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The Barbara Jordan Public Policy Research and Survey Center at Texas Southern University conducted a representative survey of 1,200 Texans who are likely to cast a ballot in the November 2026 general election in Texas (margin of error of +/- 2.83%). The survey (in English and Spanish) was fielded between July 27 and July 30, 2026 by contacting registered voters via SMS text messages through which the respondents were directed to an online survey platform. The likelihood of a respondent voting in the November 2026 general election was determined using a likely voter screen and information on past election participation.

This report provides the favorable and unfavorable evaluations and the vote intention among likely voters for the candidates in the November 2026 Texas U.S. Senate, Gubernatorial, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, Land Commissioner, and Railroad Commissioner elections.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the Texas U.S. Senate election, Democrat James Talarico (47%) leads Republican Ken Paxton (45%) by 2 percentage points, with 2% supporting Libertarian Ted Brown and 5% undecided.

Talarico is viewed favorably by 46% of likely voters and unfavorably by 47%, and Paxton is viewed favorably by 39% of likely voters and unfavorably by 57%. Only 7% and 4% of likely voters don't know enough about Talarico and Paxton to have an opinion of them, respectively.

In the Texas Gubernatorial election, Republican Greg Abbott (49%) leads Democrat Gina Hinojosa (43%) by 6 percentage points, with 3% supporting Libertarian Pat Dixon and 5% undecided.

Abbott is viewed favorably by 48% of likely voters and unfavorably by 51%, and Hinojosa is viewed favorably by 37% and unfavorably by 28%. While 99% of likely voters know enough about Abbott to have an opinion of him, only 65% know about Hinojosa to have an opinion of her.

96% of Paxton voters intend to vote for Abbott and 0% for Hinojosa, with 3% undecided.
90% of Talarico voters intend to vote for Hinojosa and 4% for Abbott, with 4% undecided.

89% of Abbott voters intend to vote for Paxton and 3% for Talarico, with 6% undecided.
98% of Hinojosa voters intend to vote for Talarico and 0% for Paxton, with 2% undecided.

In the Texas Lieutenant Governor election, Republican Dan Patrick (46%) leads Democrat Vikki Goodwin (39%) by 7 percentage points, with 3% supporting Libertarian Anthony Cristo and 12% undecided.

While 83% of likely voters know enough about Patrick to have an opinion of him, only 27% know enough about Goodwin to have an opinion of her.

In the Texas Attorney General election, Republican Mayes Middleton (46%) leads Democrat Nathan Johnson (41%) by 5 percentage points, with 3% supporting Libertarian Tom Oxford and 10% undecided.

Only 50% and 23% of likely voters know enough about Middleton and Johnson, respectively, to have an opinion of them.

In the Texas Comptroller election, Republican Don Huffines (46%) leads Democrat Sarah Eckhardt (39%) by 7 percentage points, with 2% supporting Libertarian V. Alonzo Echavarria-Garza and 13% undecided.

Only 51% and 21% of likely voters know enough about Huffines and Eckhardt, respectively, to have an opinion of them.

In the Texas Land Commissioner election, Republican Dawn Buckingham (45%) leads Democrat Benjamin Flores (40%) by 5 percentage points, with 2% supporting Libertarian Neill Snider and 13% undecided.

Only 20% and 17% of likely voters know enough about Buckingham and Flores, respectively, to have an opinion of them.

In the Texas Railroad Commissioner election, Republican Bo French (44%) leads Democrat Jon Rosenthal (41%) by 3 percentage points, with 2% supporting Libertarian Arthur DiBianca and 13% undecided.

Only 33% and 17% of likely voters know enough about French and Rosenthal, respectively, to have an opinion of them.

Among Texans who are likely to vote in the November 2026 election, President Donald Trump is viewed favorably by 44% and unfavorably by 55%.

SURVEY POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS

Women account for 51% of these Texas likely voters, men for 48%, and those whose gender identity is something else for 1%. White Texans represent 61% of these likely voters, Latino Texans 21% and Black Texans 12%, with Texans identifying with other ethnic/racial groups or having a mixed identity representing 6% of this population of likely voters. Almost one-fifth (18%) of the population is between the ages of 18 and 34, 33% is between the ages of 35 and 54, and 49% is age 55 and older. Just under one-half (46%) of the respondents have a four-year college degree, while 54% do not. The distribution of partisan identifiers among these likely voters is 50% Republican, 41% Democratic and 7% Independent, with 1% identifying with another party and 1% unsure of their partisanship.

THE NOVEMBER 2026 TEXAS U.S. SENATE ELECTION

Three candidates are competing in the November 2026 Texas U.S. Senate election: Republican Ken Paxton, Democrat James Talarico and Libertarian Ted Brown. Close to one-half of these likely voters have a favorable (46%) and unfavorable (47%) opinion of Talarico, while 39% have a favorable opinion of Paxton and 57% an unfavorable opinion of the Texas attorney general. Both Talarico and Paxton are well-known to these likely voters, with only 7% and 4% not knowing enough about them to have an opinion, respectively. The favorable and unfavorable evaluations of all of the 14 Republican and Democratic statewide candidates, and of President Donald Trump, are located at the end of the report in Appendix I.

Figure 1 provides the current vote intention among likely voters in the November 2026 Texas U.S. Senate election. Talarico (47%) holds a 2 percentage point lead over Paxton (45%), with 2% of likely voters intending to cast a ballot for Brown and 6% still unsure how they would vote in this contest.

