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## **Candidate Study – Key Findings**

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**Alexandra del Moral Mealer**

Republican Nominee - Harris County Judge

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## Key Findings

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### Mostly Quiet on Trump but Supports Trump Positions and Called Him “Boss”

While Alexandra del Moral Mealer has avoided speaking openly about her support for Donald Trump, she has made it known through her policies and interview backdrops that she is in lock-step with the former president. According to reporting:

While Mealer and Martinez have avoided talking directly about Trump on the campaign trail, their platforms include Trumpian positions on public safety, immigration, the teaching of racial issues in public schools, “election security,” and pandemic health measures. Mealer has said she was partly inspired to run for office by her opposition to a school requirement that her children wear masks. At his campaign event in West Houston, Martinez described Hidalgo’s \$30 million early childhood education initiative as a nefarious plot to get “campaign consultants to come in and teach five-year-olds critical race theory”—a framework for studying persistent discrimination that is typically taught in college and seldom, if ever, in public schools. Martinez has touted the endorsements of MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell, who continues to promote unfounded conspiracy theories that Joe Biden stole the 2020 presidential election, and Steve Hotze, a far-right Harris County activist who was recently indicted for allegedly paying a former cop to assault an air-conditioning repairman he suspected, without evidence, was transporting fraudulent mail ballots. For her part, Mealer has been endorsed by popular local right-wing radio host Michael Berry and Jim “Mattress Mack” McIngvale.

Source: <https://www.texasmonthly.com/news-politics/republicans-harris-county-judge-lina-hidalgo/>

In a March 2022 radio interview with Doc Greene, a vocal member and defender of the King Street Patriots, an organization dedicated to harassing voters at polls and stirring false claims of election fraud, Mealer can be seen commemorating Donald Trump in a shrine-like picture frame in the background. The photo of Trump is labeled “The Boss.”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fI233gmygo0&ab\\_channel=DocGreeneSR](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fI233gmygo0&ab_channel=DocGreeneSR)



## Trump Election Denier, Supports Discriminatory Voter-Suppression Efforts

On several occasions, Alexandra del Moral Mealer has sided with the far-right, election denying side of the Republican Party. She has refused to say if the 2020 election was correctly decided, calling for an audit. She has also supported Senate Bill 1 by the 2021 Texas Legislature, which was widely known as a reactionary attempt to suppress minority votes.

At a March 2022 meet and greet hosted by the Cypress Tea Party, when directly asked, Mealer refused to acknowledge that Donald Trump lost the 2020 election. She called for an audit of the race and stated that any time state officials can intervene into election processes, “the better.”

“I don’t know how much things were off, to be frank, but I do not think we had an efficient, uh, we looked at the voter rolls, where I think Senator Bettencourt’s one of the big ones who’s been raising that there were more votes cast than registered, and **ballot by mail is my biggest concern. I think as county judge, that big area that I want to get active on is really cleaning those voter rolls.** That’s what is very hard for anyone to do outside of the county, aside from which I think is unified across the board of conservative power, you know returning the elections back to our county officials... Again, with our county, **any time we can get state officials, the better.** That’s why I just related to your question. This is one that I’m sure everyone on the conservative side is united, where **we need a full audit of these last elections.** I would say I am very fortunate where I had enough of a lead, you know, we got the most votes, where it didn’t impact my race, but there were people that – you know it’s pretty detrimental to stop your campaign for a week because of someone else’s incompetence so those are very serious things and regardless of how much error there was, what is absolutely clear is we have no confidence in our system, and

that is something you can't fix in one year. Sort of like our foreign policy. If you were to go, where they're making errors where the next person can't quickly go in and fix and it's going to take a lot of time to earn that trust back."

Source: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DOwLy-VpxCY&ab\\_channel=LindaNuttall](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DOwLy-VpxCY&ab_channel=LindaNuttall)

Mealer has doubled down into calls for 2020 election audits, stating "I am very supportive of our party's effort to call for a full audit and the fact that you could push against that, to me, that defies reason."<sup>2</sup>

When responding to questions about the 2020 election, drive-thru voting, and "ballot-harvesting," Mealer has supported the GOP's responsive Senate Bill 1, saying it was "positive" and it was "important to fight" for the bill's passage.<sup>3</sup>

According to experts and stakeholders, Senate Bill 1 added several new restrictions and criminal penalties relating to voting.

The law, Senate Bill 1, was the cause of months of tension between state lawmakers. Democrats accused Republicans of trying to stifle the votes of communities of color. Republicans claimed their efforts were aimed at making voting more secure, even though there has been no evidence of widespread voting issues in the state.

Tommy Buser-Clancy, a senior staff attorney with the ACLU of Texas, said the law makes a lot of changes to the election process.

"This is a big bill and it rewrites a lot of the election code," he said. "So there are many things that will change behind the scenes and that could directly impact people."

The law adds new identification requirements for people voting by mail. Under SB 1, voters will now have to provide — on both their vote-by-mail application and the actual ballot — their driver's license number or Social Security number. Prior to the law, voters didn't have to provide either of these on an application.

"If there's a mismatch with those numbers provided, there's a risk that their ballots or their applications could be rejected," Buser-Clancy said.

SB 1 also places new restrictions on when voting locations can be open. Now counties have to conduct elections during early voting on each weekday that is not a state holiday for at least nine hours, and those hours are restricted to between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

"This bill limits what counties can do in terms of voting hours," Ryan Cox, a senior attorney in the voting rights program at the Texas Civil Rights Project, said. "It will be uniform across the state, and counties are no longer able to extend hours during the early voting period."

During the 2020 elections, Harris County made 24-hour voting centers available in an effort to ensure shift workers had access to the polls. Cox said voting hours also have previously been extended in Bexar County.

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fl233gmygo0&ab\\_channel=DocGreeneSR](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fl233gmygo0&ab_channel=DocGreeneSR)

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Among the more controversial measures are new restrictions around providing assistance to voters, including language assistance and help for people with disabilities.

As of today, people who assist voters have to disclose their relationship to the voter and how they plan to help them. They also have to sign an oath and face possible criminal penalties if they violate that oath.

Cox said this could become a barrier for some people who need help voting.

“They will have to know in advance that they are going to have someone who can provide assistance for them when they get to the polls,” he said.

SB 1 also creates new criminal and civil penalties. For example, it is now a state jail felony if a person “with the intent to deceive ... knowingly or intentionally makes a false statement or swears to the truth of a false statement” on a voter registration application.

Overall, Cox said, SB 1 could make people liable for what he describes as “even minor errors” voters make. He said that could include things like “providing assistance to [voters] in a way ... that is not specifically outlined in the [election] code.”

Buser-Clancy said these penalties might make it harder for people with disabilities to get assistance in general.

“For those individuals who need [assistance] it will be more important than ever to plan ahead of time,” he said.

Cox said SB 1 also increases penalties on existing voting crimes, “despite the fact that there are almost never cases of these crimes being found.”

Many of the newer criminal penalties are aimed at people who administer elections or work at polling locations, Buser-Clancy said. That includes penalties for workers who restrict access to partisan poll watchers, who were given more access to observe elections under the new law.

“You know this seems to be an attempt to suppress individuals from actually going to exercise their right to vote,” Buser-Clancy said. “This makes it more important for voters to be educated about what is or is not allowed under the new laws.”

Texas already had some of the most restrictive voting laws in the country. But after false claims that the 2020 election was stolen from former President Donald Trump, Republican leaders in Texas claimed elections in the state were not secure enough.

Earlier this year, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick told reporters more safeguards were needed.

“People in America have lost faith in their elections, in the outcome,” he said. “And we have to resolve that issue in this country and in the state.”

Democratic state lawmakers have said these efforts have been a ploy to make it seem like voting crimes are more prevalent than they actually are.

“When people make honest mistakes, it will result in more crimes, which will then bring the appearance of more voter fraud happening,” state Rep. John Bucy told KUT earlier this year.



That will "play into Donald Trump's big lie to try to create this fraud and fear around why we need to continue to restrict people's access to the ballot box."

There are currently at least six lawsuits filed against SB 1 — including one from the U.S. Department of Justice, which challenges its constitutionality.

Each of the lawsuits raises concerns about different parts of the law and how it affects communities in the state, mostly vulnerable communities or populations that have been historically discriminated against in Texas.

Organizations that represent voters with disabilities and people of color claim SB 1 deliberately makes it harder for these populations to vote. Other lawsuits say it makes it harder for community organizers and third-party organizations to register voters.

Cox said he expects courts will weigh in after the effects of SB 1 are seen in the primary elections this spring.

"We expect that the primary in March will reveal all kinds of discriminatory effects from these provisions," he said.

Source: <https://www.kut.org/texas/2021-12-02/texas-controversial-voting-law-goes-into-effect>

In 2022, the new law had clear suppression effects on Texans. According to reporting, nearly 1 in 8 Texas mail ballots were rejected under the new suppression law, nearly 23,000 voters.

If you say — or write — that it's harder to vote in Texas today than it was a year ago, or four years ago, someone will tell you how easy it is and how full of beans you are.

But what are we supposed to make of the thousands of rejected mail-in ballots during the Republican and Democratic primaries this month? [The Texas Tribune's Alexa Ura and Mandi Cai reported](#) that 18,742 ballots were tossed in 16 of the 20 Texas counties with the most voters. And [the Associated Press reported](#), after a survey of 187 of the state's 254 counties, that 22,898 mail ballots — 13% of the total — were rejected this year.

The normal rate of rejection is 2%. In the 2020 presidential election, the rejection rate was under 1%.

