

Texas Weekly's Hot List

The most competitive races in the Texas General Election

We lifted this idea from the inventors of the federal terror watch, ranking districts by the threat to each incumbent (or incumbent party, in the case of open districts) and assigning each group a garish color. *Yellow* means there's trouble on the sidewalk. *Orange* is trouble on the front porch. *Red* is trouble walking in the door. Incumbents' names are in bold.

This week's changes: Mark Homer and Diana Maldonado move from Red to Orange. They're not out of trouble, but they've got colleagues who are facing greater heat. Carol Kent, Robert Miklos, and Chris Turner migrate up to Red from Orange, based on what we're hearing from consultants on both sides. Coincidentally, the two downgraded races both have three candidates in them; none of the three upgraded risks has a Libertarian on board to — in the conventional thinking — help the Democrat by pulling votes from the Republican.

District / Temperature	Republican	Democrat	Libertarian
CD-17	Bill Flores, Bryan	Chet Edwards , Waco	Richard Kelly, Morgan
HD-85	Jim Landtroop, Plainview	Joe Heflin , Crosbyton	
HD-96	Bill Zedler, Arlington	Chris Turner , Burleson	
HD-101	Cindy Burkett, Mesquite	Robert Miklos , Dallas	
HD-102	Stefani Carter, Dallas	Carol Kent , Dallas	
HD-105	Linda Harper-Brown , Irving	Loretta Haldenwang, Irving	Cecil Anthony Ince, Irving
HD-133	Jim Murphy, Houston	Kristi Thibaut , Houston	Alfred Montestruc, Houston
CD-23	Francisco "Quico" Canseco, San Antonio	Ciro Rodriguez , San Antonio	Martin Nitschke, Houston
HD-3	Erwin Cain, Sulphur Springs	Mark Homer , Paris	J. Douglas Froneberger, Sulphur Springs
HD-47	Paul Workman, Spicewood	Valinda Bolton , Austin	Kris Bailey, Austin
HD-52	Larry Gonzales, Round Rock	Diana Maldonado , Round Rock	Charles McCoy, Hutto
HD-78	Dee Margo, El Paso	Joseph Moody , El Paso	
HD-113	Joe Driver , Garland	Jamie Dorris, Sachse	
HD-1	George Lavender, Texarkana	Stephen Frost , Atlanta	
HD-12	James White, Hillister	Jim McReynolds , Lufkin	
HD-17	Tim Kleinschmidt , Lexington	Pati Jacobs, Bastrop	Travis Hill, Elgin
HD-34	Connie Scott, Corpus Christi	Abel Herrero , Robstown	
HD-35	Jose Aliseda, Beeville	Yvonne Gonzales Toureilles , Alice	
HD-45	Jason Isaac, Dripping Springs	Patrick Rose , Dripping Springs	
HD-48	Dan Neil, Austin	Donna Howard , Austin	Ben Easton, Austin
HD-56	Charles "Doc" Anderson , Waco	John Mabry, Waco	Neill Snider, Waco
HD-74	Thomas (T.C.) Kincaid Jr., Fort Stockton	Pete Gallego , Alpine	
HD-93	Barbara Nash, Arlington	Paula Pierson , Arlington	Colin Sowards, Mansfield
HD-107	Kenneth Sheets, Dallas	Allen Vaught , Dallas	Brandon Parsons, Dallas
HD-114	Will Hartnett , Dallas	John Wellik, Dallas	
HD-134	Sarah Davis, Houston	Ellen Cohen , Houston	Wesley Hamner, Houston
HD-138	Dwayne Bohac , Houston	Kendra Yarborough-Camarena, Houston	
HD-144	Ken Legler , Pasadena	Rick Molina, Houston	Clifford Messina, Houston