



2022 GENERAL ELECTION VOTER GUIDE

Welcome to the Democratic voter guide for the 2022 General Election. The Democratic Party of Craighead County has compiled a list of all Democratic candidates and issues that will be on the ballot this November, as well as non-partisan candidates. All information in this packet was collected, compiled, and designed by the 2022 Voter Guide team, a workgroup of the DPCC Communications subcommittee.

Notice to voters: This guide contains information for several districts. There may be candidates/measures that are not included on your ballot. Please use the Secretary of State's voter portal, Voter View, to view your own sample ballots at voterview.ar-nova.org.

VOTING IN ARKANSAS

Arkansas requires voters to show photo identification while voting. Documents and identification cards that will be accepted as verification of voter registration include without limitation:

- Ⓞ driver's license
- Ⓞ photo identification card
- Ⓞ concealed handgun carry license
- Ⓞ United States passport
- Ⓞ United States military identification document
- Ⓞ voter verification card from the county clerk
- Ⓞ employee badge or identification document issued by an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the State of Arkansas
- Ⓞ public assistance identification card if the card shows a photograph of the person to whom the document or identification card was issued

USING THIS GUIDE

Federal and state-wide candidates will appear on ballots across Arkansas. Craighead County candidates will only appear if you are registered to vote in this county. Some candidates in Craighead County may not appear depending on your district.

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PLAN YOUR VOTE



You can see a sample of your local ballot by visiting the Arkansas Secretary of State voter portal at voterview.ar-nova.org.



Early voting begins on October 24 and lasts until November 7. The two early voting locations are the Lake City Courthouse at 113 Cobean Blvd and the Jonesboro Election Annex at 411 W Jefferson Ave.



You can find your nearest Election Day polling center by visiting the Arkansas Secretary of State voter portal at voterview.ar-nova.org.

VOTING IN CRAIGHEAD COUNTY

Early voting locations:

Craighead County Election Annex at 411 West Jefferson Ave, Jonesboro
Lake City Courthouse at 113 Cobean Blvd, Lake City

- ⦿ Monday, October 24, 8:00am - 6:00pm
- ⦿ Tuesday, October 25, 8:00am - 6:00pm
- ⦿ Wednesday, October 26, 8:00am - 6:00pm
- ⦿ Thursday, October 27, 8:00am - 6:00pm
- ⦿ Friday, October 28, 8:00am - 6:00pm
- ⦿ Saturday, October 29, 10:00am - 4:00pm
- ⦿ Monday, October 31, 8:00am - 6:00pm
- ⦿ Tuesday, November 1, 8:00am - 6:00pm
- ⦿ Wednesday, November 2, 8:00am - 6:00pm
- ⦿ Thursday, November 3, 8:00am - 6:00pm
- ⦿ Friday, November 4, 8:00am - 6:00pm
- ⦿ Saturday, November 5, 10:00am - 4:00pm
- ⦿ Monday, November 7, 8:00am - 5:00pm

ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

On Election Day, you can vote at any polling center in Craighead County. Polls are open from 7:30am to 7:30pm. If you are in line before 7:30pm, you can vote.

- ⦿ **Bay Community Center** at 305 Cherry St, Bay
- ⦿ **Bono Community Center** at 100 E Woodland Trail, Bono
- ⦿ **Brookland Baptist Church** at 200 N Oak, Brookland
- ⦿ **Caraway City Hall** at 102 E State St, Caraway
- ⦿ **Cash City Hall/Egypt** at 4391 Hwy 18, Cash
- ⦿ **Earl Bell Community Center** at 1212 S Church St, Jonesboro
- ⦿ **Allen Park Community Center** at 3609 Race St, Jonesboro
- ⦿ **ASU 1st National Bank Arena** at 217 Olympic Dr, Jonesboro
- ⦿ **Forest Home Church of the Nazarene** at 2403 Ritter Dr, Jonesboro
- ⦿ **Lake City Courthouse** at 113 Cobean, Lake City
- ⦿ **Monette Legion Hut** at 209 E Drew St, Monette
- ⦿ **New Hope Baptist Church** at 101 S Main St, Black Oak
- ⦿ **Parker Park Community Center** at 1506 N Church St, Jonesboro
- ⦿ **Valley View Church of Christ** at 4500 Southwest Dr, Jonesboro
- ⦿ **Walnut Street Baptist Church** at 1910 Scenic Rd, Jonesboro

Arkansas Federal Democratic Candidates

U.S. House



Monte Hodges

Occupation: Banker.

Occupational Background: 28 years in banking.

Educational Background: Undergraduate degree in Business Administration / Economics / Finance.

