

# Northwest Democrats News

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## November 20th Program

Our program will be the Hon. Ron Nirenberg, Mayor of San Antonio. You'll want to hear how the city managed during the Covid quarantine and pandemic, the new initiatives and ideas on moving San Antonio forward. The mayor will answer most of your questions. Our meeting will begin at 8:30 am at Luby's (masks required).

## NOVEMBER SPECIAL PROJECT:



We are so fortunate to have our Food Bank and all the excellent work it does. It is nationally recognized as one of the best in the USA. See page 3 for the 12 Most Wanted.

**Contact Gene Marck, 210-273-9201, if  
you have any questions.**

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## A Few Joyce Words

Time passes quickly, but life passes slowly. Still, it was difficult to miss the first Pat Maloney Dinner I have missed in the thirteen years we have had them. (It would have been 14 yrs had we not had Covid-19 to deal with last year.) I was privileged to be able to watch it with my daughter, Nancy, visiting from Illinois with Zoom provided to us by Pat Maloney, Jr. From the beginning we have sought to honor someone who has made a real contribution to our organization or is an exceptional leader in some level of our community and our Bexar County Tax Assessor-Collector Albert Uresti fit those goals. This was one of our best dinners and one of the best attended.

I have spent these last month watching the news on TV - and reading the newspaper to keep up with the Texas Legislature - therefore keeping up with two of the major levels of government. I have not been impressed with either of them. When I watch the TV news, I am most likely to find hope in the programs presented by the Congress since they were the ideas of President Biden. But the US House of Representatives could drive me crazy if I watched them too often. Never have I watched the Congress in operation and been more frustrated than this year. If there is a chance to say "NO" one group or another will do it, no matter how much good the programs benefit Americans.

The bright light of the Texas session was the Democrats going to Washington to encourage Congress to vote on voting rights. Even so, including all the errors the House has made, nothing can equal what occurred in the Texas Legislature this last session. In a state which is required by law to have one 140-day session every two years with a possible 30-day special session (which has rarely been used) this year, Governor Abbott outdid even himself by requiring the Legislature to meet for three 30-day special sessions. He didn't call them because he had important things to do, he called them because he had cruel things to do. Whether it was the changes in voting laws, the ridiculous restrictive law to that eliminated a woman's right to a legal abortion, or the stupid law providing that you can open carry a gun without a permit and numerous others. And all the Republican state senators and state representatives got in line and voted for everything. He spent ninety days of the members time and our state funds to pay for these special legislative sessions.

If it is not an issue that affects your pocketbook or your life, too many Texans ignore it, and this is what the governor and the Republicans in the Legislature bank on. We don't care! We don't learn! They are only worried about re-election, and not if these bills may help voters. We are the laughingstock of the nation.

What the governor and the Republicans care about is that Texas isn't paying attention to the ridiculous laws they were passing, read about them, or watch it on TV. Non-engagement is what the Republicans want. When the voters go the voting box, you will only remember the Republicans names, not what they did. It is the citizens responsibility to know what they did, so you don't vote for them again. Why do Texans keep voting for Republicans who undermine Texans?

On the other hand, look what the Texas Democrats did; they were so concerned about your right to vote that they went to Washington to try to get laws passed that did not restrict Texans voting rights. Not only did they fight for your rights on the floor of the US House, but they also left to break the quorum so that the Republicans could not pass that restrictive voting law. Isn't it time to get mad? Have you had enough Texas? If you had enough, join us for the entire election season to do what we can to turn Texas **BLUE!**

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# SA FOOD BANK

## TWELVE MOST WANTED FOODS

PEANUT BUTTER	CEREAL	TUNA	POPTOP FOOD ITEMS
BEANS	RICE	MAC & CHEESE	FULL MEALS CAN/BOX
CHILI & SOUPS	CANNED LUNCH MEATS	PET FOOD	BABY FOOD & DIAPERS

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**November 20** Northwest Democrats meeting

**November 25** **THANKSGIVING**

**December 18** Northwest Democrats meeting

**January 15** Northwest Democrats meeting

**February 13** **NWD Super Bowl Event**