



Bexar County Democratic Party

Bexar Force One



January 2017 Newsletter

Events & Committee Mtgs

Monthly Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar Classes; 2nd Tuesday of the Month; Bexar Elections Warehouse, 1103 S. Frio St. 10:00 am **OR** 6:00 pm, Call (210) 335-6625 to reserve a spot

Wed, Jan. 11; LGBTQ Equality Project; 6:00 pm - 8:00pm; Westfall Branch Public Library, 6111 Rosedale Ct.

Thurs, Jan. 12; Mission Dems Monthly Mtg; 6:30-8:00 pm; Presa Community Center, 3721 S Presa St

Sat, Jan 14; Swearing-In Ceremony for Rep. Arevalo; 9:30 am; Wonderland of the Americas, 4522 Fredericksberg Rd.

Mon, Jan. 16; Stonewall Dems Membership Mtg; 6:30 pm; Downtown Luby's, 911 N. Main

Tues, Jan. 17 BCDP Campaign Committee; 6:00-7:30 pm; BCDP HQ, 3000 IH-10

Tues, Jan. 17; Communication Committee Mtg; 6:30 pm; BCDP HQ, 3000 IH-10 West

Sat, Jan. 21; NW Dems of Bexar County; 8:30-10:00 am; Luby's Medical Center, 9251 Floyd Curl @ Huebner

Tues, Jan. 24; Pct Chr Recruit & Training Cmte Mtg; 6:30 pm; BCDP HQ, 3000 IH-10

Wed, Feb. 1; Budget & Finance Committee Mtg; 6:30-7:30 pm; BCDP HQ, 3000 IH-10

Sat, Feb. 4; NE Bexar County Democrats Monthly Mtg; 10:00 am - 12:00 noon; Tripoint, 3233 N. St. Mary's

Tue, Feb. 7; BCDP Steering Committee; 6:30-7:30 pm; BCDP HQ, 3000 IH-10

Thurs, Feb. 9; Mission Dems Monthly Mtg; 6:30-8:00 pm; Presa Community Center, 3721 S Presa St

Tues, Feb 14; BCDP CEC Mtg; 6:30-8:30 pm; Luby's, 911 N. Main

TIME TO RUN, NOW!

Democracy is stronger when people run for office, and that is why I continue to advocate for EVERYONE to run in the upcoming May Elections. The goal that we set last year was to recruit 100 individuals to run for city council. Many of you have already decided to run, congratulations! Many of you are still on the sidelines, and my question to you is what are you waiting for?

Personally, I have decided to run for mayor. I will be running on a "Vision for Today". Our current mayor is fixated on the 1 million new residents expected to arrive in San Antonio by 2040. Well, how about the 1.5 million that are already here? How about SA 2017, instead of SA 2020? How about SA Today, instead of SA Tomorrow? My agenda will focus on addressing issues that impact our community TODAY!



The Top 3 issues on my agenda are Property Taxes, Public Safety, and Transportation. Whether you live inside or outside the loop, you care about taxes. Whether you own or rent your home, you care about taxes. And, whether you make 20k or 200k a year, you care about taxes. And after talking to voters, the consensus is that our current mayor does not care about taxes. She increased our tax bill by failing to lower the property tax rate. My standing rule will be: if property appraisals increase, then property tax rates will go down. She has no interest in appraisal district accountability. I will work with Republicans in Austin to reign-in appraisal district fiefdoms. She also plans to max out our city's credit card to fund pet projects. Yes, we have infrastructure needs, but it is fiscally irresponsible to max out our city's credit limit to appease donors and special interests.

With regard to Public Safety, under the mayor's leadership, we are now one of the most dangerous cities in America. There are 1,216 cities in Texas; and, we are the 4th most dangerous city in the state. Our 911 response times are at 15-year highs. Our homicide rate is at a 25-year high. And, our mayor keeps talking about what we need for 2040. I have already assembled a team, led by Steve Huerta and Walter Perry, to present concrete actions that the mayor can take TODAY to address the alarming rate of violent crime in our neighborhoods.