Prior Government Experience: One term Blytheville City Council & five terms in Arkansas General Assembly.

Campaign Blurb:

Infrastructure: Repair & update roads and bridges. Invest in high-speed internet with emphasis on rural broadband.

Economic Development: Focus on small and rural businesses, attract new business investment, work with existing businesses to maximize their potential and work with them to get new technology. (Reference MS County Miracle—\$4 Billion dollars in steel mills and manufacturing to an economically depressed area, now flourishing).

Healthcare: Quality, affordable healthcare and lower insurance.

Education: Access to high quality education, pay and support our teachers, invest in our children.

Jobs: Train workforce for 21st Century jobs in a 21st Century economy.

Learn more: monteforcongress.org

*This information provided by the
Committee to Elect Monte Hodges for Congress.*



View Your Sample Ballot

All the items on your personal ballot can be viewed via the Secretary of State voter portal, Voter View. Log in at voterview.ar-nova.org, scroll to the bottom of the page, and click on the link to open a sample ballot. This sample ballot will contain all the items that will be on your ballot when you go to vote. The format will look slightly different on the voting machines the county uses, but the content will remain the same.



Questions?

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Arkansas State Democratic Candidates

Governor



Chris Jones

Occupation: Former Non-profit Executive.

Occupational Background: Executive Director of the Arkansas Regional Innovation Hub; Executive Director of Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative (also

Volunteer and Board member); Assistant Dean for Graduate Education at MIT.

Educational Background: B.S. in physics and math from Morehouse College, Master's degree in nuclear engineering, and technology & policy from MIT and a Ph.D. in urban planning, also from MIT.

Community Leadership: Mayor of Pine Bluff Youth Council; Board Chair at National Center for Healthy Housing; Board Member at the Museum of Discovery and at Arkansas PBS.

Campaign Blurb: The Promise of Arkansas begins by spreading opportunity all over the state to help improve the lives of every Arkansan. This starts with PB&J—expanding preschool to all families, affordable broadband for every home, and economic development focused on creating high wage jobs. Education, infrastructure and economic development will lift up all Arkansans and also means a promise for good governance, quality healthcare, and more.

My vision is that Arkansas can realize its potential and reach its promise through Faith, Hope & Hard Work: the Faith that together we can address our challenges, the Hope that unified we make space for all Arkansans to live out our unique potential, and the Hard Work of change in our souls and in our lives.

If I am blessed to serve as Governor, my administration will bring people together and listen. We will set out to prove that politics and governance do not have to be divisive and destructive, and that we can debate ideas and hold one another accountable while still uniting as Arkansans.

Endorsements: Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Communications Workers of America Union (CWA), Democratic Governors Association, Democracy For America, Moms Demand Action (Gun Sense Candidate Distinction), Progressive Arkansas Women PAC (Seal of Approval), The Collective PAC, 314 PAC, United Rural Democrats, and Vote Common Good.

Learn more: chrisforgovernor.com

*This information provided by the
Committee to Elect Chris Jones.*

Lieutenant Governor



Kelly Krout

Occupational Background: Foster parent.

Educational Background: B.S. in Psychology & Masters in Social Work.

Campaign Blurb:

My husband and I live in Lowell and have seven sons. We know - that's a lot of sons. And, I'm a big fan of showing them that anyone can make a difference.

We served as foster parents for several years. We adopted a couple of our boys out of the system and were able to help reunite several other children with their families. While working with the child welfare system, I gained unique insight into how these systems work and where they need improvement.

I care so deeply about helping families navigate the foster care system. That's why I wrote some children's books to help kids and families understand the process. I'm honored that my books have been used by counselors and therapists to help children understand what's happening to them. Still, I needed to do more for this community.

I decided to go back to school a few years ago to finish my undergraduate degree and recently finished my masters. I am now a licensed social worker.

I'm running because Arkansas deserves a leader who will help you navigate the system AND work to fix it. You deserve a leader who will be on your team.

I want to be a part of a government that empowers people.

Endorsements: Progressive Arkansas Women and Everytown for Gun Safety.

Learn more: kellyforarkansas.com

This information provided by Kelly for Arkansas.

Arkansas State Democratic Candidates

Attorney General



Jesse Gibson

Occupation: Attorney.

Occupational Background:
Practicing attorney for 23 years.

Educational Background:
BSBA from UA. JD from UALR
Bowen School of Law.

Community Leadership: Past President of Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association. Chairman, Little Rock Parks and Rec Commission. Arkansas Bar Association Board of Trustees.

Endorsements: AFL-CIO, Senator Joyce Elliott.

Learn more: jessegibsonforarkansas.com

This information provided by Jesse Gibson for Arkansas.

