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EARLY VOTING IS BACK IN DENVER HARBOR!!



Word from the Editor

Hello Neighbors,

Thank you for your continued support of La Voz de Denver Harbor.

With elections just a few weeks away, we're excited to share some important updates. Early Voting has officially returned to the Denver Harbor Multiservice Building, and Election Day voting will also take place there. Sample ballots are available for pickup at Porras Bakery and the Denver Harbor CARES office. We encourage everyone to become an informed and educated voter.

In this issue, La Voz de Denver Harbor asked local candidates important questions—be sure to read their responses and take note of those who did not reply.

The League of Women Voters Guide will also be available at both locations while supplies last. Additionally, we've included an AARP press release with information on the Texas Senate race between Talarico and Paxton.

Looking ahead, job fairs will be taking place throughout Denver Harbor and surrounding areas during the month of October. If you or someone you know is seeking employment, be sure to check inside this issue for hiring opportunities and job search resources.

We also want to highlight CRG Houston (crghouston.org) as a valuable resource for our community. Their website offers assistance with rent, utilities, housing, and many other essential services.

This month, we are proud to spotlight the powerhouse Tejano band Aviso. Don't miss their story and learn more about their incredible journey and impact.

There's plenty happening this October, including a special invitation from Denver Harbor CARES 50+ Community Connect. Join us for a FREE Movie Matinee on Tuesday, October 27, at 11:00 AM at the Cliff Tuttle Library (Kress at Lyons). This month's featured film is Jersey Boys. It's a great opportunity to relax, connect, and enjoy a film with neighbors.

Most importantly—remember to vote!

Till next month,

Carolyn Lopez

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Meet Our Writers | Conozca Nuestros Escritores

Kim Melchor, Writer

Kim Melchor is a Houston-based writer with strong ties to the Denver Harbor neighborhood. Her background is in engineering and technical writing, and she previously worked as a reporter for the Humble Tribune. Her work focuses on neighborhood storytelling, with a particular interest in education and the ways local systems and decisions affect everyday life.

Kim Melchor es una escritora radicada en Houston con fuertes lazos con el vecindario de Denver Harbor. Su formación es en ingeniería y redacción técnica, y anteriormente trabajó como reportera para el Humble Tribune. Su trabajo se centra en contar historias de vecindarios, con un interés particular en la educación y en las formas en que los sistemas y decisiones locales afectan la vida cotidiana.

Jessica Campos, Community Activist

Jessica Campos is a resident of Denver Harbor, Houston, a mother of three public school students, and a community education advocate focused on educational equity and community empowerment. Her work is guided by grassroots organizing and direct experience, supporting families as they navigate public systems.

Jessica Campos es residente de Denver Harbor, Houston, madre de tres estudiantes de escuelas públicas y defensora comunitaria de la educación, enfocada en la equidad educativa y el fortalecimiento de la comunidad. Su trabajo está guiado por la organización comunitaria de base y su experiencia directa, acompañando a familias navegando por los sistemas públicos.

Ricky Campos, Writer & Poet

Ricky Campos has been a proud Denver Harbor resident since the 1950s. A writer and poet focused on cultural history, she has long been active in community organizing and volunteer work. Her latest project, Celebrating Denver Harbor, One Block at a Time, aims to revitalize Lyons Avenue while honoring the neighborhood's heritage.

Ricky Campos ha sido una orgullosa residente de Denver Harbor desde la década de 1950. Escritora y poeta enfocada en la historia cultural, ha participado activamente durante años en la organización comunitaria y el voluntariado. Su proyecto más reciente, Celebrating Denver Harbor, One Block at a Time, busca revitalizar la avenida Lyons mientras honra la herencia del vecindario.

Pick Up La Voz de Denver Harbor at The Following Locations

Porras Bakery
 One Stop9 Market @ Lathrop
 Washeria 910 Market
 JD Little Store 1145 Lathrop
 Washateria 1103 Lathrop
 Jo Co 1147 Lathrop
 Chevron 850 Lathrop
 Del-Sun 7200 Lyons
 Mexican Food 7102 Lyons
 Party Store 7236 Lyons
 D.H. Tire Shop 6900 Lyons
 Gift Store 6930 Lyons
 Harbor Food Store 803 Tremper
 J's Food Store 1143 Port
 LNoe 800 Gazin
 Quick Food Store 1103 Lathrop
 Kress Food 846 Market
 Washateria 7125 Lyons
 Fiesta Store #9 700 Shotwell
 DH Seniors 6402 Market
 Andrade Enterprises 542 Lathrop
 Moe's. Eagle pass @ Zoe
 Dixie Maid 6800 Lyons
 All in One 6715 Lyons
 Pron Insurance 6715 Lathrop
 Washateria Lathrop
 Montes Tire Store 6620 Lyons
 Family Dollar Lyons
 Washateria 661 Rouse
 La Patrona Restaurant 6300 Lyons
 Vargas Food Store Lyons@Woolworth
 Tortilla 610 Lyons
 Reyna's 6000 Lyons
 Washateria 6004 Lyons
 Lyons Cleaners 6000 Lyons
 Matamoras Food Store 6800 Lyons
 Smoke Shop 661@Lyons
 Amigos Grocery 6300 Hillsboro@Kress
 Little Store Woolworth@Wallisville
 El Rincon Market 6830 Wallisville
 El Patron 7334 Wallisville
 Harbor Washateria 430 Harbor
 Lathrop Store 403 Lathrop
 Seven Seas 445 Lathrop
 Elite Food 7434 Eagle Pass
 Kress Food Store 6200 Market
 Pemex Gas Station
 Cliff Tuttle Library
 Los Jacales 6001 Lyons Ave.
 Don Chile 635 McCarty St



Think You Can't Vote?

