



**TEXAS HEMP**  
BUSINESS COUNCIL

# TEXAS HEMP VOTER GUIDE

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- **Early Voting: Feb 17–Feb 28th**
- **Primary Election Day: March 3, 2026**
- **Primary Runoff (if needed): May 26, 2026**
- **General Election Day: November 3, 2026**



# HELLO, VOTERS!

As we head into the 2026 election cycle, the future of the Texas hemp industry sits at a critical crossroads. The decisions made by our state and federal leaders this year will determine if this \$10 billion industry survives or is dismantled.

Your ballot is one of the most powerful tools you have to protect small businesses, agricultural freedom, and consumer access. This guide is designed to help you understand which candidates support a regulated, legal hemp market — and which support sweeping bans that conflict with the views of 79% of Texans.

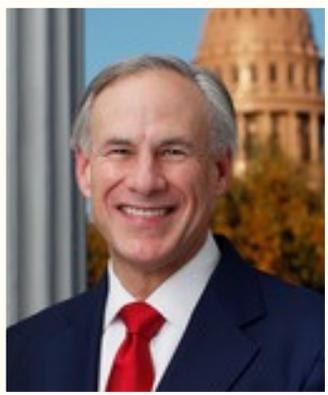
You do not have to be registered with a political party to vote in a primary. You may choose which primary to participate in on Election Day — but you can only vote in one.

If our industry shows up, we shape the outcome. If we stay home, others decide for us.



# GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

 **REPUBLICAN PRIMARY** 



## **GREG ABBOTT - INCUMBANT**

### **STANCE ON HEMP: PRO-HEMP REGULATION**

Governor Abbott vetoed SB 3 in 2025, preventing a sweeping hemp ban which kept Texas' hemp market operational. He supports stronger regulatory standards — including limits on smokable hemp. However, under his administration, the industry remains legal and open to input in the ongoing DSHS rulemaking process.



## **PETE CHAMBERS**

### **STANCE ON HEMP: LIMITED GOV / UNKNOWN**

Pete Chambers previously served as a U.S. Army Special Forces Green Beret and is a physician. He emphasizes property tax relief, stronger border security, and critiques of current leadership and government overreach as central themes of his campaign.



## **MARK GOLOBY**

### **STANCE ON HEMP: LEANS RESTRICTIVE**

Goloby has background in business and entrepreneurial leadership. His campaign has emphasized tax reform and financial issues for Texans. He has a mixed view on hemp legality for recreational or medicinal purposes. Leans restrictive for personal use.



# GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

 **DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY** 



## **GINA HINAJOSA**

### **STANCE ON HEMP: PRO-HEMP/PRO-CANNABIS**

In the Texas House, she has consistently co-authored bills to decriminalize cannabis and expand medical access. She has voted "No" on previous attempts to ban hemp-derived THC. She has not released a specific public statement on hemp regulation or smokable hemp policy.



## **CHRIS BELL**

### **STANCE ON HEMP: PRO-CANNABIS/PRO-REFORM**

A former Congressman who has long advocated for an "equitable marijuana law" in Texas. He supports decriminalization and a licensed, regulated market that protects small sellers.



## **BOBBY COLE**

### **STANCE ON HEMP: PRO-HEMP/FARMER PERSPECTIVE**

He emphasizes rural economic development and views hemp as a vital crop for the future of Texas agriculture.



# LT. GOVERNOR OF TEXAS



REPUBLICAN PRIMARY



## **DAN PATRICK - INCUMBANT**

**STANCE ON HEMP: STRONGLY NEGATIVE / HARD NO**

The primary driver of the effort to ban Delta-8 and THCA. He has made it a top priority to shut down the consumable hemp market, often calling it a "legal loophole" that must be closed.



## **TIMOTHY MABRY**

**STANCE ON HEMP: PRO-HEMP/ CONSERVATIVE**

A Navy veteran and business consultant. He emphasizes "personal responsibility" and "limited government," and has made it clear he is an advocate for hemp. He is one of the only candidates that has shown up to events to talk with people in the industry.



## **PERLA MUNOZ HOPKINS**

**STANCE ON HEMP: UNKNOWN / EDUCATOR**

Her platform focuses on education and "traditional Texas values." She has not issued a specific platform regarding the hemp industry.



# LT. GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

 **DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY** 



## **VIKKI GOODWIN**

### **STANCE ON HEMP: PRO-HEMP / REFORMER**

A current State Representative from Austin. She has been a reliable vote against hemp bans and supports a regulated market. She views current leadership as "out of touch" with small business needs.