Republicans in the state Legislature (and above) wanted to tighten the screws on elections in Texas last year, their answer to unsubstantiated claims of widespread irregularities and cheating in the 2020 election. That complaint started with President Donald Trump's anguish over his reelection loss to Joe Biden and his efforts to upend voting results in enough states to flip the results.

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Every eighth person who voted by mail didn't get their vote counted. Depending on where those voters live and how they voted, that's a big enough number to change the results of some races. In Harris County, the AP reported, 19% of the mail ballots were tossed out, or nearly 7,000. By comparison, the state's largest county rejected only 135 ballots in the last midterm election in 2018.

It's not like Texas has a lot of votes to throw away. The [turnout was dismal](#) in these primaries: 82.5% of the state's registered voters were no-shows. About 3 million voters took part: a little under 2 million in the Republican primary and just over 1 million in the Democratic primary. About 14.2 million of registered voters in Texas blew off the primaries.

Every voter in a low-turnout election has more clout; their choices are diluted by fewer other voters than in a high-turnout election. Trashing 23,000 votes in the wake of new legislative restrictions on voting almost sounds like a crime. The election-doubters who tightened Texas voting laws in the name of secure elections would have gone to town if they had found that many people disenfranchised by scammers.

They'd have found their long-sought but never-proved evidence of widespread election tampering. At least they know who did it this time — and so do the rest of us.

Source: <https://www.texastribune.org/2022/03/18/texas-rejected-election-ballots/>

Ironically, Mealer sided with the argument that voting should be easier, though she noted that officials have not created an arduous process and most people aren't having to wait in lines.

"I don't want it to ever be burdensome to vote, but I think it should take a proactive effort... I think right now, we have several weeks of early voting, but when you look at the primary, there were deserts. If you look at the map, those happen to be in heavily Republican areas where there were not a lot of polling locations, but some of it is, yeah, you want it for to be easy for people to vote. I vote at Moody Park pretty consistently. That is a very heavy Democrat area. It's never taken me more than 5 minutes. It's actually well run most of the time, so [the idea that we've created this arduous process is not true](#). You can't order a coffee in 5 minutes, so I think just having consistent locations, you know part of the problem... [sic] [People are having to wait for several hours, that's obviously discouraging, but that's not where we're at.](#)"

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/waltonandjohnson/videos/1686022378415812>

## **Ally of Antivaxxer Activists**

Alexandra del Moral Mealer has received support from prominent anti-vaccine conspiracists. Mealer has repeatedly spoken about her stances against efforts to curb the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically with relation to vaccine and mask requirements.

## Support from Anti-Vaxxers

Alexandra del Moral Mealer for Harris County Judge  
May 12 · 🌐

Join me for a special Meet and Greet this Saturday, hosted by Jennifer Bridges.

 **ALEX MEALER FOR COUNTY JUDGE**  
WEST POINT / ARMY BOMB SQUAD / COMBAT VETERAN

Please Join Us for a Meet & Greet with  
**Alexandra del Moral Mealer**

Saturday, May 14  
4:00pm-7:00pm  
Teapot Depot  
112 Denny St.  
Highlands, TX 77562



 Hosted by Jennifer Bridges, RN  
Leader Against Vaccine Mandates  
and other friends of Alex Mealer

Please RSVP at [info@alexandramealer.com](mailto:info@alexandramealer.com)

Alexandra del Moral Mealer for Harris County Judge  
April 22 · 🌐

Join us on Saturday, April 30th for a special roundtable event with Alex Mealer and leaders in the fight for medical freedom.

 **ALEX MEALER FOR COUNTY JUDGE**  
HISPANIC CONSERVATIVE WIFE/MOTHER  
COMBAT VETERAN HARVARD JD/MBA

Join Us for this Special Round Table Event with  
**Alexandra del Moral Mealer**

Saturday, April 30, 2022  
4:00pm-6:00pm  
Cypress VFW Post #8905  
21902 Northwest FWY  
Cypress, TX 77429

Featuring  
leaders against  
vaccine mandates,  
including:



Dr. Mary Talley Bowden      Nurse Jennifer Bridges

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Mealer has hosted roundtable discussions with anti-vaxxer activists Jennifer Bridges and Dr. Mary Talley Bowden, two physicians who have steeped themselves in controversy after heavily espousing vaccine-sceptic views and promoting the use of Ivermectin, a known anti-parasite drug made for horses and proven not to address COVID-19.

### The Making of an Anti-vax Warrior

Peter Holley / Oct. 21, 2021 / Texas Monthly

Back in May, when she was a novice handling her first round of interview requests, Jennifer Bridges's tendency was to let her guard down with reporters. The nurse from Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital had just thrust herself into the national media spotlight, becoming the face of a new group of Texas medical professionals who were refusing to take the COVID-19 vaccine and threatening to sue their employers who mandated it. A few minutes after I sat down with the stressed-out and sleep-deprived 39-year-old in the backyard of her Baytown home, I explained how to indicate when a particular statement was "on" or "off" the record. It quickly became clear that self-censorship didn't come naturally to Bridges, in part because she'd spent the past decade working as a nurse, a profession that encourages its members to develop emotional bonds with vulnerable patients they've just met.

When I reached Bridges by phone last week, she sounded like a well-rested and well-rehearsed public relations veteran. Several days before we talked, Governor Greg Abbott issued an [executive order](#) banning any entity—private or public—from requiring vaccinations for its employees, which reinvigorated Bridges’s cause. She proudly listed off a litany of recent media appearances—ranging from One America News to *Hannity* on Fox News—and noted that she had two upcoming speaking engagements, the first at a natural-health convention in tiny Lumberton, Texas (population 13,554), the second during a protest against mask mandates on the steps of Houston City Hall. There was also an anti-vax country-music festival called “Fall Freedom Fest” in the works for Montgomery County, north of Houston. If I needed more information, Bridges explained, I could check out her new website. “Or just Google my name and you’ll be like, ‘Holy shit! This lady is everywhere,’” she added.

The newfound media fluency isn’t an accident, but rather a function of Bridges having entered a well-oiled, and well-funded, anti-vax machine. When we first chatted in May, her thoughts about the vaccine, which at that point was only approved by the Food and Drug Administration for emergency use, verged on agnostic. She was largely supportive of efforts to inoculate the public. As a medical professional, she’d taken countless vaccines, she noted, and had no problem taking another as soon as it was FDA-approved. But now, Bridges believes the COVID-19 vaccine is part of a larger effort to transform the United States into a socialist autocracy and considers her former position on the treatment embarrassingly naive. “There’s no way in the world that I would take that thing now,” she said. “I feel more strongly against it now than I ever have before.”

Her shift in thinking unfolded after she became “entwined,” as she put it, with a large number of anti-vaxxers who supported her lawsuit on Facebook. In addition to her thousands of followers, many of whom have migrated platforms after being banned on traditional social media, Bridges now counts among her close friends reputationally challenged Dallas-based doctors Richard Fleming and Peter A. McCullough. The former, a well-known vaccine skeptic, is a convicted felon who pled guilty to health-care fraud, [according to the FBI](#). The latter, also a vaccine skeptic, is being sued by Baylor Scott & White Health for reportedly [affiliating himself](#) with the hospital network that no longer employed him, violating a confidential separation agreement. Bridges said she considers both men geniuses. Like many of her new acquaintances, she now believes the vaccines are a sinister political weapon being wielded by elites to dismantle global democracy—an all-encompassing conspiracy theory that is [known as the “Great Reset.”](#) “This experience has definitely opened my eyes,” she said. “Some of us are beginning to call this movement ‘the awakening,’ because most of us had no clue how corrupt our own country has become.”

A day after Abbott’s executive order, Jared Woodfill, a right-wing plaintiff’s attorney who represents Bridges and nearly two hundred other nurses, fired off a letter to Houston Methodist demanding his clients’ jobs back. “While Methodist executives and administrators cowardly shielded themselves from COVID-19 positive patients, our clients were on the front lines treating COVID-19 positive patients,” Woodfill [wrote](#). “As a

result, many contracted COVID-19. Governor Abbott's order reflects an appreciation not only for their sacrifice, but more importantly for the science regarding those who have developed a natural immunity." (Anti-vax conspiracists believe that there's full immunity for those who've recovered from COVID-19, but while individuals who have recovered from the virus may develop some immunity, [reinfection](#)—which can restart the cycle of viral spread—is still possible. Vaccinations reduce someone's risk of contracting, and spreading, the virus.)

But Bridges, who recovered from COVID-19 last year and claims she still has natural immunity to the virus, never cited her immune system as a reason for reclaiming her former job to me. In fact, her former employer appeared to be of little interest, though she didn't rule out the possibility of returning to work at Houston Methodist. Bridges's chief concern was finding new ways to fund her lawsuit and spread misinformation about the COVID-19 vaccine.

Bridges has become a successful anti-vax fundraiser. She collected about \$180,000 to fund the lawsuit against Houston Methodist on GoFundMe before the platform kicked her off this month [for violating the site's policy](#) against vaccine misinformation. After her deplatforming, she set up shop on another crowdfunding site geared toward Christians, and received a flurry of supportive messages, as well as new donations, from users. "I had a woman from the site call me and literally say, 'I was assigned to you as your prayer warrior,' and sat there on the phone with me and prayed for an hour and a half to help our lawsuit," she said. "They made me feel like I was home."

GoFundMe isn't the only mainstream platform that has blocked Bridges's communication and fundraising efforts, she said. Bridges told me Squarespace shut down her attempt to sell hats and T-shirts. And when we spoke, she repeatedly railed against Facebook, calling the social-media giant "ridiculous" for quickly removing almost anything she posts these days that includes the word "COVID" or "vaccine," labeling the content "misinformation."