Check Before You Count Yourself Out

Written By Jessica Campos

Denver Harbor, let's make a plan to use our voting power!

Election season has a way of sneaking up on us. We're working, taking care of our families, and trying to keep up with everything that needs to get done. Lately, I've been talking to people about why voting matters and encouraging them to make a plan. Then, last week, I stopped and thought, "Oh no! I don't have my ID!" I voted in the presidential election, but I missed the last local election because I couldn't find my ID. I meant to replace it afterward, but life kept moving and I never got around to it. At first, I thought I could just make an appointment. Then I realized I couldn't find my birth certificate or Social Security card either.

In my mind, that meant three separate stops: one to get my birth certificate, another to get my Social Security card, and then an appointment for a new ID. I wondered when I'd find time for all of that before voting began and whether I was about to miss another election. So I started looking up the requirements, asking questions, and called Denver Harbor Cares for help. I wanted to know my options before I counted myself out.

Denver Harbor has voting power. In 2024, local organizers estimated that about 7,000 neighbors were registered, including roughly 4,100 who rarely voted or had never voted. The 7,000 were not all nonvoters, but many registered neighbors were not voting regularly.

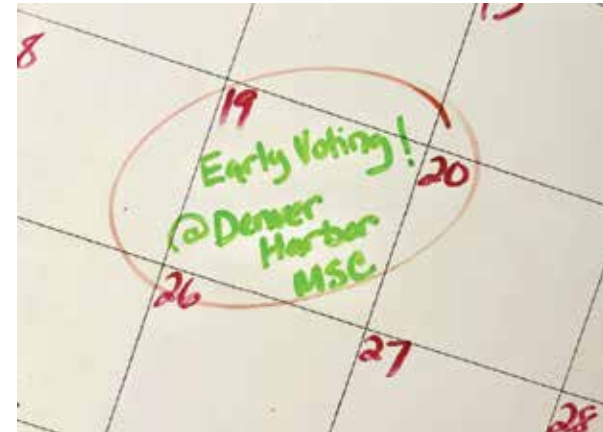
We have seen that change is possible. In the first four days of early voting in the 2023 city election, 151 Denver Harbor residents voted more than during all ten days of early voting in the comparable 2019 election. For November 2024, Denver Harbor Cares hoped to encourage 500 registered people who usually did not vote. It reported that about 850 of those voters cast ballots. These numbers measure different elections, but they show what neighbors can accomplish together. I hope we go further this November.

People miss elections for different reasons. Some cannot find their registration card or ID; others moved, changed their name or do not know why their registration looks wrong. Some have questions about a past felony conviction. A long shift, childcare, caring for a relative, transportation, language, disability access, lack of internet, uncertainty about voting by mail or simply not knowing where to go can also stop someone. None of us should have to sort through all of that on Election Day.

Make your voting plan

1. Check your registration and eligibility. Confirm your name, address and status. A lost voter card generally does not prevent you from voting. If you cannot find your record, see suspense, learn it was canceled or need to update your information, contact the county voter registrar promptly. Suspense can involve an address question; it is not automatically a ban. I also know someone with a past felony conviction who assumed he could never vote. In Texas, a person may be eligible to register after completing their sentence, including probation and parole; if you are unsure, check before registering.

2. Work out your ID and access needs. Find out which photo ID you can bring. If you do not have an approved one and cannot reasonably obtain one, Texas may allow an accepted supporting document such as a voter card, current utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, together with a Reasonable Impediment Declaration. Lost ID and missing documents needed to get ID are among the reasons Texas lists. Do not assume any paper ID will be accepted without checking what it is. If you need an interpreter, accessible voting equipment or curbside voting because you cannot physically enter, find out how to request help before you go.



3. Choose your day and work out the details. The deadline to register for the November 3, 2026 election is October 5, and early voting runs October 19–30. Denver Harbor's Multi-Service Center (MSC) is expected to offer early voting; check the confirmed location and hours before you go. Pick a day that works around your job or caregiving responsibilities, arrange a ride if you need one, and choose a backup day. If getting to a polling place may be difficult, check whether you qualify to vote by mail—Texas limits that option to specific circumstances. And if you fill out a voter registration application online, remember that you still need to print, sign, and submit it.

Keep this information handy:

At www.votetexas.gov, you can select "Am I Registered?", review voter ID and voting-by-mail rules, and find polling places. For Harris County registration questions or a replacement voter card, call 713-274-8200. For help in Spanish, call 713-274-8201.

I nearly counted myself out before checking. Let's find our answers now, put a day on the calendar and help one neighbor make a plan too. Denver Harbor has power. Let's use it.

Meet the People Running to Represent You This November

County Commissioner Precinct 2



Adrian Garcia
Democrat

Adrian Garcia is a former Harris County Sheriff, Houston City Council member, and Houston police officer.



Richard Vega
Republican

Richard Vega is a pastor and U.S. Army veteran who has worked with local law-enforcement

Q1: Regarding local cooperation with federal immigration enforcement:

A. Should local police, constables, or other county and city resources assist ICE in arresting people who have no violent criminal record?

Adrian Garcia: I do not support collaboration beyond what is legally required or required to maintain public safety. I want local police, deputies and officers to keep the community safe from violence and crimes committed locally. The terror being inflicted by the federal government right now makes even those of us who are U.S. citizens feel less safe and unwilling to report crime.

