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Early voting began October 20 and ends on October 31. For early voting locations and times - check [here](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page.

A complete list of supported ballot items is available [here](#)

The following is a list of general election candidates that are supported by HOME PAC, the registered, non-partisan, political action committee of the Texas Association of Builders, in the 2014 General Election. Decisions to support a candidate are based upon their demonstrated understanding of issues affecting the Texas residential construction and development industry and dedication to issues affecting homeowners and future Texas home buyers.

Statewide Races in which HOME PAC is supporting or endorsing a candidate:

Governor

Endorsed by HOME PAC:
Greg Abbott (R)

Lt. Governor

Endorsed by HOME PAC:
Dan Patrick (R)

Attorney General

Endorsed by HOME PAC:
Ken Paxton (R)

Comptroller

Endorsed by HOME PAC:
Glenn Hegar (R)

Land Commissioner

Endorsed by HOME PAC:
George P. Bush (R)

Agriculture Commissioner

Supported by HOME PAC:
Sid Miller (R)

Railroad Commissioner

Supported by HOME PAC:
Ryan Sitton (R)

Judicial Races in which HOME PAC is supporting a candidate:

Supreme Court Chief Justice
Nathan Hecht (R)

Supreme Court Place 6
Jeff Brown (R)

Supreme Court Place 7
Jeff Boyd (R)

Supreme Court Place 8
Phil Johnson (R)

Chief Justice 3rd Court of Appeals
Jeff Rose (R)

Local Texas House Races in which HOME PAC is supporting a candidate:

District 54

Jimmie Don Aycok (R – Killeen)
Lampasas, Bell (part)

District 55

Molly White (R - Belton)
Bell (part)

***Please remember to vote YES to pass Proposition 1- The November 2014 statewide ballot proposition is a constitutional amendment authorized by SJR 1 which legislators approved last year. The amendment would authorize annual disbursements from the state's oil and gas production tax collections to the State Highway Fund. An estimated \$1.7 billion would be transferred into the State Highway Fund in the first year alone. The amendment would provide a significant step toward meeting the unmet funding needs for transportation projects in Texas.**

***Please continue to support our Bell County Officials in their uncontested races as well!**

***Please remember to vote YES to ALL 19 City of Temple Charter Proposition Amendments. TABA HomePAC supports passage of the City of Temple Charter Proposition Amendments.**

TABA HomePAC is the Political Action Committee of the Temple Area Builders Association. TABA HomePAC promotes and financially supports candidates, issues, and causes that are in the best interest of the community TABA serves. TABA HomePAC does not support a particular political party - it supports the best candidate for our views and goals.

Political ad paid for by Temple Area Home Builders Association Home-PAC

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Slate for Your 2015 Board of Directors

Per the TABA By-Laws, the Nominating Committee Report must be presented to the entire membership before elections. Our election will occur on November 13th prior to the [A Night at the Races](#) horseracing event at Wildflower Country Club. The following will be voted on to be our 2015 Board of Directors. As always, nominations will be taken from the floor if any should be presented.

Nominations for 2015 TABA Board of Directors

David Patterson, President
Patrick Johnson, Vice President
Mike Pilkington, Secretary
Jerry Tyroch, Treasurer
Jason Carothers, Past President

Robbie Johnson
Jamey Secrest
Jared Bryan
Joel Berryman
Megan Kiella
Timm White

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2014 Awards and 2015 Board of Directors Election

followed by

2nd Not Quite Annual “A Night At The Races”

Thursday, November 13, 2014 -- Wildflower Country Club

Doors Open at 6:00 pm, TABA Awards and Board of Directors Election at 6:15 pm, Ticketed event starts at 6:45 pm for ticket holders

Cost - \$25 per person

LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS AVAILABLE

Each ticket will include:

- Dinner for 1
- 2 Drink tickets for domestic beer or wine (cash bar also available)
- Each ticket holder receives play money for betting
- Race forms will be provided for use during the night
- An evening of fun with fellow TABA Members!

Evening's Agenda:

- 6:00 pm - Doors Open
- 6:15 pm - Awards and 2015 Officer Elections and Installation (All may attend)
- 6:45 pm - "A Night At The Races" Horseracing event starts for ticket holders
 - Buffet of Assorted Wings, Build your own Gourmet hot dog bar, and vegetarian quesadillas served to ticket holders during event
- Races will be shown approximately every 15 minutes (8 total)
- Prize drawings after the last race

No tickets will be sold at the door that evening. Please RSVP to Regina at TABA at 254-773-0445 or Regina@tahb.org

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February 20, 21, and 22

Preparations for the [2015 Home & Garden Show](#) are underway - Get involved now!

