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JOLT ACTION ENDORSES CANDIDATES IN LOCAL DALLAS-FORT WORTH RACES

DALLAS, Texas - Jolt Action is proud to announce that it is endorsing local candidates running for office in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Jolt is endorsing the following candidates in their DFW-area races:

[Deborah Peoples](#) for Tarrant County Judge
[Alex Cornwallis](#) for State Board of Education District 12
[Lesla Pamplin](#) for Judge of Tarrant County Criminal Court No. 5
[Ebony Turner](#) for Judge of Tarrant County Criminal Court No. 6
[MarQ Clayton](#) for Judge of Tarrant County Criminal Court No. 7
[Crystal Gayden](#) for Judge of Tarrant County 324th Family District Court
[Chris Lopez](#) for Denton County District 6 Justice of the Peace
[Jeca Williams](#) for Tarrant County Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace

“North Texas is full of vibrant people that deserve to be represented by leaders that reflect our values and our unique sense of community. This slate of candidates have actively shown up for us time and time again, and understand the importance of engaging and listening to our communities. With these candidates, we will see strong and effective leadership that will positively affect North Texans’ everyday lives,” said Cristina Garrido, Jolt Action Regional Manager for Dallas-Fort Worth.

Running for Tarrant County Judge, Deborah Peoples is a mother, business executive, and progressive trailblazer with more than 30 years of experience. Some of Peoples’ top policy priorities include creating high-paying jobs in the area, investing in education, and ensuring access to high-quality, affordable healthcare and housing.

“It fills me with pride to help support our next generation of leaders in Tarrant County, and I’m running to bring my 30 years of business experience and lifelong commitment to our community to the Tarrant County Judge’s Office. I’m grateful that Jolt Action is joining our broad, diverse coalition of supporters,” Peoples said.

Running for the State Board of Education, Alex Cornwallis is a champion of teaching the truth and creating an inclusive environment for all Texas students. Cornwallis and his wife send their five children to public school, and if elected, Cornwallis will aim to make sure that public education is fully funded in Texas. Cornwallis said he is “thrilled and honored” to receive the Jolt Action endorsement.

Lesa Pamplin is a former police officer, prosecutor and defense attorney who hopes to prioritize reforming the way Tarrant County deals with domestic violence cases if she is elected Judge for the Tarrant County Criminal Court No. 5. Pamplin opened her own law firm in 2004, and has worked tirelessly to defend her clients, now she will bring that experience to ensure the criminal justice system is fair and effective in Tarrant County.

“Jolt Action’s endorsement means my work in the Tarrant County community reflects my unwavering commitment to fighting for justice and to demanding that our country hold true to its promises – the promises of freedom, equality, and fairness, and the promise of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for everyone,” said Pamplin.

Running for Judge of Tarrant County Criminal Court No. 6, Ebony Turner has 20 years of experience practicing law, and her career began by advocating for survivors of domestic violence. If elected, Turner will bring about effective judgements while reforming the way the criminal justice system works to ensure that punishments are fitting to the crimes and the perpetrators of those crimes.

“I am honored to receive this endorsement from Jolt because I believe that my core values and the goals I have for serving in public office align with those of this organization. I also believe it is important for African-Americans and Latinos to be working together for the betterment of all people,” Turner said. “As Judge, I will ensure that Latinos, and anyone else, are treated with dignity and respect and can appear in my courtroom without fear, regardless of status or their reason for being there.”

MarQ Clayton has twice been named Top Attorney by Fort Worth Magazine, and she is active in various nonprofits and community organizations. Clayton is running for Judge of Tarrant County Criminal Court No. 7 to bring diversity to the bench and restore compassion and fairness to the criminal justice system in Tarrant County.

“I am honored to be endorsed by an active group that genuinely has a heart of service. My approach to this bench is to be of service to all,” Clayton said.

Crystal Gayden is running for Judge in the 324th Family District Court in Tarrant County. Gayden has more than ten years of experience as a family attorney and is currently a managing partner at a Fort Worth law firm. She hopes to bring more respect for diversity and transparency to the work done at the family court.

“I am honored to have the endorsement of Jolt Action because of its commitment to empowering people of color. Jolt’s mission to bring about change in the political process aligns with my vision for this race,” said Gayden.

In Denton County, Chris Lopez is running for re-election to continue serving as Justice of the Peace for District 6. Lopez has served in his position since 2018 as the only Latino Judge of the Peace in Denton County. He hopes to continue outreach efforts to ensure the community members know their rights and that the court is accessible and committed to equity.

“Jolt’s mission is one that is close to my heart. As a first generation Mexican American, my parents struggled while working minimum wage to provide for my sister and I, and to give us a shot at life that they never had. I will uphold Jolt’s mission and continue to serve the community with respect and dignity while giving them the chance to have their voices heard in court,” said Lopez.

For Tarrant County voters, Jeca Williams is running for Justice of the Peace in Precinct 2. Williams has experience as a union steward, a business owner and teacher. She also brings valuable experience with dispute mediation, having practiced mediation since 2014. Her experience will help her serve as a Justice of the Peace with compassion and determination.

“I am running for Justice of the Peace to ensure that our community court is actually a community court and will be open to serving the needs of our community. Having the endorsement and support of Jolt Action is crucial to engaging the diverse communities that make up Tarrant County’s Justice of the Peace Precinct 2. We all deserve to have a judicial system that values our community and us,” said Williams.

To arrange an interview, contact our Communications Team at christine@jolttx.org

ABOUT [JOLT ACTION](#)

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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