Richard Vega: Texas law already requires local cooperation with federal immigration enforcement in circumstances, so county government cannot ignore that. As County Commissioner, my job is to ensure Harris County complies with state and federal law, uses county resources responsibly, and remains focused on public safety. That does not mean county government should go looking for ways to expand its role beyond what the law requires, especially for people with no violent criminal record. If Texans want a different standard, that change has to come from the Legislature.

Q2: Do you support tactics where armed and masked federal agents are involved in conducting street stops, vehicle stops, and neighborhood sweeps?

Adrian Garcia: No. ICE agents should be subject to all of the same regulations and protocols that local officers operate under: unmasked, in marked vehicles, utilizing body cameras, and solely focused on safety threats.

Richard Vega: I support enforcing the laws as they are written. Immigration enforcement is primarily a federal responsibility, while the role of county government is to comply with applicable state and federal laws and ensure public safety. Harris County should cooperate with law enforcement partners as required by law, while using county resources responsibly and within their legal authority. If changes are needed to immigration policy or the scope of local cooperation with ICE, those decisions belong with state and federal lawmakers, not the Harris County Commissioners Court.

Q3: Should local cooperation with ICE require a judicial warrant?

Adrian Garcia: We were told only the most dangerous and violent people would be sought. Administrative warrants are being used to target Houstonians who contribute to our economy and I don't support that.

Richard Vega: Local cooperation with ICE should follow the Constitution and the law. If a judicial warrant is required, then it should be required. County government should not cut corners on constitutional protections, nor should it make up its own rules. As County Commissioner, my responsibility is to ensure county policies comply with Texas law, federal law, and court rulings while protecting public safety and taxpayer resources.

Q4: Investment companies are buying homes in Denver Harbor, pushing out current residents. What policies would you support to help long-term residents stay in the neighborhood and improve their homes?

Adrian Garcia: My entire Revive2Thrive initiative is built around improving neighborhoods without inviting gentrification, which pushes the longtime fabric of these communities out because they no longer can afford to live there. Just in the past twelve months we have been able to fund 2 reconstructions in Denver Harbor that allow residents to stay and improve their homes. Across the precinct we are working to increase the supply of housing to keep costs down and to provide direct resources when we can.



Conozca a las personas que buscan representarlo este noviembre

Harris County Judge



Letitia Plummer
Democrat

Letitia Plummer is a dentist, small-business owner, and former Houston City Council member who served in At-Large Position 4 from 2020 to 2025.



Orlando Sanchez
Republican

(No image recieved)
Orlando Sanchez is a former Harris County Treasurer and Houston City Council member and served in the U.S. Air Force and Texas Air National Guard.

Q1: Do you support tactics where armed and masked federal agents are involved in conducting street stops, vehicle stops, and neighborhood sweeps?

Letitia Plummer: No. As County Judge, I will treat mass enforcement operations as the public safety emergencies they are. The County Judge directs emergency management for nearly five million people. Three men were taken from Canal Street on July 7, and their families spent days searching for them. Families deserve accurate information and help finding detained loved ones.

Orlando Sanchez: Campaign did not respond

Q2: Many Denver Harbor students have attended schools outside the neighborhood for decades. We recently lost McReynolds Middle School and face the possibility of additional school closures. What would you do to protect and improve the schools serving Denver Harbor, and how would you ensure that residents have a meaningful voice in future school decisions?

Letitia Plummer: Public education is the foundation of opportunity and democracy. I am a product of Houston public schools and have been a strong opponent of the HISD takeover and its negative outcomes. Although the County Judge does not run school districts, Harris County can be a serious partner: connect students to libraries, broadband, healthcare, nutrition, safe transportation, internships, and union apprenticeship pathways; coordinate disaster planning with districts; and advocate for full, equitable public-school funding. Public dollars should strengthen public schools, and families in every neighborhood deserve a say in the needs of their children.

Q3: Do you believe Denver Harbor currently receives adequate police and constable coverage? What specific steps would you take to increase coverage of the neighborhood?

Letitia Plummer: Denver Harbor deserves equitable access to public safety. No resident should have to wonder whether help will arrive when they call 911. As County Judge, I'll work with the Constable's Office and HPD to identify gaps in patrol coverage and response times. Data and direct input from residents will be used to determine where additional resources are needed. Public safety also means using the right response for the right situation. That's exactly why I'd expand the mental-health crisis response program in communities like Denver Harbor. These programs allow law enforcement to focus on criminal activity while ensuring residents in crisis receive appropriate care.

Orlando Sanchez: Campaign did not respond

Q4: Investment companies are buying homes in Denver Harbor, pushing out current residents. What policies would you support to help long-term residents stay in the neighborhood and improve their homes?

Letitia Plummer: I want to make sure the people who have called Denver Harbor home for generations have the opportunity to stay there. That means making it easier for longtime homeowners to afford their property taxes and make necessary repairs, while also helping families looking to buy their first home. It also includes helping existing and new small business owners have the support they need to stay in the neighborhood and grow. I would work with local organizations to preserve affordable housing and invest in small businesses so Denver Harbor can thrive without pricing out the people who built and invested in the community.

Orlando Sanchez: Campaign did not respond



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OCTOBER 25	AM Start Time 11:00 AM	AM End Time 3:30 PM	PM Start Time 3:00 PM	PM End Time 8:00 PM
OCTOBER 26-30	AM Start Time 06:00 AM	AM End Time 01:00 PM	PM Start Time 12:30 PM	PM End Time 8:00 PM

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Meet the People Running to Represent You This November

Congress – District 9 Canidates



Leticia Gutiérrez Democrat

Leticia Gutiérrez is a longtime community advocate who has worked for more than 15 years on environmental and public health issues.



