

We surveyed Texas candidates running for
US Congress and our State Legislature.

Here's where they stand!



Texas Marijuana Policy Voter Guide

2020 Primary Runoff Edition

Early Voting Begins
June 29, 2020

Runoff Election Day
July 14, 2020



The voter guide was compiled, published, and funded by **Texans for Responsible Marijuana Policy**, a broad coalition of organizations, activists, and community leaders dedicated to promoting honest, fact-based dialogue regarding marijuana use and the negative effects of its criminalization.



Texas NORML originated the guide in 2012, and we appreciate their continued help in producing this year's guide.

In Texas, citizen-initiated ballot propositions are not allowed, so elected officials at the state and federal level are responsible for upholding or reforming marijuana laws. We surveyed candidates seeking the Democratic and Republican nominations for the Texas House, Texas Senate, U.S. House, and U.S. Senate. You'll find the candidates who were nominated, including their survey responses and voting records for incumbents.

Note: Several races have gone into a runoff. If the candidates in your district are in a runoff, be sure to vote on July 14, 2020!

1. Identify your Texas House, Texas Senate, and U.S. House Districts:

<http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/Home.aspx>.

2. Use this guide to find out where the candidates stand on the following issues:

STATE

- a. Allow patients with debilitating medical conditions (e.g. cancer, chronic pain, PTSD) to **access full-spectrum medical cannabis**, with physicians making dosing decisions.
- b. Make low-level **possession** of marijuana **punishable by a fine, but no jail time, and an opportunity to avoid a criminal record.**
- c. Allow **adults 21+** to possess **limited amounts of marijuana** and establish a legal market.
- d. **States should be able to carry out their own marijuana policies** without federal interference.

FEDERAL

- e. **Deschedule cannabis**, removing it from the Controlled Substances Act and **allowing domestic cannabis research.**
- f. **Veterans Administration** doctors should be allowed to **recommend cannabis to treat service-related injuries.**
- g. State-licensed cannabis **businesses should have legal access to the banking system** to avoid doing business in cash.
- h. **States should be able to carry out their own marijuana policies** without interference from the federal government.

3. Are the candidates in your district in a runoff? Vote on July 14, 2020! (Reminder: If you voted in the Primary, remember that you cannot switch over to vote in the opposite party's runoff. Doing so would violate election law. Stick with your party for the runoff.)

WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED? Find tips for communicating with candidates and participating in political conventions at the end of this guide.

Thank you for your interest in reforming marijuana laws in Texas! *Share this voter guide far and wide.*



**Early Voting Begins: June 29, 2020
Election Day: July 14, 2020**



Table of Contents

SECTION I: Texas Democratic Party

Texas House of Representatives	Pages 4-9
Texas Senate	Pages 10-11
U.S. Congress	Pages 12-16

SECTION II: Republican Party of Texas

Texas House of Representatives	Pages 17-20
Texas Senate	N/A
U.S. Congress	Pages 21-25

SECTION III: Getting More Involved Page 26

(Reminder: If you voted in one party's Primary in March, you can only vote in that party's runoff.)



Early Voting Begins: June 29, 2020
Election Day: July 14, 2020



Texas Marijuana Policy Voter Guide 2020

Democratic Primary Runoff - Texas House

Texas House District 26

L. "Sarah" Demerchant lallen1161@icloud.com	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Suleman Lalani info@drlalanifortexas.com	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
	<u><i>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</i></u>			



Early Voting Begins: June 29, 2020
Election Day: July 14, 2020



Texas Marijuana Policy Voter Guide 2020

Democratic Primary Runoff - Texas House

Texas House District 67

Lorenzo Sanchez info@lorenzofortexas.com	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comments	<i>As Texans, we should be allowed to legalize and tax marijuana. By taxing recreational marijuana, our revenue would be enormous. We need to expunge records of those with small marijuana convictions so they can re-enter the workforce.</i>			

Tom Adair tom@tomadairfortexas.com	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comments	<i>We should allow Texans to use marijuana for medical purposes and decriminalize the possession of small amounts of marijuana. Subsequently, I believe we should strive for a system where marijuana is regulated and taxed like alcohol.</i>			



