

# TEXAS EAGLE FORUM

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Dear Eagles,

I pray you all had a Happy Resurrection Day! With the world in chaos and turmoil, we, who know Jesus, can rest in Him. Only He can bring peace to our increasingly dark world. We must stand on His Word, stay engaged, and pray for our beloved country and leaders.

Spring is always a busy time of the year, and April and May are shaping up to include some important election activities!

Election integrity is a big concern of Texas voters after the blatant voter manipulation in the 2020 election (see February 2022 Torch). Texas Eagle Forum and Dallas Eagle Forum are two of the sponsors for the **April 30th, “Election Transparency On Trial Symposium”** at the Frontiers of Flight Museum in Dallas. The “Evidence-driven, Solution-rich” symposium will feature election and cyber-security experts, and investigative journalist Lara Logan. To attend in person, or on an internet link, please register at [TexasEagleForum.com](https://TexasEagleForum.com).

**City and School Board Elections are on May 7th.** Early Voting is April 25–May 3. Please vet your city and school board candidates and VOTE your values! Most people don’t bother to vote in this election, so you have a chance to make a real difference in your community.

There is so much controversy in the public schools today over Critical Race Theory (CRT), Social Emotional Learning (SEL), Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), comprehensive sex education (i.e. the sexualization of children), and the LGBTQ+ agenda. If a school board candidate stands for any of the above Leftist/Marxist programs on his/her website, voices approval at a candidate forum, or is backed by a teacher’s union, beware! Parents MUST take back their public schools; children deserve our best!

There are also two **Constitutional Amendment Propositions** on the ballot. Both deal with property tax relief:

Prop. 1: *“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of property taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled in order to reflect any statutory reduction in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead from the preceding year.”*

Prop. 2: *“The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from property taxes for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000.”*

“It is expected that both of these propositions will pass handily on May 7th,” says Tim Hardin, with Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, “but do not be duped by the self-promoting lawmakers that have been chosen to toss us trinkets as opposed to real property tax relief.” In other words, our legislators need to pass *real* property tax relief in the 2023 session.

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**The Primary Run-off Election is May 24th.** Early voting is May 16–20. The election will decide the candidates, who did not receive a majority of vote in the March Primary, for the November midterm election. TEF PAC recommendations are on our website: [TexasEagleForum.com](https://www.texasagleforum.com). Again, please do your homework and VOTE.

This month's *Torch* deals with the Biden administration's unconstitutional open border policy, which is leaving devastation in its wake. Criminals, drugs, sex traffickers, illegal weapons, gang members, and terrorists are all pouring into our country with no vetting. They are simply flown or bused to American cities and given cell phones so they can "check in" with immigration officials in their new location. With the lifting of Title 42 in May, it is estimated that 18,000 illegals will enter into the U.S. *every day!* This invasion has to stop.

Governor Greg Abbott recently announced a plan to stop the federal government from dumping illegals in already-overwhelmed Texas cities; he is chartering buses to drop those who volunteer off at the Capitol steps in Washington, D.C. In addition, he is placing state troopers and barricades along the Texas border in an attempt to block the flow, as well as, conducting "enhanced safety inspections" of trucks coming across international bridges from Mexico in order to inspect for human smuggling. Long lines of truck backups should get the attention of the Mexican government. We doubt this will be enough to protect Texas' border and citizens, but we are thankful our Governor is doing more than our national leaders. We hope and pray he seeks guidance in finding additional ways to effectively protect Texas and America.

Again, these days our challenges are many and can often be overwhelming, but God has placed us here for a time such as this. With all my heart, I will continue to stand for God's truth in the Public Square, and I am counting on you to stand with me. We are stronger together and can make a real difference for Texas families.

I am so grateful for your activism, financial support, and prayers for Texas Eagle Forum. We simply could not do the work we do without you!

Faithfully,



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President of Texas Eagle Forum