Alex Mealer Republican

(No image recieved)
Alex Mealer is a U.S. Army veteran, West Point graduate, and former energy-finance professional who previously served on the Houston METRO board.

Q1: Investment companies are buying homes in Denver Harbor, pushing out current residents. What policies would you support to help long-term residents stay in the neighborhood and improve their homes?

Leticia Gutiérrez: As a member of Congress, I would fight to protect and strengthen restrictions on private equity firms and large institutional investors buying up single-family homes in neighborhoods like Denver Harbor. Homes should be for families to live in and build a future in—not assets for Wall Street firms to accumulate while pricing local families out. I would also support giving families, tenants, first-time homebuyers, local nonprofits, and community land trusts a meaningful first opportunity to purchase homes before they are sold in bulk to large investors. When corporate owners sell properties, the people who actually live in our communities should have a fair shot at owning them. But stopping displacement also means helping the people who are already here stay here. I would fight to fully fund federal Whole-Home Repair programs that can provide grants to qualifying homeowners for critical repairs, accessibility improvements, weatherization, and health and safety needs. I would also work to expand Community Development Block Grants, affordable home-improvement financing, and partnerships with community lenders so that longtime homeowners can repair their homes without taking on crushing debt. I would support expanding down-payment and closing-cost assistance for working families and first-time homebuyers, while working with state and local leaders on property-tax relief and other protections for longtime residents facing rapidly rising costs. Denver Harbor families helped build this neighborhood. They should be able to afford to stay here, improve the homes they worked for, pass those homes on to their children, and build generational wealth. Our neighborhoods should belong to the people who live in them—not become investment portfolios for corporations with no stake in the community.

Alex Mealer: Campaign did not respond

Q2: Denver Harbor residents pay county, state, and federal taxes. What would you do to bring more public money to improve the neighborhood?

Leticia Gutiérrez: Denver Harbor residents pay county, state, and federal taxes, and they deserve to see those dollars invested back into their community. As a member of Congress, I would work directly with city, county, and community leaders to identify Denver Harbor’s highest-priority projects and aggressively pursue federal funding to get them done. That includes using the congressional appropriations and Community Project Funding process, along with federal grants, to bring resources directly back to the neighborhood. I would prioritize investments in flood mitigation and drainage infrastructure, safer streets and sidewalks, better public transportation, neighborhood facilities, and improved access to preventive healthcare. I would also fight for federal community-development funding that can help repair homes, strengthen infrastructure, and improve the quality of life for families who already live here. And I would make sure Denver Harbor has a seat at the table when those priorities are being set. Too often, communities that have paid into the system for generations are asked to settle for whatever is left over. Denver Harbor deserves its fair share of public investment. Our goal should be simple: bring residents’ tax dollars home and invest them in the infrastructure and services that allow families to live safely, stay healthy, get to work, raise their children, and build a strong future in their community.

Alex Mealer: Campaign did not respond

VOTING. IT'S THE MOVE.

November 3, 2026, General and Special Elections
General Fact Sheet

IMPORTANT DATES

LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THIS ELECTION OR UPDATE YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION
MON., OCT. 5
EARLY VOTING
MON., OCT. 19 - SAT., OCT. 24
7 AM - 7 PM
SUN., OCT. 25
12 PM - 7 PM
MON., OCT. 26 - FRI., OCT. 30
7 AM - 7 PM
FRI., OCT. 23
Ballot by mail application deadline
ELECTION DAY
TUES., NOV. 3
7 AM - 7 PM

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF ID

WHO CAN VOTE?

Voters registered by **October 5th**.
Visit **HarrisVotes.com** to see your personalized sample ballot.

WHAT ARE THE GENERAL & SPECIAL ELECTIONS?

These elections determine officeholders for statewide positions, the Texas Legislature, the U.S. House, and other federal, state, and local offices. Republican and Democratic party nominees, independents, and qualified third-party candidates appear on the ballot.

VOTING BY MAIL

How to apply?

Where to return the completed and signed application?

- Mail via USPS: Harris County Clerk's Office Elections Department - P.O. Box 1148, Houston, TX 77251-1148
- Common or contract carrier: Harris County Clerk's Office Elections Department - 15600 Morales Road, Houston, TX 77032

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Upcoming Events | Eventos Próximos

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10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
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MOVIE MATINEE

JERSEY BOYS

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October 27, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.
Tuttle Neighborhood Library
702 Kress St, Houston, TX 77020

Viaje De los Monarcas
Explorando la migración

OCTUBRE 31
10AM-1PM
HOUSTON ZOO- POR LA PUERTA 8
6200 HERMANN PARK DR, HOUSTON, TX

Ven a explorar la migración a través de historias de justicia y pertenencia, manualidades tejidas, matemáticas prácticas y actividades con el Zoológico de Houston.

Bitly/HYMJourney

Se permiten helados y comida del exterior. HYM proporcionará bebidas y snacks

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Journey of the Monarchs
Exploring Migration

OCTOBER 31
10AM-1PM
HOUSTON ZOO- AT GATE 8
6200 HERMANN PARK DR, HOUSTON, TX

Come explore migration through stories of justice and belonging, stitching crafts, hands on math, and activities with the Houston Zoo.

