

Wilco County Democrats Welcome Congressman Joaquin Castro



Pictured left to right: John Bucy, Williamson County Democratic Chair and Congressman Joaquin Castro. Photo by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

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On April 13, 2017 Congressman Joaquin Castro made a stop in Williamson County. In Williamson County, Congressman Castro was greeted by the chair of the Williamson County Democratic John Bucy and also by the rest of the party members. Congressman Joaquin Castro “worked the crowd” by greeting and taking pictures with the member of the crowd. Moreover, the crowd gathered there were excited to see and were ready to hear what Congressman Castro had to say. After working the crowd, Congressman Castro goes to front, in which, he introduced by John Bucy, the Williamson County Democratic Party Chair.

The first thing that Congressman Castro mentioned is that “he would like to thank the member of the Williamson Democratic Party and the audience for their activism, which, it’s paying off.” Then Congressman Castro spoke about how Trump and Senator Ted Cruz tried to “gut” the Affordable care act. According to Congressman Castro, getting rid of the Affordable Care will take them back to the day, in which, Americans had to choice between paying for their mortgage or go the hospital.” In addition, Congressman Castro spoke about the upcoming 2018 election Senatorial race that will occurring in Texas.

Although, Congressman Castro has been making a lot of stop outside of his Congressional District, he has yet to announce his intention to run for the US senate seat from Texas. Moreover, Congressman Castro and his twin brother are considered to be “next leader” in Texas politics. Although numerous Democrats wants Congressman Castro to run, he mentioned that “in a couple of weeks he will announce his run.” If he does decide to run than he will face a challenger in the Democratic Party primary.

GVMC Ministry Host International Conference



Stephanie Ncho, Lead Pastor of GVMC Austin, Texas

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Beginning April 28, 2017 through April 30th, The Overcomer’s Ministry (GVMC) plan to hold a conference in Austin Texas. Moreover, pastor Stephanie Ncho of the Austin GVMC branch will be hosting this event. According to the organizers, there will be leaders coming from Europe (France) and three Texas cities including Dallas and San Antonio to the Austin area. So, Austin will become the “activity center” for the GVMC for the next 3 days. According to the organizers, the theme of the conference is “breaking every limita-

tion on your prophetic destiny.”

The Overcomers’ Ministry (GVMC) recently moved to Austin in order to expand its outreach ministry to a growing African Diaspora and other communities in the area. Over the years, Austin and the Central Texas have seen a dramatic population increase from the African Diaspora Community. As the African Diaspora increases, so will there be an increase in the cultural and social aspects of this community. Moreover, moving to Austin was a strategic move that has paid off due to the fact that they have seen a great re-

sponse from the local African Diaspora Community.

Over a period of time, the church started to grow at a faster rate and thus decided to move into a larger rental building. Now, GVMC is located at 7801 N. Lamar BLVD suite 125 in Austin. GVMC currently holds Bible Studies on Wednesdays from 8:00-9:30pm; Prayer Sessions on Fridays from 8:00-10:00pm and a Worship Service on Sundays from 10:00am-1:00pm. Moreover, the GVMC (Overcomers Ministry) is led by Stephanie N’Cho while Apostle Guy Tanoh is the general overseer over all the churches.

Texas Residents Question Black Lives Matter Movement

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Friday, April 7, 2017, Austin police officers opened fire on Lawrence “LP” Parrish, in which, he was shot more than 7 times. According to APD, he was rushed to” University Medical Center

Breckenridge where he underwent emergency surgery for multiple gunshot wounds.” While in the hospital, Mr. Parish family was not allowed talk with the doctors nor visit him. So according to the family of Mr. Parish, “the doctors to amputate both of his pinky fingers, without the consent of his family.”

Moreover, the family has also mentioned that “within a week his medical procedure, he was sent to jail, in which, the treatment is not the same as a hospital.” In addition, the family of Mr. Parish stated that “he was treated less than human being.” Although Austin has a Democratic party controlled city council, it has failed to address the unending cycle of police

shootings of African Americans.” Furthermore, the shooting of Mr Parish marks yet another reminder that Black lives in Austin doesn’t matter.

Finally, the Democratic Party controlled Austin city council has not been able to address the APD use of force when dealing with African Americans. In other words, it seem that a Democratic party leadership within the city of Austin cannot address the root cause of police shooting. Since Adler has become mayor, nothing has changed from one administration to another. Although Austin has seen an increase of “civil rights”, there has not been a change of policy or APD approach to the African American community.

Draft Zoning Map is Released, Get Involved

Council Member Houston strongly encourages you to get involved in this process. There will be a community meeting hosted in District #1 on Saturday, May 13, 2017, at LBJ High School (7309 Lazy Creek Dr, Austin, TX 78724) from 1pm - 3pm.

For more information about CodeNEXT and the land development draft code and map, please visit the CodeNEXT website.

Parks & Recreation Lifeguard Fair at Givens Recreation

The Austin Parks and Recreation Department’s Aquatic &

Nature Based Programs Division will be holding a job fair for the 2017 swim season at Givens Recreation Center on Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 12pm – 4pm (3811 East 12th Street, Austin, Texas 78721).

For more information and requirements on what to bring with you to the job fair with you, please call the Austin Parks and Recreation Department’s Aquatic Administration at 512-974-9330.

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