

## Celeste Escobar: Denver Harbor's Rising Tejano Star

By Kim Melchor

At just 18, Celeste Escobar is already making her voice heard in Houston's Tejano music scene. A recent graduate of Yes Prep and a proud resident of Denver Harbor, Escobar is gaining attention across Texas for her powerful performances and her deep respect for the musical traditions she's stepping into. Her journey started with a simple request at a family outing: a young Celeste asked her mom if she could sing at a restaurant where another performer was using a karaoke setup. Nervous but persistent, she got on stage and sang 'Jesus Take the Wheel'—and got her first dollar tip. That moment stuck. 'I was really young, like eight years old,' she says.

***'And I just remember enjoying it. I was nervous at the beginning, but it went away. I loved the people and how they interacted.'***

She credits her mother for much of her current momentum. In 2023, her mom found a Facebook post about a local talent show called 'Buscando Talento.' Celeste entered—and won. That victory led to signing a contract with Up Above Entertainment and connecting with established Tejano artists, including Carlos Negami and Gabriel Zavala. "They are my mentors, so I have the pleasure of working with them," she says.

Selena Quintanilla remains her biggest inspiration. 'The first song I learned in Spanish was "Como la Flor,"' she recalls. 'I performed it in a school talent show back in elementary.' Like Selena, Escobar isn't as fluent in Spanish as she is in English, but that hasn't held her back. 'Music is meant to make people have fun, enjoy, and dance,' she says. 'That's what I want to bring to the stage.'

While she's rooted in Tejano, Escobar describes herself as versatile—she also loves mariachi, English pop, and R&B. 'Whatever genre you give me, I can sing it,' she says. She's not just thinking about songs either. Dance and stage presence matter too. 'I enjoy choreography, and I hope I can incorporate that in my performances someday.'





When asked what advice she'd give to other young performers, Escobar is clear:

***'Never give up. Be consistent. Believe in yourself. That's said a lot, but it's powerful...'***

And post on social media! It really helps.'

She hopes to release her first full album within five years and dreams of touring major cities—and maybe one day performing in arenas. Escobar is clear-eyed about the path ahead, and she currently enjoys opportunities to meet local artists and develop her skills. Her parents were there every step of the way, from organizing appearances to cheering from the front row. Celeste says that her mother always has her calendar ready. She laughs. 'She's the one people call when they want me to sing.'

Though she hasn't released original music yet, Escobar has been performing steadily at festivals and community events since 2023. She'll sing the national anthem at the Texas Combat Boxing Event on July 19. She's also scheduled to perform at the Southside Labor Day Festival in San Antonio on August 11th and at the Texas Pura Vida Awards in San Antonio this Fall. Neighborhood fans can check out Escobar's talented voice at the Resurrection Church Bazaar on October 12th.

**Celeste Escobar's  
Upcomming Performance  
Calendar:**

<b>JULY 19th</b>	<b>Texas Combat Boxing at Bayou Event Center</b>
<b>AUG 11th</b>	<b>Southside Labor Day Festival- San Antonio</b>
<b>OCT 12th</b>	<b>Resurrection Church Bazaar</b>
<b>OCT 18th</b>	<b>Texas Pura Vida Awards San Antonio</b>

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## Message from the Editor

Hello Neighbors,

Summer is here, and I hope you're staying safe—especially as we approach the 4th of July holidays.

As always, Denver Harbor continues to face its share of challenges, but we also have many things to celebrate.

This month's cover features Celeste Escobar, a rising music star who proudly represents Denver Harbor. Remember her name and face—she is not only incredibly talented but also a true inspiration for anyone chasing their dreams. I want to take a moment to commend her parents for their unwavering support. I had the honor of meeting the Escobar family, and it's clear that this is a family dream—one they're working on together to bring to life. You can read more about their journey in this issue.

Looking ahead to November, voters will head to the polls to decide on several constitutional amendments. Our State Representative, Ana Hernandez, has shared a list of the proposed changes. One important topic for Denver Harbor property owners is the increase in property tax exemptions—a potential money-saver. I encourage everyone to read up and stay informed. November will be here before we know it.

Parents and guardians, please continue to support your children's reading habits this summer. HISD students can access a digital library using their student ID numbers. This gives them access to books, magazines, and educational games—all from the comfort of home. If you can't make it to the Cliff Tuttle Library, this is a great way to keep young minds engaged. You'll find a calendar of activities included inside this issue.

