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2018 COPE Endorsements for March 6 Primary and Nov. 6 General Election* as of 1/26/18

* Union delegates to the Texas AFL-CIO COPE, the political arm of the Texas AFL-CIO, made endorsements in statewide races. Most endorsements were made by union delegates to Labor Assembly COPEs in districts that fall entirely within their jurisdiction. The Executive Board of the Texas Gulf Coast Area Labor Federation COPE made endorsements in districts that cross one or more labor assembly's or CLC's jurisdiction.

Candidates must win support from 2/3 of COPE delegates to obtain an endorsement. A Dual Endorsement results when two candidates both muster 2/3 of delegates' support. A No Action decision means that no candidate in a race mustered 2/3 support, allowing affiliated unions to support the candidate of their choice during the primaries. Endorsements are subject to updates based on primary and runoff election results and other factors.

Statewide Races

Position	Candidate	Party
U.S. Senator	No action	
Governor	Lupe Valdez	D
Lieutenant Governor	Mike Collier	D
Attorney General	Justin Nelson	D
Comptroller of Public Accounts	No Action	D
Commissioner of the General Land Office	Tex Morgan	D
Commissioner of Agriculture	Kim Olson	D
Railroad Commissioner	Chris Spellmon	D
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2	Steve Kirkland	D
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4	R.K. Sandill	D
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6	Kathy Cheng	D
Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals	Maria T. (Terri) Jackson	D
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 7	Ramona Franklin	D
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 8	No Action	
Chair, Texas Democratic Party	Gilberto Hinojosa	D

Brazoria County

Position	Candidate	Party
U.S. Rep., District 14	Adrienne Bell	D
U.S. Rep., District 22	Sri Preston Kulkarni	D
Justice, 1st Court of Appeals District, Place 8	Richard Hightower	D
Justice, 14 th Court of Appeals District, Place 3	Jerry Zimmerer	D
Justice, 14 th Court of Appeals District, Place 8	No Action through primary	

Chambers County

Position	Candidate	Party
U.S. Rep., District 36	Dayna Steele	D
State Rep., District 23	Wayne Faircloth	R
Justice, 1st Court of Appeals District, Place 8	Richard Hightower	D
Justice, 14 th Court of Appeals District, Place 3	Jerry Zimmerer	D
Justice, 14 th Court of Appeals District, Place 8	No Action through primary	

Fort Bend County

Position	Candidate	Party
U.S. Rep., District 22	Sri Preston Kulkarni	D
State Rep., District 26	L. Sarah DeMerchant	D
State Rep., District 27	Ron Reynolds	D
State Rep., District 28	Meghan Scoggins	D
State Rep., District 85	Jennifer Cantu	D
Justice, 1st Court of Appeals District, Place 8	Richard Hightower	D
Justice, 14 th Court of Appeals District, Place 3	Jerry Zimmerer	D
Justice, 14 th Court of Appeals District, Place 8	No Action through primary	
District Attorney, 268th Jud. Dist	Brian Middleton	D
Commissioner Pct. 4	Ken DeMerchant	D
Justice of the Peace Pct.2	Joel C. Clouser, Sr.	D
Constable Pct.2	Gary Majors	D

Galveston County

Position	Candidate	Party
U.S. Rep., District 14	Adrienne Bell	D
State Rep., District 23	Wayne Faircloth	R
Justice, 1st Court of Appeals District, Place 8	Richard Hightower	D
Justice, 14 th Court of Appeals District, Place 3	Jerry Zimmerer	D
Justice, 14 th Court of Appeals District, Place 8	No Action through primary	
County Judge	Lonnie Cox	R
County Commissioner Pct.2	Joe Giusti	R
County Commissioner Pct.4	Michelle Hatmaker	R
Justice of the Peace Pct.2	Mike Nelson	R

