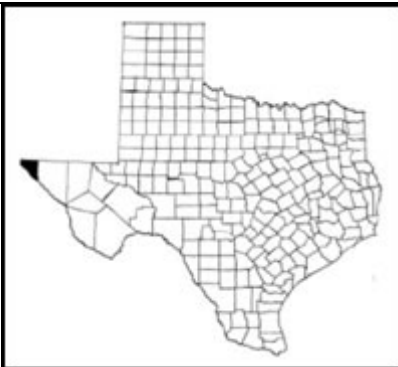




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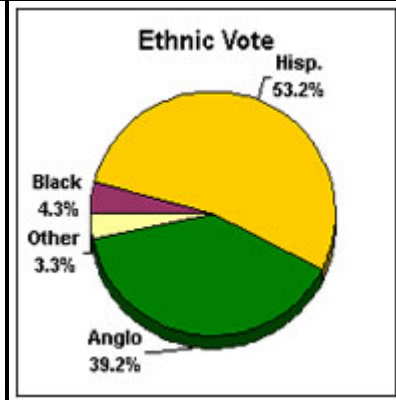
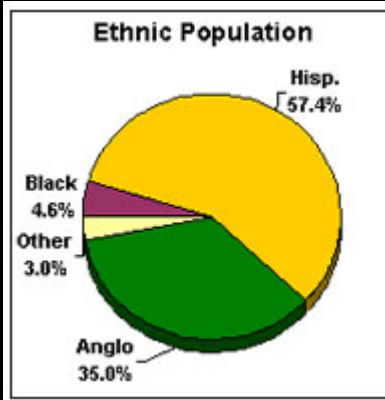
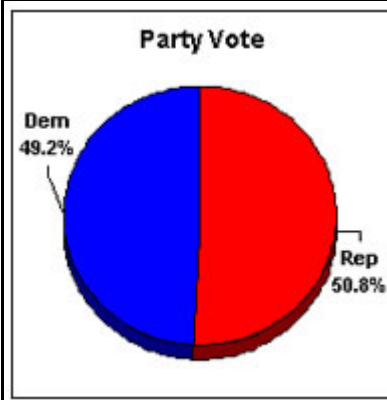
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Primary in House of Representatives District 78 2008



House District 78 Counties: El Paso (20%).

Demographics



District Overview

Election Date: 03/04/2008

Partisan Split: This is a swing district:
Now it is 50.82% Republican
In 2006, it was 51.83% Republican
In 2004, it was 53.27% Republican
In 2002, it was 51.77% Republican

Partisan Breakdown by County:

Population: 100% of the population in this district is in El Paso County.

For Statewide Election Results click: [2006 Statewide Results](#)
[2004 Statewide Results](#)
[2002 Statewide Results](#)

Race Results:

2008 Republican Primary Race Results		
Candidate	Number of Votes Received	Percentage of Votes Received
Margo, Dee	5,082	56.62%
Haggerty, Pat	3,894	43.38%
Totals	8,976	100%

2008 Democratic Primary Race Results		
Candidate	Number of Votes Received	Percentage of Votes Received
Moody, Joseph	12,964	72.17%
Irwin, Louis	4,999	27.83%
Totals	17,963	100%

2008 General Election Race Results		
Candidate	Number of Votes Received	Percentage of Votes Received
Moody, Joseph	26,176	51.53%
Margo, Dee	22,918	45.11%
Collins, Bill	1,706	3.36%
Totals	50,800	100%

[Pre 2008 Race Results](#)

Candidates



Republican
Incumbent

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Biographical Information

Date of Birth: 03/17/1944
Occupation: Real Estate Broker

State representative since 1989
El Paso City Council member from 1979 to 1987
Born in Rochester, MN, B.A. and M.A. from University of Texas at El Paso
Served in the U.S. Army
Haggerty's brother, Dan, is an El Paso county commissioner, another brother, Brian, serves on the El Paso community college board
Haggerty's wife, Yvonne, is a property tax consultant
Lists religion as Catholic