Secretary of State



Anna Beth Gorman

Occupation: Executive Director, Women's Foundation of Arkansas.

Educational Background: BA, Hollins University; MPA, University of Arkansas Little Rock.

Community Leadership: 14 years Executive Management

experience in the Nonprofit Sector, Board Member of Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, Board Chairman, North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, Commissioner, Governor's Task Force on Cyber Security and Computer Science, Rotarian, Arvest Bank Board, and Arkansas Women's Hall of Fame.

Campaign Blurb: I am running to be the Top Opportunity Advocate for Arkansas. I will work relentlessly to ensure that Arkansans are participating in the democratic process, have first rate customer service and support for starting and growing businesses in our state, and be a champion for the brand of our great state.

Endorsements: Arkansas AFL-CIO, Arkansas NORML, and PAWPAC.

Learn more: abforar.com

*This information provided by the
Committee to Elect Anna Beth Gorman.*

Arkansas State Democratic Candidates

Treasurer



Pam Whitaker

Occupation: Engineer / CEO.

Occupational Background:
Engineering / Computer
Science / Cyber Security.

Educational Background:
Bachelors of Science in
Computer Science.

Prior Government Experience: Parks & Recreation
Director City Level.

Community Leadership: League of Women Voters
Leadership Team / LRSD VIPS Board.

Campaign Blurb: As Arkansas State Treasurer it is my
pledge to continue to maintain growth and stability
within our State funds portfolio. It's vitally important
that even though there are multiple factors, which are
currently impacting the economic market as a whole,
we need to stay on target with our State funds.

The Arkansas State Treasurer is a position of "Trust", my
background and life story indicate that I am a person of
integrity that can be trusted in this crucial role.

With my process improvement skills, and my solid
understanding of the importance of our retiree's future
financial demands, I will take the necessary steps, to
ensure an efficient and smooth transition, when I
assume the office of Arkansas State Treasurer.

Endorsements: Dianne Curry AR Congressional
Candidate, Emerge, and PAWPAC.

Learn more: pamelawhitaker.com

*This information provided by the
Committee to Elect Pam Whitaker.*

Land Commissioner



Goldi Gaines

Occupation: Non-profit Director.

Occupational Background:
Arkansas Department of Veterans
Affairs (ADVA), adjunct business
faculty at Philander Smith College,
and ECO of Anti-Poverty Group.

Educational Background: North Little Rock High class of
1994, Associate of Arts from Pulaski Technical College,
Bachelor of Science in Business Management from the
University of Phoenix, 2011 graduate of the Department
of Veterans Affairs STEP (Success through Employee
Preparation) program. Master of Science in Business
Administration from the University of Phoenix.
Certificates: Labor Education Program University of
Arkansas at Little Rock certificate of completion of
Steward Training, First African Orthodox Episcopal
Temple Certificate of Completion of Spiritual-Social
Evangelistic Counseling Course, AFGE certificate of
completion in Retirement (CSRS & FERS), AND Certificate
of Covenant & Commitment AMEC Christian Social
Concerns Committee.

Prior Government Experience: Arkansas Department of
Veterans Affairs (ADVA).

Community Leadership: Admitted to the Arkansas AME
12th District Conference Young Minister Gaines under the
leadership of Dr. Hazikiah Stewart, former Pastor of
Moody Chapel AME and Executive Director of The
Watershed "World's First Social Hospital". Worked
alongside Dr. Stewart as Co-chair for Moody Chapel AME
Social Action Commission.

Campaign Blurb: We have traveled from county to
county connecting with Arkansans.

Our heal-the-land movement has afforded us the
opportunity to gather with small business owners,
farmers, and concerned citizens across Arkansas. We are
sharing our message about education, and how we can
better serve our youth's educational facilities. Innovation,
as it relates to technology and green spaces. Finally,
accountability, by always keeping an eye on stewardship
and preserving the land for generations to come. I am
committed to meeting the needs of Arkansans while
protecting the health of our land.

Endorsements: Attorney Richard L Mayes Sr., Judge
Marion Humphrey, Caroline J Morgan, PAWPAC, Emerge.

Learn more: goldi4statelands.com

*This information provided by the
Friends of Darlene Goldi Gaines.*

Craighead County Democratic Candidates

Circuit Clerk



Deborah Johnson

Occupation: Legal Assistant.

Occupational Background:

2014 - Earned Accredited Legal Professional (ALP) certification from the National Association of Legal Professionals (NALS). 2015 - Earned the PLS (Professional Legal Secretary) certification (NALS).

Educational Background: BA in English Literature from Arkansas State University.

