

The issues on this side will appear on ballots only in specific locales. CCMC Panel members do not live in all of the specific locales, but our recommendations are based upon conservative principles. CCMC supports local control by the local residents.

ISSUE – BALLOT WORDING	CCMC COMMENTS	CCMC RECOMMENDS	1. Reduce the size, expense and power of government entities. Government that governs best, governs least. Self government is where good government starts but when public government gets too large it tends to interfere with the ability of individuals to govern themselves and promote justice and charity.
<p>EAST MONTGOMERY COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE NO. 2 Confirmation and Sales and Use Tax Election EMCID Zone 2 Proposition I THE CONFIRMATION OF THE ZONE EMCID Zone 2 Proposition II THE ADOPTION OF A LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IN THE EAST MONTGOMERY COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE NO. 2 AT A RATE OF ONE-HALF PERCENT.</p>	<p>CCMC COMMENTS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sales tax is charged only in the zone & goes back to the zone to add value to a development - landscaping, etc</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Intent is for taxes from sales to relieve property taxes - focus is to encourage business development - several hotels are already slated to be built around the park</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It would expand the involvement of Government.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Government involvement in the free market.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Government should not supplement economic development.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The free market should determine the viability of an investment without government subsidies.</p>	<p>Prop I 89% NO</p> <p>Prop II 89% NO</p>	<p>2. Support for the Constitution and Declaration of Independence. These are wonderful expressions of justice and limited government.</p> <p>3. Shift charity in Montgomery County from government entities to private groups. When government gets involved in charity, then everyone gets on the gravy train in some fashion. Charity is the responsibility and choice of the individual and private groups not public government. Everyone has a different view of charity and a different commitment to it so let each individual have true choice in their involvement in charity and the direction of their charity. When government is involved in charity, then many people will be forced to "donate" to causes which they do not believe in.</p>
<p>PANORAMA VILLAGE SPECIAL ELECTION Sales and Use Tax Election Panorama Village Proposition I A ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES AND USE TAX IS ADOPTED WITHIN THE CITY Panorama Village Proposition II THE ADOPTION OF A LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IN PANORAMA VILLAGE, TEXAS AT THE RATE OF ONE - FOURTH PERCENT (1/4%) TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF MUNICIPAL STREETS.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Panorama Village is a residential community that currently has no income from commercial enterprises; income is currently from property taxes only.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Both Sales & Use taxes would apply only to sales at the Panorama Village Country Club.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1/4% would designated for street maintenance & repair.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1% would be used for city operational expenses.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Government needs to live within their means.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Government needs to become smaller, less powerful, and reduce taxes – not increase them.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> As a general principle, the conservative position is to pay from current revenues.</p>	<p>Prop I 64% NO</p> <p>Prop II 64% NO</p>	<p>4. No more government benefits to illegal aliens.</p> <p>5. Local control. As a general rule, local government powers should not be shifted to the state or federal levels. When power is centralized it becomes more powerful and remember power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely.</p> <p>6. Small government requires personal responsibility. So let's quit voting for Government programs that favor our industry / lobby interests.</p> <p>7. Marriage is 1 natural man & 1 natural woman.</p> <p>8. Life begins at conception. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."</p> <p>9. Parents have the ultimate authority regarding their children.</p> <p>10. Free Markets. We believe a free market economy is the best tool to protect liberty and promote prosperity.</p>