Early Voting Begins: June 29, 2020
Election Day: July 14, 2020



Texas Marijuana Policy Voter Guide 2020

Democratic Primary Runoff - Texas House

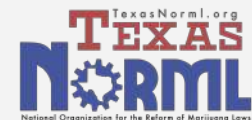
Texas House District 100

Jasmine Felicia Crockett jasminefor100@gmail.com	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comments	<i>I support full legalization and decriminalization of marijuana. If you google my name and marijuana, you will see that I have been a marijuana advocate prior to becoming a candidate for office.</i>			

Lorraine Birabil team@lorrainefortexas.com	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
<i><u>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</u></i>				



Early Voting Begins: June 29, 2020
 Election Day: July 14, 2020



Texas Marijuana Policy Voter Guide 2020

Democratic Primary Runoff - Texas House

Texas House District 119

Elizabeth "Liz" Campos liz@lizcampos.com	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
<i><u>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</u></i>				
Jennifer Ramos jennramoscampaign@gmail.com	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Texas House District 138

Akilah Bacy akilah@akilahbacy.com	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jenifer Rene Pool jeniferpool@gmail.com	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
<i><u>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</u></i>				



Early Voting Begins: June 29, 2020
Election Day: July 14, 2020



Texas Marijuana Policy Voter Guide 2020

Democratic Primary Runoff - Texas House

Texas House District 142

Harold V. Dutton Jr theduttonlawfirm@yahoo.com <i>Incumbent</i>	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comments	<i>I was the first to sponsor a bill to make possession of two ounces or less of marijuana a class C misdemeanor. I have continued to sponsor such bill since 2013. I will continue my efforts.</i>			
Voting Record	Expand Compassionate Use	Legalize Hemp	Penalty Reduction for Possession	
	Yes (Co-author)	Yes	Yes (Author)	

Jerry Davis info@jerryvdavis.com	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Early Voting Begins: June 29, 2020
 Election Day: July 14, 2020



Texas Marijuana Policy Voter Guide 2020

Democratic Primary Runoff - Texas House

Texas House District 148

Anna Eastman anna@voteannaeastman.com	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comments	<i>I support expanding access to medical marijuana and decriminalization, including expunging past convictions. I support the passage of bills in both chambers like Representative Lucio's House Bill 1365 and Representative Moody's House Bill 63.</i>			

Penny Morales Shaw pennyslawhtx@gmail.com	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comments	<i>Thank you.</i>			



Early Voting Begins: June 29, 2020
 Election Day: July 14, 2020



Texas Marijuana Policy Voter Guide 2020

Democratic Primary Runoff - Texas Senate

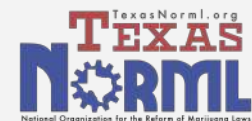
Texas Senate District 19

Roland Gutierrez info@rolandfortexas.com <i>Incumbent</i>	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Voting Record	Expand Compassionate Use	Legalize Hemp	Penalty Reduction for Possession	
	Yes (Co-author)	Yes (Author)	Yes	

Xochil Peña Rodriguez xochil@votepenarodriguez.com	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Early Voting Begins: June 29, 2020
 Election Day: July 14, 2020



Texas Marijuana Policy Voter Guide 2020

Democratic Primary Runoff - Texas Senate

Texas Senate District 27

Eddie Lucio Jr eddie.lucio@senate.texas.gov <i>Incumbent</i>	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
	<i><u>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</u></i>			
Voting Record	Expand Compassionate Use	Legalize Hemp	Penalty Reduction for Possession	
	Yes (Co-sponsor)	Yes	N/A	

Sara Stapleton Barrera citizensforsara2020@gmail.com	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Early Voting Begins: June 29, 2020
 Election Day: July 14, 2020



Texas Marijuana Policy Voter Guide 2020

Democratic Primary Runoff - US Congress

U.S. Senate

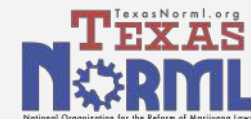
	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
Mary "MJ" Hegar info@mjfortexas.com				
	<i><u>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</u></i>			
Royce West royce.w@westllp.com				
	<i><u>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</u></i>			

