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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR SEVENTH ANNUAL TEXAS TRIBUNE FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 22-24 ON THE UT-AUSTIN CAMPUS

AUSTIN, TEXAS (MAY 9, 2017) – Registration is now open for the annual [Texas Tribune Festival](#), The Texas Tribune announced today. The Festival — the organization's signature annual event — will take place on the University of Texas at Austin campus the weekend of Sept. 22-24, 2017.

[Attendees may now register](#) to join more than 250 of the biggest names in politics and public policy. The Festival program will be a continuation of the discussions being had around Texas kitchen tables on topics such as public and higher education, criminal justice, immigration, health care, energy, the environment and transportation.

“This is the seventh Tribune Festival, but it’s the first since the country started vibrating — on both sides — about every bit of political news,” said Tribune CEO Evan Smith. “There is so much to talk about: the Trump presidency, the changing media landscape, the 2018 elections and, of course, everything that happened this legislative session. We. Can’t. Wait.”

Registration for the 2017 Texas Tribune Festival is \$300, with a \$200 Sine Die Special expiring at midnight on May 29 — the last day of the current legislative session. Registration includes full access to three days of debate, discussion and dialogue on the UT-Austin campus, unparalleled networking opportunities, fun receptions and delicious bites from Austin’s famous food trucks. Special registration discounts are available for Texas Tribune members, students and educators. Register at texastribune.org/festival.

The 2016 Festival shattered previous records, attracting 87,000 combined in-person attendees and livestream viewers throughout the weekend. High-profile speakers from the event included U.S. Sen. **Ted Cruz**, R-Texas; **Wendy Davis**, the 2014 Democratic candidate for Texas governor; Lt. Gov. **Dan Patrick**; **John Kasich**, governor of Ohio and Republican candidate for president in 2016; **Phil Collins**, musician and Alamo enthusiast; **Katharine Hayhoe**, director of the Climate Science Center at Texas Tech University; **Gary Johnson**, 2016 Libertarian candidate for president; **Sylvester Turner**, mayor of Houston; **Mike Rawlings**, mayor of

Dallas; Texas Supreme Court Justice **Eva Guzman**; former U.S. Sen. **Kay Bailey Hutchison**; U.S. Reps. **Joaquin Castro**, D-San Antonio, and **Will Hurd**, R-San Antonio; **Mike Morath**, Texas Education Commissioner; and **Donna Bahorich**, chairwoman of the State Board of Education.

Full speaker lineup and programming details for the 2017 Festival will be announced in the coming months. The Festival is now accepting [press credential requests](#).

Receive more Festival updates, including talent announcements and news on special events, at texastribune.org/festival.

Media partners for the Festival include the Austin American-Statesman, CultureMap, Houston Public Media, KERA, KLRU, Texas Monthly, Texas Standard, The Austin Chronicle, The Washington Post and Univision 62.

More information about the Festival is available online at texastribune.org/festival, on Facebook at facebook.com/texastribune and on Twitter at [@TexasTribune](https://twitter.com/TexasTribune).

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