



Texas Disability Issues Forum

September 19, 2022

Austin, Texas + virtual

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"November 8th will be a test to see if our multi-year organizing can increase the number of people with disabilities and our allies who go to the polls and elect candidates that support disability rights and services. Now, and on September 19 is the time for candidates to speak to the disability community. We'll be listening."

Dennis Borel, Executive Director, Coalition of Texans with Disabilities

Bob Kafka, Coordinator, REV UP Texas

Yes, there is Power in the Disability Vote

AND WE ARE HOLDING A FORUM TO SHINE A LIGHT ON THE ISSUES

September 19, 2022 will be an important day for the Texas Disability Community.

To learn what major party candidates have to say on the most pressing problems from healthcare to elections to education and more, REV UP Texas and the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, along with more than 45 Texas organizations, have joined forces to host the 3rd Texas Disability Issues Forum, (TDIF). This is a non-partisan, one day event, where candidates for elected statewide office are asked to specifically address the concerns of Texans with disabilities.

Democrat and Republican candidates for the offices of Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and Agriculture Commissioner are invited. This forum is not a debate and will be moderated by impartial journalists Patrick Svitek and James Barragàn and livestreamed by our media partner, the Texas Tribune.

Now more than ever, it is critical that the Texas disability community get out the vote. Issues like affordable health care that covers pre-existing conditions and protects mental health parity; Medicaid funding for in-home services so folks can stay out of nursing homes and other institutions; barriers like long waiting lists and ridiculously low wages for Community Attendants that further strangle the system; and, cutbacks in funding for already chronically underfunded affordable, accessible integrated housing mean growing numbers of disabled Texans face homelessness.

Even the right to vote itself has been attacked here in Texas. These are just some of the reasons why the Texas disability community is becoming active in electoral politics. We need to educate candidates about disability issues, and disabled people and our allies about the candidates' stand on these issues.

The 2022 Texas Disability Issues Forum will be held on Monday, September 19, from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the AT&T Hotel and Conference Center on the UT campus. To receive a press pass and for more information, visit:

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Monday, September 19

AT&T Conference Center

1900 University Avenue
Austin, Texas

Information on live event, registration, streaming and more:
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Day At-A-Glance*

9 am Check in opens

10 am Welcome

10:15 am Candidate Forum

2 pm Adjourn

Lead Organizers:

REV UP Texas

Coalition of Texans with Disabilities

**Schedule subject to change.*