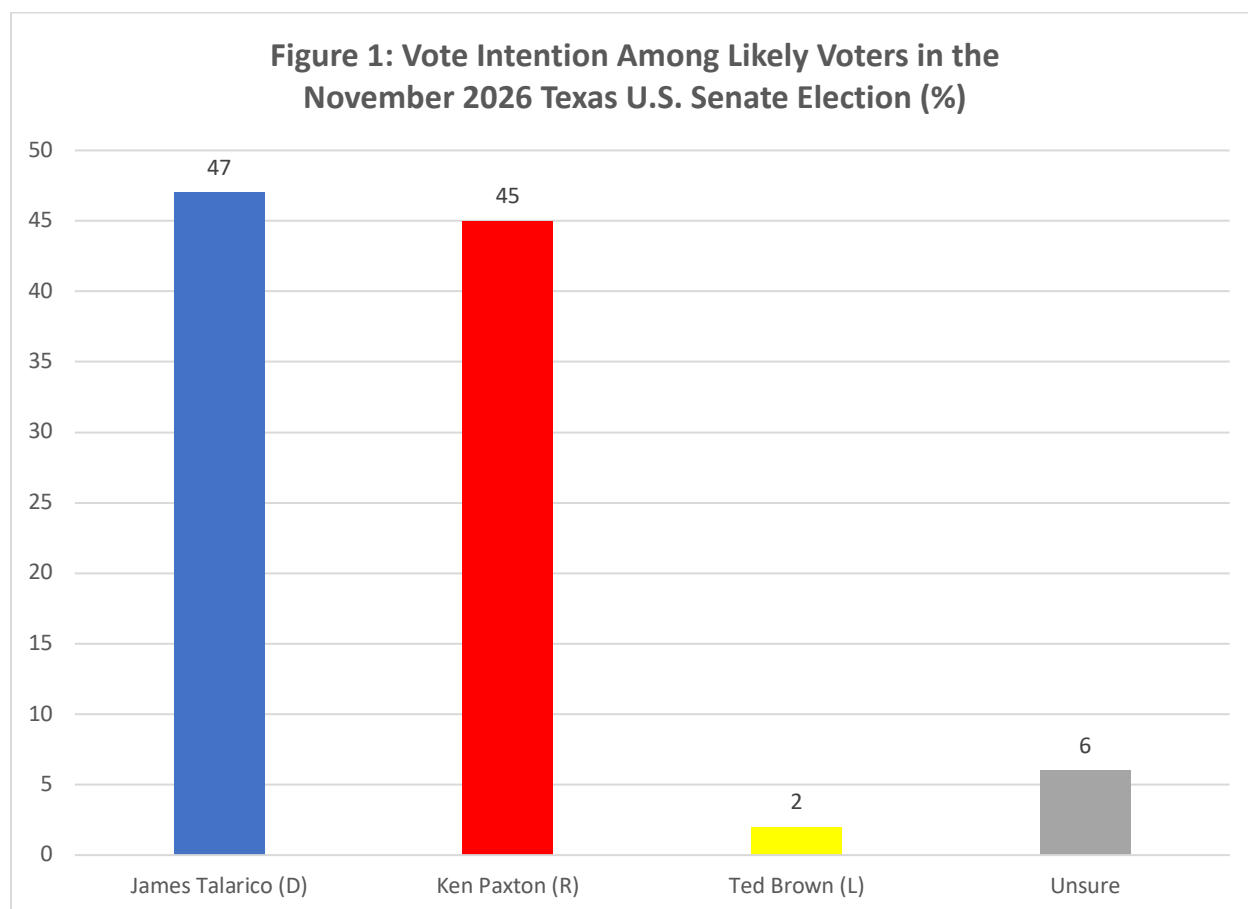


Table 1 provides the vote intention in the Texas U.S. Senate race, broken down by ethnicity/race, gender, age, education, partisanship and vote intention in the November 2026 Texas gubernatorial election.

Table 1: Vote Intention in the Nov. 2026 Texas U.S. Senate Election, Among Key Sub-Groups (%)

Socio-Demographic	Sub-Group	Paxton	Talarico	Brown	Unsure
Overall		45	47	2	6
Ethnicity/Race	White	53	39	3	5
	Latino	38	57	1	4
	Black	12	79	2	7
Gender	Women	38	55	1	6
	Men	53	39	3	5
Age	18-34	29	59	5	7
	35-54	39	55	2	4
	55+	56	38	1	5
Education	4 Yr College Degree	44	47	3	6
	No 4 Yr College Degree	46	48	1	5
Partisanship	Democratic	1	97	0	2
	Independent	23	63	3	11
	Republican	85	5	4	6
2026 Governor Vote	Abbott	89	3	2	6
	Hinojosa	0	98	0	2

Paxton holds a 14 percentage point lead over Talarico among White likely voters (53% to 39%), while Talarico holds 19 percentage point (57% to 38%) and 67 percentage point (79% to 12%) leads over Paxton among Latino and Black voters, respectively.

Talarico bests Paxton among women by 17 percentage points (55% to 38%), while Paxton bests Talarico among men by 14 percentage points (53% to 39%).

Paxton leads Talarico by 18 percentage points (56% to 38%) among likely voters age 55 and older, while Talarico leads Paxton by 16 percentage points (55% to 39%) among likely voters between the ages of 35 and 54, and by 30 percentage points (59% to 29%) among likely voters under the age of 35.

Talarico and Paxton are effectively deadlocked among likely voters who possess (47% to 44%) and who do not possess (48% to 46%) a four-year college degree.

Virtually all Democrats (97%) intend to vote for Talarico, with 1% intending to vote for Paxton and 2% undecided. In contrast, only 85% of Republicans intend to vote for Paxton today, with 5% intending to vote for Talarico, 4% for Brown and 6% still unsure for whom they will vote.

Finally, 98% of those voters who intend to cast a ballot for Gina Hinojosa in the Texas gubernatorial race intend to vote for Talarico, a notably higher percentage than that of Greg Abbott voters who intend to vote for Paxton (89%). The remaining 2% of Hinojosa voters remain undecided, while the remaining Abbott voters are split between 3% who intend to vote for Talarico, 2% who intend to vote for Brown, and 6% who are still undecided.

THE NOVEMBER 2026 TEXAS GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION

Three candidates are competing in the November 2026 Texas Gubernatorial election: Republican Greg Abbott (incumbent), Democrat Gina Hinojosa and Libertarian Pat Dixon. Close to one-half of Texas likely voters have a favorable (48%) and unfavorable (51%) opinion of Abbott, with only 1% reporting that they do not know enough about the Texas governor to have an opinion of him. In contrast, 35% of likely voters do not know enough about Hinojosa to have an opinion of her, with the remainder split between the 37% who have a favorable opinion of the Texas state representative, and the 28% who have an unfavorable opinion of her.

Figure 2 provides the current vote intention among likely voters in the November 2026 Texas Gubernatorial election. Abbott (49%) holds a 6 percentage point lead over Hinojosa (43%), with 3% of likely voters intending to cast a ballot for Dixon and 5% still unsure how they would vote in this contest.