Community Leadership: Nettleton Band Booster President, 2010; President of AALS, the Association of Arkansas Legal Support Professionals (2019 - 2020), President of NEALSP (Northeast Arkansas Legal Support Professionals) (2014 - 2015), Girl Scout troop leader, Boy Scout Assistant Scoutmaster.

Campaign Blurb: I am committed to making the Circuit Clerk's Office a place of ethics, equity, and excellence.

The Circuit Clerk's Office belongs to the people of Craighead County, and they deserve the highest standards of ethics possible. My goal is to have complete transparency. I understand the difference between what is mine and what belongs to our citizens — and I know how to keep those things separate.

When the citizens of Craighead County need the services of the Circuit Clerk's Office, they will be greeted by a team who are willing and ready to help in any way that is within their scope, regardless of economic status, gender identity, religion, race, etc. Are you a human being? We will treat you like one.

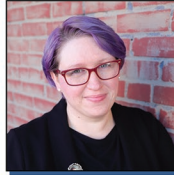
I will strive to help the people who work in the Circuit Clerk's Office be happy and fulfilled. When people love their job, it affects everyone who interacts with them. I want the enthusiasm of the whole team in the Circuit Clerk's Office to help us be even more efficient, productive, and helpful.

I am experienced in legal matters, record-keeping, team-building, and I care about all of the people in this community. I am ready to serve Craighead County, both now and in the future.

Learn more: facebook.com/Deborah4CircuitClerk

This information provided by the Committee to Elect Deborah Johnson to Craighead County Circuit Clerk

State Senate, District 20



Chenoa Summers

Occupation: Student / Research Scientist.

Occupational Background: Educator and Scientist.

Educational Background: B.S. Physics, M.S. Environmental Science.

Community Leadership: Disability Rights AR advisory board member, DPA Public Education Caucus 1st Congressional District Director; Groups: Arkansas Native Plant Society, Craighead Co. NAACP, DPCC, A-State Young Dems, NEA Young Professionals, Arkansas Forestry Association, Citizens Defending the Craighead County Library, Human Rights Campaign, Phi Beta Kappa, Friends of CCJPL.

Campaign Blurb: I am running on three core tenets: life, liberty, and love. I will advocate for a living wage and better quality of life for residents in my district including expanding Medicaid and giving teachers a raise. I will fight to protect our current liberties and advocate expanding them to codify reproductive freedom, the right to vote, the right to read, and legalization of recreational marijuana. Lastly, I will defend the right to choose who we love, as I am committed to standing up to demagogues at the state capitol trying to pass anti-transgender legislation.

Endorsements: PAW/PAC, 314 Action, Freethought Equality Fund, Northeast Arkansas DSA, Run for Something.

Learn more: chenoa4ar.com

This information provided by the Committee to Elect Chenoa Summers.

Craighead County Democratic Candidates

Justice of the Peace, District 1



Jolene Mullet

Occupation: Teen Services Librarian at the Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library.

Occupational Background: Educator.

Educational Background: B.S.E. in English-Secondary Education.

Community Leadership: Volunteer for North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative.

Campaign Blurb: As Justice of the Peace, I will focus on practical issues such as the county's infrastructure and drainage system. I will keep a close watch on public funds to ensure financial and ethical standards are being met county-wide. I have worked with young people for most of my adult life and am passionate about making Jonesboro a great place for children to grow up. I will work hard to make sure that Craighead County's economy works for everyone and provides a good quality of life for all residents. Transparency, opportunity, and quality of life are going to be my main focus.

Learn more: bit.ly/JoleneforJP

*This information provided by the
Committee to Elect Jolene Mullet.*

Justice of the Peace, District 2



Garrett Barnes

Occupation: Public Educator.

Occupational Background: Public Education and Realtor.

Educational Background: Ed.S Superintendency.

Prior Government Experience: 2-Terms City Council in Bono.

Community Leadership: Past Master - Jonesboro Masonic Lodge #129; 2-Term Past President Jonesboro Faculty and Staff Team (JPS Employees Advocacy Group).

Campaign Blurb: I believe government can be the answer to bringing citizens, community organizations, and local businesses together to develop long-term solutions that will improve the quality of life and increase economic opportunities for all citizens. As a public educator and 10-year veteran of the Jonesboro Public Schools, I am fully committed to advocating for youth and families. The people of District 2 deserve a JP that will be present in their neighborhood, listen to their concerns, and advocate for services and programs they believe will improve their community. I will work to bring people together instead of dividing them in order to address the issues that matter most to citizens. I will also focus heavily on a Craighead County Youth Services program, a jobs program that will help provide job skills and placement for citizens, a county homeless shelter, improved flood and mosquito control, and additional sidewalks and nature trails.

Endorsements: Run for Something.

