

Texas Weekly's Hot List

The most competitive races in the Texas Primaries

We lifted the color scheme from the inventors of the federal terror watch, ranking districts by the threat to each incumbent, to the incumbent party, or just by the level of interest in and heat generated by a particular race, then 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. Open seats are rated by the apparent margin between top candidates (closer is hotter). This is certainly and intentionally subject to argument, and we'll revise and adjust each week through the May 29 primary. Let us know what you think.

Changes this week: We downgraded races in HD-83, HD-133, and HD-146 (two notches); added the Allen/Adams in HD-131, and raised the heat levels in SD-30, HD-11, HD-98, HD-92, and in both primaries in HD-144.

District / Temperature	Primary	Candidates
CD-14	R	Jay Old, Bill Sargent, Robert Gonzalez, Michael Truncale, Randy Weber, Felicia Harris, Paul Hawes, George Harper, Mark Mansius, John Gay
CD-23	D	John Bustamante, Ciro Rodriguez, Pete Gallego
CD-25	R	David "Dave" Garrison, Dianne Costa, Chad Wilbanks, Brian Matthews, Justin Hewlett, Bill Burch, Michael Williams, Roger Williams, Wes Riddle, James Dillon, Ernie Beltz Jr., Charles Holcombe
CD-33	D	J.R. Molina, Steve Salazar, Domingo Garcia, David Alameel, Kathleen Hicks, Marc Veasey, Kyev Tatum, Manuel Valdez, Jason E. Roberts, Carlos Quintanilla, Chrysta L. Castaneda
CD-34	D	Elmo Aycock, Salomon Torres, Juan Angel Guerra, Armando Villalobos, Ramiro Garza Jr., Filemon Vela, Denise Saenz Blanchard, Anthony Troiani
CD-35	D	Lloyd Doggett (i), Maria Luisa Alvarado, Sylvia Romo
CD-36	R	Ky Griffin, Lois Dickson Myers, Jim Engstrand, Stephen Takach, Kim Morrell, Jerry Doyle, Daniel Whitton, Steve Stockman, Charles B. Meyer, Keith Casey, Mike Jackson, Tim Wintill
SD-9	R	Kelly Hancock, Todd Smith
SD-25	R	Donna Campbell, Elizabeth Ames Jones, Jeff Wentworth (i)
HD-7	R	Tommy Merritt, David Simpson (i)
HD-9	R	Wayne Christian (i), Christopher "Chris" Paddie
HD-11	R	Chuck Hopson (i), Travis Clardy, Tony Sevilla
HD-19	R	James White (i), Mike "Tuffy" Hamilton (i)
HD-57	R	Marva Beck (i), Trent Ashby
HD-75	D	Mary Gonzalez, Tony San Roman, Hector Enriquez
HD-88	R	Jim Landtroop (i), Gary Walker, Mac Smith, Ken King
HD-90	D	Lon Burnam (i), Carlos Vasquez
HD-98	R	Vicki Truitt (i), Giovanni Capriglione
HD-115	R	Andy Olivo, Steve Nguyen, Matt Rinaldi, Bennett Ratliff, Lib Grimmett

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CD-6	R	Joe Barton (i), Itamar Gelbman, Frank Kuchar, Joe Chow
CD-15	D	Ruben Hinojosa (i), Jane Cross, Ruben Ramon Ramirez, Johnny "JP" Partain, David Cantu
CD-16	D	Silvestre Reyes (i), Jerome Tilghman, Ben E. Mendoza, Beto O'Rourke
CD-30	D	Eddie Bernice Johnson (i), Barbara Mallory Caraway, Taj Clayton
SD-30	R	Craig Estes (i), Jim Herblin
HD-3	R	Cecil Bell Jr., Bob Bagley, Troy Bonin
HD-5	R	Bryan Hughes (i), Mary Lookadoo
HD-12	R	Josh Tetens, Timothy Delasandro, Chris Scotti, Tucker Anderson, Kyle Kacal
HD-15	R	Rob Eissler (i), Steve Toth
HD-26	R	Diana Miller, Rick Miller, Jacquie Chaumette, Sonal Bhuchar
HD-33	R	Scott Turner, Jim Pruitt
HD-35	D	Oscar Longoria, Gus Ruiz
HD-40	D	T.C. Betancourt, Terry Canales, Augustus Hernandez Jr., Robert Peña
HD-43	R	Jose Manuel Lozano (i), Bill T. Wilson II, William "Willie" Vaden
HD-56	R	Charles "Doc" Anderson (i), Raymond Hixson, Chris DeCluitt
HD-65	R	Mike Hennefer, Ron Simmons, David Loerwald
HD-67	R	Jeran Akers, Jeff Leach, Jon Cole, John Pitchford, Roger Burns, Merideth Akers
HD-68	R	David Isbell, Drew Springer, Paul Braswell, Trent McKnight
HD-70	R	Scott Sanford, Bracy Wilson
HD-74	D	Robert Garza, Efrain Valdez, Poncho Nevárez
HD-77	D	Marisa Marquez (i), Aaron Barraza
HD-91	R	Stephanie Klick, Charles Scoma, Kenneth Sapp, Lady Thombs
HD-92	R	Roger Fisher, Jonathan Stickland
HD-93	R	Barbara Nash (i), Patricia "Pat" Carlson, Matt Krause
HD-95	D	Jesse Gaines, Nicole Collier, Dulani "Jamal Jones" Masimini
HD-97	R	Chris Hatch, Craig Goldman, Susan Todd
HD-101	D	Vickie Barnett, Paula Hightower Pierson, Chris Turner
HD-114	R	Bill Keffer, David Boone, Jason Villalba
HD-117	D	Tina Torres, Ken Mireles, Phillip "San Antonio" Cortez
HD-125	D	Delicia Herrera, Justin Rodriguez
HD-131	D	Alma Allen (i), Wanda Adams
HD-133	R	Jim Murphy (i), Ann Witt

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HD-137	D	Joseph Carlos Madden, Jamaal Smith, Sarah Winkler, Gene Wu
HD-144	D	Mary Ann Perez, Orinaldo Ybarra, Kevin Risner
HD-144	R	David Pineda, Gilbert Peña
CD-3	R	Sam Johnson (i), Harry Pierce, Josh Caesar
CD-4	R	Ralph Hall (i), Louis "Lou" Gigliotti, Steve Clark
CD-19	R	Randy Neugebauer (i), Chris Winn
SD-11	R	Daniel McCool, Dave Norman, Larry Taylor
SD-31	R	Randy Rives, Kel Seliger (i)
HD-4	R	Lance Gooden (i), Stuart Spitzer
HD-6	R	Leo Berman (i), Matt Schaefer
HD-10	R	Jim Pitts (i), Matthew "David" Melton, Linda Bounds, T.J. Fabby
HD-24	R	Ryan Sitton, Greg Bonnen, Heidi Thiess
HD-29	R	Ed Thompson, Debra Rosenthal-Ritter
HD-47	R	Paul Workman (i), Ryan Downton
HD-59	R	Sid Miller (i), Mike Jones, J.D. Sheffield
HD-83	R	Charles Perry (i), Delwin Jones
HD-85	R	Phil Stephenson, Lee Duggan
HD-106	R	Amber Fulton, Pat Fallon
HD-110	D	Larry Taylor, Cedric Davis, Toni Rose
HD-121	R	Joe Straus (i), Matt Beebe
HD-146	D	Borris L. Miles (i), Al Edwards
HD-150	R	Debbie Riddle (i), James Wilson