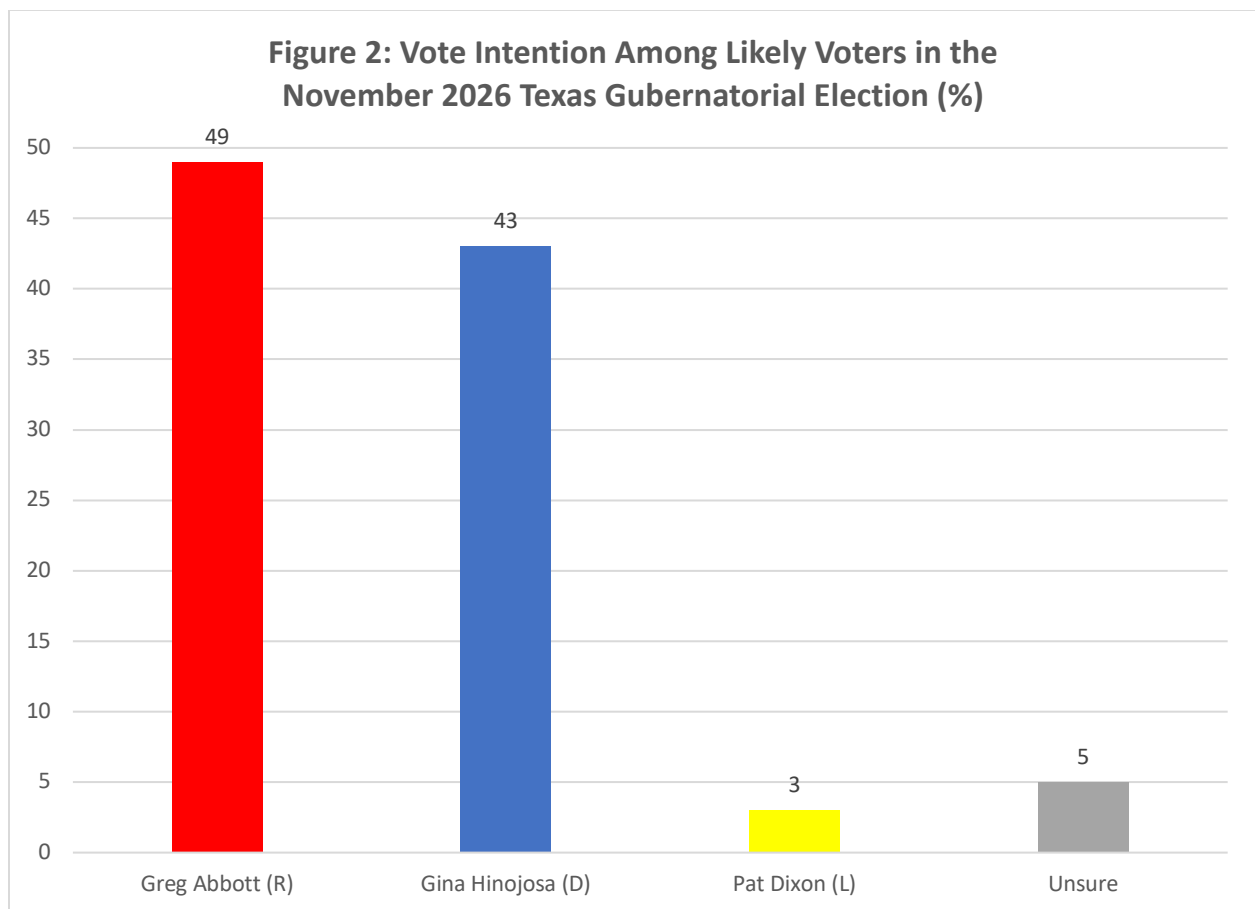


Table 2 provides the vote intention in the Texas gubernatorial race, broken down by ethnicity/race, gender, age, education, partisanship and vote intention in the November 2026 Texas U.S. Senate election.

Table 2: Vote Intention in the Nov. 2026 Texas Gubernatorial Election, Among Key Sub-Groups (%)					
Socio-Demographic	Sub-Group	Abbott	Hinojosa	Dixon	Unsure
Overall		49	43	3	5
Ethnicity/Race	White	58	34	3	5
	Latino	41	55	1	3
	Black	15	74	2	9
Gender	Women	41	52	2	5
	Men	58	34	3	5
Age	18-34	35	54	6	5
	35-54	42	49	3	6
	55+	59	35	1	5
Education	4 Yr College Degree	51	40	3	6
	No 4 Yr College Degree	47	46	2	5
Partisanship	Democratic	2	93	1	4
	Independent	30	53	3	14
	Republican	90	2	4	4
2026 US Senate Vote	Paxton	96	0	1	3
	Talarico	4	90	2	4

Abbott holds a 24 percentage point lead over Hinojosa among White likely voters (58% to 34%), while Hinojosa holds 14 percentage point (55% to 41%) and 59 percentage point (74% to 15%) leads over Abbott among Latino and Black voters, respectively.

Hinojosa bests Abbott among women by 11 percentage points (52% to 41%), while Abbott bests Hinojosa among men by 24 percentage points (58% to 34%).

Abbott leads Hinojosa by 24 percentage points (59% to 35%) among likely voters age 55 and older, while Hinojosa leads Abbott by 7 percentage points (49% to 42%) among likely voters between the ages of 35 and 54, and by 19 percentage points (54% to 35%) among likely voters under the age of 35.

Abbott holds a notable advantage over Hinojosa among likely voters with a four-year college degree (51% to 40%), while the two are effectively deadlocked among likely voters who do not possess a four-year college degree, 47% to 46%, respectively.

More than nine out of ten (93%) Democrats intend to vote for Hinojosa, with 2% intending to vote for Abbott, 1% for Dixon and 4% undecided. Nine out of ten (90%) Republicans intend to vote for Abbott, with 2% intending to vote for Hinojosa, 4% for Dixon and 4% undecided.

Finally, 96% of those voters who intend to cast a ballot for Ken Paxton in the Texas U.S. Senate race intend to vote for Abbott, with 0% intending to vote for Hinojosa, 1% for Dixon and 3% undecided. Nine out of ten (90%) Talarico voters intend to vote for Hinojosa, with 4% intending to vote for Abbott, 2% for Dixon and 4% undecided.

THE NOVEMBER 2026 TEXAS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Four candidates are competing in the November 2026 Texas Lieutenant Governor election: Republican Dan Patrick (incumbent), Democrat Vikki Goodwin, Libertarian Anthony Cristo, and the Green Party's Kevin McCormick. More than four-fifths (83%) of likely voters know enough about Patrick to have either a favorable (36%) or unfavorable (47%) opinion of the Texas lieutenant governor. In contrast, close to three-fourths (73%) of likely voters don't know enough about Goodwin to have an opinion of her, with the remaining 27% split relatively evenly between those with a favorable (15%) and unfavorable (12%) opinion of the Texas state representative.

Figure 3 provides the current vote intention among likely voters in the November 2026 Texas Lieutenant Governor election. Patrick (46%) holds a 7 percentage point lead over Goodwin (39%), with 3% of likely voters intending to cast a ballot for Cristo and 0% (technically 0.3%) for McCormick, with more than one in ten (12%) still unsure how they would vote in this contest.

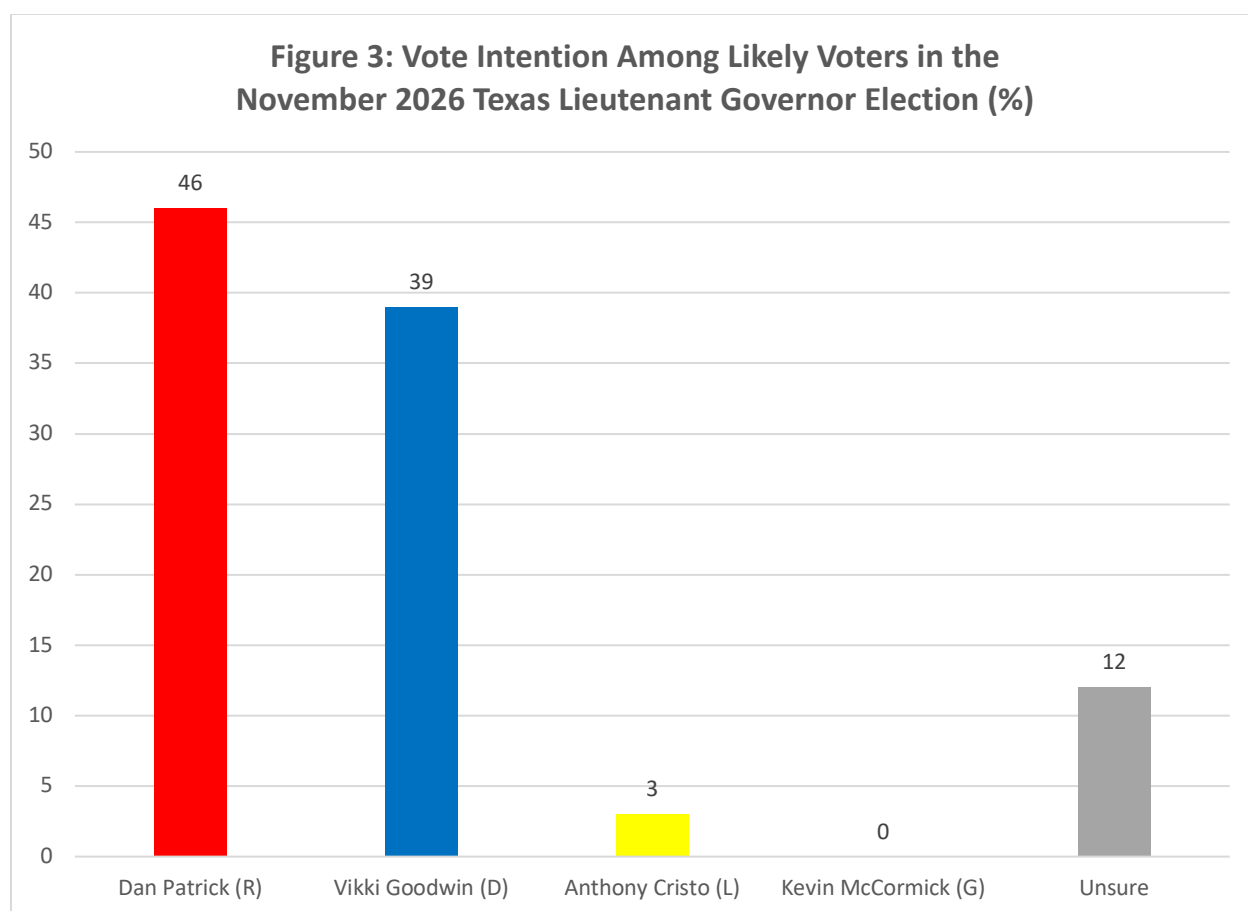


Table 3 provides the vote intention in the Texas lieutenant governor race, broken down by ethnicity/race, gender, age, education, partisanship and vote intention in the November 2026 Texas U.S. Senate and Texas Gubernatorial elections.

