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JOLT ENDORSES SUSAN HAYS FOR AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER

Jolt Action proudly announces its official endorsement of Susan Hays for Texas Agriculture Commissioner. We believe Hays' background, passion and experience will allow for her to successfully carry out the Texas Department of Agriculture's mission to partner with all Texans to make the Lone Star State a leader in agriculture, strengthen the economy, empower rural communities, promote healthy lifestyles and cultivate winning strategies for all Texans through exceptional service and agriculture.

"I'm proud to earn the endorsement of JOLT, an organization that seeks to empower young Latinos across Texas. Together, we'll restore dignity to [the Texas Department of Agriculture] and fight for rural Texas," Hays said.

Hays is running on a platform that acknowledges that farming is hard, but that ethics should be easy — a far cry from her opponent who has been mired in controversy. As a lawyer, Hays has dedicated her legal career to advocacy, most recently focusing her law practice on the cannabis industry. She is the first Cannabis Super Lawyer in Texas and helped write and pass the Texas hemp legalization bill in 2019.

Prior to that, she started a private practice at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in Dallas, where she co-founded Jane's Due Process, a legal services nonprofit for pregnant minors. Hays has written legal briefs on marriage equality, immigration and reproductive rights and fought to make voting easy and accessible during the pandemic in Harris County. Like Jolt, championing the fundamental rights of all Texans is at the core of her mission.

"From her years of practice as a cannabis attorney to her lived experience in rural Texas, Susan Hays is the intelligent leader who will get Texas on the right path," said Jolt Action Political Specialist Jen Ramos. "We need less scandals and more solutions to help keep farmers in business and children from going hungry; Susan will get it gone."

Hays' prioritization of accessible healthcare aligns with Jolt's belief that healthcare should be affordable and accessible for all Texans regardless of their income status or their zip code. If elected, Hays says she will work to expand Medicaid to help get uninsured Texans the care they

need. She also champions not only keeping rural hospitals open, but making them economically viable. Finally, she wants to promote a more robust healthcare workforce in rural Texas.

Learn more or donate to Hays' campaign [here](#).

For media inquiries or to arrange an interview, contact our Communications Team at media@joltx.org

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Founded in 2016, Jolt Action is a progressive civic engagement organization focused on building the political power and influence of young Latinos in Texas.

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