## **MARCOS VELEZ**

### **STANCE ON HEMP: PRO-HEMP / LABOR ADVOCATE**

A union representative who supports legalization and decriminalization as a way to create jobs and end unnecessary incarceration.



## **COURTNEY HEAD**

### **STANCE ON HEMP: PRO-REFORM**

A contracts manager who emphasizes "transparency" and "common sense." She generally supports reform-minded policies over prohibition.



# TX ATTORNEY GENERAL

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY



### **CHIP ROY**

#### **STANCE ON HEMP: UNCLEAR / LEANS RESTRICTIVE**

The current U.S. Congressman is the frontrunner. While he often fights "federal overreach," he has not been a champion for hemp in the past. He leans toward a "law and order" approach that often mirrors the restrictive views of the current state leadership. Even with his restrictive stance, he is likely the best candidate for the republican ticket.



### **AARON REITZ**

#### **STANCE ON HEMP: NEGATIVE / RESTRICTIVE**

A former deputy to Ken Paxton and DOJ official. He has been endorsed by Paxton specifically to continue Paxton's "warrior" legacy. Given Paxton's history of suing hemp shops, Reitz is likely to continue that aggressive stance.



### **JOAN HUFFMAN**

#### **STANCE ON HEMP: NEGATIVE / RESTRICTIVE**

A powerful State Senator from Houston. She has historically voted for stricter criminal penalties and has been a key ally to the Senate leadership that tried to ban Delta-8 and THCA in 2025.



# TX ATTORNEY GENERAL



## DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY



### **JOE JOWORSKI**

#### **STANCE ON HEMP: PRO-HEMP / PRO-LEGALIZATION**

The former Mayor of Galveston has explicitly stated that he will "lead a statewide effort to legalize adult-use recreational cannabis." He views hemp and cannabis as a massive revenue and job creator for Texas.



### **NATHAN JOHNSON**

#### **STANCE ON HEMP: PRO-HEMP / LEGAL EXPERT**

A current State Senator from Dallas. He has been a sophisticated defender of the hemp industry in the Senate, frequently pointing out that many of the proposed bans are unconstitutional and ignore the 2018 Farm Bill.



### **TONY BOX**

#### **STANCE ON HEMP: PRO-REFORM**

A former FBI agent and attorney. He focuses on "restoring integrity" to the office. While less vocal than Jaworski on the specific "legalize everything" platform, he generally supports a regulated, legal market over prohibition.



# TX AG COMMISSIONER

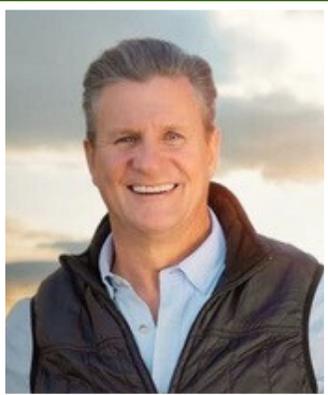
## ★ ALL CANDIDATES ★



### **SID MILLER - INCUMBANT REPUBLICAN**

#### **STANCE ON HEMP: MIXED / UNRELIABLE**

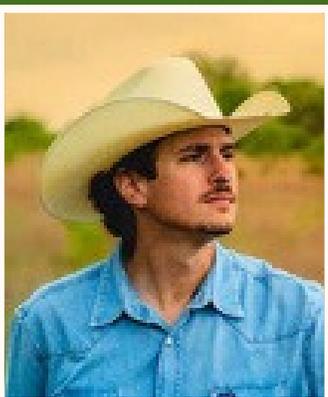
Historically an ally, but in 2025 he deleted social media posts defending the industry and aligned with Dan Patrick to support a "Total THC" ban. He recently criticized a federal ban but is currently endorsing stricter rules inside Texas. He is the best option on the republican ticket.



### **NATE SHEETS - REPUBLICAN**

#### **STANCE ON HEMP: NEGATIVE / RESTRICTIVE**

Founder of Nature Nate's Honey. He is running as a "Trump Conservative" with the backing of far-right social groups. His platform focuses on "traditional" agriculture and values, which typically aligns with the anti-hemp-THC wing of the GOP.



### **CLAYTON TUCKER - DEMOCRAT**

#### **STANCE ON HEMP: STRONGLY PRO-HEMP**

A rancher and progressive organizer. He views hemp as a vital "affordability" crop for farmers and has consistently advocated for protecting small-scale hemp entrepreneurs and expanding agricultural freedom. He is the only democrat running for AG.