Table 3: Vote Intention in the Nov. 2026 Texas Lt. Governor Election, Among Key Sub-Groups (%)						
Socio-Demographic	Sub-Group	Patrick	Goodwin	Cristo	McCormick	Unsure
Overall		46	39	3	0	12
Ethnicity/Race	White	53	30	4	0	13
	Latino	38	50	4	0	8
	Black	14	69	1	1	15
Gender	Women	38	46	2	0	14
	Men	53	33	4	0	10
Age	18-34	32	51	7	0	10
	35-54	37	43	4	0	16
	55+	57	32	1	0	10
Education	4 Yr College Degree	46	38	4	0	12
	No 4 Yr College Degree	45	41	3	0	11
Partisanship	Democratic	1	86	1	1	11
	Independent	22	35	8	0	35
	Republican	86	2	4	0	8
2026 US Senate Vote	Paxton	93	0	2	0	5
	Talarico	2	81	2	1	14
2026 Governor Vote	Abbott	90	1	2	0	7
	Hinojosa	0	87	1	1	11

Patrick holds a 23 percentage point lead over Goodwin among White likely voters (53% to 30%), while Goodwin holds 12 percentage point (50% to 38%) and 55 percentage point (69% to 14%) leads over Patrick among Latino and Black voters, respectively.

Goodwin bests Patrick among women by 8 percentage points (46% to 38%), while Patrick bests Goodwin among men by 20 percentage points (53% to 33%).

Patrick leads Goodwin by 25 percentage points (57% to 32%) among likely voters age 55 and older, while Goodwin leads Patrick by 6 percentage points (43% to 37%) among likely voters between the ages of 35 and 54, and by 19 percentage points (51% to 32%) among likely voters under the age of 35.

Patrick holds a notable advantage over Goodwin among likely voters with a four-year college degree (46% to 38%), while the two candidates possess comparable support among likely voters who do not possess a four-year college degree, 45% to 41%, respectively.

Identical proportions of Republicans (86%) and Democrats (86%) intend to vote for Patrick and Goodwin, respectively, with 4% of Republicans and 1% of Democrats intending to vote for Cristo, and 11% of Democrats and 8% of Republicans still undecided. Only 2% of Republicans intend to vote for Goodwin and only 1% of Democrats intend to vote for Patrick.

Finally, 93% of Paxton U.S. Senate voters and 90% of Abbott Gubernatorial voters intend to vote for Patrick, with 0% of Paxton voters and 1% of Abbott voters intending to vote for Goodwin, and 5% and 7% still undecided, respectively. Only 81% of Talarico voters presently report that they intend to vote for Goodwin in the Lieutenant Governor election, with 14% still undecided and 2%, 2% and 1% intending to vote for Patrick, Cristo and McCormick, respectively. In contrast, 87% of Hinojosa voters intend to vote for Goodwin, with 0% intending to vote for Patrick, 1% for Cristo and 1% for McCormick, with 11% still unsure of for whom they would vote in this contest.

THE NOVEMBER 2026 TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL ELECTION

Three candidates are competing in the November 2026 Texas Attorney General election: Republican Mayes Middleton, Democrat Nathan Johnson and Libertarian Tom Oxford. Neither Middleton nor, especially, Johnson is very well known among Texas likely voters, with 50% not knowing enough about Middleton to have an opinion of the Texas state senator and 77% not knowing enough about Johnson to have an opinion of the Texas state senator. Among those with an opinion, 28% have a favorable opinion of Middleton and 22% an unfavorable opinion, and 10% have a favorable opinion of Johnson and 13% an unfavorable opinion.

Figure 4 provides the current vote intention among likely voters in the November 2026 Texas Attorney General election. Middleton (46%) leads Johnson (41%) by 5 percentage points, with 3% intending to vote for Oxford and 10% still unsure how they would vote in this contest.