Republican

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Biographical Information

Date of Birth: 02/03/1952
Occupation: Insurance Executive

Unsuccessfully challenged incumbent State Senator Eliot Shapleigh in 2006
Chairman and CEO of John D. Williams Company, an insurance agency
Co-founder of the Operation Noel, which provides coats to needy children and charitable grants to local volunteer groups that aid El Pasoans in need, past chair of Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce and El Paso Empowerment Zone, serves on the boards of El Paso Regional Economic Development Corporation, Business Institute for Political Analysis, Texas Lyceum and past board member of Junior Achievement; involved in Rotary Club of El Paso, United Way of El Paso, Sunturians, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Private Industry Council, University of Texas El Paso Business School Advisory Council, and advisory board of the Texas Defense Economic Adjustment Advisory Board
Earned bachelor's degree in history and economics from Vanderbilt University
Margo's wife, Adair, is the founder of the Adair Margo Gallery; they have two sons.



Democrat

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Consultants: Troy Irwin

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Biographical Information

Date of Birth: 01/08/1943
Occupation: Professor

Biology professor and biomedical researcher at University of Texas at El Paso
Former chair of the Department of Biological Sciences and chief architect of the doctoral program in biology; co-author of the grant proposal that established the Border Biomedical Research Center in 1993 and later served as its Program Director.
1965 graduate of Texas Tech, field work in zoology in both West Texas and Mexico; holds doctorate in biochemistry and physiology from the University of Kansas; held a variety of teaching and research positions in New York, Detroit, and Boston; while living in inner city of Detroit during the mid-70s, elected precinct delegate to the State Democratic convention; while living in Newton, MA during the 1980s, elected Alderman for four terms; moved to El Paso in 1991
Born in Big Spring, raised in San Antonio



Democrat

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Consultants: Two Ton Creativity

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Biographical Information

Date of Birth: 01/09/1981
Occupation: Attorney

Assistant El Paso County District Attorney, prosecutes DWI, domestic violence, graffiti and vehicle burglaries
Member of Texas District and County Attorney's Association, El Paso Young Lawyer's Association, Mexican-American Bar Association, Black El Paso Democrats, Mexican-American Democrats, Tejano Democrats
El Paso native; son of El Paso County District Judge Bill Moody, a 2006 Supreme Court candidate, served as father's campaign manager
Graduate of Cathedral High School, B.A. in history from New Mexico State University, J.D. from Texas Tech University
Attends St. Matthews Catholic Church

Campaign Overview:

Pat Haggerty

Slogan:

"Putting The Needs of El Paso First!"

Issues:

Haggerty is running on his record of being a strong and independent voice for El Paso. "Pat Haggerty has always put the needs of El Paso first, and has a 20-year track record of delivering results for El Paso. Pat has helped to pass the two largest tax cuts in Texas history, the largest property tax relief bill in Texas history, landmark lawsuit abuse reform, and tougher penalties for child molesters and rapists. Additionally, Pat will work with the House and Senate to secure continued funding for the Medical School. He will also continue working to address the explosive growth at Fort Bliss as a result of BRAC. Already Pat has helped to secure funding support for new schools that are needed to address the growth, and as a ranking member of the Transportation Committee, Pat will work with the community to address El Paso's transportation infrastructure needs."

Endorsements/Contributions:

Endorsements: Texas Association of Business, Texans for Lawsuit Reform, Texas Association of Realtors, Greater El Paso Association of Realtors, Texas State Rifle Association, Association of Texas Professional Educators, El Paso Association of Fire Fighters/Local 51, El Paso Retired Fire Fighters Association, El Paso County Medical Society, Texas Medical Association, Independent Bankers Association, Texas Auto Dealers Association, Texas Federation of Teachers, Texas State Teachers Association, Texas Right to Life, Texas State Association of Firefighters, Texas Municipal Police Association, Texas Department of Public Safety Officers Association.

