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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.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

State Representative Gina Hinojosa

Gina Hinojosa easily coasted to the party's nomination with 58.5% of the vote and will now face long-time head of state, Governor Greg Abbott (R), as he fights for a fourth consecutive term in office. She was previously inspired to run for Austin ISAD School Board after state budget cuts threatened to shut down her son's school, launching her career into politics. She currently represents Texas House District 49, a position she has held since 2017.

Hinojosa's **affordability** agenda advocates for reduced incentives for private equity and corporations. She is concerned over the potential impact of **data centers** on electricity costs and water supply. She believes that companies should bear the costs of data centers and that leaders must prioritize the water supply for residents over large corporations.

Public education is a centerpiece of Hinojosa's campaign. Hinojosa opposes Abbott's school voucher program, claiming the program drains billions of taxpayer dollars from public schools and the Teacher Retirement System. In June 2026, Hinojosa launched Team Texas Public Schools, a bipartisan organization dedicated to helping communities fight school closures. Hinjosa also states that she will amend the way that the state currently evaluates schools and prevent the state from taking over local districts.

Another key priority for Hinojosa is expanding **access to healthcare.** In the legislature, she led the passage of bill that provides nearly $1 billion in federal funds for indigent health care in Travis County. Hinjosa has vowed to work to regulate **private equity** firms and "prevent them from driving up the costs of healthcare."

Hinojosa has criticized Abbott for putting the interests of corporate political donors ahead of residents and claims that Abbott is letting special interests drive policy decisions.

The Cook Political Report and Sabato's Crystal Ball updated race ratings to Leans Republican in mid-October. Both races were rated as Safe Republican in July.

Trivia: Gina Hinojosa is a graduate of the George Washington University National Law Center and began her career as a civil rights and labor lawyer.