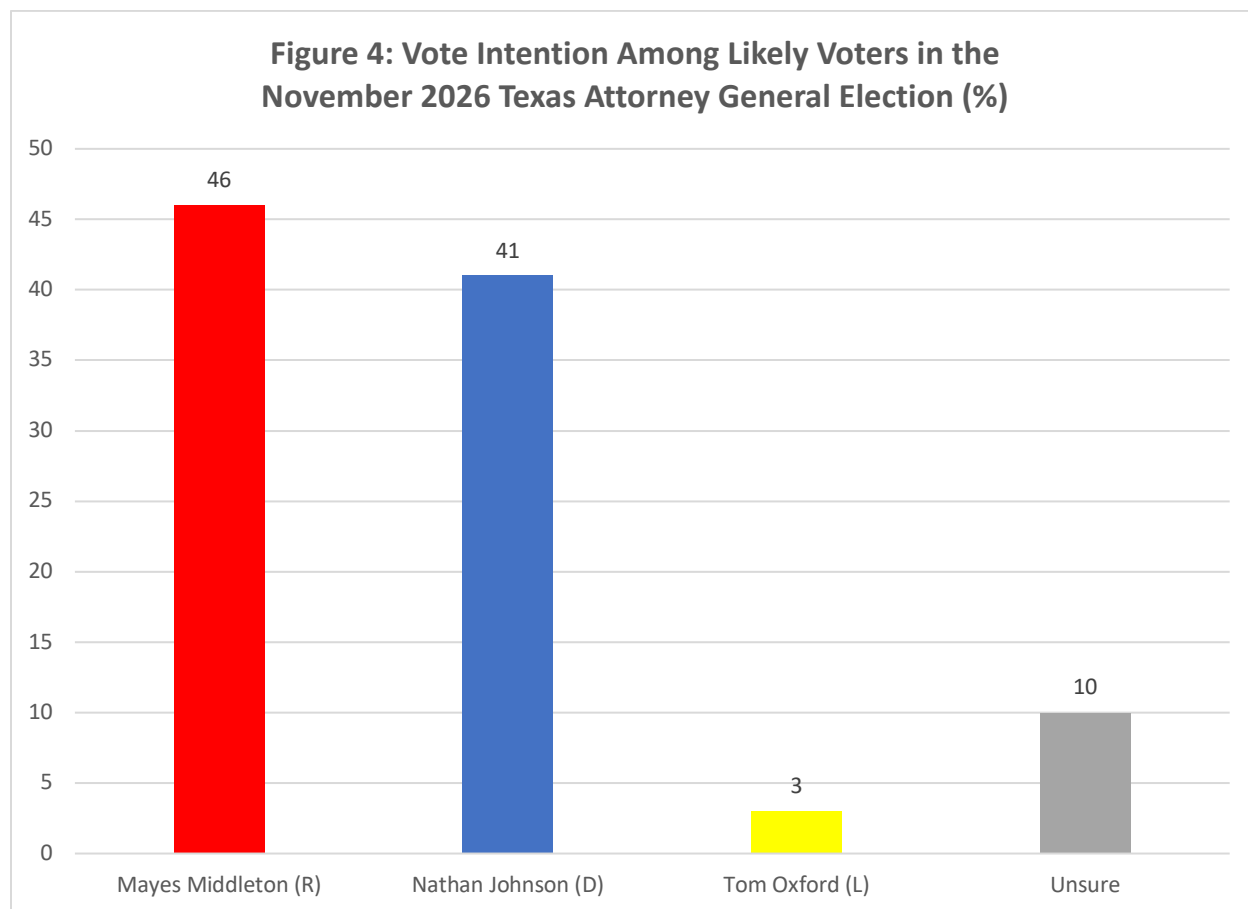


Table 4 provides the vote intention in the Texas attorney general race, broken down by ethnicity/race, gender, age, education, partisanship and vote intention in the November 2026 Texas U.S. Senate and Texas Gubernatorial elections.

Table 4: Vote Intention in the Nov. 2026 Texas Attorney General Election, Among Key Sub-Groups (%)

Socio-Demographic	Sub-Group	Middleton	Johnson	Oxford	Unsure
Overall		46	41	3	10
Ethnicity/Race	White	55	31	4	10
	Latino	37	51	2	10
	Black	12	73	2	13
Gender	Women	40	47	2	11
	Men	52	33	5	10
Age	18-34	34	51	6	9
	35-54	37	44	4	15
	55+	56	34	2	8
Education	4 Yr College Degree	47	38	4	11
	No 4 Yr College Degree	45	43	2	10
Partisanship	Democratic	1	90	1	8
	Independent	22	37	7	34
	Republican	86	1	4	9
2026 US Senate Vote	Paxton	92	0	3	5
	Talarico	1	84	2	13
2026 Governor Vote	Abbott	88	2	2	8
	Hinojosa	0	89	1	10

Middleton holds a 24 percentage point lead over Johnson among White likely voters (55% to 31%), while Johnson holds 14 percentage point (51% to 37%) and 61 percentage point (73% to 12%) leads over Middleton among Latino and Black voters, respectively.

Johnson bests Middleton among women by 7 percentage points (47% to 40%), while Middleton bests Johnson among men by 19 percentage points (52% to 33%).

Middleton leads Johnson by 22 percentage points (56% to 34%) among likely voters age 55 and older, while Johnson leads Middleton by 7 percentage points (44% to 37%) among likely voters between the ages of 35 and 54, and by 17 percentage points (51% to 34%) among likely voters under the age of 35.

Middleton holds a notable advantage over Johnson among likely voters with a four-year college degree (47% to 38%), while the two candidates possess comparable support among likely voters who do not possess a four-year college degree, 45% to 43%, respectively.

Nine out of ten (90%) Democrats intend to vote for Johnson, 1% for Middleton and 1% for Oxford, with 8% undecided. Close to nine out of ten (86%) Republicans intend to vote for Middleton, 1% for Johnson and 4% for Oxford, with 9% undecided.

Finally, 92% of Paxton U.S. Senate voters and 88% of Abbott Gubernatorial voters intend to vote for Middleton, with 0% of Paxton voters and 2% of Abbott voters intending to vote for Johnson, and 5% and 8% still undecided, respectively. Overall, 84% of Talarico voters intend to vote for Johnson, as do 89% of Hinojosa voters. A large majority of the remaining Talarico (13%) and Hinojosa (10%) voters remain undecided, with 1% and 0% intending to vote for Middleton, respectively.

THE NOVEMBER 2026 TEXAS COMPTROLLER ELECTION

Four candidates are competing in the November 2026 Texas Comptroller election: Republican Don Huffines (appointed incumbent), Democrat Sarah Eckhardt, Libertarian V. Alonzo Echavarria-Garza, and the Green Party's Shehla Faizi. Neither Huffines nor, especially, Eckhardt is very well known among Texas likely voters, with 49% not knowing enough about Huffines to have an opinion of the Texas comptroller and 79% not knowing enough about Eckhardt to have an opinion of the Texas state senator. Among those with an opinion, 29% have a favorable opinion of Huffines and 22% an unfavorable opinion, and 11% have a favorable opinion of Eckhardt and 10% an unfavorable opinion.

Figure 5 provides the current vote intention among likely voters in the November 2026 Texas Comptroller election. Huffines (46%) leads Eckhardt (39%) by 7 percentage points, with 2% intending to vote for Echavarria-Garza, 0% for Faizi (technically 0.3%) and 13% still unsure how they would vote in this contest.