Lastly, we're excited to share that La Voz will be celebrating its one-year anniversary this August! Thank you for your continued support—it means the world to us.

Stay safe and stay connected,

*Carolyn Lopez*

**EDITOR**



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# Celeste Escobar: La Estrella Tejana en Ascenso de Denver Harbor

Por Kim Melchor

Con solo 18 años, Celeste Escobar ya está haciendo oír su voz en la escena musical tejana de Houston. Recién graduada de Yes Prep y orgullosa vecina de Denver Harbor, Escobar está llamando la atención en todo Texas por sus presentaciones llenas de energía y su profundo respeto por las tradiciones musicales que está abrazando.

Su camino comenzó con una petición sencilla durante una salida familiar: una joven Celeste le pidió a su mamá cantar en un restaurante donde otra persona estaba usando un karaoke. Nerviosa pero decidida, subió al escenario y cantó “Jesus Take the Wheel”... y recibió su primer dólar de propina. Ese momento se le quedó grabado. “Era muy chiquita, como de ocho años,” recuerda.

***“Y solo recuerdo que lo disfruté muchísimo. Estaba nerviosa al principio, pero se me pasó. Me encantó cómo reaccionó la gente.”***

Celeste le atribuye gran parte de su impulso actual a su madre. En 2023, su mamá encontró una publicación en Facebook sobre un concurso de talentos local llamado Buscando Talento. Celeste participó... y ganó. Esa victoria la llevó a firmar un contrato con Up Above Entertainment y a conectarse con artistas tejano consolidados, entre ellos Carlos Negami y Gabriel Zavala. “Ellos son mis mentores, así que tengo el placer de trabajar con ellos,” dice.

Selena Quintanilla sigue siendo su mayor inspiración. “La primera canción que aprendí en español fue ‘Como la Flor,’” recuerda. “La canté en un concurso de talentos en la primaria.” Al igual que Selena, Escobar no es completamente fluida en español, pero eso no la ha detenido. “La música es para divertirse, disfrutar y bailar,” dice. “Eso es lo que quiero llevar al escenario.”

Aunque sus raíces están en el tejano, Escobar se describe como una artista versátil—también le encanta el mariachi, el pop en inglés y el R&B. “Cualquier género que me den, lo puedo cantar,” asegura. Y no solo piensa en las canciones. El baile y la presencia escénica también son importantes para ella. “Me gusta la coreografía, y espero poder incorporarla en mis presentaciones algún día.”



Celeste espera lanzar su primer álbum completo en cinco años y sueña con hacer giras por ciudades importantes—y quizá algún día cantar en estadios. Tiene muy claro el camino que quiere seguir y actualmente aprovecha oportunidades para conocer artistas locales y perfeccionar su talento. Sus padres han estado con ella en cada paso, desde organizar presentaciones hasta aplaudirla en primera fila. Celeste dice que su mamá siempre tiene el calendario listo. Se ríe: “Es a ella a quien llaman cuando quieren que cante.”

Aunque todavía no ha lanzado música original, Escobar ha estado cantando regularmente en festivales y eventos comunitarios desde 2023. Cantará el himno nacional en el evento Texas Combat Boxing el 19 de julio. También está programada para presentarse en el Southside Labor Day Festival en San Antonio el 11 de agosto y en los Texas Pura Vida Awards este otoño. Los fans del vecindario podrán disfrutar de su talento en el bazar de la iglesia Resurrection el 12 de octubre.



# Cliff Tuttle Library

## July 2025 Calendar



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# City Advances Grant Application for Bridge at McReynolds Middle

By Kim Melchor

The City of Houston is moving forward in its efforts to secure funding for a pedestrian bridge over the Union Pacific railroad tracks, located on Market Street and adjacent to McReynolds Middle School. On June 10, 2025, the City Council approved an ordinance allowing Houston Public Works to apply for a \$4.65 million Transportation Alternatives grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to help fund the project.

The bridge, officially named the McReynolds Middle School Safe Passage Bridge, is expected to cost around \$5.8 million. If the grant is awarded, Harris County Precinct 2 has agreed to cover 60% of the local match—about \$698,000—while the City will contribute roughly \$465,000. Union Pacific Railroad will fund and manage the design phase. If the project is awarded, the City of Houston will be responsible for all non-reimbursable costs and 100% of overruns.