U.S. Congressional District 2

	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
Elisa Cardnell info@elisacardnell.com	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Comments <i><u>For too long we have criminalized being black, brown, and poor. We must end mass incarceration and that starts with legalizing marijuana and expunging the records of past offenders.</u></i>			
Sima Ladjevardian info@simafortx.com	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Early Voting Begins: June 29, 2020
 Election Day: July 14, 2020



Texas Marijuana Policy Voter Guide 2020

Democratic Primary Runoff - US Congress

U.S. Congressional District 3

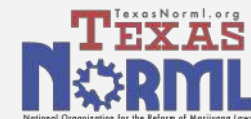
	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
Lulu Seikaly info@lulufortexas.com	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sean Mccaffity sean@seanmccaffity.com	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comments	<i>Decriminalizing marijuana will help reduce overcrowded prisons and end our present state of mass incarceration.</i>			

U.S. Congressional District 10

	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
Mike Siegel mike@siegelfortexas.org	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comments	<i>I'd support federal pre-emption of state criminalization of marijuana, just to clarify my position on "state's rights" in this context. I support states taking the lead to legalize and decriminalize marijuana, for medical and recreational use.</i>			
Pritesh Gandhi info@gandhifortexas.com	<i><u>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</u></i>			



Early Voting Begins: June 29, 2020
 Election Day: July 14, 2020



Texas Marijuana Policy Voter Guide 2020

Democratic Primary Runoff - US Congress

U.S. Congressional District 13

Greg Sagan gregsagan2020@gmail.com	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
Comments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>I believe that it should be a matter of over-riding Federal law to legalize the cultivation, possession, sale and use of marijuana. I am opposed to allowing states to establish their own marijuana policies because of the inevitable legal conflicts.</i>				

Gus Trujillo info@gustrujillo.com	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
<i>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</i>				



Early Voting Begins: June 29, 2020
 Election Day: July 14, 2020



Texas Marijuana Policy Voter Guide 2020

Democratic Primary Runoff - US Congress

U.S. Congressional District 17

David Anthony Jaramillo Jaramilloforcongress@gmail.com	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
Comments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>As a veteran, I have seen too many veterans and service members become addicted to opioids. Veterans and service members should have an alternative medication. I feel as though recreational marijuana should be treated as alcohol.</i>				

Richard Kennedy Info @rickkennedyforcongress.com	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
<i><u>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</u></i>				

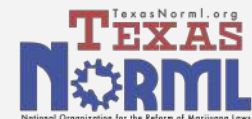
U.S. Congressional District 24

Candace Valenzuela candace@candacefor24.com	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
<i><u>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</u></i>				

Kim Olson kim@kimforcongress.org	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Early Voting Begins: June 29, 2020
Election Day: July 14, 2020



Texas Marijuana Policy Voter Guide 2020

Democratic Primary Runoff - US Congress

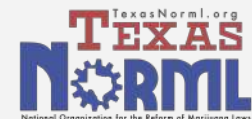
U.S. Congressional District 31

Christine Eady Mann media@christine4congress.com	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
Comments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>With no scientific reason for marijuana to remain illegal we must legalize & take a holistic approach to marijuana policy, as it interconnects with other issues: the opioid crisis, universal healthcare coverage, criminal justice reform, etc.</i>				

Donna Imam donna@votefordonna.com	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
Comments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Marijuana possession should be decriminalized and nonviolent marijuana-related convictions should be expunged. See <u>Equal Justice for All policy</u>: https://votefordonna.com/eja/.</i>				



Early Voting Begins: June 29, 2020
Election Day: July 14, 2020



Texas Marijuana Policy Voter Guide 2020

Republican Primary Runoff - Texas House

Texas House District 2

Bryan Slaton votebryanslaton@gmail.com	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
	<i><u>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</u></i>			
Dan Flynn dan.flynn@house.texas.gov <i>Incumbent</i>	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
	<i><u>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</u></i>			
Voting Record	Expand Compassionate Use	Legalize Hemp	Penalty Reduction for Possession	
	No	Yes	No	

