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## **Former Harris County Democratic Party Chair Lillie Schechter Formally Announces Run For Texas Democratic Party Chair**

*Calls for Full “360 Degree” Review of Party Strategy Following Devastating Election Day Losses; Vows To Find Ways To Reconnect Democrats With Voters Across The State*

(Houston, TX) - Today, Lillie Schechter, former Chair of the Harris County Democratic Party (HCDP), announced that she has formally filed to run for Chair of the Texas Democratic Party. Schechter is a longtime party strategist with decades of experience building diverse coalitions, raising millions of dollars for democratic clubs and candidates, and leading successful democratic campaigns.

“The results of last year’s election should serve as a wake-up call for democratic leaders across Texas and America,” said Schechter. “The brutal truth is that the establishment political class has lost touch with voters in every corner of our state. As a proud Democrat, I know we are on the right side of history, but it’s no longer enough to assume we can win based on that - we have to reconnect our party with the millions of people whose lives are better because of our policies.

“I’m running because I believe our party deserves a leader willing to fight for what we believe in while conducting a sober, 360-degree assessment and taking action to change. Running a state party of our size is a serious endeavor that requires someone with a history of doing the work it takes to win campaigns. As the only candidate in this race who has successfully run a large party organization in Texas, I’m excited to start making my case to fellow democrats so we get to work electing progressive candidates across Texas.”

### **About Lillie**

Lillie Schechter is a political strategist, fundraiser, and grassroots organizer with decades of experience working for state, local, and national Democratic candidates and organizations. In 2017, Schechter was elected chair of the Harris County Democratic Party - a party organization larger than those of 26 other states. During her tenure at HCDP, Schechter raised over \$5.5 million for the party and built an operation responsible for electing a wave of democrats up and down the ticket and across the largest county in Texas. Since 2009, she has led Bayou City Strategies, a firm she founded specializing in fundraising, campaign strategy, and candidate training for progressive causes and candidates, including Lina Hidalgo, Sylvia Garcia,

Rodney Ellis, Christian Menefee, Cecile Richards and Planned Parenthood, Wendy Davis, Leticia Van De Putte, and Hillary Clinton.

Schechter is an active community member and has been honored by numerous organizations, including River Oaks Democratic Women, Tejano Democrats and Pride Houston's Ally Grand Marshal for her longstanding support. She is married with three step kids and a very clingy dog.

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