Learn more: barnesforjp.com

*This information provided by the
Committee to Elect Garrett Barnes.*

Craighead County Democratic Candidates

Justice of the Peace, District 3



Carolyn Lewis

Occupation: Justice of the Peace, Retired.

Occupational Background: Teacher, Psychotherapist, Program Director.

Educational Background: Education / Counseling.

Community Leadership: Foster parent trainer, community support specialist, previous board member for Girl Scouts.

Campaign Blurb: Committed to being a voice and advocate for District 3, committed to bringing issues and concerns before the Quorum Court and helping to ensure the county funds are spent and dispersed appropriately.

Learn more: bit.ly/lewisforJP

*This information provided by the
Committee to Elect Carolyn Lewis.*

Justice of the Peace, District 7



Steven Summers

Occupation: Community College Professor.

Occupational Background: Academia.

Educational Background: Bachelor's (Arkansas Tech) and Master's (Arizona State) in Physics.

Community Leadership: Active in local protests, including the fight for intellectual freedom at the library.

Campaign Blurb: I'm running a campaign focusing on government transparency in Craighead County, infrastructure investments in our communities, and collaboration between city and county governments to ensure these investments are made.

Endorsements: 314 Action, Run for Something.

Learn more: facebook.com/SummersforJP

*This information provided by the
Committee to Elect Steven Summers.*

Craighead County Independent Candidates



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Justice of the Peace, District 5



Barbara Weinstock

Occupation: Justice of the Peace, Retired.

Occupational Background: Non-profit sector and owner of three businesses in Jonesboro.

Educational Background: B.S. Political Science from Brandeis University, Massachusetts.

Community Leadership: President of League of Women Voters of Arkansas and President of League of Women Voters Massachusetts, Chair of the Forum Commission and Foundation of Arts, Executive Director of Arkansas Community Foundation, 1977 delegate to International Women's Year in Houston.

Campaign Blurb: I believe in grassroots representation. Those of us who live and work in our communities know our constituents and their needs. That's the type of campaign I'm running: grassroots, people to people.

My goals for re-election are to work on the expansion of the courthouse, support the operation of our county jail, and continued collaboration with my quorum court colleagues and constituents in District 5.

I believe the court should do what's best for Arkansas and Craighead County based on local needs. I have years of experience on the court and will use that to carry the county into the future.

Learn more: facebook.com/VoteBarbaraWeinstockJP5

*This information provided by the
Committee to Elect Barbara Weinstock.*

Non-Partisan Judicial Candidates

State Supreme Court Associate Justice Position 2



Robin Wynne

Occupation: Justice Arkansas Supreme Court.

Occupational Background: Practicing attorney for 30 years in Fordyce, State Representative 1985-1989, City Attorney for 16 years for Fordyce, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney 1989-1998,

District Judge for Dallas County 2003-2010, Judge on the Arkansas Court of Appeals 2011-2014, Supreme Court Justice 2015- Present.

Educational Background: Fordyce Public Schools, Harvard College, U of A Law School, Fayetteville, Perkins School of Theology, SMU.

Community Leadership: Chairman of Dallas County Cancer Society, Chairman of Fordyce Parks and Recreation Commission. Chairman of Dallas County Heart Fund, President of Fordyce School Board and a seven year member, active in the United Methodist Church in various roles.

Campaign Blurb: My 30 years of experience as a practicing attorney and my 18 years on the judicial bench provide a foundation for my work on the Arkansas Supreme Court. I have written over 250 opinions on the Supreme Court in addition to over 200 opinions on the COA. I have applied the rule of law to each of my cases and I will continue to do so. I have maintained my independence, impartiality and fairness in all cases. I take very seriously my responsibility as a member of the third co-equal branch of government. I respect our democracy and will do my best to uphold its principles.

Learn more: wynne4arkansas.com

This information provided by the Re-Elect Supreme Court Justice Robin Wynne Committee.

Prosecuting Attorney District 02



Sonia Fonticiella

Occupation: Attorney.

Occupational Background: I have been practicing law since 2009. I have practiced criminal law since the beginning of my career. I was accepted to the Criminal Justice Act Panel for the Eastern District of Arkansas early in my career and

began to handle federal criminal cases at that time. I have worked primarily in private practice, but was an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Eastern District of Arkansas from 2019-2021. I currently own and operate my own law firm where I practice primarily in the area of criminal defense and federal criminal defense.

Educational Background: I graduated from Florida State University in 2006 and the University of Arkansas School of Law in 2009.

Prior Government Experience: I worked at the Fayetteville Prosecuting Attorney's office during law school. I have also worked as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Eastern District of Arkansas and as a Deputy Public Defender in Craighead County.