To get around the bans, she and other anti-vaccine activists have begun posting on alternative video platforms like Rumble and BitChute, which can rack up millions of page views. She's also become active on Gab and Telegram, two alternative social-media platforms with limited moderation that [exploded in popularity](#) among conservatives after the Capitol insurrection. Part of what has emboldened Bridges, particularly on platforms like Gab, is the sense that she's far from alone. In Texas, [close to 30 percent](#) of the state's residents haven't yet received a single dose; not all are explicitly anti-vax, but the community of loud, angry skeptics is sizable.

Bridges, who is working as a private nurse, isn't sure how long she plans to continue her fight against the vaccine, but she feels she is winning. "I feel like I'm in this underground battle, but you wouldn't believe how many people are in this underground battle with me," she said. "Pretty soon it won't be underground anymore."

In the meantime, she's fully committed to the fight and is canceling her personal plans accordingly. She nixed a trip to Bali for her upcoming fortieth birthday due to her demanding anti-vax speaking and lobbying schedule—not to mention the fact that she's not vaccinated, which makes it difficult to fly internationally. And while in most summers Bridges tends to a garden full of fruits and vegetables in her backyard, the plot lay dormant this year. As long as Bridges remains on the anti-vax circuit, that's unlikely to change.

Source: <https://www.texasmonthly.com/news-politics/vaccine-mandates-jennifer-bridges/>

Bowden has gone further than posting anti-vax language on social media. On at least two occasions, Bowden steered patients away from the vaccine, which helped lead to her being forced out from Houston Methodist Hospital in November of 2021 and having her privileged revoked from the Texas Medical Center.

A River Oaks doctor on Monday resigned her privileges at Houston Methodist Hospital [after the hospital temporarily suspended her](#) for spreading misinformation about COVID-19.

Dr. Mary Talley Bowden, an ear, nose and throat specialist in private practice, was granted provisional privileges at the Texas Medical Center hospital within the last year. She had never admitted a patient before Friday, when the hospital temporarily pulled those privileges for unprofessional behavior, including spreading “dangerous misinformation” about COVID-19 and using vulgar language on social media, the hospital said.

On Monday, Bowden told KTRH, an AM talk radio station, that she sent Houston Methodist a resignation letter on Monday morning. The hospital confirmed receiving the letter; Bowden did not respond to a request for further comment.

“I’ve been very disappointed with how Methodist has handled this,” she said in the five-minute interview. “I don’t think I’m dangerous. I think if you look at my website and you listen to my interviews with (conservative radio host) Michael Berry, I’ve never said anything that’s considered dangerous.”

Bowden recently sent her patients two emails, obtained by the Houston Chronicle, suggesting that “the vaccine is not working” and urging against vaccinations for children and those with natural immunity. On her Twitter account, she repeatedly decries vaccine mandates and touts the unproven benefits of ivermectin, the anti-parasitic drug that federal health officials advise against using to treat the virus. She also says she is only accepting new patients who are unvaccinated.

[There is no well-designed study that shows ivermectin benefits people with COVID](#), and the vaccines have been highly effective at preventing severe illness and death from the virus. Studies show the vast majority of COVID-related hospitalizations and deaths are among people who are unvaccinated.

“Dr. Mary Bowden ... is using her social media accounts to express her personal and political opinions about the COVID-19 vaccine and treatments,” the hospital said in a statement last week. “These opinions, which are harmful to the community, do not reflect reliable medical evidence or the values of Houston Methodist, where we have treated more than 25,000 COVID-19 inpatients, and where all our employees and physicians are vaccinated to protect our patients.”

In the interview Monday, Bowden revealed that she had been “sharing data” with researchers at Methodist “to help them publish papers.” The hospital confirmed through a spokesperson that “she collaborated with colleagues on research from time to time, mostly referring patients to physicians conducting clinical trials.”

It’s unclear whether any of that research was related to COVID.

Bowden also said she had received a complaint from the Texas Medical Board related to her ongoing dispute with Texas Health Huguley Hospital in Fort Worth. In that case, she had prescribed ivermectin to a Tarrant County Sheriff’s Office deputy who has been hospitalized there for more than a month with COVID and complications from the virus, according to the [Fort Worth Star-Telegram](#).

The deputy’s family sued the hospital to permit Bowden to administer the drug. An appeals court is currently considering the hospital’s argument that ivermectin treatment is “inconsistent with not only the patient’s physicians but also the standard of care,” according to court records.

Through a spokesperson, the Texas Medical Board said all complaint information is confidential and the board could offer no further comment. Medical board records show Bowden has no history of discipline or medical malpractice investigations.

“I received a complaint from the Texas Medical Board ... and I’m sure I will receive many letters from the Texas Medical Board, based on what I’m seeing on Twitter,” Bowden said during the radio interview.

Source: <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/health/article/River-Oaks-doctor-resigns-from-Houston-Methodist-16623578.php>

### **Anti-Vaccine Beliefs**

On social media, Mealer has created videos stating that Lina Hidalgo contributed to “COVID Hysteria” by targeting children for “mask mandates” and vaccines. In one video, Mealer wrote the following:

## **A Year of Living Dangerously Under Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo [Video]**

Jan. 1, 2022 / Mealer Youtube Page



“The party of ‘science’ strikes again, measuring public health based on the population of children vaccinated. **Children are NOT at high-risk for COVID-19.** Period. Defer to parental choice”

Source:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XN7zBUb\\_eKQ&ab\\_channel=AlexandradelMoralMealerforHarrisCountyJudge](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XN7zBUb_eKQ&ab_channel=AlexandradelMoralMealerforHarrisCountyJudge)

On Mealer’s endorsements web page, Bowden has celebrated Mealer, stating she was proud to endorsement Mealer – “Against vax mandates...believes health policies should support patients’ and parents’ rights...a mom whose toddler has been forced to wear a mask far too long...and most importantly, authentic!”<sup>4</sup> Caroline Bennett, a newly-elected Spring Branch ISD trustee also reiterated Mealer’s anti-vaccine sentiments, saying ““Alexandra sees the importance of personal freedoms and responsibility and restoring decision-making to parents when it comes to their kids. We need a strong leader like Alex who will fight for these freedoms and keep mask and vaccine mandates out!”

Mealer has openly stated that counties should have hands-off approaches with regards to COVID-19 mitigation.

**Q:** What do you believe county government's role should be in COVID-19 response?

**Mealer:** **I am firmly against mask and vaccine mandates.** The county's role should be limited to providing resources, to include rapid testing, so that individuals may exercise their individual liberty to make informed decisions. **Instead of prioritizing lockdowns and mandates, as county judge, I will prioritize education so that citizens, not the government, can make informed decisions about what is best for their family, business or faith.**

Source: <https://communityimpact.com/houston/spring-klein/election/2022/02/09/qa-get-to-know-the-republican-candidates-for-harris-county-judge-ahead-of-march-primaries/>

In other forums and interviews, Mealer has gone further, calling efforts to knock on doors and spread awareness about vaccines “crossing the line” and “just a different level of intrusion.”<sup>5</sup>

## Endorsed by Ted Cruz

Alexandra del Moral Mealer has been endorsed by Ted Cruz. In a May 2022 video, Cruz strongly supported Mealer, using Trump-like language in his endorsement.

“We have to stop the radical left from ruining Harris County. That’s why I’m voting for Alexandra del Moral Mealer for county judge. Alex has a real plan to lock up criminals and back the blue. She’ll protect us from unnecessary mandates, and Alex will secure elections and end the

<sup>4</sup> <https://alexandramealer.com/endorsements/#close>

<sup>5</sup>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFwYIhe4RCk&ab\\_channel=AlexandradelMoralMealerforHarrisCountyJudge](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFwYIhe4RCk&ab_channel=AlexandradelMoralMealerforHarrisCountyJudge)



corruption. Please, join me in supporting Alexandra del Moral Mealer for Harris County Judge. She'll make you proud."

Source:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i2a\\_AnJTCwk&ab\\_channel=AlexandradelMoralMealerforHarrisCountyJudge](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i2a_AnJTCwk&ab_channel=AlexandradelMoralMealerforHarrisCountyJudge)



## Failed to Disavow Radical, Far-Right GOP Party Platform

Alexandra del Moral Mealer has failed to reject her state party's 2022 policy platform, which called for overturning the 2020 presidential election results, considering secession from the United States, and totally banning and abolishing abortion.<sup>6</sup> The platform also demanded state Republicans make it easier to obtain guns, label homosexuality an "abnormal life choice," and ignore climate change by opposing "all efforts to classify carbon dioxide as a pollutant."

The full GOP platform can be seen here: <https://texasgop.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/6-Permanent-Platform-Committee-FINAL-REPORT-6-16-2022.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.dallasobserver.com/news/secession-homophobia-guns-again-texas-gop-platform-14270058>

All while extremist activists stretched their party's platform further to the radical right, Mealer used the convention as a photo opportunity, stating she "really enjoyed spending the day" with the activists and thought they were "true public servants."



Alexandra del Moral Mealer for Harris County Judge  
@AlexMealer4HCTX



Really enjoyed spending the day with the grassroots at the State Convention - Fired up 🔥 to be around so many people committed to taking #HarrisCounty back.



9:38 PM · Jun 16, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone



Alexandra del Moral Mealer for Harris County Judge  
@AlexMealer4HCTX

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Enjoyed visiting with a few true public servants today at the State Convention. Also sat down with @hollyshansen from the @TheTexanNews to talk about our community, our priorities, and our campaign to represent the people of #HarrisCounty.



Tom Ramsey and 3 others

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## Supports Taking Campaign Contributions from Special Interest County Vendors

When questioned at a February 2022 candidate forum, Alexandra del Moral Mealer stated she would gladly accept campaign contributions from county vendors, stating that conversations about the ethics of doing so are “a distraction” and “obfuscation.”