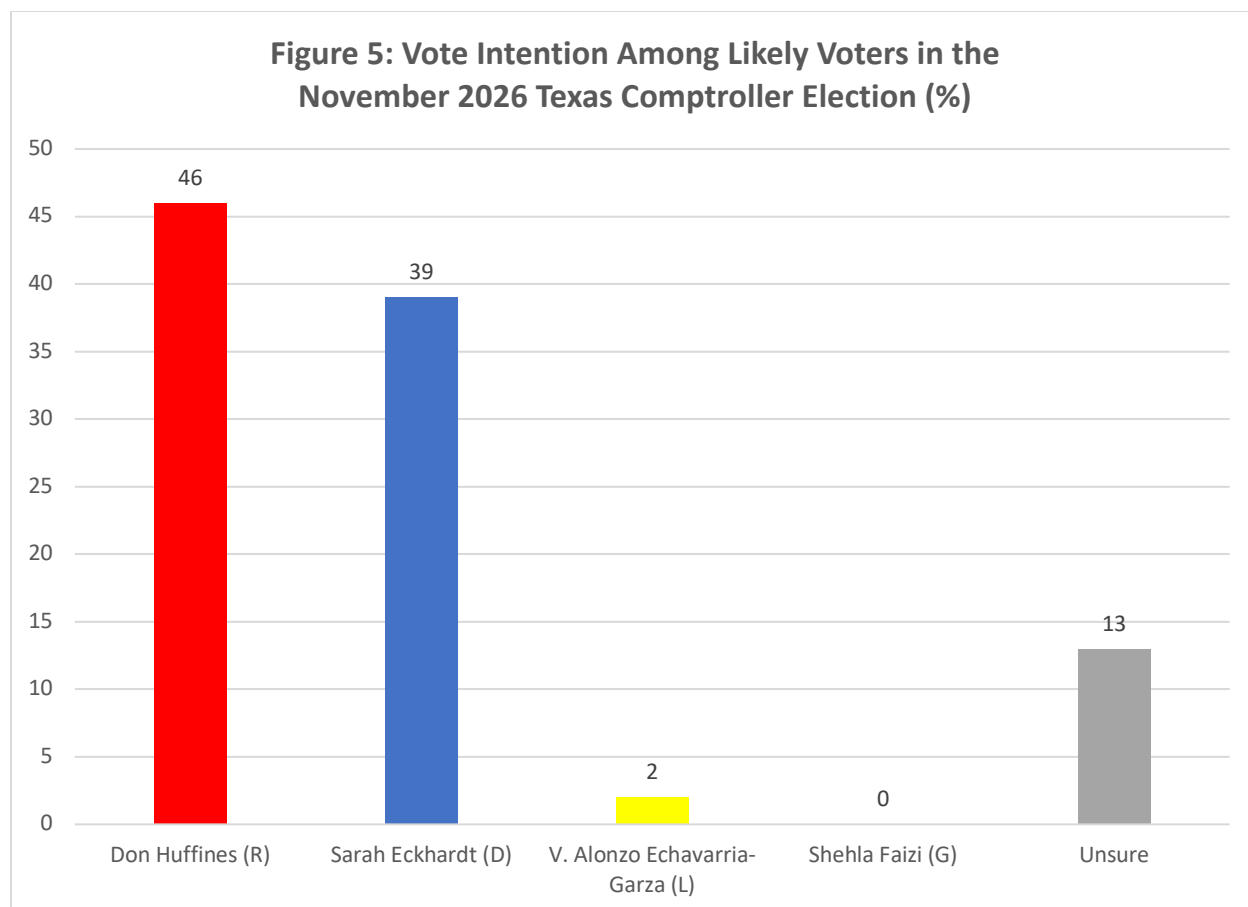


Table 5 provides the vote intention in the Texas comptroller race, broken down by ethnicity/race, gender, age, education, partisanship and vote intention in the November 2026 Texas U.S. Senate and Texas Gubernatorial elections.

Table 5: Vote Intention in the Nov. 2026 Texas Comptroller Election, Among Key Sub-Groups (%)						
Socio-Demographic	Sub-Group	Huffines	Eckhardt	Echavarria	Faizi	Unsure
Overall		46	39	2	0	13
Ethnicity/Race	White	56	30	2	0	12
	Latino	39	50	2	0	9
	Black	11	65	0	1	23
Gender	Women	38	46	1	0	15
	Men	55	31	3	0	11
Age	18-34	32	48	4	0	16
	35-54	40	44	2	0	14
	55+	56	32	1	0	11
Education	4 Yr College Degree	47	36	2	0	15
	No 4 Yr College Degree	46	41	2	0	11
Partisanship	Democratic	1	86	1	1	11
	Independent	25	31	7	0	37
	Republican	87	2	2	0	9
2026 US Senate Vote	Paxton	93	0	2	0	5
	Talarico	2	80	1	1	16
2026 Governor Vote	Abbott	91	1	1	0	7
	Hinojosa	0	85	1	1	13

Huffines holds a 26 percentage point lead over Eckhardt among White likely voters (56% to 30%), while Eckhardt holds 11 percentage point (50% to 39%) and 54 percentage point (65% to 11%) leads over Huffines among Latino and Black voters, respectively.

Eckhardt bests Huffines among women by 8 percentage points (46% to 38%), while Huffines bests Eckhardt among men by 24 percentage points (55% to 31%).

Huffines leads Eckhardt by 24 percentage points (56% to 32%) among likely voters age 55 and older, while Eckhardt leads Huffines by 4 percentage points (44% to 40%) among likely voters between the ages of 35 and 54, and by 16 percentage points (48% to 32%) among likely voters under the age of 35.

Huffines holds a notable advantage over Eckhardt among likely voters with a four-year college degree (47% to 36%), while the two candidates possess relatively comparable support among likely voters who do not possess a four-year college degree, 46% to 41%, respectively.

Comparable proportions of Democrats (86%) and Republicans (87%) intend to vote for Eckhardt and Huffines, respectively, with only 2% of Republicans and 1% of Democrats planning to cross over and vote for their party's rival. An overwhelming majority of the remaining Democrats are undecided (11%), with 1% intending to vote for Echavarria-Garza and 1% for Faizi. An overwhelming majority of the remaining Republicans are undecided (9%), with 2% intending to vote for Echavarria-Garza.

Finally, 93% of Paxton U.S. Senate voters and 91% of Abbott Gubernatorial voters intend to vote for Huffines, with 0% of Paxton voters and 1% of Abbott voters intending to vote for Eckhardt, and 5% and 7% still undecided, respectively. Overall, 80% of Talarico voters intend to vote for Eckhardt, as do 85% of Hinojosa voters. A large majority of the remaining Talarico (16%) and Hinojosa (13%) voters are still undecided, with 2% and 0% intending to vote for Huffines, respectively.

THE NOVEMBER 2026 TEXAS LAND COMMISSIONER ELECTION

Three candidates are competing in the November 2026 Texas General Land Commissioner election: Republican Dawn Buckingham (incumbent), Democrat Benjamin Flores, and Libertarian Neill Snider. An overwhelming majority of Texas likely voters do not know enough about either Buckingham (80%) or Flores (83%) to have an opinion of them. Among the minority with an opinion, 9% have a favorable opinion of the Texas land commissioner and 11% an unfavorable opinion, and 6% have a favorable opinion of Flores and 11% an unfavorable opinion.

Figure 6 provides the current vote intention among likely voters in the November 2026 Texas Land Commissioner election. Buckingham (45%) leads Flores (40%) by 5 percentage points, with 2% intending to vote for Snider and 13% still unsure how they would vote in this contest.