Bitly/HYMJourney

Coolers and outside food is allowed. HYM will provide drinks and snacks

FOR QUESTIONS CALL OR TEXT
832-836-3536

Houston Public Library Calendar of Events Linking YOU to the World							October 2026
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				1 CLOSED	2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED	
4 CLOSED	5 CLOSED	6 CLOSED	7 CLOSED	8 CLOSED	9 Open Job Lab @2pm	10 Toddler Playtime @11am Saturday @HPL @2PM	
11 CLOSED	12 Bad Art! @11am LEGO Club! @2PM	13 Kids Craft! @4pm	14 Kids STEM! @4PM Celebrate Hispanic Heritage @5:30pm	15 Senior Social Hour @2pm	16 Open Job Lab @2pm	17 Toddler Playtime @11am Saturday @HPL @2PM	
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Join us this month for:
-TECHLink Vinson Grand Opening 10/3
-Banned Books week (10/4-10)
-Hispanic History Celebrations
-Halloween Festivals

Tuttle Neighborhood Library
702 Kress St, Houston, TX 77020
832-350-2100

Events are subject to change without notice. Please contact the library location to confirm the date and time of an event. Please visit houstonlibrary.org/events for more information. Special Accommodations can be provided with advance notification.

HAVE A HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Community Resources | Recursos Comunitarios



PORT HOUSTON

4th ANNUAL CAREER FAIR

Join us at our upcoming hiring event!

Job seekers will have an opportunity to connect with employers and learn about high-demand careers in Maritime Transportation, Port Operations, Skilled Trades, Logistics, Distribution, and more.

What to Expect?

Participants will have the opportunity to meet directly with employers offering immediate job openings and conducting on-the-spot interviews.

Career seekers are encouraged to bring multiple copies of their resume and dress professionally.

Free & Open to the public (registration required)

Friday, October 9, 2026 | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Denver Harbor Multi-Service Center
6402 Market Street Houston, TX 77020

Employer Registration & Event Info
Contact
MaritimeEd@porthouston.com
or
713.670.2806

Job Seekers
Registration Required
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YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL PROGRAM



This Instructional Development Class focuses on teaching the fundamental skills of flag football while providing a safe environment to grow in the sport. Kids ages 9 - 14 will learn sport-specific skills, such as throwing, catching, flag pulling, defense, agility, and speed. In addition, they will learn motor skills development, fitness conditioning, and have opportunities for healthy competition. Equipment is provided to all participants. **FREE!**

AGES: 9 - 14 YEARS OLD
REGISTRATION: SEPT. 1 - OCT. 25, 2026
DATES: OCTOBER 5, - NOVEMBER 7, 2026
DAYS: 2 DAYS A WEEK
TIME: 6 PM. - 8 PM.
LOCATION: VARIOUS COMMUNITY CENTERS
ACTIVITY NUMBERS:
ONLINE REGISTRATION: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/houstonparks/Home>
INFORMATION: (832) 395-7326

06-008.26

NORTH CHANNEL JOB FAIR

Connect with leading employers eager to meet talented individuals like you. Whether you're launching your career or seeking new challenges, this event is your bridge to exciting career opportunities.

DATE
October 14, 2026

TIME
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

LOCATION
San Jacinto College North
5800 Uvalde Rd.
Houston, TX 77049
Building 17
(Science and Allied Health Building)

JOB SEEKERS
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EMPLOYERS
REGISTER NOW!



Denver Harbor YARD OF THE MONTH

A Neighborhood of Friends and Family

You CAN HELP CHOOSE THE WINNER!



NOMINATE A HOME
Know a yard that deserves recognition? Nominate a neighbor (or yourself!) who takes pride in their yard!! Nominations are open now through Tuesday, December 1.

COMMUNITY VOTES
All nominated homes will be presented at the Civic Club meeting, where everyone in attendance gets one vote to help choose the winner!

FIRST VOTE
The first vote will take place at the Denver Harbor Civic Club meeting on Tuesday, December 1.

THEN MONTHLY AFTER THAT
After the first vote, the Yard of the Month program will continue monthly at the Civic Club meetings.

Winner gets a yard sign to proudly display!

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3 de noviembre de 2026, Elecciones Generales y Especiales
Hoja Informativa

FECHAS IMPORTANTES
ÚLTIMO DÍA PARA REGISTRARSE PARA ESTA ELECCIÓN O ACTUALIZAR SU REGISTRO DE VOTANTE
LUN., 5 DE OCT.
VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA
LUN., 19 DE OCT. - SÁB., 24 DE OCT.
7 AM - 7 PM
DOM., 25 DE OCT.
12 PM - 7 PM
LUN., 26 DE OCT. - VIE., 30 DE OCT.
7 AM - 7 PM
VIE., 23 DE OCT.
Fecha límite para la solicitud de voto por correo
DÍA DE LAS ELECCIONES
MAR., 3 DE NOV.
7 AM - 7 PM

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 LICENCIA DE CONDUCIR DE TEXAS	 TARJETA DE IDENTIFICACIÓN PERSONAL DE TEXAS
 LICENCIA DE ARMAS DE TEXAS	 CERTIFICADO DE CIUDADANÍA DE EE.UU. CON FOTO
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El votante debe proporcionar identificación de Texas a número de licencia de conducir, un Certificado de Identificación Electoral o los últimos cuatro dígitos de su SSN.

¿Dónde enviar la solicitud completa y firmada?
• Por correo postal mediante USPS: Oficina de la Secretaría del Condado Harris, Departamento de Elecciones - P.O. Box 1148, Houston, TX 77251-1148
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In The Community En La Comunidad



Ricky Campos

Ricky Campos has been a proud Denver Harbor resident since the 1950s. A mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, writer, poet, and longtime community organizer, she uses her voice—both on the page and in the neighborhood—to tell the stories of working families and the generations who have shaped Denver Harbor. Her activist poetry blends art and advocacy, speaking to cultural identity, justice, and resilience, and serving as a call to remember, organize, and take action.