Texas House District 25

Cody Vasut cody@votevasut.com	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ro'vin Garrett rovingarrettforstaterep@gmail.com	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
	<i><u>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</u></i>			



Early Voting Begins: June 29, 2020
 Election Day: July 14, 2020



Texas Marijuana Policy Voter Guide 2020

Republican Primary Runoff - Texas House

Texas House District 26

<p>Jacey Jetton jacey@jaceyjetton.com</p>	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
<i><u>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</u></i>				
<p>Matt Morgan matt.morgan@house.state.md.us</p>	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
<i><u>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</u></i>				

Texas House District 45

<p>Carrie Isaac carrie@isaacfortexas.com</p>	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
Comments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i><u>The taxing and regulating of another product will only lead to bigger government. I believe our state government has enough of our money and needs to stay out of our lives as much as possible.</u></i>				
<p>Kent "Bud" Wymore bud@budwymore.com</p>	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
<i><u>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</u></i>				



Early Voting Begins: June 29, 2020
Election Day: July 14, 2020



Texas Marijuana Policy Voter Guide 2020

Republican Primary Runoff - Texas House

Texas House District 47

Jennifer Fleck flecktexasstrong@gmail.com	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Justin Berry justin@berryfortexas.com	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
<u><i>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</i></u>				

Texas House District 59

J.D. Sheffield j.d.sheffield@house.texas.gov <i>Incumbent</i>	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
<u><i>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</i></u>				
Voting Record	Expand Compassionate Use	Legalize Hemp	Penalty Reduction for Possession	
	Yes (Joint Author)	Yes	Yes	
Shelby Slawson shelbyslawson@outlook.com	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
<u><i>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</i></u>				



Early Voting Begins: June 29, 2020
Election Day: July 14, 2020



Texas Marijuana Policy Voter Guide 2020

Republican Primary Runoff - Texas House

Texas House District 60

	Expand Compassionate Use	Reduce Penalties for Possession	Legalize Adult Use	Support State' Rights on Marijuana Policy
Glenn Rogers info@rogersfortexas.com	<i><u>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</u></i>			
Jon Francis Jon@VoteJonFrancis.com	<i><u>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</u></i>			



Early Voting Begins: June 29, 2020
Election Day: July 14, 2020



Texas Marijuana Policy Voter Guide 2020

Republican Primary Runoff - US Congress

U.S. Congressional District 13

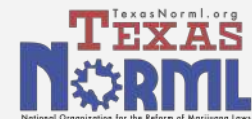
Josh Winegarner joshwinegarner@gmail.com	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
<i>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</i>				
Ronny Jackson campaign@ronnyjacksonfortexas.com	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
<i>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</i>				

U.S. Congressional District 15

Monica De La Cruz-Hernandez info@monicaforcongress.us	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
<i>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</i>				
Ryan Krause ryan@ryan4freedom.com	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
<i>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</i>				



Early Voting Begins: June 29, 2020
 Election Day: July 14, 2020



Texas Marijuana Policy Voter Guide 2020

Republican Primary Runoff - US Congress

U.S. Congressional District 16

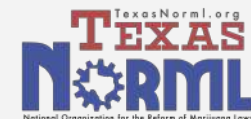
Irene Armendariz-jackson irene@armendarizforelpaso.com	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
	<i>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</i>			
Sam Williams samwilliams@samforep.com	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
	<i>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</i>			

U.S. Congressional District 17

Pete Sessions info@petesessions.com	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
	<i>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</i>			
Voting Record <i>(While serving in the US House.)</i>	Legalize Hemp	Safe Banking Act	Limit Federal Interference	
	N/A	No	No	
Renée Swann info@reneeswannforcongress.com	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
	<i>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</i>			



Early Voting Begins: June 29, 2020
 Election Day: July 14, 2020



Texas Marijuana Policy Voter Guide 2020

Republican Primary Runoff - US Congress

U.S. Congressional District 18

Robert M. Cadena cadenaforcongress@yahoo.com	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comments	<i>I am a constitutionalist that believes we all have the same freedom to choose what is right as an individual for our lives, but our choices should not interfere with some else's rights. Remember, we all have the same constitutional rights.</i>			

