

November 2022 election results

<https://graysondemocrats.org/2022-election-results/>

Among the 17.7 million registered voters in Texas, 8.1 million voted and 9.6 million did not. Only 4.4 million voted for Greg Abbott and he won. 25% of registered voters in Texas selected our current governor. If voter turnout among Democrats had increased by 10%, Beto would have won. That's just one in ten. When you get one in ten more non-voting Democrats to the polls, we'll win state-wide elections.

In Grayson County, 45,187 out of 92,342 registered voters voted. So we're doing a great job of registering voters. We're doing a poor job of getting them to the polls.

Recommendations: 1. Make Voting Easier, 2. Volunteer for GOTV

Texas Democrats need to become aggressive about making voting easier.

There are several ways we can do this.

Local county officials, especially election committees, can be badgered into opening all polling locations during early voting. In Grayson County, that would increase early voting locations from 5 to 22, still leaving almost half of all 41 precincts without one.

Local county officials, especially election committees, can be badgered into opening early voting on the weekend before the election. And extend Sunday hours.

State officials can be lobbied to pass legislation making voting by mail easier.

- Eliminate the requirement of filling in extra blanks. Just sign and return your ballot.
- Eliminate the age requirement (being over 65); ie, institute no-excuse vote by mail.

Cities with large urban areas can increase voting with drive-through voting locations and 24-hour voting. The state legislature would have to pass new laws allowing both these options, since Republicans outlawed them last year.

We need more volunteers who are willing to contact voters.

What we have to do to win elections in Texas is appeal to our base and get them out to vote. Using TexasVAN, we can create lists of more non-voting likely Democrats than we have volunteers to contact them. 2023 is the perfect time to develop our base in Grayson County. First, we need a drive to increase volunteer participation. Who will make calls to recruit volunteers? <https://graysondemocrats.org/volunteer-2023>

We need a team to build our social media. Go to our [website](#) to volunteer.

We need more precinct chairs and precinct volunteers.

Precinct maps: <https://www.co.grayson.tx.us/page/elec.maps>

<https://graysondemocrats.org/volunteer-2023>

Project LIFT is the way in which the Texas Democratic Party provides recognition and additional support for municipal, school board, and community college trustee candidates who identify as Democrats. While municipal offices are non-partisan, we are invested in getting folks elected to these positions who will govern in a way that promotes Democratic Party values today and will be our rising stars of tomorrow.

<https://tinyurl.com/Project-LIFT-Google-doc>

Local offices up for election in May 2023. Run for office!

Last day to file, Feb 17 at 5:00 pm.

School Board elections are held annually. This year - Saturday, May 6, 2023.

Sherman

<https://www.shermanisd.net/Page/7445>, Places 6 and 7.

Applications are available at the Sherman ISD Service Center, 2701 Loy Lake Road. The filing deadline 5:00 p.m. on February 17, 2023.

Denison

<https://www.denisonisd.net/school-board-elections>, Places 6 and 7.

Persons interested in running for election to the Denison ISD School Board should contact the Denison ISD Business office at 903-462-7042 for additional information.

Links to other school districts

<https://www.k12academics.com/national-directories/school-district/Texas/Grayson>

City Council Elections, Saturday May 6, 2023

Sherman

<https://www.ci.sherman.tx.us/106/Elections> general information

<https://www.ci.sherman.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/11355/Election-Information>

Denison

<https://www.cityofdenison.com/citycouncil>, general information

<https://www.cityofdenison.com/city-clerk/page/elections>, to elect City Council Members to Single Member District 3, Place 3, and At Large, Place 5 to serve a three year term.

Other Cities in Grayson County

https://www.co.grayson.tx.us/page/co.city_links

State Senator Drew Springer and Rep. Reggie Smith are up for re-election in 2024.

Important Election Dates for 2024, including filing deadlines

<https://www.sos.texas.gov/elections/voter/important-election-dates.shtml#2024>

National Democratic Party Classes

Online Course: <https://traindemocrats.org/course/so-you-think-you-want-to-run/>
What You'll Learn

How to decide whether you want to run for office, what you want to run for, and when.

How to use NDTC's online candidate trainings to build your skills as a candidate and run a winning campaign

Upcoming NDTC Zoom classes: <https://traindemocrats.org/>

Texas Democratic Party Training Classes

<https://www.texasdemocrats.org/training>