

# Official Voter Guide

## Texas House District 37

This is our official 2022 voter guide for your upcoming competitive state legislative race. We had researchers dig through local candidates' backgrounds, statements, and votes on key legislative issues, then provide that information to voters like you—so you can make an informed choice on Election Day.

Candidates	Jobs	Education	Transportation & Infrastructure
 <p><b>Luis Villarreal [D]</b></p>	<p>Luis Villarreal Jr. is a successful small businessman who knows what it takes to bring good jobs to our community. In Austin, Luis will fight to support the family-owned businesses, major employers, and hard-working men and women who keep our Valley economy strong.</p> <p>Source: Rio Grande Guardian, 12/20/21</p>	<p>Luis Villarreal Jr. says that his number one priority in Austin will be our school kids, especially those with learning disabilities and special needs. This means smaller class sizes, better technology in the classroom, better pay for school counselors and teachers, and less emphasis on high-stakes standardized tests.</p> <p>Source: VoteVillarreal.com, accessed 8/1/22</p>	<p>Luis Villarreal Jr. has a plan to bring new transportation and infrastructure projects to Cameron and Willacy counties. Villarreal will fight for affordable and accessible public transportation in our communities [e.g., light rail].</p> <p>Source: VoteVillarreal.com, accessed 8/1/22</p>
 <p><b>Janie Lopez [R]</b></p>	<p>Janie Lopez and her special interest allies support an agenda that's bad news for our jobs. Lopez is making it harder to recruit high-tech jobs to Texas by standing with radical politicians who support outlawing abortion in cases of rape and incest. Lopez also still backs the Austin politicians who did nothing to fix our electric grid, which forced factories to close due to extreme heat.</p> <p>Source: Transparency USA; Dallas Morning News, 6/22/22; Washington Post, 9/13/21; Texas Right to Life, accessed 8/3/22</p>	<p>As a member of the San Benito school board, Janie Lopez was accused of violating the Texas Open Meetings Act by allegedly having meetings behind closed doors. Lopez supports cutting funding for public education, and her campaign is supported by special interests trying to cut funding from small schools to pay for private school vouchers.</p> <p>Source: The Brownsville Herald, 10/30/21; Valley Morning Star, 2/16/22; Transparency USA</p>	<p>Janie Lopez is still supporting some of the same government insiders who failed to fix the state power grid. Today, Texans' energy bills are 70% higher on average, as they brace for rolling summer blackouts or another winter freeze.</p> <p>Source: Transparency USA; Houston Chronicle, 5/14/22; Texas Tribune, 5/30/21</p>

Texas early voting varies by county. Absentee ballots must be delivered or post marked by Tuesday, November 8th. Visit [VoteTexas.gov](http://VoteTexas.gov) for your county's specifics, and make sure you vote y'all!