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committee members, and voting on policy decisions. The extent of the mayor's The mayor serves as the head of the city council, leading meetings, appointing

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authority depends on the city's charter structure.

the mayor oversees emergency management efforts. department heads, granting broader control over city administration. Additionally, cities, the mayor also has the authority to appoint the city manager and can convene meetings and set agendas, influencing policy discussions. In some government, shaping the tone in both media and city council meetings. The mayor Regardless of the city charter, the mayor serves as the figurehead of city

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CITY COUNCIL

appoint key positions such as the City Manager and Chiet of Police. overseeing various city departments. Depending on the city's charter, it may The city council is a city's government's policy-making and legislative body,

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conucil to pass by majority vote. policy change. For a policy to be enacted, it must gain sufficient support within the As the city's main policy-making body, the city council is the key driver of local

Cite & Release policy after the city council successfully voted to do so. Example: In 2020, San Marcos became the first city in Texas to adopt a citywide

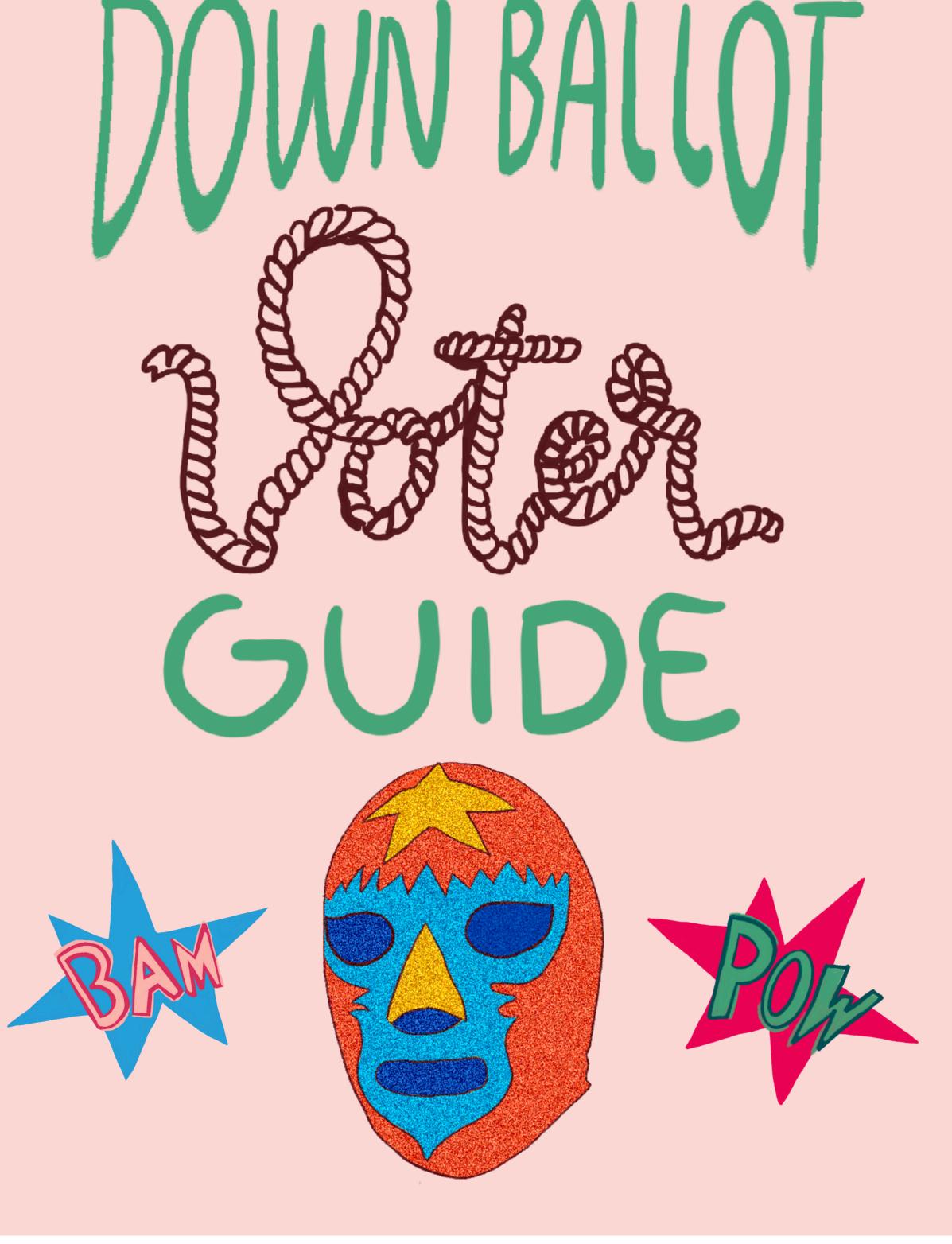
SCHOOL BOARD

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budgetary decisions, such as school closures. overseeing superintendents, setting pay for teachers and staff, and making key School boards manage school operations at the local level, including hiring and

voted to close 15 schools, citing budgetary and enrollment concerns. Example: In 2024, the San Antonio Independent School District School Board



COUNTY JUDGES

responsibilities. create the budget, implement county plans, and handle various other County Commissioners Court. They oversee county departments, help County Judges function like little mayors of the county, presiding over the

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course for the county's future. jails, courts, and election systems. They establish the vision and set the those of Texas cities, to allocate resources and influence the direction of County Judges wield significant power, often managing budgets larger than

FXample: In 2020, Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolft spearheaded a billion-

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

tor setting tax rates, adopting budgets, establishing voting precincts, and more. The County Commissioners Court is the county's governing body, responsible

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departments like the sheriff's office and elections. They also serve as the As key policymakers at the county level, commissioners oversee taxes and

כונא וושונצי primary governing authority for residents living in unincorporated areas outside

nearest to their registered address. bolling, αίlowing voters to cast their ballots at any precinct, not just the one Example: In 2019, the Bexar County Commissioners Court approved countywide



Example: In 2022, Joe Manchin's single vote determined the passage of the 330 million dollar climate legislation the Inflation Reduction Act.