Community Leadership: I was a member of the City of Little Rock Wastewater Management Board, the Pulaski County Planning Board.

Campaign Blurb: I promise to be a strong Prosecuting Attorney who is ethical, honest, and leads with integrity. The role of the Prosecuting Attorney is always to seek the truth and impart equal justice. I have spent thousands of hours in my career listening to defendant's stories. I know how they work. I know when to be understanding and I know when enough is enough.

Learn more: electfonticiella.com

This information provided by the Committee to Elect Sonia Fonticiella.

Non-Partisan Municipal Candidates

Jonesboro City Council Ward 1 Position 1



Kier Heyl

Occupation: Technical Lead.

Occupational Background:
Software Development.

Educational Background:
Bachelor's in Computer Science
from Arkansas State University.

Community Leadership: NEA Gamers Guild, Collective Alliance Network, Citizens Defending the Library, and NEA Caretakers of Trans Youth.

Campaign Blurb:

Jonesboro for Everyone

- Inclusivity and diversity in public service appointments.
- Expanding affordable housing and neighborhood improvements.

Community First

- Supporting small locally owned businesses.
- Implementing participatory budgeting to give more say in how your taxes support our community.

Investing in our Future

- Investing and expanding infrastructure for the next generation.
- Using my experience as a software engineer to make Jonesboro more efficient.

Learn more: kierforjonesboro.com

This information provided by Kier for Jonesboro.

Jonesboro City Council Ward 3 Position 1



Linda R. Denny

Occupation: Retired Accountant, Retired CPA.

Occupational Background:
Accountant, Controller, and General Accounting Manager.

Educational Background: BS and MBA from A-State.

Prior Government Experience: Chief Deputy for Craighead County Tax Collector.

Community Leadership: Treasurer for AAUW, former Church Treasurer.

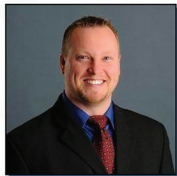
Campaign Blurb: Accountable, Balanced and Conservative with your tax dollars. Equality and diversity for everyone! I will be watching where the dollars come from and where they go. Not afraid to ask the hard questions. Will not be a rubber stamp.

Learn more: bit.ly/dennyforjonesboroward3

*This information provided by
Friends of Linda R. Denny.*

Non-Partisan School Board Candidates

Valley View Zone 1



Todd Reed

Occupation: IT.

Occupational Background: 25+ years in IT (industries include Agri, Healthcare, Education and Utilities).

Educational Background: MBA, BS in Management Information Systems, AS in Technology.

Prior Government Experience: 5 Years with Valley View School Board.

Community Leadership: Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce, Jonesboro Jaycee, Jonesboro Jaycee Foundation.

Campaign Blurb: I am a product of public education. Being committed to public education and our students is a high priority. I want to ensure that our tax dollars are being spent wisely and help shape the fiscal future of our school district. I believe that quality public education for current and future students is in the best interest of our city and state. To do this we need to be able to recruit the quality teachers and administrators with appropriate pay, that can help shape the lives of our students in a safe and supportive environment.

Learn more: facebook.com/toddrvc

*This information provided by
Todd Reed for VV School Board.*



Take Your Notes to Vote

You are allowed to take your phone and any notes into the polling center. Before you head out to cast your ballot, take some time to write down/create a note file for each candidate you've decided to vote for and which way you're voting on all the different ballot issues. Sometimes, even after studying the language, it can be tricky when you're staring at the ballot. You don't have to memorize anything—voting is open book! A few hours of preparation for some notes will help you fly through your ballot with ease.



Make a Plan

Data shows that if you make a plan to vote, you're more likely to prioritize casting your ballot. Decide what day and what time you plan to vote, if you'll go alone or with friends and family, and what your back up plan will be if something comes up and the first plan falls through. Be prepared!



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Other Candidates

Democratic Candidates

Natalie James

U.S. Senate

jamesforarkansas.com

Diamond Arnold-Johnson

Arkansas State Auditor

Michael Daniels

Craighead Surveyor

Leon Poley

Craighead Constable District 3

David Chadwick

Craighead Constable District 11

facebook.com/ConstableDavidChadwickDistrict11

Independent Candidates

Justice of the Peace District 4

Vince Pearcy

Non-Partisan Candidates

State Supreme Court Associate Justice Position 2

Chris Carnahan

Prosecuting Attorney District 02

Martin E. Lilly

Bay Mayor

Paul Keith

Philip Vanwinkle

Sandi Ladd Griffin

Brookland City Council Ward 3 Position 1

Martin Crain

David Loggins

Jonesboro City Council Ward 1 Position 1

Janice Porter

Guy Pardew, Jr.

