

For Democracy. For You.

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For Democracy. For You- This Week's News

TX-38 Volunteer Kick-Off: Your Community Needs You!

Join the Movement

Don't sit on the sidelines while others decide our future. Join us for our Volunteer Kick-Off and help us reach every door in the district.

- **When:** Sunday, May 3 • 3-6 PM
- **Where:** The Backyard Grill • 9453 Jones Rd. Houston, TX 77065
- **The Mission:** Bring back the system of Checks and Balances into the Government

No experience is necessary. We provide the training, the tech, and the snacks—you provide the passion. From the Energy Corridor to the suburbs, let's show Texas what a grassroots movement looks like.

Stand up for TX-38. RSVP today and help us bring home a victory!

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One of the strongest ways to keep protesting is by organizing for elections. That means volunteering for candidates who will defend democracy, like Melissa McDonough for Congress in TXCD-38. You can help by **block walking, phone banking, or supporting campaign events.**

And if you're able, donate—every dollar helps build real momentum.

VOLUNTEER KICK-OFF

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For Democracy. For You- Voting in May 2026

With several election cycles converging this month, voters in Texas' 38th Congressional District (TX-CD 38) face a packed May 2026 calendar. From local school boards to federal runoffs, these races will shape the leadership and infrastructure of West Houston, Cypress, and Tomball.

Important Reminders for May 2026

- **Tomball Elections:** In addition to the City Council races, Tomball residents will also vote on several Charter Amendments on May 2.
- **Voter Eligibility (May 26):** If you voted in the Democratic Primary in March, you are eligible for the Democratic Runoff. If you did not vote in any primary in March, you may still choose to vote in this Democratic runoff.
- **Early Voting:** * Local Election (May 2): Early voting is happening now through April 28.
 - Primary Runoff (May 26): Early voting runs from May 18 to May 22.

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**UPCOMING
MAY 2026
ELECTIONS**



★ **VOTER GUIDE** ★

MAY 2026 DEMOCRATIC & NON-PARTISAN ELECTIONS

★ **TEXAS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 38 (PLAN C-2333)** ★

ELECTION DATE	JURISDICTION / OFFICE & CANDIDATES
 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Spring Branch ISD (Position 1) Courtney Anderson vs. J. Steven Smelley <hr/>  Spring Branch ISD (Position 2) Sally Cone vs. Jeri Spence vs. Ted Tredennick <hr/>  Jersey Village (Place 1) Michael Brittain vs. Curt Beasley <hr/>  Jersey Village (Place 4) Connie Rossi (<i>Unopposed</i>) <hr/>  Jersey Village (Place 5) Brian McCauley vs. Steven Gill <hr/>  Tomball City Council (Position 1) Shelley Michna vs. Benjamin Scott Sedberry <hr/>  Tomball City Council (Position 5) Scott Moore Jr. vs. Randall Parr
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Houston City Council (District C) Panzarella vs. Heyllar <i>(Special Runoff)</i>
 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  TX Attorney General (<i>Dem Runoff</i>) Nathan Johnson vs. Joe Jaworski <hr/>  TX Lt. Governor (<i>Dem Runoff</i>) Vikki Goodwin vs. Marcos Velez <hr/>  District Clerk Jordan vs. Maldonado <hr/>  Justice 14th Court of Appeals Adams-Hurta vs. Demond <hr/>  District Judge 209th Warren vs. Kyles <hr/>  Board of Education District 7 Perkinz vs. Ambroise



YOUR VOTE. YOUR VOICE. YOUR COMMUNITY.
Be informed. Be involved. Make a difference.



Check with your local elections office for early voting dates, polling locations, and more information.

For More Information: [Harrisvotes.org](https://harrisvotes.org)

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Op-Ed: Checks and Balances Only Work If We Defend Them



The United States government was designed with one clear purpose in mind: **no single person should ever hold total power.** That's why the Constitution created a system of **checks and balances**, ensuring that the president, Congress, and the courts all keep each other accountable.

One of Congress's most important powers is also one of the simplest: **Congress controls federal spending.** Article I of the Constitution gives lawmakers the "power of the purse," meaning the president cannot legally spend money, cancel funding, or freeze budgets without congressional approval.

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But today, that constitutional balance is being tested. Since taking office, Donald Trump's administration has been accused of withholding or delaying congressionally approved funds, with lawmakers claiming hundreds of billions of dollars have been blocked from being spent as intended. Reports also point to attempts to cancel billions in foreign aid without following the proper legal process.