“On thoughts regarding not accepting campaign contributions from county vendors: “So I think that discussion is a distraction. Fundamentally, what I am primarily concerned for with the funding of our county is this use of what I would call very pay-for-play in the role of consultants for our county. So if you look at the millions we’re spending at PFM Consulting, which is heavily associated with DeBlasio and is responsible for a lot of this bail-reform ideology that’s been imported, there seems to be no discussion or concern with that, and we saw that similar

mentality with the awarding of the COVID contract, where time and time again, consulting contracts are awarded to DNC operatives. So, no, I am not as fussed about, which on the commissioners court, it is everyone but Lina accepting contacts for infrastructure. [sic] I plan to heavily pursue infrastructure, and there are a lot of other ways they're tilting the favor, but I just find this an obfuscation of where real corruption is happening in our county."

Source: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EDZSGFyGVCg&ab\\_channel=FOX26Houston](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EDZSGFyGVCg&ab_channel=FOX26Houston)

## Gladly Accepted Extremist Tea Party Organization Endorsements

On several occasions, Alexandra del Moral Mealer has accepted the endorsement and support from the Kingwood Tea Party. She has stated he is "honored" to work with the organization and is "proud to have its support."



Alexandra del Moral Mealer for Harris County Judge  
April 5 · 🌐  
Kingwood Tea Party Inc.

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@kwteaparty

#KingwoodTEAParty proudly & fully endorses @AlexMealer4HCTX. We'd be at this event, but have previously scheduled meeting of our own that night.

Hope you can go & support Alex, or to get to know her: the candidate who can help save Harris Co from the socialists now in charge.

 **Mary Talley Bowden MD** @MdBrea... · 16h  
Two people willing to debate.  
@AlexMealer4HCTX needs your support...  
Please come on Thursday!



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March 11 · 🌐



Proud to have the support of another conservative grassroots organization - every day, we take a step closer to taking back our County. #AlexArmy grows stronger by the day.

**ALEXANDRA DEL MORAL MEALER**

**ENDORSED BY**

**Kingwood TEA Party**

"Strong, proven conservative leader with enormous appeal to Harris County voters, especially those to whom faith, family, country are the foundations of their communities. Alexandra has demonstrated the ability to build and lead a strong coalition of supporters which will be essential in beating Lina Hidalgo. Alex's experience leading in the military and in the private sector indicates she will be able to navigate the bureaucracy of county government while bringing private sector insights to root out corruption and eliminate waste."

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Thrilled to have the support of these grassroots leaders who continue to work hard each day to preserve conservative constitutional principles of government

**ALEXANDRA DEL MORAL MEALER**

**ENDORSED BY**

Cypress Texas Tea Party Board Member  
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The Kingwood Tea Party vocally espouses extremist views on a range of issues. Online, they are a prolific voice for the far-right, calling Kamala Harris a “Bimbo”<sup>7</sup> and compared receiving vaccines to Jews being taken to concentration camps to be “experimented on and exterminated.”<sup>8</sup> The group has made openly racist statements on twitter, stating blacks should “take a lesson” from Jews and Asians about restoring families.

The worst result of our Welfare State is the loss of self-respect, initiative, & work ethic among recipients who no longer believe they can support themselves/families. 1/3  
**Blacks, take a lesson from Jews & Asians** - WND

It will be difficult to restore American families as long as boys are drugged to stay in their seats at school, & taught that manhood is a disease rather than the protector of families, and those too weak to defend themselves. W/so many fatherless dropouts... 2/3

<sup>7</sup> <https://twitter.com/kwteaparty/status/1528475394122424322>

<sup>8</sup> <https://twitter.com/kwteaparty/status/1436414205356355587>

...seeking affirmation/self-respect/their fortunes via gangs, drug dealing, where can black women seek husbands to form stable families that are the foundation of civilization. We MUST make #educational

Source: <https://twitter.com/kwteaparty/status/1163473857392648192>

The group has directly compared people who have gone through a gender transition to “white folks wearing blackface to mock blacks.”<sup>9</sup> In responding to a study titled ‘The More Gender Equality, the Fewer Women in STEM,’ the group tweeted that “This is sure to drive #Feminazis nuts! It’s not sexism: Women just have different passions & interests than men!”<sup>10</sup> The group supports private school vouchers and has called for the full repeal of the Affordable Care Act.<sup>11</sup>

## Vowed to Eliminate “ALL” of Hidalgo’s “Pet Projects”

Alexandra del Moral Mealer for Harris County Judge  
December 1, 2021 - 🌐

#EnoughIsEnough: Why did Lina Hidalgo just fund a new group to help essential workers that excluded law enforcement, EMTs & Firefighters? STOP using taxpayer money to fund progressive groups like WorkersDefence.org who advocate the elimination of ICE!

#WTF #ItsBasicServicesStupid #HarrisCounty #NextGenLeader

📌 Join the #AlexArmy to #disrupt Hidalgo's progressive policies:  
<https://alexandramealer.com/volunteer/>

www.AlexandraMealer.com

As County Judge, I Will  
ELIMINATE ALL of Hidalgo's  
Progressive Pet Projects!  
County taxpayer money should  
ONLY fund BASIC SERVICES,  
such as hiring MORE Law  
Enforcement, & Infrastructure!

Pol. Adv. Paid for by Alex Mealer for Judge

<sup>9</sup> <https://twitter.com/kwteaparty/status/1450477645829918725>

<sup>10</sup> <https://twitter.com/kwteaparty/status/965676260591570948>

<sup>11</sup> <https://twitter.com/kwteaparty/status/733319430915002369>,  
<https://twitter.com/kwteaparty/status/981207246544752640>

## Touts Endorsement from Pro-Flood Steve Radack

Alexandra del Moral Mealer has touted her endorsement from Steve Radack, a former Harris County Commissioner who served for decades. Mealer has said that, when Radack was in office, “families were a whole lot safer.”<sup>12</sup>

HOUSTON – Today, Alexandra del Moral Mealer, a Republican candidate for Harris County Judge, announced she has received an endorsement from former Harris County Commissioner, Steve Radack.

Steve Radack has served the residents of Harris County for 47 years, which includes 32 years as the Commissioner for Precinct 2, 4 years as Harris County Precinct 5 Constable, and 11 years with the Houston Police Department. Radack has built a legacy of conservative leadership focused on improving infrastructure, building dozens of parks and trails, supporting law enforcement and cutting wasteful spending.

*“I am pleased to give Alexandra del Moral Mealer my full support in her campaign for Harris County Judge,” said Steve. “I am continuing to fight on behalf of the residents of Harris County by supporting Alexandra. She is the best Republican Candidate for County Judge. Alexandra will be a strong leader for Harris County just as she has been for our Nation while serving in the United States Army. Harris County desperately needs a true leader that will aggressively fight for the law abiding citizens of this great County. I know what this job requires and I know Alexandra has what it takes. Together, we can get our County back on track.”*

*“Steve Radack’s endorsement is a tremendous honor,” said Mealer. “For over three decades, his leadership on the Commissioners Court represented some of the best aspects of local government: low tax rates, investments in infrastructure, and support for our criminal justice system to keep our neighborhoods safe. I look forward to working with Steve to restore Republican leadership to Harris County.”*

Source: <https://twitter.com/jaspscherer/status/1480698135752105992>

In 2016, Radack was caught in controversy, stating that “people like floods” every several years so they can buy new cars or renovate their houses.<sup>13</sup> Rather than apologize, he doubled down, citing FEMA money fraud. He said that in 2015, he received less than a dozen calls about flooding.

2015 brought significant flooding to the Harris area. Residents recall on Memorial Day of 2015, 11 inches of rain fell in 9 hours, dropping 162 billion gallons of water on the county.<sup>14</sup> Over 3 thousand homes flooded. Dozens of people died in Texas resulting from the rain, including 8 in Houston. The total damage estimates topped \$460 million.<sup>15</sup> Floods followed again on Halloween Day of 2015.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>12</sup>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10mizgFhq\\_M&ab\\_channel=AlexandradelMoralMealerforHarrisCountyJudge](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10mizgFhq_M&ab_channel=AlexandradelMoralMealerforHarrisCountyJudge)

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.khou.com/article/news/local/harris-co-official-people-enjoy-floods/285-291405102>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.click2houston.com/weather/2019/05/23/remembering-houstons-2015-memorial-day-flood/>

<sup>15</sup> <https://abc13.com/houston-flooding-tax-day-floods-in-memorial-labor/4136696/>

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.chron.com/news/houston-weather/slideshow/Heavy-rains-flood-Houston-on-Halloween-morning-119691.php>



## Accepted Money from Texans for Lawsuit Reform Founders Who Oppose Fair Access to Our Courts

Nearly \$130,00 has poured into Alexandra del Moral Mealer's campaign from the founders of Texans for Lawsuit Reform (TLR), a well-known conservative organization in Texas that has involved itself in countless conservative legislative efforts.

Donor	Industry	Location	Date	Amount
Dick Weekley	Real Estate	Houston, TX	4/29/2022	\$55,000.00
Dick Weekley	Real Estate	Houston, TX	3/11/2022	\$50,000.00
David Weekley	Real Estate	Houston, TX	5/9/2022	\$25,000.00

Notably, in 2017, TLR heavily asserted itself in the effort behind Texas House Bill 1774, which made it harder for policyholders to sue insurance agents and companies over weather-related damage to property, including hail damage, flooding, tornadoes, hurricanes and lightning.<sup>17</sup>

House Bill 1774 and a similar bill filed in the Senate would reduce penalties insurance companies face when they don't pay enough, decrease the chances they will have to pay the plaintiff's attorneys fees and protect individual agents from the negative effects of being personally sued — most notably diminished credit scores.

