

HOPE FOR 2040: Nurses Leading the Charge



NURSES IN OFFICE

The Nurses in Office initiative aims to encourage and support registered nurses running for elected offices, starting locally—school boards, city councils, and justice of the peace—and growing eventually to the state and national levels.

Reaching this goal will require local and statewide leadership, teamwork, and individual engagement. The initiative is supported by the Texas Nurses Association and the Texas School Nurses Organization.



The idea of Nurses in Office starts by finding TNA members willing and ready to run for local office in 2022. Armed with information from TNA and backed by a strong campaign team, members will be well prepared to take office and then move up to higher offices.

To get nurses in office across Texas, we need your help:

- Consider running for office or encourage a colleague to run.
- Volunteer to do research for candidates.
- Get voters registered and to the polls.
- Serve on a campaign team.
- Canvass for or otherwise promote a candidate that you believe in.

Tell TNA if you (or a peer) are running for office. If you don't have anyone to run, you could create an interest group of nurses in your community to find a strong nurse candidate.

We hope to see:

- 2022 Ten RNs running locally
- 2030 Five RNs at the Capitol
- 2040 RN running for Governor



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Women in Politics: Putting Yourself Out There by geriatric nurse Brenda Cleary, PhD, is a great resource on running for office and strategy.