Jonesboro City Council Ward 3 Position 1

Ann Williams

Jonesboro City Council Ward 6 Position 1

Derrick P. Coleman

Larry Hagar

Dr. Anthony D. Coleman

Lake City Mayor

Cameron Tate

Chad Moody

Lake City Council Ward 3 Position 2

Jackie David Jr.

Kayla Sain

Valley View Zone 1

Eric Hanes

Valley View Zone 4

Christy McKeel

Brant D. Tosh

Valley View Zone 5

Tyler Watkins

Shane Bray

Ballot Issues

Arkansas Issue 1

Legislative Authority to Call a Special Session Amendment

An amendment to the Arkansas Constitution to allow the General Assembly to Convene in Extraordinary Session Upon the Issuance of a Joint Written Proclamation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or Upon the Submission of a Written Proclamation Containing the Signatures of At Least Two-Thirds (2/3) of the Members of the House of Representatives and At Least Two-Thirds (2/3) of the Members of the Senate to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate Requesting that the General Assembly Convene in Extraordinary Session.

A **"yes"** vote supports allowing the state legislature to call itself into extraordinary sessions upon (a) a joint proclamation from the Speaker of the House and the Senate President Pro Tempore or (b) upon a proclamation signed by two-thirds of the members in each chamber.

A **"no"** vote opposes allowing the state legislature to call itself into extraordinary session, thereby requiring that all extraordinary sessions must be called by the governor.

Arkansas Issue 2

60% Supermajority Vote Requirement for Constitutional Amendments and Ballot Initiatives Measure

An amendment to the Arkansas Constitution, to be known as the "Constitutional Amendment and Ballot Initiative Reform Amendment", concerning the number of votes required for approval of certain measures presented to voters; requiring that initiatives proposed under Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 1, and constitutional amendments proposed under Arkansas Constitution, Article 19, § 22, and Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 70, § 2, shall be approved when receiving at least sixty percent (60%) of the votes cast on the proposed initiative or proposed constitutional amendment; and requiring that a measure subject to a referendum shall be repealed if the measure is rejected by a majority of the electors voting upon the matter.

A **"yes"** vote supports requiring a 60% supermajority vote of approval from voters to adopt constitutional amendments (legislatively referred and citizen-initiated) and citizen-initiated state statutes.

A **"no"** vote opposes requiring a 60% supermajority vote of approval from voters to adopt constitutional amendments (legislatively referred and citizen-initiated) and citizen-initiated state statutes, thereby continuing to require a simple majority vote of approval for adoption.

Ballot Issues

Arkansas Issue 3

Government Burden of Free Exercise of Religion Amendment

An amendment to the Arkansas Constitution to create the "Arkansas Religious Freedom Amendment"; and to provide that government may never burden a person's freedom of religion except in the rare circumstance that the government demonstrates that application of the burden to the person is in furtherance of a compelling government interest and is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling government interest.

A **"yes"** vote supports amending the state constitution to provide that "government shall not burden a person's freedom of religion even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability."

A **"no"** vote opposes amending the state constitution to provide that "government shall not burden a person's freedom of religion even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability."

Arkansas Issue 4

Marijuana Legalization Initiative

An amendment to the Arkansas Constitution authorizing possession and use of cannabis (i.e., marijuana) by adults, but acknowledging that possession and sale of cannabis remain illegal under federal law; authorizing licensed adult use dispensaries to sell adult use cannabis produced by licensed medical and adult use cultivation facilities, including cannabis produced under Amendment 98, beginning March 8, 2023 and amending Amendment 98 concerning medical marijuana in pertinent part, including: amending Amendment 98, § 3(e) to allow licensed medical or adult use dispensaries to receive, transfer, or sell marijuana to and from medical and adult use cultivation facilities, or other medical or adult use dispensaries, and to accept marijuana seeds from individuals legally authorized to possess them; repealing Amendment 98, § 8(c) regarding residency requirements; repealing and replacing Amendment 98, §§ 8(e)(5)(A)-(B) and 8(e)(8)(A)-(F) with requirements for child-proof packaging and restrictions on advertising that appeals to children; amending Amendment 98, § 8(k) to exempt individuals owning less than 5% of dispensary or cultivation licensees from criminal background checks; amending Amendment 98, § 8(m)(1)(A) to remove a prohibition on dispensaries supplying, possessing, manufacturing, delivering, transferring, or selling paraphernalia that requires the combustion of marijuana; amending Amendment 98, § 8(m)(3)(A)(i) to increase the marijuana plants that a dispensary licensed under that amendment may grow or possess at one time from 50 to 100 plus seedlings; amending Amendment 98, § 8(m)(4)(A)(ii) to allow cultivation facilities to sell marijuana to dispensaries, adult use dispensaries, processors, or other cultivation facilities; amending Amendment 98, §§ 10(b)(8)(A) and 10(b)(8)(G) to provide that limits on the amount of medical marijuana dispensed shall not include adult use cannabis purchases; amending Amendment 98, §§ 12(a)(1) and 12(b)(1) to provide that dispensaries and dispensary agents may dispense marijuana for adult use; amending Amendment 98, § 13(a) to allow medical and adult use cultivation facilities to sell marijuana to adult use dispensaries; repealing Amendment 98, § 17 and prohibiting state or local taxes on the cultivation, manufacturing, sale, use, or possession of medical marijuana; repealing Amendment 98, § 23 and prohibiting legislative amendment, alteration, or repeal of Amendment 98 without voter approval;

