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# Texas Conservatives Concerned About the Death Penalty

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Welcome to Texas CCATDP's February 2024 newsletter!

## UPCOMING EXECUTIONS

Two executions are currently scheduled for 2024. [Ivan Cantu](#) is scheduled to be put to death on February 28 for the murders of James Mosqueda and Amy Kitchen in Dallas. He has maintained his innocence, and in previous appeals he argued his trial attorneys were ineffective for failing to investigate and present evidence that would support his claim. Disturbed by the prospect they heard false and misleading testimony during the trial, some of the jurors who sentenced Cantu to death in 2001 want this evidence to be reviewed.

For more information about his case and to sign the petition to help save Ivan Cantu, click [here](#).

[James Harris, Jr.](#) is scheduled for execution on March 13 for the murder of Alton Wilcox in Brazoria County. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [X](#) for information on how to take action around this upcoming scheduled execution.

## TEXAS PRIMARY ELECTION: ARE YOU READY TO VOTE?

Texas will hold its 2024 primary election on Tuesday, March 5. Early voting begins **Tuesday, February 20** and runs through **Friday, March 1**. Candidates for the Texas Legislature, the Texas Supreme Court, District Attorney offices, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, and other offices will be on the ballot.

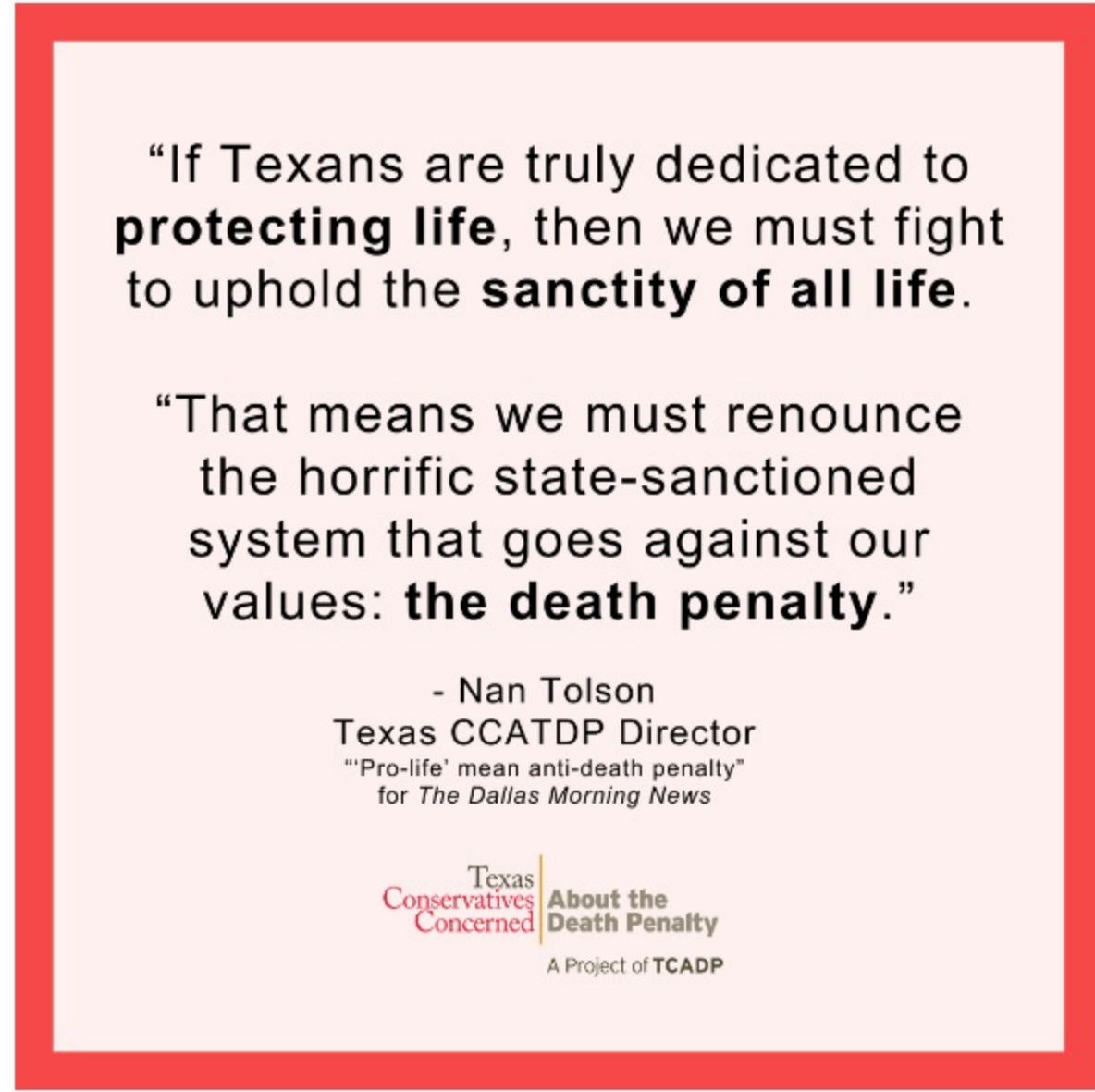
Check your registration status, access a sample ballot, find your polling place, and more on the [Texas Secretary of State's website](#).

