

HCWPC

Harris County Women's Political Caucus
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HCWPC Candidate Endorsements

The following endorsements were made by the TWPC at the Policy Council meeting in Corpus Christi on April 6. Candidates who are running unopposed for the Primary Election were not rated and no endorsements were made in these races. Furthermore, in races where NO candidate was judged to have answered our questions satisfactorily, no endorsements were made. This same procedure was followed in making endorsements in local (Harris County) races.

TWPC Endorsements

Governor	Frances Farenthold, Democrat
Comm. of Agr.	John White, Democrat
Comptroller	Bob Bullock, Democrat

HCWPC Endorsements

U. S. Congress	
Dist. 8	Bob Eckhardt, Democrat
Dist. 22	J. Kent Hackleman, Democrat

State Legislature:

Dist. 79	Ron Waters, Democrat Incumbent
Dist. 81	Woody Denson, Democrat Incumbent
Dist. 84	Herman Lauhoff, Democrat
Dist. 85	Anthony Hall, Democrat
Dist. 86	Craig Washington, Democrat Incumbent
Dist. 87	Ben Reyes, Democrat Incumbent
Dist. 90	Karey Bresenhan, Democrat
Dist. 93	Frank Waltermire, Democrat
Dist. 97	Gene Jones, Democrat Incumbent
Dist. 100	Jo Ann Gerhardt, Democrat

Endorsements (cont'd)

County Commissioner:

Prec. 2 Bob Comeaux, Democrat

County Judge Bill Elliott - Democrat Incumbent

County Clerk Frederick Kay - Democrat

Justices of the Peace:

Prec. 3, Pos. 2 Marshall Williams

Prec. 5, Pos. 1 Nancy Westerfeld

Prec. 6, Pos. 1 Richard Vara

Prec. 7, Pos. 1 Alice Bonner

Prec. 8, Pos. 1 Mike Driscoll

County Civil Court at Law:

A. D. Azios

New Officer

Due to the resignation of Vice Chair - Internal Pat Carr, it has been necessary for the Chair to make an interim appointment to handle this important office. Pat will be moving to Dallas early in May and we will all miss her. She has been a strong and dependable worker in the Caucus.

Rickie Rosenberg - 626-8697

Your new Vice Chair - Internal is new member ~~Dee Harbour~~. She'll be putting out the HCWPC Newsletter each month and will need your help in getting all information together. Please report all committee "doings", announcements of meetings, etc., to her. ~~Dee's phone number is 784-5156 and her address for mailing is 2301 Lazy Hollow, Apt. 403 A - Houston 77042.~~

HCWPC Proposes Additions to City Budget

On May 1, representatives of a number of women's organizations and other interested groups and individuals spoke out in favor of the HCWPC's proposals to include funding for Day Care for the children of City employees and for the Rape Crisis Center in the mayor's proposed City Budget for 1974.

As most of you are aware, Mayor Hofheinz promised to search out funds for Day Care in a pledge made to the Caucus before his election. While his promise did not include funds for the Rape Crisis Center, he did say there would be a "rape investigation squad composed of female officers."

NEWS RELEASE: BRESENHAN WINS, GERHARDT IN RUN-OFF

Whoever said women candidates don't have a chance? HCWPC can be rightfully proud of our two members who ran for the legislature in the Democratic primary. Karey Bresenhan won her primary in District 90 and Jo Ann Gerhardt will be in a run-off on June 1 for the Democratic nomination in District 100. A hearty congratulations to these outstanding candidates and to the members who worked so hard in their campaigns.

But we can't waste time on congratulations while our work is only half done! First priority is helping Jo Ann win the run-off, and there are only three short weeks left. Everyone's help is needed for (1) addressing envelopes, (2) block walking, (3) telephoning and (3) working at polls on election day. Please contact Pam Pitt at 523-9647 or at 224-4522 X360 to let her know what you will do to help.

