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### **JOLT ACTION ENDORSES CANDIDATES IN LOCAL SAN ANTONIO RACES**

SAN ANTONIO, Texas - Jolt Action is proud to announce that it is endorsing local candidates running for office in the San Antonio area. Jolt is endorsing the following candidates in their San Antonio-area races:

[Frank Ramirez](#) for Texas House of Representatives, District 118  
[Becca DeFelice](#) for Texas House of Representatives, District 121  
[Peter Sakai](#) for Bexar County Judge  
[Melissa Saenz](#) for Bexar County Court at Law #2

These candidates represent the brightest minds in public service in the San Antonio area. Together, they will fight for our shared values protecting our right to vote, accessible healthcare for all, respect for immigrant families, clean jobs and quality education for all.

*“San Antonians deserve leaders that will fight for the working class. These candidates will ensure that our veterans can have fully funded VA hospitals, folks will have access to affordable health care including abortion access, and vote in favor of gun violence prevention laws,” said Natalie Marquez, Jolt Action Regional Manager for Austin and San Antonio. “I strongly believe that our endorsed candidates in San Antonio will advocate in the best interest of their community and not for special interests.”*

Running for the Texas House of Representatives, Frank Ramirez and Becca DeFelice both represent the diversity of San Antonio, and have the experience to advocate for brighter futures at the state Capitol in Austin. As the son of a veteran and a working mom, Ramirez has spent more than seven years serving the city of San Antonio, advocating for his community and becoming a policy expert. Ramirez will prioritize raising teacher pay, fixing the grid, lowering property taxes, school safety and a woman’s right to choose.

*“I’m honored to be endorsed by Jolt Action. While Latinos are now the largest demographic group in Texas, our communities continue to face multiple economic and political disparities. I’m excited to work alongside Jolt to address the issues that most impact the nearly 11 million Latinos in Texas,” said Ramirez.*

DeFelice has spent nearly two decades living in San Antonio where she started her family. Education, school safety, healthcare access and fixing the grid are among her top priorities if elected. As a mom and responsible gun owner, DeFelice favors requiring background checks and raising the minimum age on gun purchases, as well as better funding our public schools.

*“I’m proud to be endorsed by Jolt Action. I believe that young Texans who are fighting for abortion rights, environmental justice, healthcare access, quality education, and safety from gun violence deserve lawmakers who will stand with them. Together, we can win this race for the future of our state,” said DeFelice.*

Running for Bexar County Judge, Peter Sakai’s career as a public servant in San Antonio began back in the 1980s after graduating from the University of Texas School of Law in 1979. He has served as a judge in Bexar County since 1995. Sakai will continue advocating for justice for all San Antonians as Bexar County Judge, and hopes to also use the office to help bring down inflation and create a public internet utility.

*“I am honored to have the endorsement from Jolt Action in my bid for Bexar County Judge. Together, with our shared vision for a better Texas, we can create the change our families deserve,” said Sakai.*

Melissa Saenz comes from working-class roots in southwest San Antonio, and she has spent the past seven years as a prosecutor with the Bexar County District Attorney’s office. As a prosecutor, Saenz has worked to keep her community safe while also advocating for a path to rehabilitation for non-violent misdemeanors.

*“I’m proud to be endorsed by Jolt because of the work it does to advance the Latino/Latina community. I grew up without our culture being represented in professional roles on television and I didn’t know of any Latina doctors or lawyers in real life,” said Saenz. “Our younger generation needs to see people that look like them in prominent and professional positions so they know those opportunities are possible. We need to empower our youth so they can have goals and reach them.”*

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## 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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