For more information on the 2015 Builder Surplus Sale contact us or [click here!](#)

Sponsorship Opportunities are still available - [click here](#) for more information!

Follow the Show and like us on [Facebook!](#)

Exhibitors can contact us at info@tahb.org or 254-773-0445 for more information on the 2015 Show!

Booth Price Guide available [here](#)

Show Layout available [here](#)



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Thank you for coming out to the 2014 Elected Officials' Appreciation BBQ!



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2014 Skeet Shoot Sponsored By:



HomePAC appreciates the support of all who participated in the 2014 Skeet Shoot! We had a great fundraiser at Weber's Shooting Sports in Troy. Please be sure to thank our Sponsors and congratulate this year's winners - the BGFN Skeet Shoot Team!



TABA HomePAC is the Political Action Committee of the Temple Area Builders Association. HomePAC works to promote and financially support candidates, issues and causes that are in the best interest of the community that TABA serves. With the funds that HomePAC generates, we support local initiatives and candidates that promote and enhance the ability to make a living in the homebuilding and related industries in East Bell County. Since '96 HomePAC has spent more than \$250,000 aligning ourselves with candidates and causes that are supportive of our industry. HomePAC funds are essential to assuring that TABA maintains a strong voice in the political arena and in assuring our community remains an attractive spot for continued development.

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Governor Perry Proclaims October 2014 “Careers In Construction Month”

Take a look at the Governor's Proclamation [here](#)

At the request of the Texas Association of Builders and the Texas Builders Foundation, Governor Rick Perry signed a proclamation declaring October 2014 as “Careers in Construction Month” to increase public awareness and appreciation of construction craft professionals and the entire construction workforce.

The Texas Association of Builders, an affiliate of the National Association of Home Builders, has 28 local home builders associations and nearly 10,000 members across Texas, representing over 702,500 jobs and more than \$31.1 billion annually in the Texas economy. Texas’ residential construction industry is facing a shortage of skilled workers and over the next five years 20 percent of skilled laborers in the construction industry will retire. With an estimated 1,300 people moving to Texas every day, the need for quality, affordable housing will continue to be in demand. A worker shortage delays the cost of the project, adding to the cost of the home, and pricing thousands of households out of average-priced homes in Texas.

The 83rd Texas Legislature passed House Bill 5, the comprehensive education reform bill, that gives high school students a choice in their post-graduation path, allowing them to prepare for college, or choosing elective courses that prepare them for employment immediately upon graduation from high school by, for example, earning construction industry or trade certifications. The mission of the Texas Builders Foundation, the charitable arm of the Texas Association of Builders, is to support and develop the future of Texas’ construction workforce by providing scholarships to students who are enrolled in construction-related programs in Texas’ technical and trade schools and colleges and universities.

By designating October 2014 as “Careers in Construction Month,” the Governor has provided the Association and Foundation with an additional tool in our efforts to educate the youth of Texas on the construction industry as a professional career path,” said Eddie Martin, Chairman of the Texas Builders Foundation, Texas Association of Builders Past President, and President and CEO of Tilson Home Corporation. “On behalf of the Texas Association of Builders and the Texas Builders Foundation, I want to thank Governor Perry for helping us to raise awareness of the construction industry as a worthy career option.”

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Please take a moment and check out our new members!

NEW October Members

[Stain & Stamp, Inc.](#) -- [Photo by Skeebo](#) -- [Budget Blinds](#) -- [Great House Plans](#)

Do Business with a member!

The TABA Board of Directors has set a goal to get back to 350 members by 2016 and that begins with our most valuable recruitment tools - our current members! TABA not only provides networking and marketing opportunities that help you

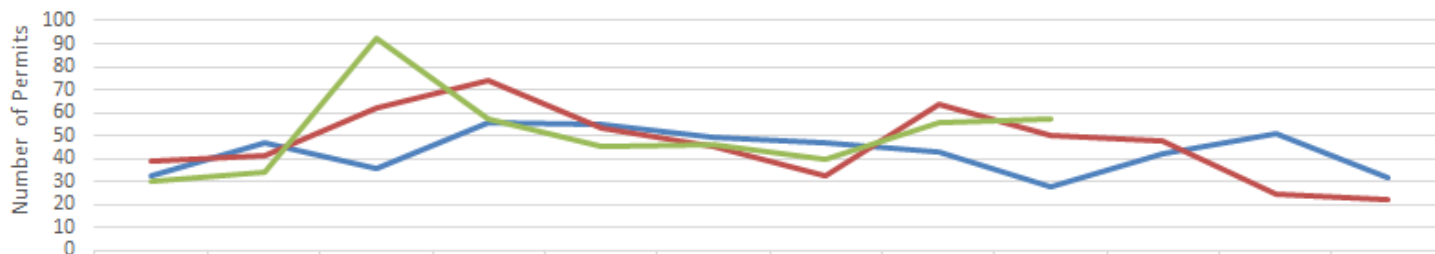
promote your business, we also navigate the political waters to help provide a pro-business environment.