There will be a fund-raising party for Jo Ann on Saturday, May 18 at 7:30 PM. It will be held at the home of Harriet Coleman, 2347 Glenhaven (off Greenbriar and Holcombe). Donation will be \$1 per drink. Come and bring a friend!

City Budget (cont'd)

Both of these requests for funds are obviously needed, and no mention of either one has been included in the city budget heretofore. W.E.A.L. and N.O.W. are supporting this appeal for inclusion in the city budget. At a news conference held Monday, April 29, members of the League of Women Voters, W.E.A.L., N.O.W., HCWPC, Houston Teacher's Association, Women in Action, Community Welfare Planning Association, AAUW, Women in Communications, and Planned Parenthood attended to indicate their interest and support for these budget requests. Rep. Ron Waters spoke in favor of the measures. Also attending was Ms. Rhobia Taylor, Director of the Women's Bureau of Dallas.

As this newsletter goes to press, we do not know what disposition will be made of these requests. Watch this space!

Meetings

- May 15 - Wed. HCWPC Policy Council meets at 7:30 pm in the Women's Center. All Caucus members are invited to attend these meetings.
- May 22 - Wed. HCWPC Program Meeting - 7:30 pm in the Women's Center. The Speaker is to be announced.
- June 22 - Sat. TWPC Policy Council meets in San Antonio. Details not available yet.
- July 27/28 TWPC Convention in Austin. All Caucus members should attend.

Donation Made to Farenthold Campaign

In a poll of HCWPC Policy Council members, it was voted to give \$250 to Sissy Farenthold's campaign for Governor. The candidate has been endorsed by TWPC and a number of Caucus members have been very active on her behalf.

We wish that campaign money could be given to all or endorsed candidates -- especially the women, who have such a rough time raising such funds. Hopefully, we will be able to do so in the future.

PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Olga Yvonne Soliz, Chair person of the Priorities Committee for 1974, is calling a meeting for all members interested in working on these priorities for Thursday May 16, 1974 at 7:30 P.M. at her home, located at 2102 Wroxton Rd., phone is 524-5005, if you wish additional information, etc.

TWPC Convention July 26, 27, 28, 1974

Convention News: HCWPC Coordinator - Olga Yvonne Soliz

As you are probably aware, the Austin Women's Political Caucus will be coordinating the forthcoming state convention to be held on July 26, 27, and 28 in Austin. Between now and July you will be hearing from me on a regular basis concerning the convention activities. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me or write to me at:

Olga Y. Soliz	524-5005	Res. (after 5)
2102 Wroxtton Rd.	526-6497	Parents (Navarro)
Houston, Texas 77005	748-7573	Bus.

The last meeting of the TWPC Policy Council set the theme of the convention as "Women in Politics". The Austin caucus will be working with each of the locals to implement this theme in the workshops and speakers at the convention.

The Administrative Committee will be meeting in Houston during the weekend of May 25. At that meeting they will be making decisions on Convention procedure, Credentials Committee, Resolutions Committee, and the final schedule of the Convention. Any questions or comments that you might have regarding these matters should be directed to Jane Hickey at the state office, 1208 Baylor, Austin, Texas 78703.

There are several areas that the Austin Caucus would like to have an immediate input on from each of the locals so that we may proceed in planning the other aspects of the convention. They are:

1. Type and scope of workshops -- In what manner should the workshops be conducted? In what degree of depth should the workshops be conducted?
2. Women from our area, with expertise, that would be willing to participate in workshops in the following areas (please include addresses and phone numbers):
 - a. How to run a legislative campaign (rural and urban)
 - b. How to coordinate publicity for a campaign (rural and urban)
 - c. How to run a local campaign (rural and urban)
 - d. Local government officials
 - e. Women elected to the judiciary
 - f. Community leaders who have organized for political purposes
 - g. Women who are professional lobbyists
3. Minority participation in the convention -- What can be done by the state and the local caucus to increase participation in the convention and the caucus by minority women?
4. Transportation -- Is it feasible to establish bus routes to bring participants to the convention? Should all transportation be by car?