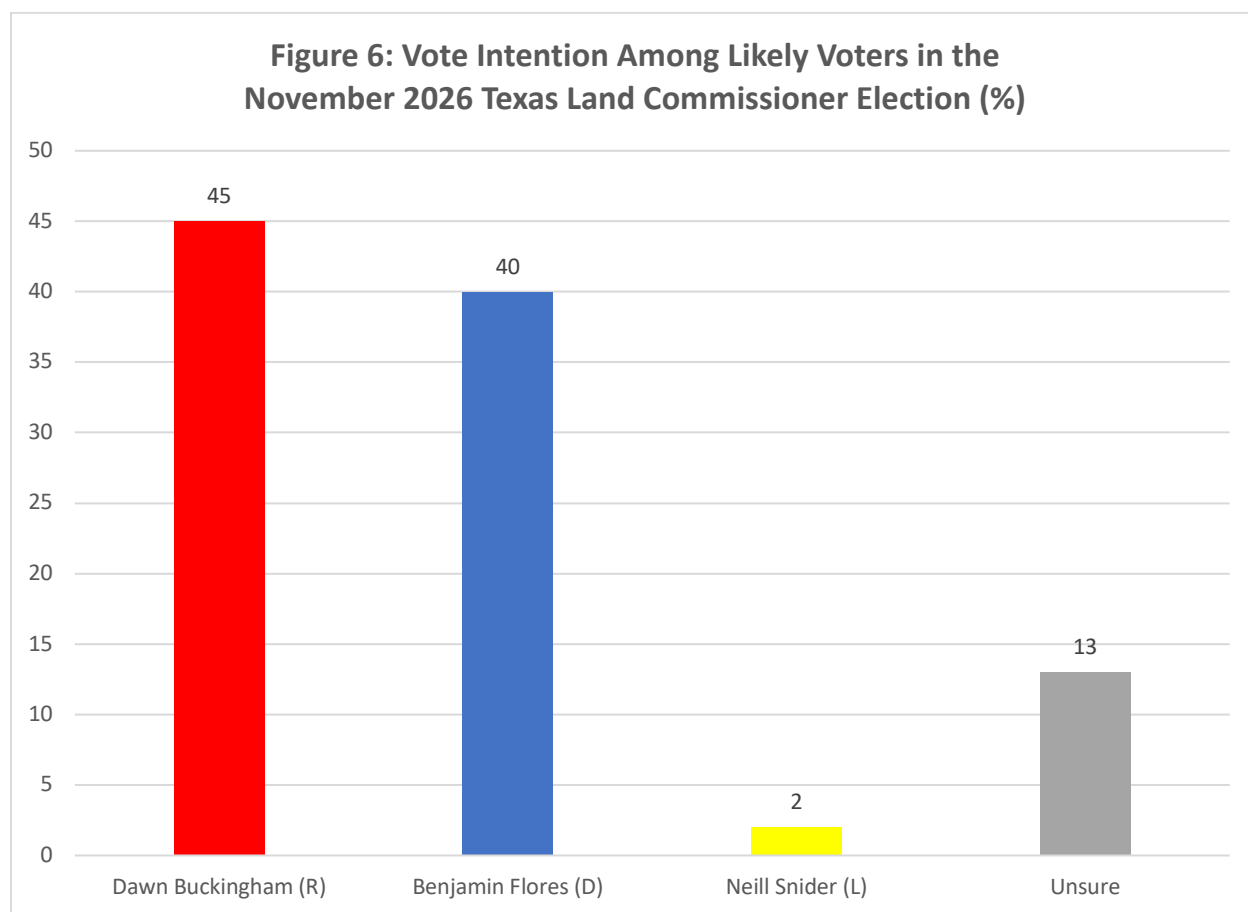


Table 6 provides the vote intention in the Texas land commissioner race, broken down by ethnicity/race, gender, age, education, partisanship and vote intention in the November 2026 Texas U.S. Senate and Texas Gubernatorial elections.

Table 6: Vote Intention in the Nov. 2026 Texas Land Commissioner Election, Among Key Sub-Groups (%)

Socio Demographic	Sub-Group	Buckingham	Flores	Snider	Unsure
Overall		45	40	2	13
Ethnicity/Race	White	55	31	2	12
	Latino	35	53	1	11
	Black	11	68	1	20
Gender	Women	38	47	0	15
	Men	52	33	3	12
Age	18-34	33	49	2	16
	35-54	37	45	2	16
	55+	55	33	1	11
Education	4 Yr College Degree	47	35	3	15
	No 4 Yr College Degree	43	44	1	12
Partisanship	Democratic	0	89	0	11
	Independent	16	36	5	43
	Republican	86	1	3	10
2026 US Senate Vote	Paxton	90	1	2	7
	Talarico	3	82	1	14
2026 Governor Vote	Abbott	88	2	1	9
	Hinojosa	1	87	1	11

Buckingham holds a 24 percentage point lead over Flores among White likely voters (55% to 31%), while Flores holds 18 percentage point (53% to 35%) and 57 percentage point (68% to 11%) leads over Buckingham among Latino and Black voters, respectively.

Flores bests Buckingham among women by 9 percentage points (47% to 38%), while Buckingham bests Flores among men by 19 percentage points (52% to 33%).

Buckingham leads Flores by 22 percentage points (55% to 33%) among likely voters age 55 and older, while Flores leads Buckingham by 8 percentage points (45% to 37%) among likely voters between the ages of 35 and 54, and by 16 percentage points (49% to 33%) among likely voters under the age of 35.

Buckingham holds a notable advantage over Flores among likely voters with a four-year college degree (47% to 35%), while the two candidates possess relatively equal support among likely voters who do not possess a four-year college degree, 43% to 44%, respectively.

Comparable proportions of Democrats (89%) and Republicans (86%) intend to vote for Flores and Buckingham, respectively, with 1% of Republicans and 0% of Democrats planning to cross over and vote for their party's rival. The remaining Democrats are undecided (11%). An overwhelming majority of the remaining Republicans are undecided (10%), with 3% intending to vote for Snider.

Finally, 90% of Paxton U.S. Senate voters and 88% of Abbott Gubernatorial voters intend to vote for Buckingham, with 1% of Paxton voters and 2% of Abbott voters intending to vote for Flores, and 7% and 9% still undecided, respectively. Overall, 82% of Talarico voters intend to vote for Flores, as do 87% of Hinojosa voters. A large majority of the remaining Talarico (14%) and Hinojosa (11%) voters remain undecided, with 3% and 1% intending to vote for Buckingham, respectively.

THE NOVEMBER 2026 TEXAS RAILROAD COMMISSIONER ELECTION

Three candidates are competing in the November 2026 Texas Railroad Commissioner election: Republican Bo French, Democrat Jon Rosenthal and Libertarian Arthur DiBianca. The Texas Railroad Commission is composed of three commissioners, each elected for a six-year term on a staggered schedule. An overwhelming majority of Texas likely voters do not know enough about either French (67%) or, especially, Rosenthal (83%) to have an opinion of them. Among the minority with an opinion, 19% have a favorable opinion of French and 14% an unfavorable opinion, and 7% have a favorable opinion of Rosenthal and 10% an unfavorable opinion.

Figure 7 provides the current vote intention among likely voters in the November 2026 Texas Railroad Commissioner election. French (44%) leads Rosenthal (41%) by 3 percentage points, with 2% intending to vote for DiBianca and 13% still unsure how they would vote in this contest.

