

State of Texas Constitutional Amendments on Ballot for November 7, 2023 Election (compilation)

Recommendations from progressive groups and leaders for Texas Constitutional Amendments on the Nov. 7, 2023 Joint/General Election Ballot are listed below. **Early Voting is Monday October 23 through Friday November 3.**

Stonewall Democrats of Dallas takes no formal position on any Amendments. This list is compiled from various sources discussed at our October 17 meeting, so that each voter may make their own informed decision.

Amend. #	Position (Yes/No)	Progressive Sources:	Reasoning:
1	NO	PT, MAA	Protects corporate farming interests and limits local control.
2	YES	PT, MAA	Allows tax breaks for Childcare facilities; no opposition to it in Texas Lege.
3	NO	PT, MAA, VJ, SB	Protects wealthy taxpayers.
4	Toss Up*		Provides property tax relief. VJ / YD say Yes, MAA says No & PT says Toss Up.
5	YES	PT, MAA, VJ	Funds major research universities; no opposition to it in Texas Lege.
6	YES	EDF, MAA	Provides \$1 billion to improve water infrastructure (PT is Yes with reservations).
7	NO	EDF, MAA, PT, VJ	Gives up \$10 billion to build more polluting, fracked gas-powered plants.
8	YES	PT, MAA, VJ	Expands broadband internet statewide.
9	YES	PT, MAA, VJ, SB	Gives overdue Cost of Living Increase to retired teachers; money is already there.
10	NO*	PT, MAA - No YD - Yes	Removes property taxes on equipment or inventory belonging to manufacturers of medical or biomedical products. State Lege voiced no opposition.
11	YES	PT, MAA, VJ	Increases funding of parks & recreation facilities in El Paso County.
12	NO	PT, VJ, SB	Removes elected position accountable to voters, originally created to check the power of County Commissioners Court. (Link to source on Prop 12 HERE)
13	NO**	PT, SB, YD – Yes MAA, VJ – No	Allows judges to stay in office to 79 years of age (up from 75). **Can be seen as political amendment to protect conservative Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court. Per LWV: “retired state judges are still eligible to serve as visiting judges, so retired state judges can continue to work if they choose.”
14	YES	EDF, MAA, PT, VJ	Improves Texas State Parks; no opposition to it in the Texas Lege.

Look up Dallas County ballot <https://www.dallascountyvotes.org/voter-lookup/#VoterEligibilitySearch>:

Legend of Progressive Sources:

- EDF: Environmental Defense Action Fund (EDF Action) <https://edf.org>
- MAA: Mothers Against Gregg Abbott: <https://mothersagainstgreggabbott.com/2023-ballot-propositions/>
- PT: Progress Texas recommendations: <https://progresstexas.org/2023-texas-statewide-ballot-guide>
- VJ: Rep. Venton Jones, Democratic Representative for Texas House District 100
- YD: Rep. Yvonne Davis, Democratic Representative for Texas House District 111
- SB: Susan Bradley, SDEC Committeewoman, Senate District 16 at: susanbradleysd16@earthlink.net

OTHER SOURCES:

- LWV: League of Women Voters at: <https://www.lwvtexas.org/>
- Prop 12 – <https://transparency.mycpac.org/index.html>



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