

2020: A Year In Review

Establishing Cannabis Access for All Texans

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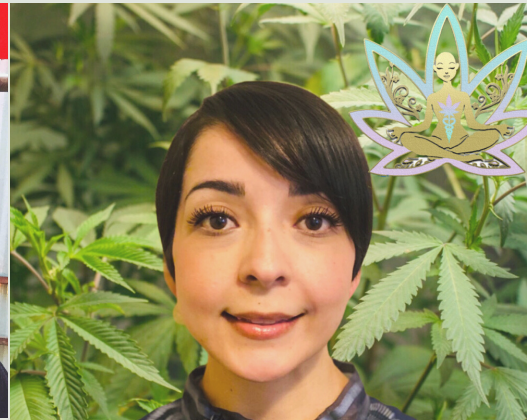
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Primary Election Voter Guide



We surveyed Texas candidates running for
US Congress and our State Legislature.

Here's where they stand!

Texas Marijuana Policy **REPUBLICAN** Voter Guide

2020 Primary Election Edition

Early Voting
Feb 18–28

Election Day
Mar 3



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Primary Election Candidate Forum

WEBINAR: STATE OF CANNABIS IN TEXAS



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420 STREAM-A-THON

Texas NORML hosted a 5 hour stream-a-thon for 4/20! We discussed medical cannabis, Texas Hemp Program, the political and legislative cycle, advocacy, legalization and more. We observed a minute of silence at 4:20pm in honor of the victims of the failed drug war and enjoyed our musical guests between presentations.

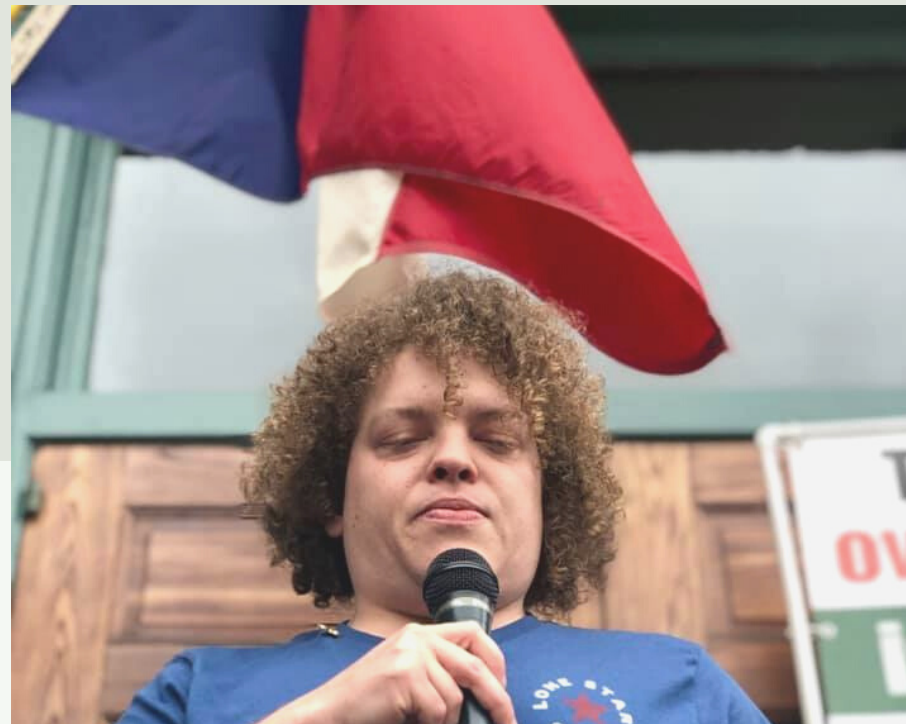
- Representative Joe Moody (D - HD 78)
- Keith Stroup, Founder and Legal Counsel for NORML
- Dr Darina A. Douchi, PharmD, MAJ(R) and CEO of Curativo Hemp
- Erik Altieri, Executive Director for NORML
- Shawn Hauser, Partner at Vicente Sederberg LLP
- Phil Gero, Former Sergeant with Pflugerville Police Department
- Justin Strekal, Political Director, NORML
- Dwight Clark, Senior Policy Analyst & Technical Writer for Vicente Sederberg LLP
- Heather Fazio, Director of Texans for Responsible Marijuana Policy
- Sal Barnes, Managing Director for MPG Consulting
- Retired Major David Bass, Texas Veterans for Medical Marijuana
- Susan Hays, PC
- Heather Richmond, CEO of USA Hemp Plastic and Running Water Global
- Les Weiler, Membership Director for Texas NORML
- Anita Sommers (aka the CBD Genie), M(ASCP) and Air Force Veteran
- Carlos Caro, Secretary for Texas NORML
- Lisa L. Pittman, Esq of Coats Rose Law Firm and Member of Texas Hemp Advisory Council
- Austin Zamhariri, Texas Cannabis Collective

VIRTUAL MEETUP: CRAFTING PATIENT TESTIMONY



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Texas Marijuana Policy Voter Guide

SD 14 Special Election

www.TexasMarijuanaPolicy.org/Voter-Guide

Austin City Council: Passes Resolution to Prevent Arrest for POM!