<p>CITY OF HOUSTON GENERAL ELECTION</p> <p>THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOND AND TAX ELECTION The Woodlands Township Proposition I THE ISSUANCE OF FIREFIGHTING IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND THE LEVY OF TAXES IN PAYMENT OF THE BONDS. The Woodlands Township Proposition II THE ISSUANCE OF PARKS AND RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND THE LEVY OF TAXES IN PAYMENT OF THE BONDS.</p>	<p>City of Houston Mayor, Council Member, District E, Council Member, At-Large Position 1, Position 2, Position 3, Position 4, Position 5, City Controller,</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The cost is too high given the current economy.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The fanciest & newest is not what is needed; basic buildings will do.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> As a general principle, the conservative position is to pay from current revenues.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> If any of the bonds do not pass, it will simply cost us more interest.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> As a general principle, the conservative position is to pay from current revenues.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This is for parks and is not a must.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> When the economy is struggling is not the time to increase indebtedness.</p>	<p>Not specified</p> <p>94% NO</p> <p>62% NO</p>	<p>11. Support for the Constitution and Declaration of Independence. These are wonderful expressions of justice and limited government.</p> <p>12. Shift charity in Montgomery County from government entities to private groups. When government gets involved in charity, then everyone gets on the gravy train in some fashion. Charity is the responsibility and choice of the individual and private groups not public government. Everyone has a different view of charity and a different commitment to it so let each individual have true choice in their involvement in charity and the direction of their charity. When government is involved in charity, then many people will be forced to "donate" to causes which they do not believe in.</p> <p>13. No more government benefits to illegal aliens.</p> <p>14. Local control. As a general rule, local government powers should not be shifted to the state or federal levels. When power is centralized it becomes more powerful and remember power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely.</p> <p>15. Small government requires personal responsibility. So let's quit voting for Government programs that favor our industry / lobby interests.</p> <p>16. Marriage is 1 natural man & 1 natural woman.</p> <p>17. Life begins at conception. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."</p> <p>18. Parents have the ultimate authority regarding their children.</p> <p>19. Free Markets. We believe a free market economy is the best tool to protect liberty and promote prosperity.</p>
<p>The Woodlands Township Proposition III THE ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING BONDS AND THE LEVY OF TAXES IN PAYMENT OF THE REFUNDING BONDS.</p> <p>MONTGOMERY COUNTY 1937 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 4 LOCAL OPTION ELECTION TO LEGALIZE Local Option Proposition The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Refinancing the taxable short-term notes we inherited from the Homeowners Association with tax exempt bonds would save interest costs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Refinancing may be precursor for budget increase.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It is more debt for the people & another debt for future generations.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Whether alcoholic beverages should be able to be sold in the 1937 Precinct 4 locale.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Increased incidences of drunk driving are likely to occur.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Prohibiting the sale of liquor is not the role of government.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> If voters don't wish liquor to be sold in their community, they can ensure it isn't by voting with their pocketbooks.</p>	<p>63% YES</p>	<p>1. Reduce the size, expense and power of government entities. Government that governs best, governs least. Self government is where good government starts but when public government gets too large it tends to interfere with the ability of individuals to govern themselves and promote justice and charity.</p> <p>2. Support for the Constitution and Declaration of Independence. These are wonderful expressions of justice and limited government.</p> <p>3. Shift charity in Montgomery County from government entities to private groups. When government gets involved in charity, then everyone gets on the gravy train in some fashion. Charity is the responsibility and choice of the individual and private groups not public government. Everyone has a different view of charity and a different commitment to it so let each individual have true choice in their involvement in charity and the direction of their charity. When government is involved in charity, then many people will be forced to "donate" to causes which they do not believe in.</p> <p>4. No more government benefits to illegal aliens.</p> <p>5. Local control. As a general rule, local government powers should not be shifted to the state or federal levels. When power is centralized it becomes more powerful and remember power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely.</p> <p>6. Small government requires personal responsibility. So let's quit voting for Government programs that favor our industry / lobby interests.</p> <p>7. Marriage is 1 natural man & 1 natural woman.</p> <p>8. Life begins at conception. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."</p> <p>9. Parents have the ultimate authority regarding their children.</p> <p>10. Free Markets. We believe a free market economy is the best tool to protect liberty and promote prosperity.</p>

