

COMMISSION SHIFT RAILROAD COMMISSION VOTER GUIDE






What is the Railroad Commission responsible for?

The Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) is the regulatory agency that oversees oil and gas development, coal and uranium mining, and gas utility service in Texas. The RRC's decisions affect every Texan in some way, whether you live next to oil and gas development or pay a gas utility bill. Its mission is to serve Texans through stewardship of natural resources and the environment, concern for personal and community safety of enhanced development and economic vitality for the benefit of Texans.




Members of the three-person commission are elected statewide, not regionally. One seat is up for election every two years, in even-numbered years. Commissioners serve staggered six-year terms, and there is no limit to the number of terms a commissioner can serve.

What you need to know about going to the polls

Before Voting

-  Check if you are registered to vote at [votetexas.gov](https://www.votetexas.gov).
-  Find polling places on your county election website or at [VOTE411.org](https://www.VOTE411.org).
-  Find a sample ballot on your county election website or call your county elections division for more information.







Day of Voting

-  Bring your sample ballot to the polls for additional support at the booth.
-  Bring one type of valid photo ID (see list below).
-  Try to vote early, between 10 AM - 4 PM if you plan to vote on election day, or allow extra time for long lines.

You'll need one of seven types of valid photo ID to vote in Texas:



The RRC oversees:

-  Oil and gas development
-  Coal and uranium mining
-  Gas utility rates
-  Pipeline safety
-  Orphaned oil and gas wells
-  Venting and flaring at oil and gas wells



Important Dates

Monday, October 7th, 2024: Last day to register to vote

Monday, October 21st, 2024: First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance

Friday, October 25th, 2024: Last day to apply for ballot by mail

Friday, November 1st: Last day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance

Tuesday, November 5th, 2024: General Election Day/Last Day to Receive Ballot By Mail*

*Tuesday, November 5, 2024 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is not postmarked, OR Wednesday, November 6, 2024 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply).

A state driver's license (issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety).

A Texas election identification certificate (issued by DPS).

A Texas personal identification card (issued by DPS).

A Texas license to carry a handgun (issued by DPS).

A U.S. military ID card with a personal photo.

A U.S. citizenship certificate with a personal photo.

A U.S. passport.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

If you experience any problems with voting, you can call 1-866-Our-Vote. Find more information about voter protection at [texasvoterprotection.org](https://www.texasvoterprotection.org).

To learn more about voting by mail, check out the excellent [explainer from the League of Women Voters Texas](#).

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Instructions:

This section of the guide is designed to help Texans reflect on their values and community needs. Review each candidate and input your responses to the prompted questions below.

For additional information regarding candidates please refer to the League of Women Voters' [Nonpartisan Voters Guide](#) (also available in Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese).

List of Candidates

Republican Party Candidate

Christi Craddick

Campaign website:
<https://christicraddick.com/>

Democratic Party Candidate

Katherine Culbert

Campaign website:
<https://www.katherine4texas.com/>

Green Party Candidate

Eddie Espinoza

Campaign website:
<https://www.espinoza4tx.com/>

Libertarian Party Candidate

Lynn "Hawk" Dunlap

Campaign website:
<https://hawk4texas.com/>

Notes

What are my values?

What changes do I want to see in my community, county, and state? How will the candidate(s) contribute to these changes?

Which candidate(s) best aligns with my values?

Additional comments/notes:

This voters guide is presented by Commission Shift, a Texas-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to reforming oil and gas oversight. We educate and organize a wide array of Texans to build support for changes at the Railroad Commission that improve the agency's function, transparency, and accountability to the many people and places impacted by the oil and gas industry. Commission Shift maintains a nonpartisan stance and refrains from endorsing or opposing any political party or candidate. Our primary objective is to inform and equip the public with resources essential for informed participation in the forthcoming elections.

