

**DALLAS COUNTY
COMMISSIONER DR. THERESA DANIEL
DISTRICT 1 NEWSLETTER**

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Dallas County Primary Election Voting Information

The 2026 Election cycle has arrived with changes to how the 2026 Primary Election will be carried out in Dallas County. The primary election is based on political party affiliation to determine who will appear on the ballot for the general election in November 2026. In Dallas County, this year’s primary election will be administered differently than past elections. During early voting, which will begin on Tuesday, February 17th and end on Friday February 27th, voters may vote at any countywide vote center. On Election day, March 3rd, voting will be precinct based and voters will cast their vote at their assigned party’s selected polling location. Voters will also need proper identification to cast their vote in the election. To find countywide early voting locations, specific precinct vote centers, and voter id requirements, visit the Dallas County Election Department website at Dallascountyvotes.org for these and other upcoming election information. They may also be contacted by phone at 469-627-VOTE (8683). Please remember, it’s your voice, your vote!

Key Dates and Deadlines

Last Day to Register to Vote or Make a Change of Address	Monday	February 2, 2026
First Day of Early Voting	Tuesday	February 17, 2026
Last Day to Receive Ballot by Mail Application ²	Friday	February 20, 2026
Last Day of Early Voting	Friday	February 27, 2026
Mail Ballot Can Be Delivered in Person by 7 PM ³	Tuesday	March 3, 2026
Election Day	Tuesday	March 3, 2026
Last Day to Receive Ballot by Mail ⁴	Wednesday	March 4, 2026
First Day to Canvass	Friday	March 6, 2026
Last Day to Receive FPCA Military & Overseas Ballots ⁵	Monday	March 9, 2026
Last Day to Cure Provisional Ballot ⁶	Monday	March 9, 2026
Local Canvass of the Primary Election	Thursday	March 12, 2026
State Canvass (Potential Runoffs)	Sunday	March 15, 2026
State Canvass (No Runoffs)	Wednesday	March 25, 2026

Early Voting

Dates	Day of the Week	Hours
February 17 - 20	Tuesday - Friday	8 AM - 5 PM*
February 21	Saturday	7 AM - 7 PM*
February 22	Sunday	12 PM - 6 PM*
February 23 - 27	Monday - Friday	7 AM - 7 PM*

Election Day

On Election Day, voting will be precinct-based, requiring voters to vote at their assigned party’s polling place. Remember, as long as you’re in line by 7 PM, you’re able to enter the Vote Center. Election Day is Tuesday, March 3, 2026, from 7 AM – 7 PM.

District 1 Host New Year's BBQ Bash

Commissioner Daniel and her staff hosted their annual New Year's BBQ at the District 1 Road and Bridge office on January 9th. This annual event culminates the ending of the previous year and the start of a new one with food, fellowship, and fun. The event featured delicious bar-b-que from local favorite Mesquite Bar-B-Que and delectable desserts were provided by event goers. The band Alpha 2 Omega, featuring Dallas County's very own Small Business Enterprise's Director Jesse Crawford, provided great musical covers to entertain the crowd. The attendees featured elected officials, organization directors, Dallas County employees, community partners, and residents. Commissioner Daniel greeted everyone and also recognized her board and commission appointees with gifts and certificates for their service. After attendees dined, they danced to the cover tunes the band provided and enjoyed the many desserts provided by the guests. A good time was had by all and many thanked Commissioner Daniel and her staff for producing a wonderfully fun event.



Left: Dallas County Tax Assessor John Ames along with Commissioner Daniel and employees of the tax office dance to the tunes. Middle: Commissioner Daniel and her staff along with the staff of Commissioner Dr. Elba Garcia, Dist. 4. Right: The band Alpha 2 Omega.

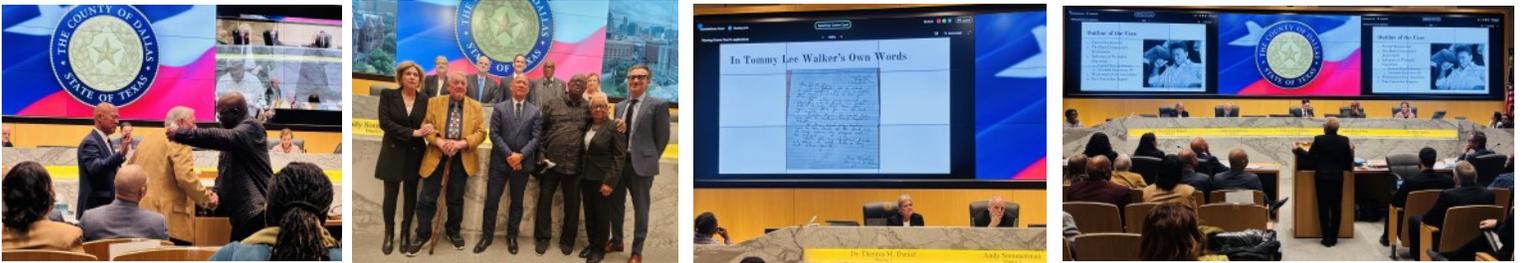


Left: Attendees getting their food while others enjoy their meal. Middle: Guest enjoy their meal during the event. Right: Dallas County Constable, Pct. 2 Deanna Hammond dancing along with Dallas Count HHS Outreach employee Armando Martinez.