Harris County

Position	Endorsed Candidate	Party
U.S. Rep., District 2	Todd Litton	D
U.S. Rep., District 7	No Action on six of seven D candidates through primary NO ENDORSEMENT OF LIZZIE PANNILL FLETCHER**	D
U.S. Rep., District 9	Al Green	D
U.S. Rep., District 10	Michael Siegel	D
U.S. Rep., District 14	Adrienne Bell	D
U.S. Rep., District 18	Sheila Jackson Lee	D
U.S. Rep., District 22	Sri Preston Kulkarni	D
U.S. Rep., District 29	Sylvia Garcia	D
U.S. Rep., District 36	Dayna Steele	D
State Senator, District 15	John Whitmire	D
State Senator, District 17	No Action through primary	
State Rep., District 126	Natali Hurtado	D
State Rep., District 129	No Action through primary	
State Rep., District 130	No Action through primary	
State Rep., District 131	Alma Allen	D
State Rep., District 132	No Action through primary	
State Rep., District 133	No Action through primary	
State Rep., District 134	Allison Lami Sawyer	D
State Rep., District 135	Jon Rosenthal	D
State Rep., District 137	Gene Wu	D
State Rep., District 138	Jenifer Rene Pool NO ENDORSEMENT OF ADAM MILASINCIC**	D
State Rep., District 139	Jarvis Johnson	D
State Rep., District 140	Armando Walle	D
State Rep., District 141	Senfronia Thompson	D
State Rep., District 142	Harold V. Dutton, Jr.	D

State Rep., District 143	Ana Hernandez	D
State Rep., District 144	Mary Ann Perez	D
State Rep., District 145	Carol Alvarado	D
State Rep., District 146	Shawn Thierry	D
State Rep., District 147	Garnet F. Coleman	D
State Rep., District 148	Jessica Farrar	D
State Rep., District 149	Hubert Vo	D
State Rep., District 150	No Action through primary	
Justice, 1st Court of Appeals District, Place 8	Richard Hightower	D
Justice, 14 th Court of Appeals District, Place 3	Jerry Zimmerer	D
Justice, 14 th Court of Appeals District, Place 8	No Action through primary	
District Judge, 55th, Judicial District	Dual Endorsement of Latosha Lewis Payne and Paul Simon	D
District Judge, 113th Judicial District (Civil)	No Action through primary	
District Judge, 185th Judicial District (Criminal)	Jason Luong	D
District Judge, 189th Judicial District (Civil)	Scot "Dolli" Dollinger	D
District Judge, 234th Judicial District (Civil)	Lauren Reeder	D
District Judge, 246th Judicial District (Family)	Angela Graves-Harrington	D
District Judge, 263rd Judicial District (Criminal)	Amy Martin	D
District Judge, 269th Judicial District (Civil)	Dual Endorsement of Shampa Mukerji & Cory Sepolio	D
District Judge, 280th Judicial District (Family)	Dual Endorsement of Beth Barron & Barbara Stalder	D
District Judge, 281st Judicial District (Civil)	Dual Endorsement of George Arnold & Christine Weems	D
District Judge, 309th Judicial District (Family)	Kathy Vossler	D
District Judge, 313th Judicial District (Juvenile)	No Action through primary	
County Judge	Ed Emmett	R
Judge, County Criminal Court-at-Law No. 12	Juan Aguirre	D
Judge, County Criminal Court-at-Law No.13	Raul Rodriguez	D
Judge, County Criminal Court-at-Law No. 15	Dual Endorsement: Tonya Jones & Kris Ougrah	D
Judge, County Criminal Court-at-Law No. 2	Harold Landreneau	D
Judge, County Criminal Court-at-Law No. 5	Dual Endorsement of David Fleischer and Armen Merjanian	D
Judge, County Criminal Court-at-Law No.7	Andrew Wright	D
Judge, County Criminal Court-at-Law CrtNo.8	No Action through primary	
Judge, County Probate Court-at-Law No. 2	Jim Peacock	D
Judge, County Probate Court-at-Law No.4	Michael Galligan	D
Judge, County Civil Court-at-Law CrtNo. 2	Dual Endorsement of Jim Kovach and Stanley Santire	D
District Clerk	Chris Daniel	R
County Clerk	Diane Trautman	D
County Treasurer	No action through primary	D
Commissioner Pct. 2	Jack Morman	R
Justice of the Peace Pct.3 Place 2	Don Coffey	D
Justice of the Peace Pct. 7 Place.2	No Action through primary	

**** Consistent with a recently adopted [Texas AFL-CIO COPE Resolution to Oppose Candidates Who Engage in Union-Busting Activities](#) in their professional lives. delegates voted NO ENDORSEMENT of these two candidates.**

Liberty County

Position	Candidate	Party
U.S. Rep., District 36	Dayna Steele	D

Waller County

Position	Candidate	Party
U.S. Rep., District 10	Michael Siegel	D
Justice, 1st Court of Appeals District, Place 8	Richard Hightower	D
Justice, 14 th Court of Appeals District, Place 3	Jerry Zimmerer	D
Justice, 14 th Court of Appeals District, Place 8	No Action through primary	

Wharton County

Position	Candidate	Party
State Rep., District 85	Jennifer Cantu	D