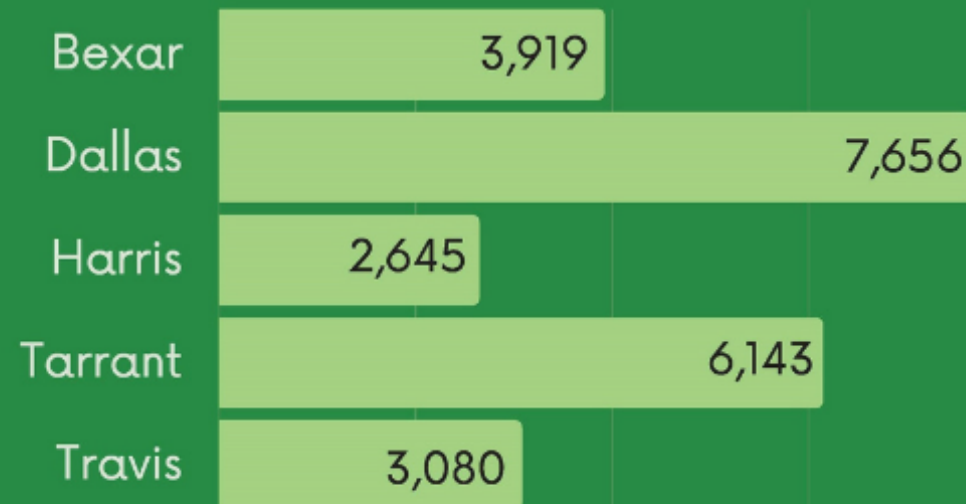


In a unanimous vote, the Austin City Council passed a resolution that will restrict city funds or city personnel from being used to create THC testing protocol and would direct APD to stop citing or arresting for offenses where the DA will not bring charges, such as low-level marijuana possession (PoM). An array of supporting organizations joined together to work on this important resolution. Texas NORML's Executive Director offered testimony as a subject matter expert.

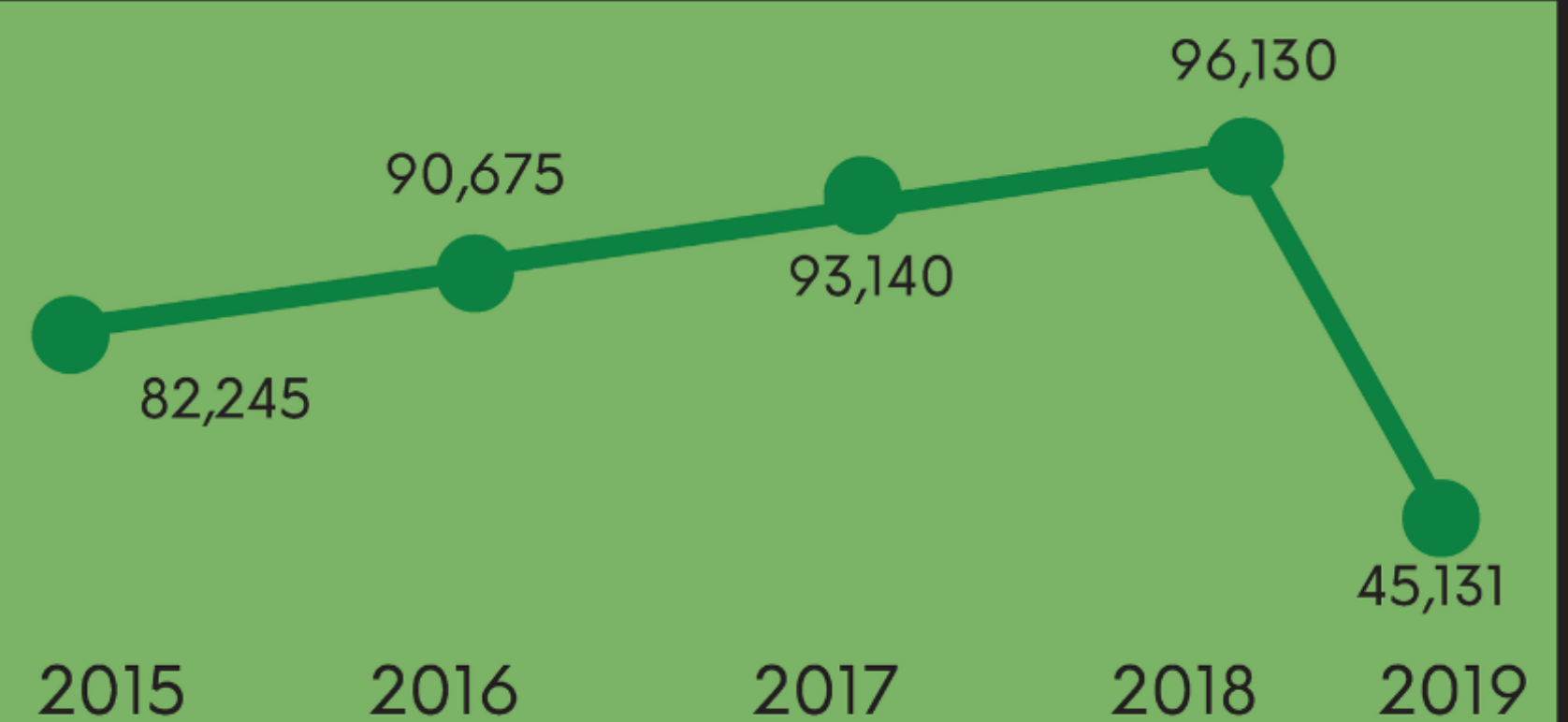
In 2018, Texas officers arrested 96,130 people for possession of marijuana.



