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Voters will head to the polls to select a governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, and comptroller. Governor Greg Abbott (R) is expected to secure a historic fourth consecutive term in office. All 150 house seats and 16 out of 31 senate seats are also up for election. Republicans are expected to main control of all executive offices and the house and senate.

Comptroller

Democratic Nominee

Sarah Eckhardt

Eckhardt currently represents Texas Senate District 4 where she won a special election for the seat in May 2020. Prior to her time in the legislature, she served as a Travis County judge from 2015 to 2020 and a county commissioner from 2006 to 2014.

She touts her experience as a county prosecutor coupled with her bipartisan work in the legislature. Her campaign platform highlights **efforts to reduce bureaucratic barriers**, secure **senior property tax exemptions**, and ensure that nonprofit disaster relief organizations could utilize their resources to the fullest potential.

Eckhardt's campaign also centers on **restoring trust and accountability in government** calling herself "a watchdog for your money." She is critical of the single-party rule in Texas that she believes has led to a lack of transparency in government. Eckhardt feels that the office has failed to effectively evaluate the performance of state agencies and would work to reimplement a rigorous evaluation process.

She also stated that she will **audit the school voucher program** to determine how public funds are used and who benefits from the program.

One of Eckhardt's day-one priorities would be **assessing all no-bid contracts negotiated under emergency orders from the governor's office**. She states that these emergency orders have been renewed by the governor's office every single month for the last six years.

Trivia: Sarah Eckhardt is the daughter of the late US Congressman Robert Eckhardt who served in Texas's 8th Congressional District from 1967 to 1981.