Contributions:

On the January 15th campaign finance report, covering the period July 1 through December 31, 2007, the Haggerty campaign reported \$36,078 in contributions, \$13,078 in expenditures, \$129,412 cash on-hand and no outstanding loans. Notable contributions included: Abbott Laboratories Employee PAC (\$500), Jon Abrams, Austin (\$1000), American Electric Power Company PAC (\$500), AT&T TEXAS PAC (\$3000), BG Distribution Partners PAC (\$2500), Blackridge Consulting (\$1014), BNSF RailPAC (\$1014), Carter & Burgess Inc. Political Action Committee (\$500), Robert Catron, Alexandria, VA \$1000), CH2M Hill Texas PAC (\$500), Graydon Group LLC (\$514), Richard Henson, El Paso (\$1000), Homepac of Texas (\$750), Neil (Buddy) Jones, Austin (\$1000), LAN Political Action Committee (\$500), Legislative Solutions (\$764), Licensed Beverage Distributors PAC (\$1000), Raba-Kistner P.A.C. INC. (\$500), Raytheon Texas Political Action Committee (\$750), Texas Automobile Dealers Assoc. PAC (\$1000), Texas Consumer Finance Assoc. PAC (\$500), Texas Economic Development Council Inc. PAC (\$500), Texas Gas Service Political Action Committee (\$500), Texas Trial Lawyers Assoc. PAC (\$500), The PBSJ Corporation PAC (\$500), United Transportation Union PAC (\$1014), Valero PAC (\$1000), and Wholesale Beer Distributors of Texas PAC (\$514).

On the February 4th campaign finance report, covering the period January 1 through January 24, 2008, the Haggerty campaign reported \$149,111 in contributions; \$22,368 in expenditures; \$249,620 cash on-hand and \$0 in loans. Notable contributions included: Jon Abrams, Austin, president/JD Abrams Construction (\$1000); Texas Classroom Teachers Assn. PAC (\$2000); Akin Gump PAC (\$1000); Assn. of Texas Professional Educators PAC (\$1500); AT&T PAC (\$500); David Austin, El Paso, attorney (\$1000); Beer Alliance of Texas (\$500); Blackridge Consulting (\$1000); Brian McCall campaign (\$2500); Byron Cook campaign (\$500); Gary Calfee (\$1000); Carlos Herbert Jr., Dallas, Regional VP/Glazer's Distributing (\$1000); Cemex PAC (\$1000); Centerpoint PAC (\$500); Howard Cowen, Lubbock, Cowen Insurance (\$1000); Ed Kuempel campaign (\$3000); ENPAC (\$500); EPIC PAC (\$1000); Curtis Ford, Austin, CEO/Media Choice Inc. (\$5000); Joe Garcia, Austin (\$1000); Hillco PAC (\$500); Steve Holzheuser (\$1000); HomePAC (\$750); Robery Hoy, El Paso, HoyFox Auto Group (\$1000); Hughes & Luce (\$500); IBAT PAC (\$500); Jim Pitts campaign (\$5000); Stanley Jobe, El Paso, Jobe Materials (\$1000); Edith Johns, El Paso, owner/Johns Unlimited (\$1000); Johns Unlimited (\$1000); Joe Lamanita, McAllen, owner/L&F Distributing (\$2500); Licensed Beverage Distributors PAC (\$10,500); Fred Loya Insurance, El Paso, owner/Fred Loya (\$5000); Maria Elena Megret, El Paso, owner/National Concessions (\$1000); Les Parker, El Paso, United Bank El Paso Del Norte (\$1000); Gerry Pate, Houston, partner/Pate Transportation Partners (\$5000); Jennie Tarabelli, partner/Pate Transportation Partners (\$5000); Pharm PAC (\$500); William Reagan, Austin, Reagan

National Advertising (\$1500); Walker Roberts, Dallas, owner/Engarde (\$1000); Rural Friends of Electric Cooperatives (\$600); Patricia Shipton (\$1000); Mark Smith, Addison, president/Smith Protective Services (\$1000); TBA Bank PAC (\$1000); Texabs for Lawsuit Reform (\$5000); Texas Realtors Assn. PAC (\$5000); TADA PAC (\$1000); Beverage Alliance PAC (\$1000); Texas Consumer Finance Assn. PAC (\$1000); Texas Manufactured Housing Assn. PAC (\$5000), TEXPAC (\$2000); Texas Optometric PAC (\$1000); Texas Firefighters PAC (\$2000); Texas State Teachers Assn. PAC (\$5000); El Paso Firefighters Assn. PAC (\$1000); Edward Thomas, Austin, regional VP/Glazer's Distributing (\$1000); Todd Smith campaign (\$2000); Ralph E. Townes Jr., Corsicana, owner/Diamond RJR Land & Cattle Co. (\$1000); Dr. J. David Trammell, El Paso (\$1000); Trinity Industries PAC (\$500); Carol Lynn Werner, Houston, manager/Bechtel Corp. (\$1000); Wholesale Beer Distributors PAC (\$500)