# US SENATE



## DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY



### **JAMES TALARICO**

#### **STANCE ON HEMP: PRO-HEMP/REFORM**

As a State Rep, Talarico has been a key ally. He supports expanding the Compassionate Use Program and has spoken out against "policing plants." He views the hemp ban as an unnecessary expansion of the "War on Drugs."



### **JASMINE CROCKETT**

#### **STANCE ON HEMP: PRO-HEMP**

Crockett is a vocal advocate for federal cannabis decriminalization. She has repeatedly criticized "loopholes" being used as an excuse to ban safe products and supports a regulated market that protects small business owners.



### **AHMAD HASSAN**

#### **STANCE ON HEMP: PRO-HEMP**

His platform focuses on individual liberties and health equity, which includes protecting access to hemp-derived cannabinoids for those who cannot access or afford the medical marijuana program.



# US SENATE



## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY



### **JOHN CORNYN - INCUMBANT**

#### **STANCE ON HEMP: NEGATIVE/RESTRICTIVE**

Cornyn voted against an amendment in late 2025 that would have protected the hemp market. He recently supported a federal funding deal that included language to ban hemp-derived products with over 0.4mg of THC per container, effectively targeting the retail industry.



### **KEN PAXTON**

#### **STANCE ON HEMP: NEGATIVE/HOSTILE**

As Texas AG, Paxton has been the industry's biggest legal opponent. He has actively encouraged raids on hemp shops and consistently argues that Delta-8 and THCA are "illegal controlled substances" despite the 2018 Farm Bill.



### **WESLEY HUNT**

#### **STANCE ON HEMP: EMERGING/MIXED**

Hunt is running for Senate as a "Trump-aligned" disruptor. While he hasn't made hemp a central pillar, he has historically been more open to agricultural freedom than Cornyn. However, he has not yet publicly opposed the recent federal THC caps.



# US REPRESENTATIVES



HEMP ALLIES IN THE 2026 PRIMARIES



## HOUSTON

**DISTRICT 9 BRISCO CAINE (REPUBLICAN)** - A hemp ally during the 2025 legislative session and is currently moving to run for Congress. He is a staunch believer in agricultural freedom.

**DISTRICT 18 AL GREEN (DEMOCRAT)** - A consistent supporter of federal cannabis reform and the SAFE Banking Act. He has historically voted to protect the legal hemp industry from federal overreach.

**DISTRICT 18 CHRISTIAN MENEFFEE (DEMOCRAT)** - Currently the Harris County Attorney. He has been vocal about deprioritizing minor cannabis offenses and protecting the rights of small business owners in the hemp space.

**DISTRICT 7 LIZZIE FLETCHER (DEMOCRAT)** - She has consistently supported federal legislation to decriminalize cannabis and protect the hemp industry's access to the banking system.

## DALLAS/DFW

**DISTRICT 33 COLLIN ALLRED & JULIE JOHNSON (DEMOCRAT)** - Both are running in a primary for this seat. Both have strong records in support of cannabis and hemp reform. Julie Johnson, as a State Rep, was a reliable "No" vote on every attempt to ban Delta-8 and THCA in Austin.

**DISTRICT 12 HELI RODRIGUEZ PRILLIMAN (DEMOCRAT)** - A tech entrepreneur running on a platform of economic modernization, which includes supporting the growth of the Texas hemp and CBD industry.

# US REPRESENTATIVES



HEMP ALLIES IN THE 2026 PRIMARIES



## SAN ANTONIO

**DISTRICT 23 BRANDON HERRERA (REPUBLICAN)** - Running as a "Libertarian-leaning" Republican against Tony Gonzales. While he is primarily focused on 2A rights, his platform emphasizes individual liberty and reducing government interference in personal choices (like hemp).

**DISTRICT 35 GREG CASAR (DEMOCRAT)** - A very vocal supporter of full cannabis legalization and protecting the hemp market from the "War on Drugs" style of policing.

**DISTRICT 20 JOQUIN CASTRO (DEMOCRAT)** - A consistent vote for the SAFE Banking Act and federal decriminalization efforts that protect the hemp supply chain.

## PAN HANDLE

**DISTRICT 13 CHASITY WEDGEWORTH (REPUBLICAN)** - A Texas business owner and constitutional conservative running for U.S. Congress. She openly supports hemp legalization and supported advocacy efforts during the 2025 legislative session.



# IMPORTANT LINKS 2026 ELECTION



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