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HARRIS COUNTY TEJANO DEMOCRATS ANNOUNCE ENDORSEMENTS FOR 2010 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION

HOUSTON– The membership body of the Harris County Tejano Democrats (HCTD) met on January 14, 2010 to vote on the organization’s candidate endorsements for the March 2, 2010 Democratic primary election. The membership agreed to endorse all unopposed Democratic candidates running in the 2010 primary, while the attached list provides the names of the HCTD endorsed candidates in opposed Democratic races.

“We look at the quality of each individual, and we endorse and support candidates we feel best represent our membership and community,” stated Guadalupe Navarro, Chair of the Screening and Endorsement Committee. “We are proud that so many candidates seek out the endorsement of the Harris County Tejano Democrats, and we believe that our involvement in the political process helps our members, as well as others in the community, make better decisions at the polls,” added Navarro.

Harris County Tejano Democrats is a grassroots organization dedicated to increasing political awareness and activism in the community. The organization’s purpose is to seek full representation of Hispanics at all levels of government. This includes screening, endorsing, and supporting candidates who best represent Democratic principles and Hispanic interests.

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2010 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ENDORSED CANDIDATES IN OPPOSED RACES

OFFICE	HCTD ENDORSED CANDIDATE
United States Representative, District 18	Sheila Jackson Lee
State Representative District 146	Borris L. Miles
County Judge	Gordon Quan
County Clerk	Sue Smith Schechter
District Judge, 180th Criminal District	Lori Gooch
District Judge, 248th Criminal District	Jim Sullivan
District Judge, 113th Civil District	Christina Bryan
District Judge, 157th Civil District*	Chuck Silverman*
District Judge, 157th Civil District*	Shawn Thierry*
District Judge, 189th Civil District	Ursula A. Hall
District Judge, 190th Civil District	Jim Wrotenbery
District Judge, 234th Civil District	Tanner Garth
District Judge, 270th Civil District	Bob Thomas
District Judge, 281st Civil District	Juliet Kathy Stipeche
District Judge, 295th Civil District	Paul Simon
District Judge, 245th Family District	Janiece Horn
District Judge, 247th Family District	Mary Kay Green
District Judge, 308th Family District	Bruce Kessler
District Judge, 310th Family District	Judy Dougherty
District Judge, 311th Family District	Steve Herskowitz
District Judge, 313th Family District	Natalie Oakes
District Judge, 314th Family District	David Longoria
District Judge, 315th Juvenile District	Bill Thursland
Judge, County Civil Court at Law No. 1	Steve Reilley
Judge, County Civil Court at Law No. 2	Damian E. LaCroix
Judge, County Civil Court at Law No. 3	Damon Crenshaw
Judge, County Criminal Court at Law No. 1	Beverly D. Melontree
Judge, County Criminal Court at Law No. 2	Mary Connealy Acosta
Judge, County Criminal Court at Law No. 3	Judith Snively
Judge, County Criminal Court at Law No. 9	Juanita Jackson Barner
Judge, County Criminal Court at Law No. 10	Grant U. Hardeway, Sr.
Judge, County Criminal Court at Law No. 12	Cheryl Harris Diggs
Judge, County Criminal Court at Law No. 13	Dennis Slate
Judge, County Probate Court No. 2	Joellen Snow
Judge, County Probate Court No. 3	Mary Galligan
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Place 2	Don Coffey

* designates a dual endorsement