CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ELECTION

PROPOSITION 1

WHAT:

Creates 1) a permanent technical institution infrastructure fund, 2) an available workforce education fund, both benefiting Texas State Technical College.

WHY:

TSTC helps train a skilled workforce in Texas. Currently, TSTC relies on the Legislature to biennially provide money for construction projects, which can be unpredictable, and program development. This amendment would establish permanent, dedicated endowment funding for the expansion of TSTC programs and facilities in order to grow the state's workforce in high-demand industries.

PROPOSITION 2

WHAT:

Prevents the Legislature from ever creating a tax on capital gains, whether realized or unrealized.

WHY:

The Texas Constitution already prohibits the creation of an income tax, but it does not explicitly mention capital gains. States with capital gains taxes tend to experience capital flight, at great risk to the state economy.

PROPOSITION 3

WHAT:

Authorizes judges to deny bail for individuals accused of certain serious crimes.

WHY:

Establishing a procedure for judges to deny bail in cases involving felonies such as murder, aggravated sexual assault, and human trafficking would prevent high-risk offenders from committing additional crimes while awaiting trial.

PROPOSITION 4

WHAT:

Dedicates \$1 billion of sales and use tax revenues annually to the Texas Water Fund each state fiscal year beginning in fiscal year 2028.

WHY:

Every day, 1,600 people arrive in Texas, and in 15 years, the state will experience a severe shortage of water, which will result in the loss of over 700,000 jobs and \$160 billion in GDP unless we act.