Ricky leads Celebrating Denver Harbor, One Block at a Time, a project revitalizing Lyons Avenue while honoring its heritage, and volunteers with Denver Harbor Cares, encouraging civic engagement and voter participation. She also writes for La Voz de Denver Harbor, documenting local stories and history. Through poetry, organizing, and service, Ricky continues to build bridges between generations and strengthen her community's collective voice.

Congratulations to Ricky Campos for being honored by Houston Metro Democratic Women! Your dedication to the community and commitment to making a difference continue to inspire those around you. We are proud to celebrate your achievements and the positive impact you bring to Denver Harbor.

¡Felicidades a Ricky Campos por ser reconocido por Houston Metro Democratic Women! Tu dedicación a la comunidad y tu compromiso con generar un cambio siguen inspirando a quienes te rodean. Nos enorgullece celebrar tus logros y el impacto positivo que aportas a Denver Harbor.



National Night Out united Denver Harbor neighbors for a night of safety and community.

National Night Out unió a Denver Harbor en una noche de seguridad y comunidad.

Dixie Maid, Goodbye and Hello



Jun Lee “John” acquired Dixie Maid in 1984 which means it's been over 40 years since it's been a neighborhood staple in Denver Harbor. He has been our behind the counter guy always willing to serve. He has been flipping tasty burgers, tasty bites and classic fast food favorites for years. I truly enjoyed working with him on my project “Celebrating Denver Harbor, One Block at a Time.”

I appreciated him letting me leave campaign literature and put up signs. To say he will be missed is an understatement.

It was a pleasure meeting Pedro Diaz, whose family are now the proud owners of Dixie Maid. He is aware that this burger place is historic and will keep most things as they are. Of course the orange booths that have been there forever will remain. He has plans to add to the menu, possibly for breakfast and dinner which will definitely add to the business. He has added more personnel which will help to deliver better service. Pedro has good ideas, landscaping plans are underway and starting soon. Improving our businesses in Denver Harbor is so important for our neighborhood.



¿Cree que no puede votar?

Averígüelo antes de darse por vencido

Escrito por Jessica Campos

Denver Harbor, hagamos un plan para usar nuestro poder de votación!

La temporada de elecciones puede tomarnos por sorpresa. Estamos trabajando, cuidando a nuestras familias y tratando de atender todo lo que tenemos pendiente. Últimamente he estado hablando con la gente sobre la importancia de votar y animándola a hacer un plan. Entonces, la semana pasada, me detuve a pensar: “Ay, No! No tengo mi identificación!”

Voté en las elecciones presidenciales, pero no voté en las últimas elecciones locales porque no encontraba mi identificación. Tenía la intención de sacar otra, pero la vida siguió su curso y nunca lo hice. Al principio pensé que solo tenía que hacer una cita. Entonces me di cuenta de que tampoco encontraba mi acta de nacimiento ni mi tarjeta del Seguro Social.

Yo pensaba que eso significaba ir a tres lugares distintos: uno para conseguir mi acta de nacimiento, otro para conseguir mi tarjeta del Seguro Social y después una cita para sacar una nueva identificación. Me pregunté cuándo iba a encontrar tiempo para hacer todo eso antes de que comenzara la votación, y si estaba a punto de perderme otra elección. Así que empecé a buscar los requisitos, a hacer preguntas y llamé a Denver Harbor Cares para pedir ayuda. Quería conocer mis opciones antes de darme por vencida.

Denver Harbor tiene poder en las elecciones. En 2024, organizadores locales calcularon que aproximadamente 7,000 vecinos estaban registrados, entre ellos unos 4,100 que votaban pocas veces o nunca habían votado. No todos los 7,000 se quedaron en casa, pero muchos vecinos registrados no votaban con regularidad.

Hemos visto que las cosas pueden cambiar. Durante los primeros cuatro días de votación anticipada de las elecciones municipales de 2023, 151 residentes de Denver Harbor votaron: más de los que votaron durante los diez días completos de votación anticipada en las elecciones comparables de 2019. Para noviembre de 2024, Denver Harbor Cares esperaba animar a votar a 500 personas registradas que normalmente no participaban.

Informó que aproximadamente 850 de esas personas emitieron su voto. Son cifras de elecciones distintas, pero muestran lo que podemos lograr juntos. Espero que este noviembre lleguemos más lejos. Las personas se pierden las elecciones por distintas razones. Algunas no encuentran su tarjeta de votante o su identificación; otras se mudaron, cambiaron de nombre o no entienden por qué su registro aparece con un problema. Algunas tienen dudas por una condena anterior por un delito grave. También pueden impedirnos votar un turno largo de trabajo, el cuidado de hijos o familiares, el transporte, el idioma, la falta de acceso para personas con discapacidades, no tener internet, las dudas sobre el voto por correo o no saber adónde ir. No esperemos hasta el día de las elecciones para resolver todo eso.

Haga su plan para votar

1. Revise su registro y si es elegible.

Confirme su nombre, dirección y estatus. Perder su tarjeta de votante generalmente no le impide votar. Si no encuentra su registro, aparece suspendido, fue cancelado o necesita actualizar sus datos, comuníquese pronto con la oficina de registro de votantes del condado. Suspense puede indicar una duda sobre su dirección; no significa automáticamente que tenga prohibido votar. También conozco a una persona con una condena anterior por un delito grave que creyó que nunca podría votar. En Texas, una persona puede ser elegible para registrarse después de completar su sentencia, incluyendo la libertad condicional y la libertad bajo supervisión; si tiene dudas, averígüelo antes de registrarse.

