



Attorney General Greg Abbott
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Dear General Abbott,

This November, Texans will elect a new governor for the first time in 14 years. Given the choice they face this fall, all Texans – not just a select few – should have the opportunity to hear directly from the two of us in order to compare our records and visions for moving Texas forward. Your campaign's public commitment to multiple debates gives me confidence that you share my eagerness to engage as many voters as possible in this manner before Election Day.

In that spirit, I propose a series of debates that reach every part of the state and that are accessible to all Texans through a variety of platforms and venues. This comprehensive debate proposal will allow communities from regions across Texas to hear a lively exchange of ideas on the critical issues of the day, including giving our kids a 21st century education and an economy built with the jobs of tomorrow.

My proposal is as follows:

- Six debates
- Beginning in July and spread through August, September and ending in October
- At least two issue specific debates: education and economic opportunity
- Proposed locations:
 - o Rio Grande Valley
 - o Dallas-Fort Worth
 - o San Antonio
 - o El Paso
 - o Houston
 - o Lubbock
- At least two 90 minute town hall formats with a technology partner and social media engagement
- At least one community college with a local media partner on a weekend so parents can attend
- At least one English/Spanish simulcast

Texas is the second largest state in the nation and I believe that six debates will give people from all parts of the state an opportunity to see for themselves which of us will fight harder for all Texans.

Furthermore, it is my strong preference that the first debate occur in the Rio Grande Valley in the month of July and be hosted by the McAllen Monitor in partnership with KGBT-TV Action 4 News and KTLM Telemundo 40. Additionally, we would like to discuss other debate invitations including those from KERA and WFAA.

I have authorized two advisors to serve as my representatives and request that your designated representatives email my communications director Zac Petkanas at zpetkanas@wendydavistexas.com by 12:00pm Noon CT on Wednesday May 21, 2014 to accept my invitation to plan a comprehensive debate series.

I look forward to hearing from your team soon.

Sincerely,


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Candidate for Governor