On the 8-day before election contributions and expenditures report, covering the period January 25 through February 24, 2008, the Haggerty campaign reported \$169,595.03 in contributions; \$240,827.96 in expenditures; \$155,801.92 in cash-on-hand; and \$0 in outstanding loans. Notable contributions: ACT for Texas Classroom Teachers Association (\$3,000); AFT COPE II (\$399.75 in-kind/printing and mailing literature to Texas AFT members); Trevor Ahlberg, Irving (\$2,000); American Pharmacy PAC (\$500); Atmos Energy Political Action Committee (\$1,000); BG Distribution Partners PAC (\$20,000: James Campbell, Dallas (\$1,000); Skip Carelton, Dallas (\$2,000); Carter & Burgess Inc. Political Action Committee (\$200); Robert Catron, Alexandria VA (\$1,000); CLEAT PAC (\$250); Constitutional Defense Fund PAC (\$500); CWA Cope PAC (\$1,000); El Paso County Medical Society PAC (\$1,000); El Paso Federation of Teachers COPE (\$1,000); EYE-PAC of the Texas Ophthalmological Association (\$1,000); Bob Foster, El Paso (\$1,000); Friends of Baylor Med (\$1,000); Gordon Graves, Austin (\$4,000); Kenneth Griffith, Dallas (\$1,000); Daniel Hinkle, Sugar Land (\$2,500); Homepac of Texas (\$500); James Keffer Campaign Fund (\$2,500); Robert E. Johnson, Austin (\$5,000); Junior College PAC (\$1,000); Deborah Kastrin, El Paso (\$3,433.69 in-kind/fundraiser expense); Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Nicholson Graham LLP (\$500); Nicholas Kralj, Austin (\$1,000); Licensed Beverage Distributors PAC (\$5,000); Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson LLP (\$1,000); Lloyd Gosselink Blevins Rochelle and Townsend P.C. (\$250); Marathon Oil Company Employees PAC (\$500); Mike Maxwell, Longview (\$3,000); Medco Health PAC (\$1,000); Thomas Merritt, Longview (\$1,000); One Call Concepts PAC (\$500); Outdoor PAC (\$100); Carl Parker, Port Arthur (\$3,433.69 in-kind/fundraiser expense); Political Action Committee for Engineers (\$500); Jerry Rosenbaum, El Paso (\$1,000); Marvin Rosenbaum, El Paso (\$1,000); G.S. Runnels/McAllen (\$1,000); Spectra Energy PAC (\$500); J. Spencer, Dripping Springs (\$1,000); Albert Teran, El Paso (\$1,000); TEX-Pipe PAC (\$500); Texans for Economic Development PAC (\$10,000); Texans for Insurance Reform PAC (\$20,000 contribution + \$4,000 in-kind/research); Texas Academy of Family Physicians PAC (\$250); Texas AFT PAC (\$1,000); Texas Apartment Association PAC (\$1,000); Texas Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors PAC (\$500); Texas Association of Mortgage Brokers PAC (\$500); Texas Association of Realtors PAC/TREPAC (\$5,000); Texas Automobile Dealers Association PAC (\$2,000); Texas Building Branch - AGC PAC (\$1,000); Texas Credit Union League PAC (\$300); Texas DENPAC (\$750); Texas Energy Association PAC (\$2,500); Texas Geo Group INC. Political Action Committee (\$250); Texas Medical Association PAC (\$1,500); Texas Parent PAC (\$2,000); Texas Pest Control PAC (\$200); Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association PAC (\$500); Texas Poultry PAC (\$200); Texas Probation Association PAC (\$125); Texas Restaurant Association State PAC (\$2,000); Texas State Association of Fire Fighters PAC (\$2,500); American Electric Power Company - Texas PAC (\$500); The GlaxoSmithKline PAC (\$500); Edward Thomas, Austin (\$4,000); TNLA-PAC (\$500); Ralph E. Townes, Jr., Corsicana (\$2,000); Truck PAC (\$500); Valero PAC (\$1,000); Verizon Good Government Club-TX (\$500); Henri Wedell, Memphis TN (\$1,500); Women's PAC of El Paso (\$500); Peggy Wood, El Paso (\$1,000); and Zachry Construction Corp. - ZACOPAC (\$500).

