

The 2018 Texas Conference for Women Celebrates 19th Year!

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Keynote speakers Nina Shaw and Reese Witherspoon.

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(AUSTIN, TX) - The Texas Conference for Women, now in its 19th year, is part of the largest established network of professional women's conferences in the country. It will be held in Austin, TX at the Austin Convention Center on Friday, November 9th, 2018.

Keynote speakers will include REESE WITHERSPOON, an award winning actress and producer who has created the kinds of unforgettable characters that connect with critics and audiences alike. She won an Academy Award for her portrayal of June Carter Cash in *Walk the Line*, and was later nominated in that same category for *Wild* in 2014, which she also produced. Her role in *Wild* also garnered nominations for Golden Globe, SAG, Critics' Choice and BAFTA Awards. Witherspoon is also in production on HBO's critically-acclaimed *Big Little Lies* (Season Two). She executive produced last year's first season of *Big Little Lies*, which won eight Emmy Awards, four Golden Globes, four Critics' Choice Awards, and two SAG Awards. Witherspoon was most recently seen in *A Wrinkle in Time*, directed by Ava DuVernay and co-starring Oprah

Winfrey, Mindy Kaling, and Chris Pine.

NINA SHAW is another keynote speaker and a founding partner in the entertainment law firm of Del Shaw Moonves Tanaka Finkelstein & Lezcano. Her practice is in the television, motion picture, and live stage area. A native New Yorker, Shaw was born and raised in Harlem and The Bronx, educated in the New York City public school system and is a graduate of Barnard College and Columbia Law School. Among her clients are successful and award winning actors, writers, producers and directors as well as entrepreneurs and entertainment executives. She began her legal career in the entertainment department of the law firm of O'Melveny & Myers. She is a Variety DealMaker Impact honoree and has been named repeatedly to *The Hollywood Reporter's* Women in Entertainment Power 100 list. Recently, she was honored by *Essence Magazine* with its 2016 Black Women in Hollywood Power Award, and also in 2016 Shaw was profiled in the *New York Times* article *She's the Hollywood Power Behind Those Seeking a Voice*. Shaw has a long-standing commitment to the education of children and in particular is an advocate for the education of girls and women. She is currently vice president of the board of directors of the Independent School Alliance for Minority Affairs. Additionally, she is among the founding organizers of Time's Up.

"Once again, the Texas Conference for Women has brought together some of the most impressive voices and leading experts on gender equality, pay equity, personal empowerment and career success in a pivotal moment in our history," said Carla Pinpeyro Sublett, Board President of the Texas Conference for Women.

The nonpartisan, nonprofit Texas Conference for Women is the largest of its kind in Texas. Breakout sessions are led by more than 100 experts in the fields of leadership, philanthropy, health and wellness, finance, media, personal branding and professional development.

To learn more about the 19th annual Texas Conference for Women, please visit us at www.txconferenceforwomen.org.

Travis County Commissioners Court Statements Regarding NOAA Atlas 14 Rainfall Intensity and Floodplain Findings

(Austin, TX) - Members of the Travis County Commissioners Court released the following statement regarding the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Atlas 14 rainfall intensity and floodplain findings :

Item 16: Consider and take appropriate action regarding the effects of recent National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Atlas 14 rainfall intensity and floodplain findings on future Travis County Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects.

"Travis County has a responsibility to prepare for the future and to lead by example. Atlas 14 has shown we must make changes to our bond projects in order to keep our constituents safe. As we move forward with our projects, our staff will continue to work closely with our neighboring governments and make certain we are keeping the best interests of our constituents in mind. While the added costs are significant, we must do what is necessary to keep safety our priority."

- Sarah Eckhardt, Travis County Judge

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Romans 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

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