The goal of the bridge is to give students and nearby residents a safer way to cross the tracks, which are active and present a known hazard. The bridge would connect a nearby apartment complex and the school to bus stops and walking paths on the other side of the tracks.

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***“It’s a good investment,” said one McReynolds teacher and Denver Harbor resident. “I know it’s a lot of money, but in Fifth Ward and Denver Harbor, many of our residents rely on walking to get around. This kind of project makes sense. It benefits our students, and it benefits the whole community.”***

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District H Council Member Mario Castillo and Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia have expressed strong support.



Arriba: Ricky Campos,  
Poeta y autor de cuentos cortos

## El Cuatro de Julio Por Ricky Campos

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Estados

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pregunta

Por que para las personas de color y tambien las  
mujeres Tenian menos derechos y tanta division  
Seguimos honrando y brindando por un pais de los  
libres Donde las oportunidades y la calidad de vida  
pueden  
ser nuestro legado  
Nunca nos conformaremos, sino que en nuestro pais  
debemos unirnos  
Seguimos luchando por nuestros derechos humanos,  
politicos y civiles.

*Ricky*

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Vivian Alvarenga visiting  
Cliff Tuttle Library



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Alzheimers Association

# New Laws Passed That Affect Denver Harbor: Voters Must Head To The Polls November 2025

Proposed Texas Constitutional Amendments from the 89th Legislature On November 4th, 2025, Texans will head to the polls to vote on a series of proposed amendments to the state constitution that emerged from the 89th Regular Legislative Session. These proposals touch on critical issues such as property tax relief, water infrastructure, dementia prevention research, workforce training, and expanded support for veterans and their families. The amendments on the ballot represent long-term investments in Texas communities, and it's important that voters are informed before heading to the polls. Below is a summary of each proposed amendment to help you prepare for the upcoming election.

**Proposition 1 - SJR 59**

Two new funds would be created to support career and technical education at Texas State Technical Colleges. The amendment is intended to expand training opportunities and prepare students for high-demand jobs in industries such as health care, manufacturing, and energy.

**Proposition 2 - SJR 18**

If approved, this amendment would prohibit the imposition of a tax on the realized or unrealized capital gains of an individual, family, estate, or trust.

**Proposition 3 - SJR 5**

If approved, this constitutional amendment would give judges the authority to deny bail in certain serious felony cases, including violent crimes, first-degree sexual offenses, and continuous human trafficking. The goal is to prioritize public safety while ensuring due process remains in place.

**Proposition 4 - HJR 7**

A forward-looking measure, this amendment would dedicate a portion of state sales tax revenue to the newly created Texas Water Fund. With Texas facing ongoing drought and aging water infrastructure, this investment ensures that future generations have access to clean, reliable water—without shifting the burden to local taxpayers.

**Proposition 5 - HJR 99**

To help agricultural and retail businesses, this proposal would exempt from property taxes any animal feed that a retailer holds for sale. It's a targeted tax break that benefits agricultural and small retail businesses serving rural and working communities.

**Proposition 6 - HJR 4**

This constitutional amendment would prohibit the Legislature from imposing an occupation tax on registered securities market operators or taxing securities transactions conducted by those entities.

**Proposition 7 - HJR 133**

This amendment would extend property tax relief to the surviving spouses of veterans who died from service-connected conditions, as recognized by federal law. It's a meaningful way to honor those who've served and support the families they leave behind.

**Proposition 8 - HJR 2**

Texas currently has no estate or inheritance tax. This amendment would constitutionally prohibit the Legislature from imposing "death taxes" applicable to a decedent's property or the transfer of an estate, inheritance, legacy, succession, or gift.

**Proposition 9 - HJR 1**

This amendment would raise the personal property tax exemption for businesses from \$2,500 to \$125,000. It aims to provide meaningful tax relief to small businesses by reducing the taxable value of equipment, tools, and inventory used to earn income.

**Proposition 10 - SJR 84**

Property owners whose homes are destroyed by fire could receive temporary property tax relief under this amendment. It would allow the Legislature to exempt the value of a home that is no longer habitable due to fire damage.

