



## **Austin Landline Report March 2018**

The dust is still settling from yesterday's primary races, but the over-arching theme seems to be that it was a good day for incumbents. All the state-wide office holders won handily, including the Ag and Land Commissioners, who had multiple opponents. Dave Campbell, endorsed by STPRA and the Farm Bureau, was unsuccessful in defeating State Rep. Kyle Biedermann, though he bested him in their home county of Gillespie (Fredericksburg).

In the race for Lamar Smith's Congressional seat, Ted Cruz's candidate, Chip Roy, will have a run-off with Matt McCall, a perennial candidate. William Negley, related to our own Negley's, finished a close third out of 18 candidates.

Bech Bruun from Corpus Christi led candidates to replace Blake Farenthold in Congress. He will face Mike Cloud from Victoria in the May 22nd run-off.

On the Democratic side, there will be a run-off for their gubernatorial candidate and their US Senate nominee, who did not finish as strongly as expected. Rep. Ryan Guillen was re-elected and has no opponent in the fall.