Tenga esta información a la mano: En www.votetexas.gov puede seleccionar “Am I Registered?”, consultar las reglas de identificación y voto por correo, y buscar centros de votación. Para recibir ayuda en español con su registro o preguntar cómo obtener otra tarjeta de votante en el condado de Harris, llame al 713-274-8201. Yo casi me di por vencida antes de averiguar mis opciones. Busquemos respuestas ahora, anotemos un día en el calendario y ayudemos a otro vecino a hacer su plan. Denver Harbor tiene poder. Usémoslo.

2. Resuelva lo de su identificación y la ayuda que necesite. Averigüe qué identificación con foto puede presentar. Si no tiene una aprobada y no puede obtenerla razonablemente, Texas puede permitirle presentar un documento de respaldo aceptado, como la tarjeta de votante, una factura actual de servicios, un estado de cuenta bancario o un comprobante de pago, y firmar una Declaración de Impedimento Razonable. Texas menciona entre los motivos haber perdido la identificación o no tener los documentos necesarios para obtenerla. No suponga que cualquier documento temporal de papel será aceptado sin comprobar cuál es. Si necesita intérprete, equipo de votación accesible o votar desde la entrada o su vehículo porque no puede entrar físicamente, averigüe cómo pedir ayuda antes de ir.

3. Elija el día en que va a votar y resuelva los detalles.

La fecha límite para registrarse para las elecciones del 3 de noviembre de 2026 es el 5 de octubre, y la votación anticipada será del 19 al 30 de octubre. Se espera que el Centro de Servicios Múltiples de Denver Harbor (MSC) sea un lugar de votación anticipada; confirme la ubicación y el horario antes de ir. Elija un día que se ajuste a su trabajo y sus responsabilidades de cuidado, organice cómo llegará si necesita transporte y escoja otro día como respaldo. Si se le dificulta ir a votar en persona, averigüe si reúne los requisitos para votar por correo; en Texas, esa opción está limitada a ciertas circunstancias. Y si llena una solicitud de registro de votantes por internet, recuerde que todavía debe imprimirla, firmarla y entregarla.

Mixin' It Up with The Stars



Tejano Style!



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Avizo

Written by Ricky Campos

La Voz had the great honor of interviewing Robert Dorantes, leader of the Powerhouse Tejano band Avizo. Avizo is a grammy nominated Tejano band with roots from our neighboring community Magnolia. They have been able to thrive in a time that certainly is different from their beginning, spanning over 40 years. One of their favorite albums "Amigos y Familia" certainly describes the unique comradery of the band and those that through the years celebrate their music.

Formed in 1984 by Trumpeter Robert Dorantes, Houston-based Avizo has long been known as "Houston's Powerhouse." The band's ages range from 22 years to the 60's. The group's distinctive horn-driven sound pays homage to Tejano's traditional roots while embracing modern influences. Dorantes founded the band as a response to the growing trend of electronic instrumentation in Tejano, choosing instead to keep the spirit of live horns alive. Today, Avizo continues to thrive with a dynamic blend of horns, keyboards and accordion that defines their energetic and authentic style.

His favorite song is "Tu Me Quemas". He loved the song so much he recorded it twice. The musicians he admired were Sunny Ozuna, Augustine Ramirez and father-in-law, Joe Bravo. Avizo has 10 members in his group and if he did not have 10 members it would not be Avizo.

He played with Jay Perez at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. It was a highlight for Avizo with over 60,000 in attendance. Avizo has also played at the Las Vegas Convention.

He remembers playing for free at the Resurrection Catholic Church bazaars.

His first CD came out in 1985-1986. His 3rd CD secured them their first grammy nomination. Robert Dorantes played with Saints and Sinners and remembers thinking, "I want a Band like that".

Tejano Legends of Houston awarded Avizo a Lifetime Achievement Award. Robert says that Tejano music has evolved through the years and remembers when events used to be free, drawing big crowds.



At the 45th Annual Tejano Music awards two iconic names are added to the performance lineup - Grammy nominated band Avizo and Tejano pioneer Johnny Hernandez who will also be honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at this year's ceremony. Known as the "Biggest Night in Tejano Music", the 46th annual awards show is set for Friday, November 13, 2026 at the Texas Rodeo Saloon in Katy, Texas marking the second consecutive year the prestigious event will be held at the Houston-area venue.

Robert's hope for the future of Tejano music is that there may be an emergence of younger singers. He would like to see parents influence their kids with Tejano music. He recognizes that ICE, gas prices and the cost of food are going to have an impact on Tejano music. He counts his many blessings. Our community congratulates the Powerhouse Band Avizo on their continued success.



New AARP Texas Poll: Highly Motivated Older Voters Could Shape Close Senate, Governor Races

Bipartisan polling finds Abbott and Talarico holding leads, with 50+ swing voters poised to play a crucial role in November's elections.

AARP released new polling highlighting the outsized role Texas's highly motivated older voters are poised to play in the state's closely watched gubernatorial and Senate races in November -- and the issues that will be top of mind for these pivotal voters at the ballot box, including Social Security, Medicare, and affordability.

"Texas's upcoming elections will be among the most closely watched races in the country, and all eyes should be on the state's older voters," said Nancy LeaMond, AARP Executive Vice President and Chief Advocacy Officer. "Voters ages 50 and older are highly motivated to cast ballots, driven largely by financial concerns — from the cost of groceries, medicine and utilities to protecting Social Security. Their voices will be decisive on Election Day. Candidates who want to earn their support need to address these issues."

