



## **The Texas REALTOR® vote can make a difference!**

As the primary election season nears, Texas REALTORS® have a tremendous opportunity to help make a lasting impact on the real estate industry and private property rights. By electing state officials who understand the importance of private property rights and the American Dream of homeownership, we can ensure that an impending state budget deficit will not be balanced on the backs of homeowners or homebuyers.

The Texas Association of REALTORS® encourages all Texas REALTORS® to vote in the upcoming March primary elections. Turnout in primary elections tends to be lower than in general elections, making your vote all the more important.

### **Voter registration**

Visit the [Texas Secretary of State's website](#) to see voter-registration qualifications. With just a few clicks you can print out a voter registration form. Once you complete the form, mail it into your county's voter registrar.

### **Important dates to remember**

February 1 - Last day to register to vote  
February 16 - First day of early voting  
February 23 – Last day to apply for Ballot by Mail  
February 26 -Last day of early voting  
March 2 - Primary election day

### **The convenience of early voting**

REALTORS® are encouraged to vote early because the lines are generally shorter. In addition, counties have multiple early voting locations that allow voters to cast their ballots at convenient polling locations. If you wait for election day, you must vote at your voting precinct location.

### **TREPAC supported candidates list available online**

Want to know which candidates in the March 2 primary election support private-property rights, free enterprise, and other issues important to REALTORS® and property owners? [Check out the TREPAC page](#) for a list of candidates supported by the Texas REALTORS® Political Action Committee.

### **Opportunity-race candidates**

An opportunity race represents a higher level of candidate support by the state and local associations. [View the list of opportunity-race candidates](#) and contact your [TAR field representative](#) to find out how you can help.

### **Make an difference on behalf of the REALTOR® Party**

Do you plan to attend your political party's precinct convention? REALTORS® are encouraged to participate in their political party's precinct, county, and state party conventions and present the [American Dream Resolution](#) through a program called the [Texas REALTOR® Delegate Program](#). Doing so will ensure that the state

Democratic and Republican Parties express their support for homeowners and formalize their encouragement for the state *not* to pass harmful real estate transfer taxes or sales taxes on REALTOR® commissions.

If you are interested in taking an extra step toward promoting REALTOR® issues and private property rights, contact your political party's county office to inquire about becoming a precinct chairman in your voting precinct. Thousands of these positions around the state are vacant.

Precinct chairs facilitate precinct conventions, which are held directly following the primary elections. The benefits are two-fold: 1) You increase the odds of the American Dream Resolution being passed by your precinct and beyond; and 2) You develop meaningful relationships with elected officials, ensuring that Texas REALTOR® issues are given more credibility.

Click the following links to contact:

[Democratic Party County Chairmen](#)

[Republican Party County Chairmen](#)

If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to contact the Texas Association of REALTORS® Governmental Affairs staff.

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