a matter I won't go into here. But, as in the case of Sanders, I suspect that the prime reason for the bitter hatred of Labor on the part of the British establishment is the effort to turn the Labor Party into a participatory organization. More generally, much of the world is aflame. As the peasants are coming with their pitchforks:

The neoliberal order imposed for the past 40 years, while ultra-generous to the rich and their class, has had a bitter impact on the general population. A leading theme is that the Masters must declare that they are changing their stance from service to the rich to attending to the concerns of "stakeholders" — working people and communities.

The unstated implication is that there is no need for regulations and other actions about climate change: *We Big Boys will take care of it. Greta Thunberg and the other children demonstrating out there can go back to school. And now that we see the flaws in our neoliberal model of capitalism, you can put aside all those disruptive political programs calling for health care, rights of workers, women, the poor. We're taking care of it, so just go back to your private pursuits, keeping to democratic norms.*

As the neoliberal order is visibly collapsing, it is giving rise to "morbid symptoms" as the fascist plague has been called: the spread of the far-right authoritarianism. More generally, what we are witnessing is quite understandable anger, resentment and contempt for the political institutions that have implemented the neoliberal assault. Activist movements seek to overcome the ills of global society and to reverse the race to destruction.~**C.J. Polychroniou, Truthout 2/3/20**

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- To support and elect Democratic candidates at all levels of government.
  - To promote political awareness and participation in the Democratic Party.
  - To provide a forum for democratic issues.
  - Meet with other Democrats to share ideas and become better informed.
  - Participate in workshops and campaigns.
  - Participate in the Community White Rock Lake.
  - Participate in Social Events including the annual Picnic and Chili Supper.
  - Receive monthly newsletter with information about issues and what you can do to help.
    - Our members come from the following
- \* Zip code areas: 75204, 75206, 75214, 75218, 75223, 75226, 75228, 75231, 75238, 75243



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Membership Application: Membership runs on a calendar year. Dues are \$25 for the first person and \$5 for an additional person at the same address. Join now and participate! It's a great way to meet and see neighbors and friends.

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