The legislation has advanced at a steady clip since lawmakers convened in January. The issue made Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick's list of top priorities for the session and Gov. Greg Abbott called it "the newest form of lawsuit abuse" in his 2017 State of the State address earlier this year.

The House is expected to take up HB 1774 on Thursday.

Texans for Lawsuit Reform, a powerful GOP-backed tort reform group pushing the legislation, points to a 2017 Texas Department of Insurance Report that shows from 2012 to 2015 there was a 1,400-percent increase in the number of hail and windstorm claims resulting in lawsuits.

Texans for Lawsuit Reform spokeswoman Lucy Nashed said the vast majority of the suits are being filed by a small group of money-hungry trial lawyers who prey on homeowners and convince them to challenge claims. The proposed legislation would protect the insurance industry, including agents like Farias, from such unfounded litigation, she said.

Absent changes to state law, the tort reform group warns such lawsuits will continue unabated and the long-term effect will be an increase in premiums for all Texas property owners.

"A 1,400 percent increase in anything is an explosion. Those aren't subtle numbers," Nashed said. The tort reform group estimates that, since 2012, insurance companies have spent \$340 million fighting more than 35,000 hailstorm lawsuits.

The Texas Trial Lawyers Association, which represents lawyers accused of filing frivolous lawsuits, doesn't deny there's been an increase in the percentage of hailstorm claims resulting in litigation, but says there's a reasonable explanation for the uptick.

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.texastribune.org/2017/05/04/texas-legislature-tort-reform/>

Texas had a large number of hailstorms from 2012 to 2015 and the insurance industry denied a higher percentage of claims during that time period, said Lin McCraw, who heads the trial lawyers association, citing the same state insurance report as the tort reform group.

The proposed legislation would encroach on consumer rights, McCraw said, tipping the balance of power heavily towards already powerful insurance companies.

McCraw said insurance companies routinely deny valid claims after catastrophic events and — in those cases — the only option a person or business has to recover what they think they are owed under their coverage is to bring a claim or lawsuit.

“I’ve heard practitioners tell me fighting an insurance company is a David-and-Goliath kind of fight, anyway. This bill would effectively take away David’s slingshot,” he said.

Tort reform advocates and trial lawyers are long-time opponents and the issue has reignited tensions between the two groups. It’s also divided a business community that typically has been united in battles with trial lawyers.

Some non-insurance industry businesses have come out against the bill because it would make it harder to sue over disputes involving property they own. But a significant and diverse number of corporations have endorsed the bill.

A key point of contention between proponents and opponents of the legislation is over provisions stipulating how property owners should go about communicating their intention to sue and who should end up paying attorneys fees.

Under current state law, the property owner only has to prove the insurance company underpaid them by \$1 to trigger an 18 percent interest penalty and full payment of attorney’s fees.

The legislation aims to lower the amount insurance companies have to pay in attorneys fees, dropping the definitive 18 percent interest penalty for a sliding scale.

Nashed, the TLR spokeswoman, said the current law incentivizes lawyers to “throw everything and the kitchen sink into the lawsuit” to convince the jury the claim didn’t pay out enough. She said they intentionally jack up their pre-suit demand to increase the odds the insurance company will foot the entire bill.

But consumer groups are particularly concerned about penalty provisions being lowered, which they say inappropriately benefits insurers that deny, delay or underpay claims.

The bill “effectively rewards insurers that cheat their customers by lessening penalties and giving them special privileges under the law,” said Ware Wendell, executive director of Texas Watch, a nonprofit consumer rights group.

Source: <https://www.texastribune.org/2017/05/04/texas-legislature-tort-reform/>

According to reporting, “If Texans with private insurance have their property damaged from a very broad range of natural disasters — including earthquakes, earth tremors, wildfires, floods, tornados, lightning, hurricanes, hail, wind, snow or rain — and disagree with the amount of

money their insurance company awards them for damages, they will have less recourse to fight back.”<sup>18</sup>

According to legislative watchdog organizations, the Texas Department of Insurance’s “Weather Related Property Claims” report showed that Texans for Lawsuit Reform and other insurance lobbyists “fabricated another crisis in an effort to rob Texas homeowners, businesses, churches, and schools of their legal protections.”<sup>19</sup>

**TEXANS' LAST HOPE**  
Insurers do not reopen claims in significant numbers absent a lawsuit/attorney involvement.

**1.**

**AVERAGE REOPEN RATE**

LAWSUIT 77%

ATTORNEY/PA INVOLVED 51%

NO ATTY/PA 33%

P. 32 of TDI Report

**2.**

**MAKING PROFITS HAND OVER FIST**  
Our insurance market is less concentrated and more competitive. From 2012 to 2015, insurers enjoyed an average underwriting profit of 13.6% of premium.

LESS CONCENTRATED

MORE COMPETITION

P. 71 & 54 of TDI Report

**3.**

**MAKING A MOUNTAIN OUT OF A MOLEHILL**  
Only 1.5% to 2% of all claims result in litigation.

\*In 2015, the litigation rate was just 0.7% of all claims.

P. 10 of TDI Report

**4.**

**JUSTICE FOR THE DENIED**  
Claim denials increased in the time of the fabricated "crisis." Denied Texans turned to lawyers and PAs in higher numbers.

**SAY NO TO THE BLUE TARP BILLS**  
SB 10/HB 1774

P. 5, 24 & 25 of TDI Report

**TLR HAS FABRICATED ANOTHER "CRISIS"**  
Data from the Texas Department of Insurance's "Weather Related Property Claims" report shows that insurance lobbyists have fabricated another "crisis" in an effort to rob Texas homeowners, businesses, churches, and schools of their legal protections. TDI thought so little of this supposed "crisis" that there is no mention of it in the department's biennial report.

**TEXAS WATCH**  
Leg. Adv. paid for by Texas Watch, Ware Wendell, Executive Director, 815 Brazos Street, Suite 603, Austin, Texas 78701

### TLR Affiliate is Organization That Supports School Privatization

Texans for Education Reform<sup>20</sup> was formed by Texans for Lawsuit Reform. The affiliate organization was created to counter public school advocacy.

According to a 2014 press report, Texans for Education Reform was formed expressly to divert funding from public neighborhood schools to private education interests such as charter schools:<sup>21</sup>

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2017/8/29/16219902/texas-insurance-law-harvey>

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.texaswatch.org/blog/texans-lawsuit-reform-has-fabricated-another-crisis>

<sup>20</sup> <http://www.tsta.org/grading-texas/category/texans-for-education-reform>

<sup>21</sup> <https://www.texasobserver.org/meet-new-money-behind-school-reform-texas/>



Texans for Education Reform, whose legislative package included measures to encourage the growth of online education and charter schools, has formed a political action committee, according to filings with the state ethics commission.

The new committee will allow the group, which spent at least \$645,000 on a team of 16 lobbyists during its first legislative session, to put some of its resources toward political candidates.<sup>22</sup>

The issue of vouchers has been a hotly contested policy area in Texas for several years. Vouchers, also called the euphemism Education Savings Accounts, take money away from public schools and send it to private schools, significantly hurting public education.

**Vouchers are taxpayer-funded government subsidies for private schools and vendors with no accountability for results.** Vouchers reduce fair access to educational opportunity, weaken rights for students with disabilities, and expose taxpayers to fraud. Only district and charter schools can deliver on the promise of quality school choice with both transparency and accountability in the use of public dollars.

While often repackaged under different names, or with varying mechanics or eligibility requirements, the general concept of a school voucher is the same. For each of the following voucher systems, students receive the voucher entitlement instead of attending public school or were never enrolled in a public school in the first place depending on the requirements of the program. **School voucher programs do not have to comply with the same rules as local public and charter schools nor do they have to serve all students. Private schools are subject to no oversight for quality by the State of Texas.**

Source: <https://www.raiseyourhandtexas.org/advocacy/invest/choice-v-vouchers/school-vouchers/>

## **Supports Bail Bond Industry by Opposing Common-Sense Bail Reform**

Alexandra del Moral Mealer is an outspoken opponent of recent bail policies established by Harris County leadership following 2018 court-ordered decisions.

### Background

In 2018, a ruling from a 3-judge panel from the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against Harris County's bail practices, deeming them unconstitutional. The decision, dubbed later the "O'Donnell opinion," allowed for means and wealth to be a determining factor into how bail is set for an accused defendant for misdemeanor arrests:

## **Appeals court largely upholds ruling against Harris County bail practices, reins back orders**

Jolie McCullosh / Feb. 14, 2018 / Texas Tribune

<sup>22</sup> <https://www.texastribune.org/2014/01/08/education-reform-group-mobilizes-2014-elections/>



A federal appellate court on Wednesday upheld findings that Harris County's bail practices unconstitutionally discriminate against poor misdemeanor defendants, but it limited a lower court's decision on how to address the problem.

After an October hearing held by three judges of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the conservative-leaning court issued an opinion stating that Texas' most populous county sets bail in a way that keeps people in jail — often until their cases are resolved days or weeks later — simply because they are too poor to pay their bail bonds.

But the court also asked U.S. District Judge Lee Rosenthal to rein in her April ruling that ordered the Harris County sheriff to release almost all poor misdemeanor defendants from jail within 24 hours of arrest at no cost, regardless of their court-set bond amount.

In the Wednesday opinion, Judge Edith Brown Clement depicted an example of two misdemeanor arrestees with identical charges and criminal backgrounds but different financial abilities. Clement said that in applying the county's current practice, both arrestees would get the same bail amount. The poor arrestee would sit in the jail while the one with cash would walk out.