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The U.S. Senate has considerable influence over policymaking due to its structure. With **six-year terms** and **two senators per state**, regardless of population, the Senate gives equal representation to all states, which can amplify the voices of less populated areas. This design allows for long-term decision-making, as senators serve extended terms before facing re-election.

representing each state. The Senate is critical in crafting and passing federal

executive. The US Vice President serves as President of the Senate, only voting

legislation and confirming presidential appointments, and also has unique

powers, including conducting impeachment trials and acting as a check on

US SENATE One of two chambers of Congress, consisting of 100 members, with 2 senators

in cases of a tie.

policy. These powers can create major shifts in domestic policy and have profound effects on global politics, including decisions of peace or war. Example: In 2012, President Obama used his executive power for protect Dreamers from deportation and allow them to work in the United States when Congress would not pass the Dream Act.

and serves as the commander-in-chief of the military. This role oversees the federal government's executive operations and holds the power to veto

The President appoints lifelong Supreme Court Justices and can use their executive powers to enact significant changes when it domestic and foreign

legislation, preventing bills from becoming law. **HOW THIS OFFICE DRIVES CHANGE**

The President is the leader of the executive branch of the U.S. government

FEDERAL PRESIDENT

2024 BALLOT BREAKDOWN

TEXAS HOUSE

and can be re-elected indefinitely with no term limits. branch and make up the larger of the two bodies. They serve two-year terms Members of this chamber represent the other half of the state's legislative

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case that state lawmakers have a more immediate influence on our daily lives as including Texas, pass more legislation than the U.S. Congress, making a strong to file thousands of bills that directly impact Texans' lives. State legislatures, Every two years, in odd-numbered years, members of the Texas House convene

ιυτειετε οι ενειγαλ young Texans is crucial, which is why the representatives τρε state's reliance on fossil fuels. Εlecting a majority that aligns with the voting rights, targets trans youth, undermines public education, and increases Fxamble: mempers of the lexas House can propose legislation that policymakers.

in the Texas House play such an important role!

LOCAL

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

legal matters. their county. They also serve as the county's legal counsel, providing guidance on Texas District Attorneys are responsible for leading criminal prosecutions within

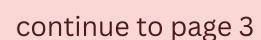
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electoral work can intersect with protest activity. which challenge punitive, carceral approaches to crime. It is a key office where District Attorneys can be "tough on crime" or pursue criminal justice retorms

qeath penalty in certain cases. demonstrations. Additionally, they have the authority to decline pursuing the also dismiss untounded mass charges against protesters after large issue citations instead of making arrests, keeping people out of Jail. They can Example: District Attorneys have the power to implement diversion policies that







oversees the state's oil and natural gas industry, including pipelines, coal mining operations, and natural gas utilities. The commission plays a role in regulating the environmental impacts, ensuring compliance and promoting energy development.

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Given **Texas's significant contribution to national carbon emissions**, the Railroad Commission is one of the most important elected offices in the country when it comes to addressing the climate crisis.

Example: Our partners at Commission Shift, a Texas-based nonprofit focused on the Railroad Commission, have published several reports highlighting the financial connections between many Commissioners and the fossil fuel industry. For the sake of climate action and integrity, we need elected officials who can serve as impartial regulators.

RAILROAD COMMISSION

STATE

the people Example: Representative Greg Casar introduced the "Connect the Grid Act" to connect us to the national grids after Texas's independent grid failed in a climate crisis induced winter storm.

Despite the title, they have absolutely nothing to do with railroads. This office

Members of Congress can choose to represent either special interests or the

interests of the public. By comparing public opinion polls with Congressional

voting records, it's clear that a gap often exists between the two. This highlights

the need to advocate for representation that truly reflects the political will of

The US House is the larger of the two chambers of the US Congress. The number of representatives per state is based on population (determined by the US Census every 10 years!). Members work on passing federal laws, serve in committees, and participate in caucuses. Six US Territories have representatives in the House, although they do not have voting power.

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US HOUSE

are upheld during the appeals process. that legal procedures were followed correctly and that the rights of individuals been appealed from lower courts. Their role is to assess these cases, ensuring A judicial body in Texas composed of justices who review criminal cases that have

cases to hear, except in matters involving capital punishment or bail denial. They

also have the power to overturn lower court rulings and grant new trials.

These courts have discretionary review authority, allowing them to choose which

nnilaterally prosecuting voter fraud cases. Example: In 2021, The court ruled against the Texas Attorney General

TEXAS SENATE

to challenge the majority's dominance and influence.

Members of this chamber represent half of the state's legislative branch and

HOW THIS OFFICE DRIVES CHANGE General, who is currently Ken Paxton. are eligible for re-election after each term. The Senate is led by the Attorney serve four-year terms. It is the smaller of the two legislative bodies, and members

the legislature and signed by the Governor. Many progressives in the state For state legislation to pass in Texas, it must be approved by both chambers of

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TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

au attempt to block the passage of Senate Bill 5, which aimed to impose strict

Example: In 2013, Texas Senator Wendy Davis conducted a 13-hour tillbuster in

intense debates. Minority party members often have to employ strategic tactics

recognize that their bills face slim odds in the Texas Senate, which is known for its