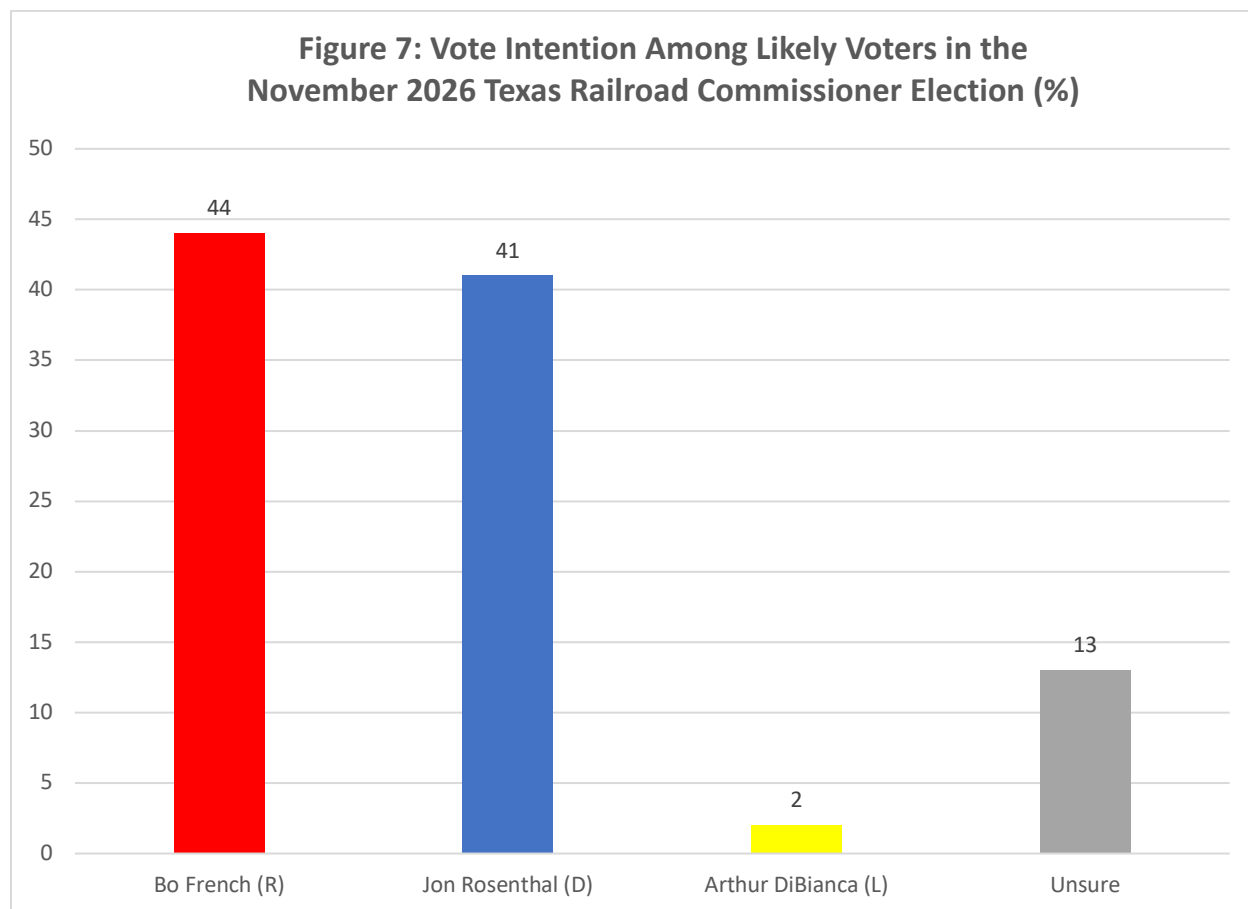


Table 7 provides the vote intention in the Texas railroad commissioner race, broken down by ethnicity/race, gender, age, education, partisanship and vote intention in the November 2026 Texas U.S. Senate and Texas Gubernatorial elections.

Table 7: Vote Intention in the Nov. 2026 Texas Railroad Commissioner Election, Among Key Sub-Groups (%)

Socio Demographic	Sub-Group	French	Rosenthal	DiBianca	Unsure
Overall		44	41	2	13
Ethnicity/Race	White	52	32	3	13
	Latino	37	50	2	11
	Black	10	71	1	18
Gender	Women	38	47	1	14
	Men	51	33	4	12
Age	18-34	28	54	4	14
	35-54	36	43	4	17
	55+	55	34	0	11
Education	4 Yr College Degree	44	38	3	15
	No 4 Yr College Degree	43	43	2	12
Partisanship	Democratic	0	89	1	10
	Independent	19	30	8	43
	Republican	84	2	3	11
2026 US Senate Vote	Paxton	88	1	2	9
	Talarico	2	82	2	14
2026 Governor Vote	Abbott	85	3	1	11
	Hinojosa	1	87	1	11

French holds a 20 percentage point lead over Rosenthal among White likely voters (52% to 32%), while Rosenthal holds 13 percentage point (50% to 37%) and 61 percentage point (71% to 10%) leads over French among Latino and Black voters, respectively.

Rosenthal bests French among women by 9 percentage points (47% to 38%), while French bests Rosenthal among men by 18 percentage points (51% to 33%).

French leads Rosenthal by 21 percentage points (55% to 34%) among likely voters age 55 and older, while Rosenthal leads French by 7 percentage points (43% to 36%) among likely voters between the ages of 35 and 54, and by 26 percentage points (54% to 28%) among likely voters under the age of 35.

French holds an advantage over Rosenthal among likely voters with a four-year college degree (44% to 38%), while the two candidates possess identical support among likely voters who do not possess a four-year college degree, 43% to 43%, respectively.

Slightly less than nine out of ten Democrats (89%) and a little more than eight out of ten Republicans (84%) intend to vote for Rosenthal and French, respectively, with 2% of Republicans and 0% of Democrats planning to cross over and vote for their party's rival. An overwhelming majority of the remaining Democrats are undecided (10%), with 1% intending to vote for DiBianca. An overwhelming majority of the remaining Republicans also are undecided (11%), with 3% intending to vote for DiBianca.

Finally, 88% of Paxton U.S. Senate voters and 85% of Abbott Gubernatorial voters intend to vote for French, with 1% of Paxton voters and 3% of Abbott voters intending to vote for Rosenthal, and 9% and 11% still undecided, respectively. Overall, 82% of Talarico voters intend to vote for Rosenthal, as do 87% of Hinojosa voters. A large majority of the remaining Talarico (14%) and Hinojosa (11%) voters remain undecided, with 2% and 1% intending to vote for French, respectively.

APPENDIX I: FAVORABLE & UNFAVORABLE EVALUATIONS OF THE STATEWIDE CANDIDATES

In the survey, before the respective vote intention questions were asked, these Texas likely voters were queried about whether they have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the 14 statewide Democratic and Republican candidates (partisan labels were not included in the question), or, if they did not know enough about the candidates to have an opinion of them, one way or another. Appendix Table 1 provides the proportion of these Texas likely voters who have a favorable and unfavorable opinion of each candidate, as well as the proportion who don't know enough about the candidate to have an opinion. Also included is the proportion of likely voters who have a favorable and unfavorable opinion of President Donald Trump.

Appendix Table 1: Favorable and Unfavorable Evaluations of 2026 Texas Statewide Candidates (%)				
Candidate (Party)	Election	Favorable	Unfavorable	Don't Know Enough
Ken Paxton (R)	U.S. Senate	39	57	4
James Talarico (D)	U.S. Senate	46	47	7
Greg Abbott (R)	Governor	48	51	1
Gina Hinojosa (D)	Governor	37	28	35
Dan Patrick (R)	Lieutenant Governor	36	47	17
Vikki Goodwin (D)	Lieutenant Governor	15	12	73
Mayes Middleton (R)	Attorney General	28	22	50
Nathan Johnson (D)	Attorney General	10	13	77
Don Huffines (R)	Comptroller	29	22	49
Sarah Eckhardt (D)	Comptroller	11	10	79
Dawn Buckingham (R)	Land Commissioner	9	11	80
Benjamin Flores (D)	Land Commissioner	6	11	83
Bo French (R)	Railroad Commissioner	19	14	67
Jon Rosenthal (D)	Railroad Commissioner	7	10	83
Donald Trump	<i>President</i>	44	55	1

Only five of the candidates are not relative unknowns in the eyes of a majority or near majority of Texas likely voters. Republican Gubernatorial candidate Greg Abbott is the best known of the candidates, with only 1% of likely voters not knowing enough about him to have an opinion, followed closely by Republican U.S. Senate candidate Ken Paxton (4%) and Democratic U.S. Senate candidate James Talarico (7%), the latter of whom in less than a year has gone from being a virtual unknown to a household name (at least in households that contain likely voters).

Two other candidates are known quantities in the eyes of a large majority of Texas likely voters, but, at the same time are not well known to a significant minority of the electorate. Republican

Lieutenant Governor candidate Dan Patrick is still an unknown quantity for 17% of likely voters, and Democratic Gubernatorial candidate Gina Hinojosa is still an unknown quantity for 35% of likely voters.

The remaining nine candidates can be divided into two rough categories: those who are virtual unknowns to around one-half of likely voters and those who are virtual unknowns for more than two-thirds of likely voters. In the former category are Republican Comptroller candidate Don Huffines (49%) and Republican Attorney General candidate Mayes Middleton (50%). In the latter category are Republican Railroad Commissioner candidate Bo French (67%), Democratic Lieutenant Governor candidate Vikki Goodwin (73%), Democratic Attorney General candidate Nathan Johnson (77%), Republican Land Commissioner candidate Dawn Buckingham (80%), Democratic Land Commissioner candidate Benjamin Flores (83%) and Democratic Railroad Commissioner candidate Jon Rosenthal (83%).

The candidates' net-favorability ratings (percentage favorable minus percentage unfavorable) range from a high of +9% (Hinojosa) to a low of -18% (Paxton), with though, as highlighted above, a majority of voters still not knowing enough about two-thirds of these candidates to have an opinion of them.

President Donald Trump is viewed favorably by 44% of these Texas likely voters and unfavorably by 55%, with 1% reporting they do not know enough about him to have an opinion.

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