Wendell Champion Wchampion1007@champion2020.com	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
<i>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</i>				

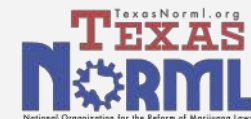
U.S. Congressional District 20

Gary Allen thegaryallen@gmail.com	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
<i>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</i>				

Mauro Garza Maurogarza@maurogarzaforcongress.com	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
<i>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</i>				



Early Voting Begins: June 29, 2020
Election Day: July 14, 2020



Texas Marijuana Policy Voter Guide 2020

Republican Primary Runoff - US Congress

U.S. Congressional District 22

Kathaleen Wall info@kathaleenwall.com	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
<i>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</i>				
Troy Nehls troynehls@gmail.com	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
<i>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</i>				

U.S. Congressional District 23

Raul Reyes raulforcongress2020@gmail.com	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
<i>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</i>				
Tony Gonzales tony@tonygonzalesforcongress.com	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
<i>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</i>				



Early Voting Begins: June 29, 2020
 Election Day: July 14, 2020



Texas Marijuana Policy Voter Guide 2020

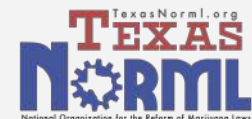
Republican Primary Runoff - US Congress

U.S. Congressional District 35

	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
<p>"Guillermo" William Hayward williamhayward@grandecom.net</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comments</p>	<p><i>Their is a double standard because Cannabis is a gateway drug leading to audition, You can not ban cigarettes then say smoking Cannabis is ok. Only used as medical treatment Or Stop banning Cigarettes both are bad for health and addictive.</i></p>			
<p>Jenny Garcia Sharon info@jennygarcia Sharon.com</p>	Remove Cannabis from Controlled Substances Act	Allow VA Doctors to Recommend Cannabis	Allow Safe Banking for Cannabis Businesses	End Federal Prohibition Interference
<p><i>This candidate did not respond to our survey.</i></p>				



Early Voting Begins: June 29, 2020
 Election Day: July 14, 2020



Get More Involved!

Now that you have identified your district numbers and the candidates seeking to represent you, consider reaching out to share your support for cannabis law reform. Review the [resource packet](#) we distributed at our recent advocacy workshops, and use **these tips on how to approach the candidates during the upcoming election:**

✔ **Candidates who SUPPORT reform** - Express gratitude and let them know you agree!

- Visit candidates' campaign websites to learn about their platform. **Send an email to share your appreciation of their support for reform.**
- **Sign up for their newsletters and follow them on social media.** Engage with them thoughtfully online and don't hesitate to share links to resources.
- **Ask about and attend local events.** Introduce yourself and thank them in person for their support. If they take questions from the audience at local townhalls/debates/forums, take advantage of the opportunity to ask them to discuss their positions on medical cannabis and decriminalization so others can also hear from them on the important issues. **Take pictures and tag the candidate in social media posts!**
- **Volunteer for their campaign; it's a great opportunity** to build a relationship with the candidate and their team. Sometimes, campaign staff become legislative staff when the candidate wins an election. If you have a good relationship, you can be a resource for them on this issue.

✘ **Candidates who OPPOSE reform** - Always remain respectful, even if they don't yet share your views on marijuana policy.

- **Send an email to introduce yourself** and thank them for being willing to serve your district in the Texas Legislature. Politely let them know you support reform and hope they'll reconsider their position. If you have a personal story or professional experience, be sure to include it as concisely as possible. When possible, share links to resources, including studies, reports, and news articles from reputable sources.
 - Remember, you will have other opportunities to continue the conversation, so try not to overwhelm them in your first email.

? **Candidates who DIDN'T RESPOND to our survey** - Ask them about where they stand on this important issue!

- **Send an email and/or contact them on social media** to ask what they think about various aspects of reform. You can send them our survey questions, which are listed on page two of this voter guide).
 - Be sure to ask them state/federal questions based on the office they are running for. (State: Tx House/Senate; Federal: U.S. House/U.S. Senate)

Make sure to VOTE on July 14 if the candidates in your district are in a runoff election!

You can learn more about polling locations, what to bring with you, and more at <https://www.votetexas.gov/>.