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DALLAS COUNTY DEMOCRATS LAUNCH 2008 COORDINATED CAMPAIGN
Democrats Aim to Re-Elect Incumbents and Pick up Additional Local and State Offices

DALLAS, June 2, 2008 – The Dallas County Democratic Party announced today its plan to mount a countywide coordinated campaign for the 2008 cycle. The Party's coordinated effort in 2006 helped Democrats win every countywide contested race, leading to sweeping changes in local government and in the courts. This cycle, Democrats will build on the momentum swing that began in 2004 and 2006 with the advantage of having several incumbents in countywide and state offices running for re-election.

"We had a tremendous year in 2006 by coordinating our efforts and reaching out to voters with a message of positive change in the direction of our government," said Darlene Ewing, Dallas County Democratic Party Chair. "This cycle is about extending the call for change, from the local courthouse to the White House. We will continue to listen to the voters of Dallas County and bring them leadership that responds to their needs."

Dallas Democrats expect to re-elect a number of incumbents who are in contested races in 2008, including U.S. Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, State Rep. Allen Vaught, State Rep. Kirk England, State Rep. Yvonne Davis, Judge Lorraine Raggio of the 162nd Civil District Court, Judge Don Adams of Criminal District Court 2, Judge John Creuzot of Criminal District Court 4, and Sheriff Lupe Valdez. Democrats are in good position to win several additional countywide races including John Ames for Tax Assessor/Collector, Eric Moye for 14th Civil District Court, Ken Molberg for 95th Civil District Court and Gracie Lewis for Criminal District Court 3.

Jeff Dalton, a Dallas Democratic consultant who is a veteran of nearly a dozen successful area campaigns, has been selected to direct the 2008 coordinated campaign. A robust voter contact program that includes precinct walks, phone banking, direct mail, advertising and community outreach is planned. Campaigning has already begun and will continue throughout the summer and fall.

"Dallas County has been turning blue for a few cycles. We did very well in 2004, 2006 was obviously a sea change, and we just witnessed a Democratic Primary of historic proportions in 2008, so the excitement level is very high," said Dalton. "Our task this cycle is to keep delivering on the changes citizens want, and we will all work hard as a team throughout the county to make that possible."

Democrats also expect to be competitive in a number of contested races for national and state legislative office. Those races include Robert Miklos for Texas House District 101, Carol Kent for Texas House District 102, Bob Romano for Texas House District 105,

Emil Reichstadt for House District 108, and Sandra Vule for Texas House District 112. Eric Roberson is running for U.S. House of Representatives in the 32nd Congressional District. Rain Minns is running for Texas Senate in District 16.

Additionally, Dallas area Democrats are challenging for several higher court positions. Judge Jim Jordan, currently of the 16th Civil District Court in Dallas , is running for Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court. Judge David Hanschen of the 254th District Court in Dallas is running for 5th District Court of Appeals, as are local attorneys Tina Yoo and Don Chae.

Dallas Democratic incumbents who are running without major party opposition in 2008 include State Sen. Royce West, State Rep. Terri Hodge, State Rep. Rafael Anchia, State Rep. Roberto Alonzo, State Rep. Helen Giddings, State Rep. Barbara Mallory-Caraway, County Commissioner John Wiley Price and Constable Jaime Cortes.

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