"As a result, the wealthy arrestee is less likely to plead guilty, more likely to receive a shorter sentence or be acquitted, and less likely to bear the social costs of incarceration," she wrote. "The poor arrestee, by contrast, must bear the brunt of all of these, simply because he has less money than his wealthy counterpart."

Both sides celebrated the ruling. Lawyers for the indigent plaintiffs — poor people who were arrested in Harris County on suspicion of misdemeanor charges — and other local officials highlighted the fact that the conservative court recognized the county practices violated equal protection rights.

"With this decision, the conservative 5th Circuit is telling Harris County that it's unconstitutional to have two justice systems: one for the rich and one for the poor," Harris County Commissioner and former state senator Rodney Ellis said in a statement.

Ellis noted that the county has already spent more than \$5 million defending its bail system and said the ruling indicated it was time for county judges and other officials to settle the lawsuit and enact meaningful reforms.

But the ruling wasn't a total win for the plaintiffs. The appellate court still said Rosenthal's ruling was "overbroad" and asked her to narrow some of the orders against the county.

Perhaps of most significance, the appellate court pushed back on Rosenthal's order for the sheriff to release at no cost all misdemeanor defendants who claim they can't afford their bond within 24 hours of arrest, regardless of whether they've had their bail

reviewed or set at a higher cost. The appellate judges appeared suspicious about Rosenthal's time limit in their hearing and said Wednesday that it was too strict.

In sending the case back to Rosenthal for a modified ruling, the higher court suggested an injunction that demands that poor defendants who claim they can't afford their bail be entitled to a hearing within 48 hours of arrest where they can argue for a lower or no-cost bond.

If a judicial officer declines to lower the bond at this hearing, he or she would have to put the reason for their decision in writing, and the arrestee would then get a formal bail review hearing before a judge. If, after those 48 hours, there are no records showing an individualized bail review process took place, the sheriff could release the defendant at no cost.

'The 48-hour requirement is intended to address the endemic problem of misdemeanor arrestees being detained until case disposition and pleading guilty to secure faster release from pretrial detention,' Clement wrote.

Robert Soard with the the Harris County Attorney's Office said the county was pleased the appellate court reaffirmed the responsibility of judicial officers in determining bail and conditions of release.

"The Fifth Circuit agreed that money bail could be used after an assessment of risk in accordance with Texas law," he said in a statement.

The circuit opinion also removed the Harris County sheriff from the lawsuit, who was previously one of the defendants. The county appealed Rosenthal's decision to include both the sheriff and the county judges, but the circuit court didn't bite on the judges.

The county judges, unlike the sheriff, can set bail policies consistent with state law, and yet they participated in an "unwritten, countywide process for setting bail that violated both state law and the Constitution," Clement wrote.

Source: <https://www.texastribune.org/2018/02/14/appeals-court-mostly-upholds-ruling-against-harris-county-bail-practic/>

In wake of the 2018 misdemeanor-case ruling, lawyers and activists sought to apply the new decision to felony cases in a 2019 case titled "Russell et al v. Harris County, Texas et al."

## **New Harris County bail lawsuit challenges thousands jailed on felony arrests**

Gabrielle Banks / Jan. 22, 2019 / AP

The legal team that successfully challenged Harris County's misdemeanor bail system for unfairly detaining indigent defendants has filed a new class action this week

challenging the use of costly bail for felony arrests that makes jail the only option for thousands of poor defendants awaiting trial.

The lawyers note that since 2009, 125 people have died while awaiting trial in the Harris County Jail, including a woman who committed suicide this month who couldn't make her original bail of \$3,000.

This new lawsuit, which hit the docket during the Martin Luther King Day holiday, claims that the county is holding people unjustly, simply because they cannot afford cash bail, whereas people arrested for the same offenses who can afford to pay, simply resume their lives. The indigent defendants are suing the county and Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, claiming the bail policy violates equal protection and due process. The 44-page brief says that nearly 70 percent of felony arrests in the county are for nonviolent offenses. Felony defendants make up 90 percent of the jail population, meaning that a shift in bail policy could have a major impact on the cost of incarceration.

The three named plaintiffs were all arrested this month on nonviolent offenses and remain in jail without the means to post bond.

Dwight Russell, 61, of Houston, is being held on his third driving while intoxicated arrest. The court imposed a \$25,000 bond, but did not assess his ability to pay it, determine if jailing him was the best option or allow him to present evidence, according to court documents. Russell is unemployed, receives food stamps and lives with his sister. Johnnie Pierson, 51, of Houston, was arrested on a drug possession charge. He couldn't pay \$15,000 bond, and no determinations were made about his ability to pay nor was he given the chance to submit evidence. Pierson is also on food stamps and does occasional work as a mechanic. The third plaintiff, Joseph Ortuno, 18, was arrested on a charge of drug possession with intent to deliver and faces \$30,000 bail. Ortuno is in high school and sometimes helps his uncle with tile work, but cannot pay the bond.

The Washington, D.C.-based Civil Rights Corps, which has sued over felony bail systems in Dallas, New Orleans, Alabama, Oklahoma and California, filed the new lawsuit jointly with the Houston firm Susman Godfrey and the Texas Civil Rights Project — which takes the place of another civil rights organization that helped on the misdemeanor case. Their request that the new case be considered a related filing indicates they want Chief U.S. District Judge Lee H. Rosenthal to hear the matter.

**BAIL BREAKTHROUGH:** Harris County judges unveil drastic new plan for no-cash bail

The county's nearly three-year legal spat over how the courts handle misdemeanor bail is headed toward a settlement. The county spent about \$9 million defending itself against the lawsuit, in which Rosenthal ruled that the county's policy amounted to "wealth-based" detention. Last week the new panel of misdemeanor judges approved a new bail policy that would allow 85 percent of misdemeanor defendants to be released

on cash-free bail. The policy allows a few exceptions for people who must appear before a judge before a bail determination can be made.

Source: <https://apnews.com/article/4675782e9c2d47bb932cfe0ce3c6be03>

In January of 2022, a decision by the full Fifth Circuit struck down parts of the 2018 decision that spurred significant changes to the way Harris County operated its misdemeanor bail and pretrial detention practices.<sup>23</sup> The ruling was referred to as the “Daves opinion.”

That same month, Mealer filed an amicus brief with the court handling Russell et al v. Harris County, Texas et al, stating that the new decision by the Fifth Circuit should be applied to the felony-related lawsuit, and certain parties should be removed from the case, such as Harris County.<sup>24</sup>

On November 21, 2019, Harris County and its co-defendants entered a Consent Decree with the O’Donnell Plaintiffs, agreeing to both mandatory and prescriptive relief. Case No. 4:16- CV-01414, Doc. No. 708 (“Consent Decree”). The O’Donnell litigation, and particularly the Fifth Circuit’s 2018 Opinion, appeared to establish the law governing this case and the parties have proceeded under that belief, as Harris County has spent hundreds of thousands, if not millions of dollars, complying with the Consent Decree under the supervision of this Court. See, e.g. Consent Decree, ¶¶ 53, 54, 85, 103.

Recently, however, the O’Donnell opinion was overruled by the Fifth Circuit sitting en banc. Daves, 2022 WL 72201. The En Banc opinion in Daves reveals that Harris County is not a proper party to this cause of action. The Fifth Circuit held unequivocally that Judges of both the District Courts and the Statutory County Courts are State Actors and not County Actors with respect to the Texas pretrial detention/bail system. The Daves opinion also provided the analytical framework to show that the Harris County Sheriff performs his pretrial detention duties under the color of State Law and is not a county actor for that issue. The Felony Judges and the Sheriff are the only defendants through whom Plaintiffs purport to acquire standing against the County. Because neither the Judges nor the Sheriff are county actors, Plaintiffs have no Article III case or controversy to bring against the County. Therefore, Harris County must be dismissed from the suit and Amicus respectfully requests the Court to do so.

Her brief sought to invalidate both the O’Donnell and Russell plaintiffs’ lawsuit against Harris County under the Daves opinion, or in other words, sought to repeal the final settlement reached in the misdemeanor-related O’Donnell case and effectively block the felony-related Russell case.

The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals substantially clarified the law regarding Article III standing in the Daves opinion and under Daves, Harris County is clearly not a proper

<sup>23</sup> <https://www.keranews.org/news/2022-01-08/appeals-court-questions-whether-federal-judge-can-consider-dallas-county-bail-bon>

<sup>24</sup> <https://alexandramealer.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/579-2022-05-04-Amicus-Brief-Supporting-Dissolution-of-Consent-Decree-and-Dismissal-of-Harris-County-1.pdf>

party in this case. Mealer, as amicus curiae, respectfully requests that the Court dismiss Harris County as a defendant in this case. In the alternative, Mealer urges the Court to instruct the parties to brief the standing issues raised by Daves and to dismiss Plaintiffs' claims against Harris County following such briefing.

Finally, Mealer's request that the Court take note that the jurisdictional issues raised by Daves apply equally to the O'Donnell case as here, and that the law as announced by the Fifth Circuit requires, after proper notice and a hearing, that the Consent Decree entered in that case be vacated or dissolved.

Mealer has appeared at Commissioners Court meetings, testifying that "these are the legal arguments our county judge should be making to the district court judge."<sup>25</sup> On social media, Mealer has defended her actions against the 2018 and 2019 bail lawsuits, stating that "progressive judges are routinely releasing repeat, violent offenders into our neighborhoods and they're using the O'Donnell Consent Decree to justify their actions." Mealer has also used her position as a delegate to the Texas GOP to introduce a resolution calling for "any and all means" to stop Harris County's bail practices.<sup>26</sup>



Alexandra del Moral Mealer for Harris County Judge  
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Statement on Bail Measure Requiring 10% Fees by Defendants.