Are you encouraging the people that you do business with to join TABA? There is strength in numbers! If your industry doesn't have a strong voice, your business will be impacted one way or another. This could mean less infrastructure development or it could mean more regulation and higher fees. Either way, your ability to grow your business could be limited if you don't have an advocate in the halls of government.

I encourage you to engage your business associates, and have them join TABA so we can continue to move our industry forward! Contact us at info@tahb.org or 254.773.0445 for more information on how to refer your business associates, or to pass on leads regarding prospective members!

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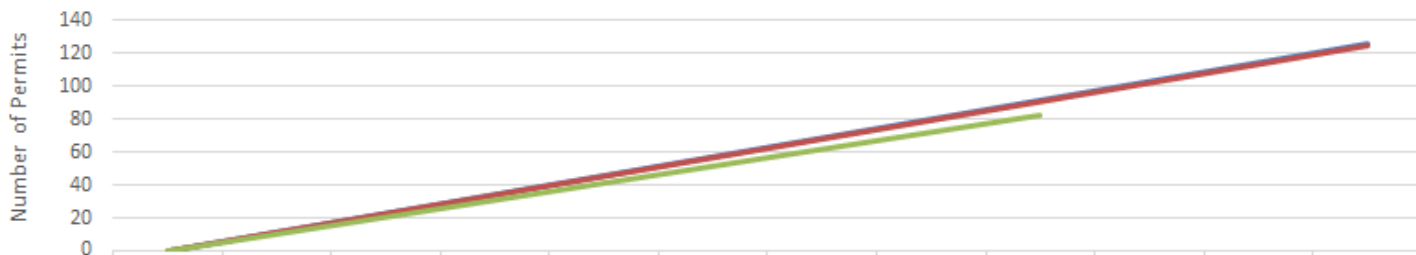
New Single-Family Home & Duplex Permits Issued in Temple, TX



	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2012	33	47	36	56	55	49	47	43	28	42	51	32
2013	39	41	62	74	53	45	33	64	50	48	25	22
2014	30	34	92	57	45	46	40	56	57			

2012 2013 2014

New Single-Family Home & Duplex Permits Issued in Belton, TX



	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2012	0											126
2013	0											125
2014	0								82			

2012 2013 2014

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Jim Howe -- Omega -- 544 Credits

John Kiella -- Kiella Homebuilders -- 444 Credits

Charles Amos -- Amos Electrical Supply -- 266 Credits

Linda Strickel -- Bonded Builders Warranty Group -- 257 Credits

Curtis Lockey -- Lochridge-Priest -- 205 Credits

Jason Carothers -- Carothers Executive Homes -- 192 Credits

Dean Winkler -- CRW Construction -- 162 Credits

Cynthia Savage -- FIA TX -- 141 Credits

John Paysse -- John Paysse Properties -- 123 Credits

Robbie Johnson -- Stillwater Custom Homes -- 118 Credits

What is the Spike Club?

The NAHB Spike Club is composed of all of the individual members and employees of members in local associations who have attained Spike status. It is a vehicle to recognize these members for their outstanding achievements in member recruitment and retention in their local home builders association.

How do I earn Spike Credits?

Individuals earn Spike Credits by sponsoring new members, and by those new members retaining their membership. Spike credits have the following values: 1.0 credit for new Builder or Associate members and 0.5 credit for new council members, Affiliate memberships, and Builder and Associate renewal memberships.

What is one example of a Spike Club perk?

Other than bragging rights... Spikes can attend the NAHB Spike Party & Directors' Reception held each year during the International Builders' Show. The Spike Party & Director's Reception recognizes and honors Spikes across the country for their continued commitment to membership development. To qualify to attend the Spike Party & Director's Reception, each Spike must have a minimum of 6 credits and must earn at least one new member credit between November 1 2013 - October 31 2014.

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Remaining 2014 Events

November 13 Awards presentation and 2015 Board of Director elections ... followed by [A Night at the Races](#) Horse Racing @ (Wildflower)
NEW

December 4 Christmas Party (Grand Avenue Theater)

2015 Events

February 20 - 22 [Home & Garden Show](#) (Bell County Expo Center)

March 4 Rally Day (Texas State Capitol)

April 17 - 19 Parade of Homes (Weekend 1)

April 24 - 26 Parade of Homes (Weekend 2)

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