With regard to Transportation, my immediate actions as mayor will include: 1) Fund Rey Saldana's Resolution to increase VIA funding to expand routes and increase frequency; 2) Identify the Top 50 corridors in our city, and improve drive times on these corridors; and 3) Initiate Fast Track Train Service from San Antonio to Austin.

My "Vision for Today" consists of seventeen specific action items to improve the quality of life for everyone. They include the above mentioned planks, but it is much more. My priorities will also include fighting for San Antonio values. For the latter part of last year, our San Antonio community was insulted (Women, Hispanics, African-Americans, Veterans, Disabled), and our mayor remained silent. I will stand up and set the record straight.

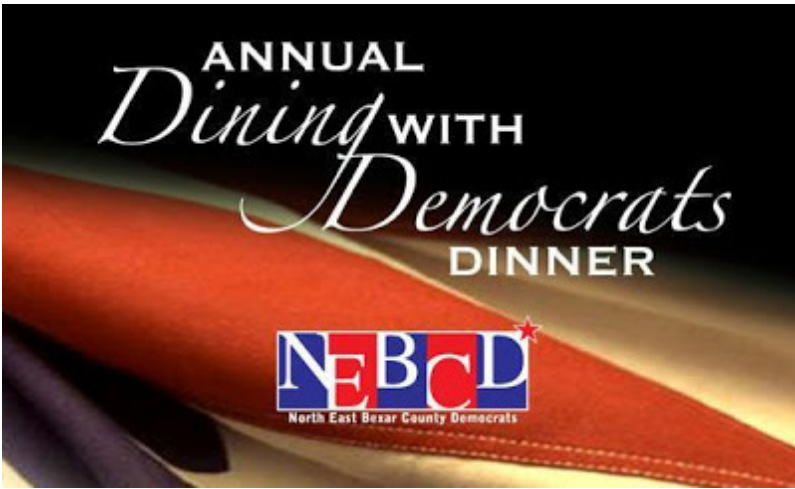
As your mayor, I will also address issues that have plagued our community for ages: generational poverty on the Westside; institutional violence on the Eastside; too much growth on the Northside; and too little growth on the Southside. People do not expect a quick fix, but they do want a mayor who cares enough to identify indicators, implement strategies, and monitor progress TODAY!

My name is Manuel Medina. I am a leader and have a vision for today. I am politically and financially independent. I am a successful businessman, family man, and man of faith. And come May, with the Lord's Blessing and your vote, I will be the New Mayor for San Antonio. (But it takes six votes on council to pass legislation, therefore, I NEED YOU TO RUN TOO!)

Manuel Medina

Chairman, Bexar County Democratic Party

Mark Your Calendars!



Thursday, March 30 | 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Condolences

Bexar County Democrats send our Condolences to:

- Vincent Garcia on the passing of his wife, Mary, on New Year's Eve.
- Valerie Jaramillo (Leo(Papi Chulo)'s wife) on the passing of her brother on New Year's Eve in Houston.

Both Vincent & Mary Garcia and Leo & Valerie Jaramillo belong to the Mexican American Democrats ONDA Chapter. We extend our condolences to both families at this very difficult time.

We will have two sympathy cards at our CEC meeting. Please sign them.



Mission Democrats to Honor Newly-Elected Democratic Officials

Thursday, January 12

6:30-8:00 pm

Presa Community Center, 3721 S. Presa St.

Pot Luck Dinner!

Community Swearing-In Ceremony for Texas State Rep-Elect Diana Arévalo

Saturday, January 14, 9:30 – 11:30 am

Wonderland of The Americas,
4522 Fredericksburg Rd

Community Swearing-In Ceremony for State Representative-Elect Diana Arévalo

It would be our honor to have you in attendance.

Stonewall Democrats Membership Meeting

Monday, January 16

6:30-8:00 pm

Luby's, 911 N. Main

Please join us for our Annual Membership Meeting

Elections for Co-Chairs & Directros, Annual Budget

Call Chris for more info: (210) 843-5766

Bexar County Young Democrats to Hold Elections

Thursday, January 12 6:30 pm

BCDP HQ | 3000 IH-10 West
on the frontage road