[fox26houston.com/news/harris-co...](https://fox26houston.com/news/harris-co...)

"This is a step in the right direction, we must stop the revolving door at the courthouse. To slam the door shut on these violent criminals, Judge Lina Hidalgo needs to use all the resources of her office, and that starts with filing a motion to dissolve the O'Donnell Consent Decree.

Progressive judges are routinely releasing repeat, violent offenders into our neighborhoods and they're using the O'Donnell Consent Decree to justify their actions. We cannot simply rely on a licensing board to tackle the most important problem facing our County. That's why as a candidate for Harris County Judge, I have already filed a brief with Federal Judge Lee Rosenthal with the goal of dismissing the Russell felony bond case and ultimately dissolving the O'Donnell Consent Decree."

1:31 PM · Apr 14, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

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At candidate forums and online, Alexandra del Moral Mealer has heavily criticized the bail system in Harris County, calling it “radical and perverse.”<sup>27</sup>

### **“Very Aligned With” Fringe Critical Race Theory Candidates**

In a June 2022 interview with right-wing radio host Kenny Webster, Alexandra del Moral Mealer celebrated the election wins of Bridget Wade, Lisa Alpe, and Caroline Bennett to several school boards in the Harris region. The candidates ran on largely anti-critical race theory (CRT) platforms, “a mentality” Mealer said she is “certainly... very aligned with.”<sup>28</sup> Mealer said she “respects” those candidates and their wins were “pretty impressive to see.”

#### Bridget Wade

In interviews, Wade has railed against CRT, calling it a “partisan political battle.”

Bridget Wade, vying for the District 7 seat in HISD, said in August that the school board had “put the children of Houston front and center as pawns in a political game that must stop” with the requirement.

“Parents, not the School Board, should decide whether their child should wear a mask,” Wade wrote in an Aug. 13 Facebook post. “I urge the Board to get back to the business it was elected to do and stay out of these partisan political battles. It does nothing to serve our children and everything to diminish a their ability to receive a quality education.”

Superintendent Millard House II implemented the mandate, and the board expressed support for it with a unanimous vote.

On Wednesday, Wade said she stood by the mask statement.

Asked about critical race theory, she said in a statement, “I renounce any attempt by our public schools, whether formal or informal, to teach our children that one race is better than the other. I firmly believe in the immortal words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that we be judged by the content of our character, not the color of our skin.”

Source: <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Conservative-Houston-area-school-board-candidates-16590322.php>

In other interviews, Wade has open favored “getting rid of masks.”<sup>29</sup>

#### Lisa Alpe

Alpe has been endorsed by the ‘1776 Project,’ an organization stemming from Trump’s controversial 1776 Commission which significantly warped the history of slavery and racism in

<sup>27</sup> [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MX9Czy\\_IVs8&ab\\_channel=FoxNews](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MX9Czy_IVs8&ab_channel=FoxNews)

<sup>28</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/waltonandjohnson/videos/1686022378415812>

<sup>29</sup> <https://www.khou.com/article/news/education/newly-elected-houston-isd-trustee-bridget-wade-weekend-runoff/285-1aacd227-99d3-443f-bb48-30ae9e898aaf>

America.<sup>30</sup> The organization states its purpose is to fight CRT's agenda in every school board election.

Activists, scholars, and politicians are currently attempting to socially engineer our society and its relation to race, racism, and power. Their political ideology known as Critical Race Theory or Anti-Racism should not be confused with the Civil Rights Movement, Martin Luther King Jr., or any form of tolerance. They believe we need to undo the cornerstones of American society including classical liberalism, legal reasoning, and capitalism in order to promote their version of cultural Marxism based on race rather than class. They believe that every fabric of American society is based on race. They believe every factor of inequality is socially constructed exclusively based on the topic of race. So all differences between the races were created with the sole purpose of disadvantaging non-white people.

Supporters of critical race theory hold political power as being more important than facts. Oftentimes they will not engage with anyone who does not support critical race theory, because they believe that is “platforming” them, which gives their opponents’ arguments credibility.

Their positions are incredibly hostile to white people, Western civilization, classical liberalism, the enlightenment, the founding of America, and capitalism. Supporters of critical race theory believe it is the responsibility of everyone to evaluate their own internalized racism. Non-white members of society who disagree with them are accused of internalizing white supremacy and accepting the status quo.

One avenue which they hope to rebuild society in their Marxist vision is in the schools. Critical race theory and programs like the 1619 Project- which tells explicit falsehoods about history to push their political agenda – are being taught in classrooms in nearly every state across the country.

Source: <https://1776projectpac.com/about/>

Caroline Bennett

Bennett has also been endorsed by the 1776 Project.<sup>31</sup>

## Notes from Videos

The following notes were created from videos found online relating to Alexandra del Moral Mealer.

### **Alex Challenges Harris County Bail Bond System (1.25.2022)**

:30 - “Progressive judges are routinely releasing these violent repeat offenders into our neighborhoods, and they’re using the O’Donnell Consent Decree to justify their actions.”

:58 blocking both bail cases “are the arguments our county judge should be making to the district court judge.”

<sup>30</sup> <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk/how-trump-administration-s-1776-report-warps-history-racism-slavery-n1254926>

<sup>31</sup> <https://1776projectpac.com/endorsed-candidates/>



Source:

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### **FOX News 150 people killed in Harris... (1.1.2022)**

1:45 – “I think we all need to really take a step back and think ‘is this the America we want to live in?’... It’s absolutely unacceptable, and more troubling, my opponent that I’ll hopefully be running against, Judge Lina Hidalgo, she’s really become a progressive icon for advocating for this radical and perverse view of bail reform, that is continuing putting the focus on justice for violent offenders instead of standing up and advocating for justice for victims and basic public safety in our community.”

3:10 – “Sometimes here in Harris County we have to wonder if Hidalgo is trying to outdo Biden in who can create more chaos in the shortest amount of time.

Source: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MX9Czy\\_JVs8&ab\\_channel=FoxNews](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MX9Czy_JVs8&ab_channel=FoxNews)

### **Steve Radack Endorsement (2.4.2022)**

:01 – “When Commissioner Steve Radack was in office, families were a whole lot safer.”

Source:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10mizgFhq\\_M&ab\\_channel=AlexandradelMoralMealerforHarrisCountyJudge](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10mizgFhq_M&ab_channel=AlexandradelMoralMealerforHarrisCountyJudge)

### **Senate District Convention Speech (3.28.2022)**

:55 – “I’m here as a delegate. I’m in SD 6. I have a resolution to enforce the rule of law.

1:12 – Man who was arrested 5 times in 6 days was let out on a General Order bond, “which means no one is looking at this man’s criminal history, no one is doing what the law requires which is doing a risk assessment. Is there a public safety threat? If yes, then you’re behind bars... O’Donnell is the lynchpin that brought our county upside down.”

Source:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wu5LAP3euto&ab\\_channel=AlexandradelMoralMealerforHarrisCountyJudge](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wu5LAP3euto&ab_channel=AlexandradelMoralMealerforHarrisCountyJudge)

### **Cypress Tea Party (3.19.2022)**



3:45 – Served in an administrative role as an officer in the military, was able to get her counterpart investigated and fired after mismanagement.

6:45 – Money is county government is not going to infrastructure, but rather “social equity programs.”

8:15 – On if the election was fraudulent in 2020 and Trump won: “I don’t know how much things were off, to be frank, but I do not think we had an efficient, uh, we looked at the voter rolls, where I think Senator Bettencourt’s one of the big ones who’s been raising that there were more votes cast than registered, and ballot by mail is my biggest concern. I think as county judge, that big area that I want to get active on is really cleaning those voter rolls. That’s what is very hard for anyone to do outside of the county, aside from which I think is unified across the board of conservative power, you know returning the elections back to our county officials... Again, with our county, any time we can get state officials, the better. That’s why I just related to your question. This is one that I’m sure everyone on the conservative side is united, where we need a full audit of these last elections. I would say I am very fortunate where I had enough of a lead, you know, we got the most votes, where it didn’t impact my race, but there were people that – you know it’s pretty detrimental to stop your campaign for a week because of someone else’s incompetence so those are very serious things and regardless of how much error there was, what is absolutely clear is we have no confidence in our system, and that is something you can’t fix in one year. Sort of like our foreign policy. If you were to go, where they’re making errors where the next person can’t quickly go in and fix and it’s going to take a lot of time to earn that trust back.”

10:45 – Wrote amicus brief in support of Jack Cagle’s agenda item that basically said “federal government, get out of our state bail bond decisions.”

11:45 – Every county expert you can think of has been fired.

14:45 – According to Tucker Carlson, “because of the open border, but the PC’s missing, is because of the progressive policies of the county, it’s destroying it.”

15:30 – Our “George Soros funded DA” doesn’t agree with Harris County’s bail system.

18:00 – Reducing crime requires “boots on the ground,” not the “trees and social spending.”

21:30 – Corporate donations and donors have become too limited and regulated by the federal government.

26:00 – “I actually worked on the GITMO prosecutions. That was enough to tell me I didn’t want to be in D.C. as I watched the alphabet soup of organizations fight with each other more than try to figure out how to get the right resources.”

29:05 – “Good governance is when you don’t have to see me all the time.”

35:00 – “I actually agree with [Vidal Martinez] on most of his stances...”

36:00 – Family is from Spain, Grandfather led the opposition to Franco, caused him to be kicked out of county and “put into a concentration camp.”

37:30 – Has “emergency management experience.”

