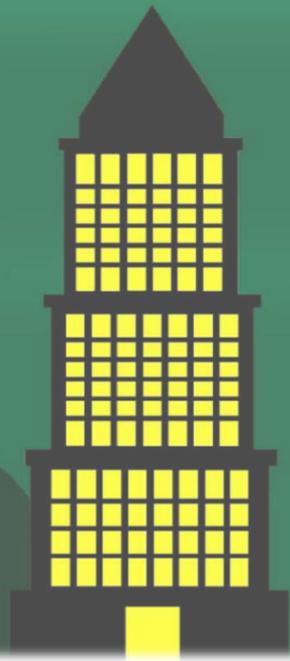


VOTE MARCH 6, 2018

THIS ELECTION WILL AFFECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF CALDWELL COUNTY RESIDENTS FOR GENERATIONS.



Caldwell County Commissioners have surrendered the legal fight against the proposed 17 story tall Green Group dump on 130 / 1185, just North of Lockhart, ignoring concerns of shoddy engineering, flooding and traffic safety. MOST Commissioners have voted to negotiate a host agreement with the company. The Caldwell County siting ordinance prohibits the dumpsite, but Green Group says their permit came before the ordinance. The new Commissioners Court will decide the fate of thousands of children and citizens in Caldwell County.

We think Caldwell County residents have a right to know where the candidates stand on 130 Environmental Park, aka, THE DUMP.

IT'S NOT A DONE DEAL.

We asked the Candidates the following 2 questions:

- 1) If elected to office, would you vote for or against the 130 Environmental Park, and why?
- 2) The current Caldwell County siting ordinance prohibits building a landfill on the proposed 130 Environmental Park site. If elected to office, would you vote to defend the ordinance as it's currently written, why or why not?

Candidates for County Judge



Deward Cummings
Mr. Cummings is not against the dump, and has not heard of the siting ordinance. He is concerned about the added wear and tear the traffic will have on the roadway.



Hoppy Haden
As County Commissioner, Mr. Haden voted to end the legal fight against the landfill. He publicly opposed changing the siting ordinance, and offered to negotiate with Green Group. Phone records show Mr. Haden held secret meetings with Green Group at the same time Caldwell County taxpayers were battling the company in court.



Alfredo Munoz
As a former County Commissioner, Mr. Munoz voted for the siting ordinance and to fight the proposed dump in court.



Kenneth Schawe
Incumbent County Judge Ken Schawe is a leading proponent of ending the legal battle against the dump. Phone records show he held secret discussions with Green Group while taxpayers were fighting the dump.



Anna Ybarra
Ms. Ybarra is against the dump and concerned about the environmental effects it may have. She says she would "most emphatically" defend the siting ordinance.

Candidates for County Commissioner Precinct 1



Lucy Knight
Ms. Knight ignored multiple requests for her position on the dump and the siting ordinance.



Ida Reyna-Magallanez
Ms. Reyna-Magallanez says she needs more information about the dump, but would defend the ordinance as long as it protects the citizens of Caldwell County.



Chayo Rosario Rodriguez
Mr. Rodriguez ignored multiple requests for his position on the dump and the siting ordinance.



B.J. Westmoreland
Mr. Westmoreland ignored multiple requests for his position on the dump and the siting ordinance.

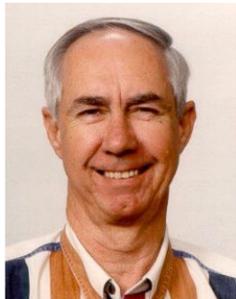


Terry Wright
Mr. Wright ignored multiple requests for his position on the dump and the siting ordinance.

Candidates for County Commissioner Precinct 2



Eddie Moses
Incumbent Commissioner Moses voted to end the legal fight against the dump and has voted to negotiate the siting ordinance with Green Group. Mr. Moses previously said he was opposed to changing the siting ordinance, but thinks the 130 site is not affected by the ordinance.



Fred Buchholtz
Mr. Buchholtz does not believe the siting ordinance prohibits the 130 dump and wants the County to stay neutral despite the health and safety concerns.

Candidates for County Commissioner Precinct 4



Joe Roland
Incumbent Commissioner Roland has become the only elected voice opposing the dump. He voted against ending the legal battle and has said he will not change the siting ordinance.



Jerry West
Mr. West said he "doesn't want to see a dump in Caldwell County," but isn't even certain the landfill will be an issue by the time he would take office.

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Contact was attempted for all candidates running for Caldwell County Judge and Commissioners Court. At print time, we received no response from the following candidates:
County Judge – Johnny Lee Spriggs
Precinct 1 Commissioner – Thom Hanson
Precinct 2 Commissioner – Barbara Shelton