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amending Amendment 98, § 24(f)(1)(A)(i) to allow transporters or distributors licensed under Amendment 98 to deliver marijuana to adult use dispensaries and cultivation facilities licensed under this amendment; requiring the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Finance and Administration ("ABC") to regulate issuance and renewal of licenses for cultivation facilities and adult use dispensaries and to regulate licensees; requiring adult use dispensaries to purchase cannabis only from licensed medical or adult use cultivation facilities and dispensaries; requiring issuance of Tier One adult use cultivation facility licenses to cultivation facility licensees under Amendment 98 as of November 8, 2022, to operate on the same premises as their existing facilities and forbidding issuance of additional Tier One adult use cultivation licenses; requiring issuance of adult use dispensary licenses to dispensary licensees under Amendment 98 as of November 8, 2022, for dispensaries on their existing premises and at another location licensed only for adult use cannabis sales; requiring issuance by lottery of 40 additional adult use dispensary licenses and 12 Tier Two adult use cultivation facility licenses; prohibiting cultivation facilities and dispensaries near schools, churches, day cares, or facilities serving the developmentally disabled that existed before the earlier of the initial license application or license issuance; requiring all adult use only dispensaries to be located at least five miles from dispensaries licensed under Amendment 98; prohibiting individuals from holding ownership interests in more than 18 adult use dispensaries; requiring ABC adoption of rules governing licensing, renewal, ownership transfers, location, and operation of cultivation facilities and adult use dispensaries licensed under this amendment, as well as other rules necessary to administer this amendment; prohibiting political subdivisions from using zoning to restrict the location of cultivation facilities and dispensaries in areas not zoned residential-use only when this amendment is adopted; allowing political subdivisions to hold local option elections to prohibit retail sales of cannabis; allowing a state supplemental sales tax of up to 10% on retail cannabis sales for adult use, directing a portion of such tax proceeds to be used for an annual stipend for certified law enforcement officers, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and drug court programs authorized by the Arkansas Drug Court Act, § 16-98-301 with the remainder going into general revenues, and requiring the General Assembly to appropriate funds from licensing fees and sales taxes on cannabis to fund agencies regulating

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cannabis; providing that cultivation facilities and adult use dispensaries are otherwise subject to the same taxation as other for-profit businesses; prohibiting excise or privilege taxes on retail sales of cannabis for adult use; providing that this amendment does not limit employer cannabis policies, limit restrictions on cannabis combustion on private property, affect existing laws regarding driving under the influence of cannabis, permit minors to buy, possess, or consume cannabis, or permit cultivation, production, distribution, or sale of cannabis not expressly authorized by law; and prohibiting legislative amendment, alteration, or repeal of this amendment without voter approval.

A **"yes"** vote supports legalizing the possession and use of up to one ounce of marijuana for persons who are at least 21 years old, enacting a 10% tax on marijuana sales, and requiring the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Division to develop rules to regulate marijuana businesses.

A **"no"** vote opposes legalizing marijuana for personal use in Arkansas.

Ballot Issues

Library Millage Decrease

An petition to decrease the amount of city millage tax on real and personal property supporting maintenance and operation of the Craighead County Public Library.

A **"FOR"** vote supports decreasing the mill from 2 mills to 1 mill and lowering the public funding available to the Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library.

An **"AGAINST"** vote supports maintaining the mill at 2 mill and retaining the public funding available to the Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library at its current level.

Note: if you live outside Jonesboro, instead of "city millage", you will see "county millage" in the text of the ballot measure.

RESOURCES

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- ⊗ Thanks to the members of the Democratic Party of Craighead County for proposing this voter guide and funding its promotion to Craighead County residents.
- ⊗ Thanks to the Craighead County Elections team for their willingness to answer all of our (many) questions.
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