TEXPAC Update – Nov. 9, 2016

TEXPAC and Texas Physicians Enjoy Strong Election Results

This unique presidential election brought on many predictions and projections for who would win, but even as the polls closed last night, most voters were unsure of the likely outcome and how it would affect the races across the state.

As expected, voters flocked to the polls to vote for the next president. But while Texas set a record for early voter turnout, our Election Day turnout struggled — most Texans had cast their ballot early. TEXPAC's concern was that the high volume of voters overall would affect our friends running for reelection in swing districts in counties such as Bexar, Dallas, Harris, and Travis. However, hard work and Donald Trump's 54-percent win in Texas helped most of our friends claim victory last night.

Wins for Medicine

The election resulted in two HUGE wins for medicine. We have two new TMA/TEXPAC physicians elected to the Texas Legislature! **Sen.-Elect Dawn Buckingham, MD**, won Senate District 24 with 72.4 percent of the vote, and **Rep.-Elect Tom Oliverson, MD**, is the newest physician in the Texas House. He won House District 130 in the primary election last March and ran unopposed in the general election. TEXPAC endorsed both candidates in the primary and general elections, and we are thrilled to work with them in the upcoming legislative session.

TEXPAC had an extremely successful night. In total, 119 endorsed candidates for the Texas House, 16 for the Texas Senate, and four endorsed judicial candidates were victorious. Despite these successes, we did lose three friendly incumbents to their challengers:

- In House District 117, Rick Galindo (R) was defeated by former State Rep. Philip Cortez (D). A Democrat usually holds the seat, and we expected this outcome, but we are sad to lose Rick Galindo. Fortunately, Philip Cortez is also a friend of medicine. He was a champion of our issues during the 83rd legislative session, and we are excited to work with him again.
- In Harris County, we saw a similar scenario. In House District 144, another swing district, former State Rep. Mary Ann Perez reclaimed her seat from TEXPAC-endorsed Gilbert Pena (R).
- The most disappointing loss for medicine last night, however, was in House District 107. Our good friend Kenneth Sheets (R) was defeated by his opponent Victoria Neave (D). This is a big loss for TEXPAC; Kenneth Sheets was a wonderful state representative, as well as a champion for medicine. He had a great relationship with the TMA Advocacy team and even better relations with his local physicians. He played a big role on the House Insurance Committee, and we are sad to lose him. His race was considered to be one of the toughest this

cycle, and we worked hard to help him get reelected. I know he is grateful for the support we provided him as an organization.

Fortunately, most of our friends will be back to represent medicine in the 85th legislative session. We are extremely excited for our friendly incumbents to return, and we also are looking forward to working with the new members we supported. Below are the results for our priority races.

RACE	WINNER	PERCENT OF VOTE
State Senate		
SD 19	**Carlos Uresti (D)**	**55.8%**
SD 20	**Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa (D)**	**61.7%**
SD 24	**Dawn Buckingham, MD (R)**	**72.4%** (new member)
State House		
HD 23	**Wayne Faircloth (R)**	**58.9%**
HD 33	**Justin Holland (R)**	**67.8%** (new member)
HD 41	**Bobby Guerra (D)**	**56.8%**
HD 43	**J.M. Lozano (R)**	**61.2%**
HD 47	**Paul Workman (R)**	**53.6%**
HD 54	**Scott Cosper (R)**	**54.8%** (new member)
HD 64	**Lynn Stucky (R)**	**61.6%** (new member)
HD 65	**Ron Simmons (R)**	**56.3%**
HD 102	**Linda Koop (R)**	**54.7%**
HD 105	**Rodney Anderson (R)**	**50.1%**
HD 107	**Victoria Neave (D)**	**50.8%** (TEXPAC loss)
HD 112	**Angie Chen Button (R)**	**57.2%**
HD 113	**Cindy Burkett (R)**	**55.2%**
HD 114	**Jason Villalba (R)**	**55.7%**
HD 117	**Philip Cortez (D)**	**51.4%** (TEXPAC loss)
HD 118	**Tomas Uresti (D)**	**55.2%** (new member)
HD 134	**Sarah Davis (R)**	**53.6%**

HD 136	**Tony Dale (R)**	**55%**
HD 144	**Mary Ann Perez (D)**	**60.2%** (TEXPAC loss)
HD 149	**Hubert Vo (D)**	**63.5%**

Texas Supreme Court

| Place 5 | **Paul Green (R)** | **54.3%** |
| Place 9 | **Eva Guzman (R)** | **55.8%** |