**Important reminder: The last day to register to vote in the 2024 primary election in Texas is Monday, February 5, 2024.**

## TEXAS CCATDP OP-ED: "‘PRO-LIFE’ MEANS ANTI-DEATH PENALTY"

The *Dallas Morning News* recently published an op-ed by Texas CCATDP director Nan Tolson. The op-ed makes the case for a consistent pro-life ethic that includes opposition to capital punishment. Check it out using the link below!

[Read the op-ed](#)



## JOIN US AT TCADP'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN FORT WORTH!



Join Texas CCATDP at [TCADP's annual conference](#) on **Saturday, March 2 in Fort Worth**. The conference features a panel discussion, a keynote address from civil rights icon Opal Lee, educational workshops, and more.

Texas CCATDP director **Nan Tolson** will lead a **workshop** on the importance of conservative voices in the fight to end the death penalty. Tolson will share insight into conservative values, discuss strategies for engaging conservatives on the death penalty, and hold a Q&A. [Register today!](#)

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

**PRO-LIFE MARCHES** Texas CCATDP was well represented at the North Texas March for Life in Dallas and the Texas Rally for Life in Austin last month. Thanks to everyone who joined us and used our "Pro-Life For The Whole Life" signs! [Contact us if you'd like a yard sign.](#)

**NEW PRO-LIFE RESOURCES** Texas CCATDP launched a variety of pro-life resources in honor of Sanctity of Life Month, including [a pro-life fact sheet](#) and a [letter template](#) for you to send to Governor Abbott and your lawmakers. [Contact us for physical copies.](#)

**TCADP REPORT DELIVERY** Texas CCATDP director Nan Tolson joined advocates at the Texas State Capitol to deliver TCADP's annual report on the death penalty to state lawmakers. [Read TCADP's annual report here.](#)



## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Wednesday, February 7 and Thursday, February 8: Tarrant County Candidate Debates** Nonpartisan organizations Fort Worth Report, KERA, SteerFW and the League of Women Voters will host candidate debates for the March 2024 primary elections. On Feb. 7, Republican candidates in the following races will debate: U.S. House District 12, Texas House District 97, and Tarrant County Tax Assessor-Collector. On Feb. 8, Democrat candidates in the following races will debate: U.S. House District 12, Texas House District 97, and Tarrant County Commissioner Precinct 1. RSVP for the [Republican](#) and [Democratic](#) primary debates.



**Friday, February 2: First Friday Prayer Vigil** On the First Friday of each month, Catholic Mobilizing Network holds a Virtual Prayer Vigil to lament upcoming executions and bear witness to the inviolable dignity of all human life. The vigils feature the voices of Catholic bishops, Church leaders, and allies across the death penalty abolition movement. [RSVP here.](#)



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