Source: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DOwLy-VpxCY&ab\\_channel=LindaNuttall](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DOwLy-VpxCY&ab_channel=LindaNuttall)

### **Michael Berry Show (5.24.2022)**

2:45 – Dick Weekly is a prominent supporter of Alex Mealer: “I learned more about Harris County from my 45 minute interview with Alexandra than I have learned from anyone in my 76 years on planet Earth.”

Source:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywWoOgoFaUU&ab\\_channel=AlexandradelMoralMealerforHarrisCountyJudge](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywWoOgoFaUU&ab_channel=AlexandradelMoralMealerforHarrisCountyJudge)

### **The Texan – Texas GOP Convention (6.27.2022)**

:45 – “On national issues, people do probably tilt towards the Democrat party...”

2:30 – “General Order bonds are a blanket rule of offenses that you don’t even see a judge. It is quite literally the epitome of a revolving door.”

7:30 – If Republicans win Commissioners Court majority, challenging O’Donnell opinion would be a “high priority.”

Source: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0ErPjSPCBw&ab\\_channel=TheTexan](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0ErPjSPCBw&ab_channel=TheTexan)

### **Doc Greene Interview (3.10.2022)**

5:15 – On 2020 election, drive-thru-voting, and “ballot harvesting”: “It’s pretty interesting. It’s just one thing that Rodney Ellis does is almost ‘human ballot harvesting,’ where he has his buses and vans that drop people off... I think at least what happened a few days ago was obviously inexcusable, but the **positive of this piece is it showed why it was so important to fight for SB 1**, because it was on full display for the nation to see and why it’s so important that we have those safeguards because clearly they failed. It was an abject failure.”

7:30 – “Greene: We have a serious issue of voter fraud in Harris County.” Mealer:  
\*Nods\*

7:45 – “I am very supportive of our party’s effort to call for a full audit and the fact that you could push against that, to me, that defies reason... You’d think on this one, both sides would agree there should be a full audit. You need to have something that strong to restore faith in our process.”

12:00 – “Really the only people put behind bars [in Harris] are police officers.”

12:45 – Launched her campaign under the platform of bail reform, election integrity, and no mask mandates... “When I was running against nine other people, no one had election integrity on their websites.”

15:00 – Served as a “Future Operations Officer” for long-range planning in the military.

17:45 – Harris Health spent \$700 million charity cases. “That’s a nice name for someone who crossed the border illegally.

25:45 – Greene: “There are around 7 million people in the Harris metro area. It’s closer to 9 million if you count the illegal aliens.” Mealer: “Mhmm.”

Source:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fl233gmyqo0&ab\\_channel=DocGreeneSR](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fl233gmyqo0&ab_channel=DocGreeneSR)

### **Interview with Kenny Webster (4.21.2022)**

4:15 – “I am a strict fiscal conservative.”

7:00 – Stated her primary opponents made deals with each other when another loses to secure jobs or opportunities.

15:40 – “I live in The Heights. I was very proud to be a Houstonian, thought it was one of the best decisions I’ve ever made. In the last few years, I’ve not liked living here.”

17:15 – “[Harris County] is sending county [sic] to schools while parents aren’t there, you know the high schools, encouraging them to get vaccinated. Like what are you doing going and talking to people’s kids?” It’s even that COVID contract for outreach. ‘Oh, we’re going to spend millions of taxpayer dollars and crime is out of control, we have a body county piling up, but we’re gonna knock on your door and make sure you know you should get vaccinated.’ It’s one thing to have testing, it’s one thing to make it easily available, but that’s kind of crossing a different line, right? It’s just a different level of intrusion.”

21:30 – [Vidal Martinez]’s only policies where we do differentiate in a very big way, first, my policy priorities haven’t changed. Everyone else in this debate started adopting my positions. And you can see that on time stamp. Second issue, we have a

very different view of mask mandates and vaccine mandates. He's on Methodist's board, now he says he's not for them but stayed silent through all that period."

Source:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFwYIhe4RCk&ab\\_channel=AlexandradeIMoralMdealerforHarrisCountyJudge](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFwYIhe4RCk&ab_channel=AlexandradeIMoralMdealerforHarrisCountyJudge)

### **2022 Republican Primary Runoff Candidates Forum for Harris County Judge (4.7.2022)**

12:25 – “Harris County for so many years was the model of the American dream, a true meritocracy.”

33:30 – Wants to eliminate social equity considerations from factoring into decisions for “worst-first” flood projects.

36:00 – On addressing concerns that I-45 expansion would displace minority families: “Activists got in front of the issue first.”

43:15 – “When Democrats talk about analyzing or studies, they’re really raising taxes.”

54:15 – On funding legal defenses for undocumented immigrants: “No.”

56:45 – Lina Hidalgo wants to be able to decide if your kid should be vaccinated or not, or to be masked.

Source:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nubZJmS\\_obw&ab\\_channel=FOX26Houston](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nubZJmS_obw&ab_channel=FOX26Houston)

### **Harris Co. Judge Republican #FutureForum (2.6.2022) (#1)**

10:30 – Democrats taking control of the county commissioner’s court is the “greatest intrusion of civil liberties we have ever seen.”

13:45 – Mayor Turner is a dictator.

24:45 – Fighting climate change at the county level is “not appropriate.”

27:45 On thoughts regarding not accepting campaign contributions from county vendors: “So I think that discussion is a distraction. Fundamentally, what I am primarily concerned for with the funding of our county is this use of what I would call very pay-for-play in the role of consultants for our county. So if you look at the millions we’re spending at PFM Consulting, which is heavily associated with DeBlasio and is responsible for a lot of this bail-reform ideology that’s been imported, there seems to be no discussion or concern with that, and we saw that similar mentality with the

awarding of the COVID contract, where time and time again, consulting contracts are awarded to DNC operatives. So, no, I am not as fussed about, which on the commissioners court, it is everyone but Lina accepting contacts for infrastructure. [sic] I plan to heavily pursue infrastructure, and there are a lot of other ways they're tilting the favor, but I just find this an obfuscation of where real corruption is happening in our county."

53:30 – In favor of flood mitigation tunnel.

Source:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EDZSGFyGVCg&ab\\_channel=FOX26Houston](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EDZSGFyGVCg&ab_channel=FOX26Houston)

### **Harris Co. Judge Republican #FutureForum (2.6.2022) (#2)**

2:00 – Climate change is not a county function, would eliminate budget and election directors.

16:45 – "I wasn't smart enough to get The Chronicle's endorsement, but I was smart enough to figure out how to get some people excited about running on very traditional, conservative values. And that's been my platform since day one. I don't think I have to compromise on those."

17:35 – "When you look at where I live, I live in The Heights, it is independent to a D+30. I've never had representation living in the State of Texas unfortunately."

18:00 – "I will win off competency, and my ability to convince people that there is a better way. We saw it for 30 years and we saw what Ed Emmett had. We can get back to that."

Source:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vta7e\\_NNPG0&ab\\_channel=FOX26Houston](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vta7e_NNPG0&ab_channel=FOX26Houston)

### **Hard Knox Podcast Interview (2.2.2022)**

17:30 – Poor county finances excited her to enter the race.

18:30 – County's COVID response was the greatest infringement of civil liberties she had seen in her lifetime.

21:05 – County should not be tackling climate change.

26:20 – "I'm not a supporter of diversity, inclusion kind of mandated quotas, I can even tell you coming from the military, I thought it was more detrimental when they pushed to fill quotas because, if you are competent, people will assume you're there because you're filling a slot. I personally think those heavy-handed arguments are a discredit to very qualified people. So I have a strong aversion to that, just by you know

being in job where there was really only a handful of females on the bomb squad. I'd rather take a lot of people who are qualified than to artificially inflate your numbers and create issues."

12:30 – Concentration camps, such as those her family were placed in, are what happens with "big, strong" government.

Source: <https://fb.watch/eeRZNCYtxN/>,  
[https://www.facebook.com/watch/?ref=search&v=679502299848406&external\\_log\\_id=e77a4e66-2e38-4430-870e-12ff2f70deae&q=alexandra%20del%20moral%20mealer](https://www.facebook.com/watch/?ref=search&v=679502299848406&external_log_id=e77a4e66-2e38-4430-870e-12ff2f70deae&q=alexandra%20del%20moral%20mealer)

### **KPRC 950 Interview (6.20.2022)**

2:15 – "This county is certainly a Democrat county."

17:00 – "Vast" portion of her military time was in the headquarters or operation center.

20:45 – Regarding critical race theory: Wants to see more people like Bridget Wade, Lisa Alpe, and Caroline Bennett be elected to school boards. "That mentality is certainly something I see myself very aligned with."

26:30 – Texas Civil Rights Project, which Lina Hidalgo volunteered for once, was supportive of "mass ballot mailouts" so they're "not moderate by any means."

28:45 – "I don't want it to ever be burdensome to vote, but I think it should take a proactive effort... I think right now, we have several weeks of early voting, but when you look at the primary, there were deserts. If you look at the map, those happen to be in heavily Republican areas where there were not a lot of polling locations, but some of it is, yeah, you want it for to be easy for people to vote. I vote at Moody Park pretty consistently. That is a very heavy Democrat area. It's never taken me more than 5 minutes. It's actually well run most of the time, so the idea that we've created this arduous process is not true. You can't order a coffee in 5 minutes, so I think just having consistent locations, you know part of the problem... [sic] People are having to wait for several hours, that's obviously discouraging, but that's not where we're at."

35:45 – Her house is "loan-to-own."

37:15 – "[Houston] is one of the few meritocracies really in the country, right."

38:45 – Astrodome wouldn't be a funding priority.

39:30 – Thomas Sowell is her political hero. Condoleezza Rice is her personal hero.

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/waltonandjohnson/videos/1686022378415812>