This is not just politics. It is a direct challenge to the rule of law.

When a president ignores Congress's spending decisions, it weakens the branch of government meant to represent the people. It shifts power away from voters and toward executive control. And if Congress allows that to happen, the checks and balances that protect American democracy begin to collapse.

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**Op-Ed: Checks and Balances
Only Work If We Defend Them**



That is why the upcoming 2026 midterm elections matter so much. **Midterms decide who controls the House and Senate**—and whether Congress has the strength to provide real oversight and stop executive overreach.

If we want a stable democracy, we must defend the system that makes it possible. Voting in the midterms is one of the most powerful ways Americans can restore balance, protect accountability, and ensure that no president stands above the law.

*Melissa is the Democratic
Nominee for Texas
Congressional District 38.
Find out more about Melissa at
her website
www.MelissaForCongress.com*



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The First Way to Volunteer

Following, liking, and sharing Melissa's posts is the fastest way to power our grassroots movement! Every share breaks through the noise, spreading the "Purple Solution" to new voters and building momentum for real change. Help us amplify Melissa's voice—your digital support is the fuel that drives us toward victory! 💜🚀

A Message for Every American

This movement isn't just for Texas—it's for everyone! Whether you are in a small town in Maine or a big city in California, sharing this mission helps show the entire country that there is a better way to do politics. We need support from all types of people across the United States to prove that unity and common sense can win. No matter where you live, your "share" helps us build a stronger, more connected nation! 🇺🇸

We flip 38, we flip the state!

The following pages are links to the social media accounts for Melissa. Click on the link to like, follow, and share messages from the campaign, articles written by Melissa, and events to see Melissa.

Powered By Purple Donation Registry

The Purple Voters Donation Fund brings together supporters who believe our country moves forward when people work across differences. Instead of red or blue politics, we believe in purple — practical leadership that represents everyone.

Contributions help support voter **outreach**, campaign **operations**, and the **resources** needed to run a strong campaign for U.S. Congress.

Federal election law allows individuals to contribute up to \$3,500 per person per election. Supporters may give once or choose to make a **monthly gift**, allowing them to support the campaign in a way that fits their budget.

Every contribution helps strengthen our democracy and build momentum for the campaign. 

[Click Here to Donate](#)

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Grassroots Donations

\$5 - Office Supplies



\$10 Paper Ream



\$25 Post Card Stamps



Volunteer Support

\$50 - Gas Card

\$75 - Event Box

\$100 - Yard Signs



Campaign Operations

\$250 Printing



\$500 Digital Media

\$1,000 Mass Media



Leadership Sponsorship

\$3,500 Listening Workshop

\$3,500 Meet & Greet

\$3,500 Commercials



Thank you for your support!



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The maximum amount for a Federal Campaign is \$3,500 per person per election.

For Democracy. For You- Assignment

Join the "Powered by Purple" Volunteer Group!

In the next three months, we are hitting the ground running to prove that "Democracy is not a red or blue issue, it is a purple solution." The Melissa For Congress purple shirt is earned through **action**. Choose your path over the next few months and join the movement to bring common sense back to the 38th District.



I want to earn a Purple Shirt

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For Democracy. For You- Assignment

How to Earn Your Purple Shirt

- **The Listening Tour:** Help staff our upcoming monthly tour. Whether it's checking in attendees or capturing voter concerns, your logistics support keeps the conversation moving.
- **Block Walking:** Join our weekend squads to knock on doors. Sharing the "Purple Solution" face-to-face is the fastest way to earn your shirt and change a mind.
- **House Parties:** Become a host! Open your home to neighbors for a casual Q&A. As a "Purple Host," you're the backbone of our grassroots growth. Contact us to get on the schedule.

I want to earn a purple shirt!

For Democracy. For You- Assignment

How to Earn Your Purple Shirt

- **Meet & Greets:** Volunteer at community events or public pop-ups. We need "Purple Ambassadors" to help introduce Melissa to voters for the first time.
- **Office Work:** We need help in preparing! Data entry, packaging, preparing, researching, there is so much to do to run a well oiled campaign.



I want to earn a purple shirt

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- **May** : Volunteer Kick Off! Listening Tours Start!
- **June**: Participate in Meet and Greets and sponsor a House Party!
- **July**: Celebrate 250 years of democracy in the United States by being part of politics! Volunteer!

