CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ELECTION

PROPOSITION 13

WHAT:

Allows the Legislature to increase the homestead exemption for ISD taxes from \$100,000 to \$140,000.

WHY:

Texans desperately need property tax relief, and this will reduce the taxable value of a homestead.

PROPOSITION 14

WHAT:

Establishes and funds the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. \$3 billion would be transferred from the state general fund to fund the institute.

WHY:

Dementia is a leading cause of death in the United States, while Texas ranks high among other states in Alzheimer's cases and deaths. Lack of neurological medical care is especially acute in some regions of Texas, impacting the ability of individuals to receive critical care. This fund will attract medical professionals to Texas to tackle this problem.

PROPOSITION 15

WHAT:

Enshrining in the Texas Constitution the right of a parent to exercise care, custody, and control of the parent's children.

WHY:

Currently, parental rights are protected by caselaw, but this amendment would enshrine those rights into the state constitution to prevent future courts from changing their opinion.

PROPOSITION 16

WHAT:

Prevents local governments or future Legislatures from authorizing non-citizens to vote.

WHY:

Non-citizens are allowed to vote in local elections in some states. This amendment prevents that ever occurring in Texas.