More than 80% of these arrests were for amounts less than 2 ounces.



The five most populated counties accounted for less than 30% of all 2018 low-level possession arrests.



Following HB 1325, marijuana possession arrests dropped dramatically.



for more information visit
texasnorml.org



A photograph of the Texas State Capitol building in Austin, Texas, taken at dusk. The building is illuminated with warm yellow lights, and its iconic dome is visible against a blue twilight sky. In the foreground, there is a stone wall with a metal railing and a circular porthole. The text "Texas Marijuana Policy Candidate Briefing" is overlaid on a semi-transparent blue rectangle in the center of the image.

Texas Marijuana Policy Candidate Briefing

RESOURCES:

www.TexasNORML.org/MJ-Policy-Candidate-Resource

Membership Drive

Every October, Texas NORML hosts a member's only mixer to celebrate our members and drive membership. This year's pandemic restrictions helped us re-imagine what our membership drive can look like. Therefore, we created a specialty 20oz steel tumbler with commemorative 2020 member logo to those that joined. **Our membership increased by 50%!**



Join: <https://shop.texasnorml.org/product-category/memberships>



In addition to our usual merchandise, we created several limited edition items.



Shop at <https://shop.texasnorml.org/>

TEXAS NORML



Racism & Marijuana Law in Texas: Our Commitment to the Community

While cannabis law is only a part of the conversation, its criminalization is one of the tools commonly used to justify and perpetuate injustices.

More: www.TexasNORML.org/RaceMJ-In-TX

Texas NORML's Guidelines to

LEGALIZING & REGULATING MARIJUANA IN TEXAS



Details: www.TexasNORML.org/Guideline-TX-Retail-Market



NORML[®] Monthly Meetings

Texas NORML's informal monthly meeting taking place the FIRST Wednesday of EVERY month, at 8 pm. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been hosting these meetings virtually by joining the webinar or Facebook LiveStream.

We then post the recording to our Youtube channel

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- Coalition Updates
 - Federal Legislative Updates
 - Pre-Filed Texas Legislation
 - Veteran Outreach
 - Cannabis Science
 - Arrest Data
 - Patient Outreach
 - Primary, Special and General Election Results
 - Know Your Rights with Texas NORML Legal Counsel
 - Primary, Special and General Election Candidate Forums
 - DSHS Smokeable Hemp Plan

For a #SaferTX, Ask Gov Abbott

- *Immediate Action:* Moratorium on All Marijuana Possession Arrests
- *Special Session:* When Safe to do so, Legalize Marijuana for Adults and Expand Medical Access

Our jails cannot take any needless crowding. DPS has reported as many as **80,000** people are charged with POM annually. Adjusting current policy will mean fewer unnecessary interactions between the public and law enforcement, protecting police officers, correctional workers, and our county jail population.

Act Now: www.texasnorml.org/action-safer-tx

Thousands of Texans
participated
in our online petition to
Gov Abbott.

General Election Voter Guide

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October 13–30

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November 3



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General Election: Central Texas Marijuana Policy Candidate Forum

Candidates:

- Vikki Goodwin, D: Texas State Rep for HD 47 (Incumbent)
- Erin Zwiener, D: Texas State Reprefor HD 45 (Incumbent)
- Donna Howard, D: Texas State Rep for HD 48 (Incumbent)
- John Bucy III, D: Texas State Rep for HD 136 (Incumbent)
- Ted Brown, L: US Congressional District 17
- Arthur Dibianca, L: US Congressional District 21
- Bill Kelsey, L: US Congressional District 25
- Clark Patterson, L: US Congressional District 31



Texas Marijuana Policy Statewide Conference Call

Saturday, December 12th, 2020 at Noon



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Thank you!

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