Montgomery County
November 3, 2009
 Election

7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
 Not all Polling Places open
 see mctx.org/election

Early Voting
 October 19th to 30th
 For Dates, Time, Locations, Sample Ballots
 see mctx.org/election



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NOTE: These are the views of the CCMC Panel based on public information & CCMC Core Principles.

Further resources:
[Texas Eagle Forum](http://www.texasagleforum.org)
<http://www.texasagle.org>
[League Of Women Voters](http://www.lwvtexas.org)
<http://www.lwvtexas.org>
[Texas Legislative Council](http://www.tlc.state.tx.us/pubsccon/amend/analyses09/analyses09.pdf)
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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION	CCMC COMMENTS	CCMC RECOMMENDS
<p>Constitutional Amendment Proposition 1 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the financing, including through tax increment financing, of the acquisition by municipalities and counties of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to a military installation for the prevention of encroachment or for the construction of roadways, utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation."</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Military installations have survived thus far without buffer zones. <input type="checkbox"/> May open the doors for eminent domain. <input type="checkbox"/> It would expand the scope of government and increase government debt. <input type="checkbox"/> Cities and counties should not take on additional debt at this time. <input type="checkbox"/> Passing this amendment would likely lead to higher property taxes. <input type="checkbox"/> The State of Texas and local governments are not responsible for the protection of US Government property. If this protection is necessary, it should be paid for by the Federal Government. <input type="checkbox"/> Would provide property tax protection for homeowners who are in the middle of a predominantly commercial area. <input type="checkbox"/> Protects property owners from county appraisers that will use the "best value" to make it unaffordable for residents to stay in their homes. <input type="checkbox"/> Allows property owners to "sit" on a property for many years at a low tax rate, let the value rise, even turn the house into a rent house and sell it at a higher value in the future. </p>	100% NO
<p>Constitutional Amendment Proposition 2 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the ad valorem taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead."</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Takes control of property taxes out of the hands of local authorities. <input type="checkbox"/> CCMC believes in local control, not the centralization of power to the state level. <input type="checkbox"/> There is an underlying principle of equity that is violated if all properties are not appraised on a uniform basis. Protection of this principle trumps any increase in government size that may occur to implement the uniform standards and procedures. <input type="checkbox"/> This would expand the size and scope of government. <input type="checkbox"/> This would open the door to raise taxes & the Government would become more involved in education - have more control. <input type="checkbox"/> If there is a need for more capable research facilities, they should be funded through private enterprise, not by further taxing the voters. <input type="checkbox"/> Tier one research institutions are often not the best environments for undergraduate study. </p>	100% YES
<p>Constitutional Amendment Proposition 3 "The constitutional amendment providing for uniform standards and procedures for the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes."</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Takes control of property taxes out of the hands of local authorities. <input type="checkbox"/> CCMC believes in local control, not the centralization of power to the state level. <input type="checkbox"/> There is an underlying principle of equity that is violated if all properties are not appraised on a uniform basis. Protection of this principle trumps any increase in government size that may occur to implement the uniform standards and procedures. <input type="checkbox"/> This would expand the size and scope of government. <input type="checkbox"/> This would open the door to raise taxes & the Government would become more involved in education - have more control. <input type="checkbox"/> If there is a need for more capable research facilities, they should be funded through private enterprise, not by further taxing the voters. <input type="checkbox"/> Tier one research institutions are often not the best environments for undergraduate study. </p>	89% NO
<p>Constitutional Amendment Proposition 4 "The constitutional amendment establishing the national research university fund to enable emerging research universities in this state to achieve national prominence as major research universities and transferring the balance of the higher education fund to the national research university fund."</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Proposition undermines CCMC's core principle of local control, and shifts the balance of taxing power to more populous counties. <input type="checkbox"/> The burden of proving the necessity of the amendment is on the legislature and should be convincing. The legislature has not done so. <input type="checkbox"/> Increased centralization makes it harder to hold elected and appointed officials accountable. <input type="checkbox"/> It needs to be shown that the Texas Land Board and all the money they provide is self-funding. <input type="checkbox"/> Will likely increase bonds and taxes. <input type="checkbox"/> It is unwise to add a constitutional amendment about general obligation bonds that extends into the future for an unlimited time. <input type="checkbox"/> All levels of government should be reducing and not adding debt, particularly, at this time. </p>	100% NO
