



## Ann Howard Bio

Ann Howard, standing proud by the Barbara Jordan statue on the UT Campus, was sworn in as the County Commissioner for Precinct 3 on January 1, 2021, by former State Senator and LBJ School Dean Max Sherman. Ann likes to say that she is “the UT Commissioner.” As her precinct includes the entirety of the University of Texas main and west campus areas and also from downtown Austin to Briarcliff, out west on SH 71 and Jonestown on SH 1431, including neighborhoods of Westlake, Circle C, Shady Hollow and Lakeway.

Commissioner Ann Howard is said to be everywhere, meeting constituents to address difficult situations and celebrate community accomplishments. Ann often speaks on the need for smarter development, taking into consideration access to water, impact on roads, and affordability. Her time as Commissioner includes the COVID 19 Pandemic, the Opioid Overdose crisis, two winter disasters, and the 2023 heat/wildfire disaster. Ann has helped increase public investment in land management, wildfire prevention, mental health treatment, supportive housing, and elections. Ann enjoyed approving \$110 million in federal relief funds to build supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness and expanding the Ronald McDonald House for families. She has also worked diligently on improving Emergency Management across the community.

Ann dedicated many hours to the successful passage of the 2023 bond initiatives, which raised \$509 million to improve roads, add sidewalks, and expand land acquisition for parks and water conservation. Ann is running unopposed in 2024 for election to her second term.

Ann is the former executive director of ECHO, the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition, a graduate of UT Law and LBJ Schools, and a former attorney on the US Senate Judiciary Committee to now President Joe Biden. She and her husband are lifetime members of the Texas Exes, active supporters of the 40 Acres Scholarship, the Jackson School of Geosciences, and the LBJ School of Public Affairs.