Left: Employees of the Dallas County HHS Outreach team Middle: Asst. Chief Herrera along with other Sherriff Deputies speaking with local residents. Right: Commissioner Daniel with City of Dallas Councilman Adam Bazaldua, Dist. 7 and Stewpot CEO Brenda Snitzer.

Dallas County Exonerates Tommy Lee Walker



Left: District Attorney John Cruzot with Joseph Parker, son of Venice Parker, and Ted Smith, son of Tommy Lee Walker. Middle Left: The Commissioner's Court with Mary Mapes, Joseph Parker, DA John Cruzot, Ted Smith, Northeastern University School of Law Prof Margaret Burnham, and M. Chris Fabricant of the Innocence Project. Middle Right: A letter written by Tommy Lee Walker to a pastor friend. Right: Prof. Margaret Burham presenting the outline of the case.

On January 21, 2026, the Dallas County Judge and Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt the resolution declaring the wrongful conviction and execution of Tommy Lee Walker. In the case of the State of Texas v. Tommy Lee Walker, the Dallas County District Attorney's Office presented evidence in which Tommy Lee Walker, a 19 year-old Black male was accused and later convicted of the rape and murder of a 31 year-old white wife and mother, Venice Lorraine Parker, in September 1953 near Love Field Airport. In 1956, Tommy Walker was executed by the state through the electric chair. After years long investigation started by journalist Mary Mapes, the Dallas County District Attorney John Cruzot, along with Dallas County District Attorney's Office Conviction Integrity Unit, the Innocence Project of New York, and the Northeastern University School of Law's Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project extensively researched and reviewed the case. It was discovered that Mr. Walker should not have been prosecuted. With new scientific evidence, tactics and tools used during this case would have been considered unconstitutional and the case would not have been prosecuted. Ted Smith, the son of Tommy Lee Walker who was born on the night he was arrested, and Joseph Parker, the son of Venice Parker, were both in attendance for exoneration and shared their life experiences following the life changing events. Commissioner Daniel commented, "It is time for Dallas County to right a painful wrong."

Dallas County Hosts Homeownership Event

Dallas County remains committed to its mission and vision of delivering exceptional services that promote a thriving community and improving people's lives through collaboration and engaging informational events. Dallas County's Health and Human Services Home Loan Counseling department partnered with Commissioner Daniel's office, Southeast Dallas Chamber of Commerce and Burey Bank to host "Own the Dream of Homeownership: A Panel Discussion." This collaborative effort was held in Pleasant Grove at the A+ Academy Secondary in mid January. The event welcomed over 70 participants who gained home buying insights from mortgage loan professionals, realtors and home inspectors. Commissioner Daniel provided the welcome and the guests were able to visit with various homebuying related vendors. Attendees received valuable information, enjoyed vendor giveaways, and had the chance to win door prizes. For more information and questions regarding the homebuying process, please contact the Dallas County Home Loan Counseling Center at 214-819-6069.



Left: Attendees visiting the vendors at the Homeownership Event. Left Middle: Attendees listening to the homeownership panel. Middle Right: Homeloan Counseling's Porfirio Coronado addressing the crowd. Right: Dallas County Home Loan Counseling Department's information table.

Around District 1 and Dallas County

Pics from left to right

Top Left: Commissioner Daniel speaks to the attendees at the Veterans Day Breakfast hosted by DC Constable Deanna Hammond, Pct. 2 and Camille Huff.

Top Right: Texas A & M Agri-life Extension workers Anne LeSenne and Adrianna Olivarez show Commissioner Daniel and employees from the Budget Office honey grown from the bees at the Urban Farm located at Commissioner's Road and Bridge 1 Office .

Middle Left: The Commissioner's Court recognizing various educators in the commemoration of the International Day of Education Resolution.

Middle Right: Members of the 3 time state champion South Oak Cliff football team during their championship parade in January.

Lower Left: Commissioner Daniel speaking at the Alexander Village Development in Balch Springs.

Lower Middle: Commissioner Daniel delivering the welcome at the Nationwide Senior Leadership Training.

Lower Right: Commissioner's Court recognizing National Cancer Prevention Month with Ms. UMBER Dickerson, Administrative Director for the Global Cancer Program at Parkland Hospital receiving the resolution.

Bottom Left: Commissioner Daniel listening to historian Donald Payton present on African American Medicine in Dallas to the employees of Dallas County.

Bottom Middle: DC Commissioner's Court honoring DCHHS with a resolution for National Immunization Awareness Month

Bottom Right: Commissioner Daniel speaking with Jorge Baldor founder of the Latino Arts Project at the Oak Cliff Government Center.