**Proposition 11 - SJR 85**

Elderly and disabled Texans could see meaningful property tax savings under this amendment, which would raise their school district homestead exemption to \$200,000. The change is aimed at easing the financial burden for those living on fixed incomes.

**Proposition 12 - SJR 27**

A proposal to modernize the State Commission on Judicial Conduct by updating its structure and expanding its authority. The goal is to improve transparency and accountability in the judicial system.





State Representative  
Ana Hernandez

### **Proposition 13 - SJR 2**

Homeowners would see increased tax relief under this amendment, which raises the school district homestead exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000—helping middle- and working class families keep up with rising property values.

### **Proposition 14 - SJR 3**

With \$3 billion in state funding, this amendment would create the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas to lead efforts in researching, preventing, and treating dementia, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and related conditions. The goal is to improve care and advance solutions for the growing number of Texans affected by these diseases.

### **Proposition 15 - SJR 34**

The amendment would add language to the Constitution affirming that parents have the right to direct the upbringing, education, and care of their children. It does not create new legal rights but may affect how school and health policies are implemented.

### **Proposition 16 - SJR 37**

Although it's already law, this amendment would add to the Texas Constitution that only U.S. citizens may vote in any Texas election.

### **Proposition 17 - HJR 34**

Property owners along the Texas-Mexico border would qualify for a property tax exemption for the installation or construction on the property of border security infrastructure and related improvements.

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Above: Ricky Campos,  
Poet and short story author

# Fourth of July

By Ricky Campos

The 4th of July we come to celebrate  
And even some to dwell and meditate  
On our freedom derived for the 13 States  
Declaration authored by some of the greats


The phrase All men are created equal, a contradiction  
Because for many there would be that question  
Why people of color and also women  
Had fewer rights and so much division

We still observe and toast a country of the free  
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*Ricky*

On July 4, 1776 The Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress. This ended Britain’s rule over the American colonies leading to the establishment of the United States. The colonies had been under British rule for about 134 years.





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Tuffly	B	3200 Russell St.	77026	(713) 674-3367
DeZavala	I	907 75th St.	77012	(713) 923-7220
Beverly Hills	D	9800 Kingspoint Rd.	77075	(713) 948-9063
Eastwood	H	5000 Harrisburg Blvd.	77011	(713) 923-8058
Glenbrook	I	8201 North Bayou Dr.	77017	(713) 645-7187
Mason	I	541 South 75th St.	77023	(713) 928-4826
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# The Importance of Jury Service

By Marilyn Burgess, Harris County District Clerk

The right to a trial by jury is an important part of American democracy. This right goes back to 1776 when the Declaration of Independence mentioned how King George III took away "the benefits of Trial by Jury." Later, the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Amendments in the U.S. Constitution protected this right.

Serving on a jury is very important, but in Harris County, Texas, not enough people are showing up to serve. In 2024, our office sent out over one million jury summons, but only 12% of people who received them appeared. Even more concerning is the lack of diversity. Hispanics, who make up about 33% of the county, only made up 26% of those who showed up in 2024. African Americans, who make up 22% of the county, only made up 17% of the jurors appearing. Young adults aged 18 to 29 represent 21% of the population, but only 15% of the jurors were from that age group last year.

Diversity is important as we all bring different life experiences to the deliberation table. Diverse juries debate the facts of the case longer and are more comfortable talking about important issues like race, which builds trust in our justice system.

To work on this, the District Clerk's Office started the "You Complete Justice" campaign in 2024 to encourage more people to serve on juries. The campaign has worked with groups like LULAC, the NAACP, and the League of Women Voters. There has been a small increase in jury attendance, but we still need more people to show up. I continue to request funding from Harris County Commissioners Court to keep our outreach efforts going.

We've worked to make jury service easier and more efficient. The jury summons form was redesigned for clarity, and we now ask summoned jurors to pre-register online allowing us to send text and email reminders or to cancel excess jurors. Free parking is also now provided.

In 2023 juror pay was increased for the first day of service from \$6 to \$30, and for each day after that, from \$40 to \$58. The goal is to make it more affordable for all to serve. We also switched from paying jurors by check to giving them a debit card, so they don't have to wait for a check to arrive in the mail.

There is still work to do, but these changes are important steps forward. Serving on a jury in Harris County is important, and your participation is crucial to make sure justice is fair for everyone.



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