The Goal: To show Washington that Texas CD-38 prefers progress over partisan bickering. When you wear the purple shirt, you represent the bridge between the extremes.

Look at the end of this newsletter to see the schedule of events for suggestions on where to wear your purple shirt.

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Host a Community Meet & Greet For Melissa McDonough

Local businesses are invited to open their doors for a public meet and greet with Melissa McDonough. **In return, your location will receive targeted promotion through phone calls and block walking to more than 200 nearby residents inviting them to meet Melissa at your location.** All you need is a welcoming space where community members can gather, ask questions, and connect. It's a simple way to support civic engagement while bringing new customers through your doors. [Click here to let us know your availability.](#)



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Know an event where Melissa McDonough or Powered By Purple Volunteer Members should attend? We welcome invitations to **community activities, meetings, festivals, faith-based or secular gatherings** anytime between now and October. **Share the date, location, purpose, and contact details so our team can coordinate attendance.** We love meeting neighbors, listening to concerns, and celebrating what makes our communities strong. Your public event will be posted on our weekly schedule. Submit your suggestions and help us stay connected. 🎉🤝

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Because when **TX-CD38** flips...



Texas flips.

And when **Texas** flips...

America changes.

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Upcoming CD 38 Activities... ***Wear your Purple shirt!***

MON, APR 27

Carpool Canvass - 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
at 14951 Bramblewood Dr, Houston

**Texas Dem Women's: Forum for Harris
County Judge 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM** at
Texas Gulf Coast Area Labor Federation
(2506 Sutherland St)

TUE, APR 28

Harris County Community Meeting:
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM at Fallbrook Church
(12512 Walters Rd)

WED, APR. 29

River Oaks Mercantile Park, 4-8 PM,
4200 Westheimer Rd. Houston, 77027

**Drinking Liberally - Social Beer
Garden, 6-7:30PM 3101 San Jacinto St.,
Houston, TX 77004**

Dunham Point Food Trucks, 4-8PM
*Corner of Mason and Jack Rd, South of
Hwy 290*



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THU, APR 30

**Live Candidate Debate Harris County
Judge & District Clerk By NAACP**
*Houston Branch 6-8 PM, Sunnyside Health
and Multi Service Center 4410 Reed Rd.
Houston, 77051*

**West Houston Dems Mtg. Fadi's
Restaurant: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM at 12360
Westheimer Rd**

SAT, MAY 2

**Tomball Farmers Market: 9:00 AM – 1:00
PM Old Town Tomball, Market St. 77375**

**Carpool Canvass - 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM at
Precinct 709**

**Memorial Villages Farmers Market,
9-1PM, First Congregational Church of
Houston, 10840 Beinhorn Rd., Houston,
77024**

**River Oaks Mercantile Park, 11-3PM,
4200 Westheimer Rd. Houston, 77027**

**Towne Lake Farmers Market: 10:00 AM –
2:00 PM The Boardwalk at Towne Lake,
9955 Barker Cypress Rd, Cypress, TX**

**Energy Fest: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM at
Addicks Park & Ride (14230 Old Katy.Rd)
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Upcoming CD 38 Activities... ***Wear your Purple shirt!***

SUN, MAY 3

**Jersey Village Farmers Market: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM at
16322 Lakeview Dr, Jersey Village, TX**

**Volunteer Kick Off: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM at The Backyard
Grill (9453 Jones Rd)**



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Democratic Clubs in or near TX-CD38

Asian-American Democrats of Texas -Houston

Bayou Blue Dems

Cy-Fair Area Dems

Cypress- Tomball Dems

Democracy for Houston

Energy & Environmental Democrats

Galleria Area Dems

Harris County Democratic Lawyers' Association

Harris County Tejano Democrats

Harris County Young Democrats

Harris County Young Tejano Democrats

Houston Area Stonewall Democrats

Houston Black American Democrats

Democratic Clubs in or near TX-CD38

Oak Forest Democrats

ROAD Women

Spring Branch Democrats Club

Swing TX Left

Texans Abroad

Texas Coalition of Black Democrats- Harris County

Texas Democratic Women of The Harris County Metro Area

The Spring Democratic Club

West Houston Democrats

West University Area Democrats

[Click here if you want to add your group](#)

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