Voters age 50 and older dominated both parties' 2026 Texas primaries, accounting for nearly 55% of ballots cast in the Democratic primary and 78% of ballots cast in the Republican primary. AARP's new polling suggests this high level of engagement is likely to continue: 84% of voters 50+ rated themselves a "10" on a 10-point motivation-to-vote scale, compared with 70% of voters under 50. Older swing voters make up almost 9% of the Texas electorate and roughly half of swing voters statewide, underscoring how influential this block will be for both tight races.

In the highly watched race for Senate, Democrat James Talarico holds a narrow 4-point (48%-44%) lead over Republican Ken Paxton, with 8% of voters undecided. Among voters age 50+, however, Paxton is up by 13 points (53%-40%). Talarico leads with 50+ swing voters by a significant margin (38%-17%).

In the governor's race, Republican Greg Abbott holds a narrow 3-point (49%-46%) edge over Democrat Gina Hinojosa. Abbott's lead is wider among 50+ voters, polling at 59% to Hinojosa's 38%. Abbott also leads with 50+ swing voters by 31 points, and 50+ women by 15 points.

"This year's Senate and gubernatorial races are both shaping up to be down to the wire, and older Texans are a crucial demographic for all candidates involved," said Lisa A. Rodriguez, AARP Texas State Director. "Day-to-day realities like caring for an aging family member or grappling with rising grocery prices are driving their votes. They're looking for leaders who will step in and advocate for policies that help them age with financial security, independence, and dignity."

AARP's polling found that affordability is the top issue for Texas voters 50+, followed by immigration and Social Security and Medicare.

Among voters age 50+: 59% say Social Security is or will be a major source of income for their household, and 91% are more likely to support a candidate who will make sure workers receive the Social Security benefits they earned.

73% say Medicare is an important voting issue, and 83% are more likely to support a candidate who would expand Medicare's ability to negotiate prescription drug prices.

49% are either current or former caregivers, and 72% would be more likely to support a candidate who advocates to provide support for unpaid family caregivers helping their loved ones live independently in their homes.

AARP commissioned the bipartisan polling team of Fabrizio Ward (R) and Impact Research (D) to conduct the survey of likely Texas voters. This is the fifth poll in AARP's 2026 battleground polling series, following surveys of Michigan, Arizona, Ohio and Georgia. The firms interviewed 895 likely voters statewide. The survey was done between August 30-September 1, 2026. The interviews were conducted via live interviewer on cell phone (40%) and landline (15%), as well as SMS-to-web (45%). The sample was randomly drawn from the Texas voter list. The margin of sampling error at the 95% confidence level for the 895 statewide sample is $\pm 3.3\%$.

View the full survey results at www.aarp.org/tx2026voterpoll and more information on our poll at www.aarp.org/TXpoll. Additional information about AARP's 2026 battleground polling series is available at www.aarp.org/voterpolls2026.



From 5% to 40%: How one Houston neighborhood is transforming its voter turnout

New early voting location aimed at removing barriers in Denver Harbor



This Hispanic Heritage Month, a grassroots organization in one of Houston’s oldest Mexican-American communities is working to make sure its neighbors have a stronger voice at the polls.

Denver Harbor has historically struggled with low voter participation, but Denver Harbor Cares has spent years working to change that through voter education and community outreach.

Now, organizers say the neighborhood is getting an early voting location — a development they hope will make it easier for residents to cast a ballot.

Denver Harbor Cares said they’ve knocked on 5,000 doors. The group plans to visit 2,000 more residents before the November election to encourage them to vote.

“If we vote, people will listen, elected officials will listen,” co-founder and longtime resident Carolyn Lopez said. “We’ve had to fight all of these years. Cathy, we’ve been fighting and trying to get resources, information.”

From low turnout to greater participation

For Lopez and co-founder Rene Porras, the effort is personal.

Porras has lived in Denver Harbor since 1967 and owns Porras Prontito. He said his connection to the neighborhood and its culture inspired him to give back.

“I absorbed the culture, and I realized how valuable it was and what my parents taught me,” Porras said. “So I decided I was going to help my community all I could.”

One of the biggest challenges, he said, has been convincing more residents to participate in elections.

“When we started this, the voting participation was absolutely horrendous. Five percent turnout — come on,” Porras said.

Porras said the organization has since seen a significant increase in participation, with turnout reaching into the 40% range during the last presidential election.

“We’ve made a huge impact,” he said.

Organizers say voting can bring attention to community needs

For Denver Harbor Cares, the effort extends beyond elections. Lopez said the community has long faced challenges accessing information and other resources.

“We’re not only a voting desert, we’re an information, resource desert, we’re a reading desert, we’re a food desert,” Lopez said. “Little by little, that’s one of our purposes — to address some of those needs.”

Porras believes higher voter participation can also help Denver Harbor get more attention from elected officials.

“If you’re a politician looking at the Heights, Montrose and Denver Harbor and you see the Heights voting at 70%, Montrose at 60% and Denver Harbor at 18%, where are you gonna spend your time?” Porras said.

Denver Harbor Cares says its work will continue beyond the November election, with organizers focused on connecting residents with information and resources while encouraging greater civic participation.

For Porras, it is also about preserving and investing in a Mexican-American community he has called home for nearly six decades.

“If we start voting, they’re going to listen to us and I got a very good feeling about this election coming up. We’re going to overwhelming them at the polls,” said Porras.

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