

Agenda: Building the Rural-Urban Coalition for Local Control in 2015

Saturday, January 24, 10 to 4 pm

American Legion, 3003 Loop 150 East, Bastrop, Texas
(next to Bastrop State Park)



10 am Welcome. Michele Gangnes, Founding Board Member

The mission and rules of the non-profit membership association for non-aligned voters -- the League of Independent Voters of Texas.

10:30 How the growth machine is using you and how you can fight back!

Brian Rodgers, Austin real estate developer and whistle-blower, will give his alternative to the Chamber of Commerce's plan for economic development. Through years of civic activism, Brian is respected by his peers and feared by those who continue to try to offload the costs of growth onto the backs of current residents.

11:30 Local Control and Local Foods – Judith McGeary, Esq., FARFA.

Judith is one of the leading figures in America fighting for small and medium size farms. She will talk about how the proposed so-called "right to farm" bill places both farmers' and non-farmers' rights at risk by cutting off all local control of agriculture and lots more she has planned for the legislative session.

12:00 Grab Your Lunch! (Bring your own, or let us know you want to take ours.)

12:30 Water War, what is it good for?

- "The California Plan" for groundwater: Phil Cook, Lost Pines Sierra Club
- San Antonio's Vista Ridge Water Grab: Michele Gangnes, Neighbors for Neighbors
- Rural Texas as a Dumping Ground: Byron Friedrich, Environmental Protection in the Interest of Caldwell County

1:45 What Our Forefathers Died for — Fair Elections

Linda Curtis, former candidate, **Kathy Geraghty**, former Elgin Republican precinct chair, **Colleen Duffy**, Bastrop Voter will open with the facts of what happened in Bastrop County on January 6th.

Fred Lewis, Esq., longtime election attorney will then take the stage to talk about the law and some of the reforms needed so this doesn't happen again.

2:30 It's All About Local Control – good bills/bad bills in 2015

Calvin Tillman, Mayor Emeritus, DISH

Bring your suggestions for bills to support or whack in the session about protection of water and land resources, eminent domain reform and fair elections. You have 3 minutes to ask for our support.

3:30 Wrap Up – proposal for lobby day(s) and April Local Control Rally

4:00 Adjourn

A suggested \$10 **donation** will be requested at the door. If you want our lunch, bring an additional \$10 (or feel free to bring your own lunch).

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