<p>Constitutional Amendment Proposition 5 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize a single board of equalization for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated equalizations."</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Proposition undermines CCMC's core principle of local control, and shifts the balance of taxing power to more populous counties. <input type="checkbox"/> The burden of proving the necessity of the amendment is on the legislature and should be convincing. The legislature has not done so. <input type="checkbox"/> Increased centralization makes it harder to hold elected and appointed officials accountable. <input type="checkbox"/> It needs to be shown that the Texas Land Board and all the money they provide is self-funding. <input type="checkbox"/> Will likely increase bonds and taxes. <input type="checkbox"/> It is unwise to add a constitutional amendment about general obligation bonds that extends into the future for an unlimited time. <input type="checkbox"/> All levels of government should be reducing and not adding debt, particularly, at this time. </p>	94% NO
<p>Constitutional Amendment Proposition 6 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds in amounts equal to or less than amounts previously authorized."</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Currently, civil officials are prohibited from holding more than one compensated civil office, unless specifically exempted in the Constitution. Those now exempted include county commissioners and justices of the peace, notaries public and postmasters, and current and retired officers and enlisted members of the National Guard and U.S. Armed Forces. State employees have a duty to do the job for which they were hired, even in times of disaster. Apparent conflict of interest. <input type="checkbox"/> The federal government would establish the hospital, but the state would be able to contribute money, property, or other resources to the hospital's establishment, maintenance, or operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The Federal Government is responsible for the establishment, maintenance and operation of veterans' hospitals. Therefore, this is not an appropriate expenditure by the State of Texas. <input type="checkbox"/> In these hard economic times government does not need to expand, which is what this would do. </p>	82% NO
<p>Constitutional Amendment Proposition 7 "The constitutional amendment to allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices."</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Primary applicability is erosion of beaches due to storms (hurricanes). <input type="checkbox"/> Places state/public property rights above private property rights. Boils down to - if the beach erodes, whose property is lost? The public or the property owner? Parallels "eminent domain." <input type="checkbox"/> The state should not profit from natural disasters at private property owner's expense. <input type="checkbox"/> The state should not be given the right to seize property that suddenly borders the seaward shore due to beach erosion. <input type="checkbox"/> The current term limits are acceptable. <input type="checkbox"/> There is no clear benefit to the people in extending the term. <input type="checkbox"/> Lengthening the term could reduce accountability to taxpayers / voters. <input type="checkbox"/> Term limits ensure a constant flow of new perspectives. </p>	59% YES
<p>Constitutional Amendment Proposition 8 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans hospitals in this state."</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Primary applicability is erosion of beaches due to storms (hurricanes). <input type="checkbox"/> Places state/public property rights above private property rights. Boils down to - if the beach erodes, whose property is lost? The public or the property owner? Parallels "eminent domain." <input type="checkbox"/> The state should not profit from natural disasters at private property owner's expense. <input type="checkbox"/> The state should not be given the right to seize property that suddenly borders the seaward shore due to beach erosion. <input type="checkbox"/> The current term limits are acceptable. <input type="checkbox"/> There is no clear benefit to the people in extending the term. <input type="checkbox"/> Lengthening the term could reduce accountability to taxpayers / voters. <input type="checkbox"/> Term limits ensure a constant flow of new perspectives. </p>	89% NO
<p>Constitutional Amendment Proposition 9 "The constitutional amendment to protect the right of the public, individually and collectively, to access and use the public beaches bordering the seaward shore of the Gulf of Mexico."</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Helps protect the rights of individual landowners. <input type="checkbox"/> Ensures the rights of private property. <input type="checkbox"/> Refines & incorporates into the Texas Constitution the laws the Texas Legislature passed in 2005 to ensure private property is not seized for commercial / taxation benefit. </p>	89% NO
<p>Constitutional Amendment Proposition 10 "The constitutional amendment to provide that elected members of the governing boards of emergency services districts may serve terms not to exceed four years."</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Helps protect the rights of individual landowners. <input type="checkbox"/> Ensures the rights of private property. <input type="checkbox"/> Refines & incorporates into the Texas Constitution the laws the Texas Legislature passed in 2005 to ensure private property is not seized for commercial / taxation benefit. </p>	100% NO
<p>Constitutional Amendment Proposition 11 "The constitutional amendment to prohibit the taking, damaging, or destroying of private property for public use unless the action is for the ownership, use, and enjoyment of the property by the State, a political subdivision of the State, the public at large, or entities granted the power of eminent domain under law or for the elimination of urban blight on a particular parcel of property, but not for certain economic development or enhancement of tax revenue purposes, and to limit the legislature's authority to grant the power of eminent domain to an entity."</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Helps protect the rights of individual landowners. <input type="checkbox"/> Ensures the rights of private property. <input type="checkbox"/> Refines & incorporates into the Texas Constitution the laws the Texas Legislature passed in 2005 to ensure private property is not seized for commercial / taxation benefit. </p>	100% YES