Telegram reports reported: Gary Elkins Campaign (\$1,000); Charles Geren, Fort Worth (\$2,500); Charles Hutchings, Ferris (\$1,000); Delwin Jones, Lubbock (\$1,000); Licensed Beverage Distributors PAC (\$10,000); Fred Loya, El Paso (\$5,000); Larry Nuckols, New Braunfels (\$1,000); Lee Schear, Dayton OH (\$2,000); Texas Thoroughbred Association PAC (\$1,000); Todd Smith Campaign (\$1,000); Jack Wright, Houston (\$1,000); BG Distribution Partners PAC (\$20,000); Edmund Kuempel Campaign (\$2,000); Texas Manufactured Housing Inc. PAC (\$2,000); Charles Joekel, El Paso (\$1,000); Maconda O'Connor, Houston (\$10,000); Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott LLP of Lubbock (\$1,000); Texas Association of Realtors PAC/TREPAC (\$15,000); Byron Cook Campaign (\$1000); Mission Chevrolet, El Paso (\$2500); Texas Aggregates & Concrete Assn PAC (\$3000); Texas Parent PAC (\$10,000); Texas Trial Lawyers Assn PAC (\$5000); Burt Solomons Campaign (\$2000); Valero PAC (\$1000)

Campaign Team/Approach:

The Haggerty campaign said, "Our campaign has emphasized grassroots campaigning, engaging in an aggressive door-to-door and phone bank campaign. Last week over 50 local volunteers showed up to walk for Pat and that group included people from throughout the district. The campaign is also relying on direct mail and

television to get voters to the polls."

Dee Margo

Slogan:

"30 Years of Strong El Paso Leadership"

Issues:

Illegal Immigration: Dee Margo will reduce illegal immigration by working closely with local and federal law enforcement to stop drugs and human traffickers from illegally crossing our borders:

*While the federal government bears ultimate responsibility for border security, effective reforms will never be possible without the full support and cooperation of state and local entities. Illegal immigration affects all Americans, but it is a particularly relevant issue for those who live in border cities such as El Paso.

*Dee understands the important role the Mexican border plays in the Texas economy. He will work to protect the substantial international trade resulting from imports and exports across the Rio Grande – while ensuring this vital source of commerce remains legal and safe.

*He will encourage the federal government to pursue immigration policies that give equal treatment to visitors from Mexico and Canada. He will seek full parity in the granting of visas for those who wish to lawfully enter the United States from either of our neighboring countries.

*Ending illegal immigration will benefit all El Pasoans by enhancing public safety, reducing the cost of health care, and cutting the cost of public education.

Taxes: Dee Margo is committed to fiscally conservative policies and will work tirelessly to keep taxes and spending low. If additional state spending is deemed necessary, such funds should come from the existing surplus or from reduced spending in other areas – not tax increases. He believes low taxes are invariably the best means – in both the long and short term – to create jobs and stimulate the economy.

Property Taxes:

*Dee will work to cut property taxes for all Texans. Such reductions will help everyone: homeowners, renters, and businesses.

*Property Taxes are already too high, and growing. They currently account for over 40 percent of all state and local taxes in Texas. Only two states in the nation rely more on property taxes than we do. This hurts investment and discourages development.

*Dee supports placing a lower cap on annual increases in property tax appraisals. The current 10 percent cap can allow an appraisal to double in only eight short years. This 'appraisal creep' in Texas is rising far faster than population growth or salary increases.

*Dee believes local Appraisers should be elected officials, accountable to taxpayers.

State Income Tax:

*A state income tax is not the answer for Texas, as some in the Legislature propose.

*Texas is one of only seven states without a state income tax, and the overwhelming evidence shows that the states without are doing far better economically than the states with.

*Dee Margo is vigorously opposed to a state income tax, which would reduce the money in your pocket, lead to increased government spending, and hurt the Texas economy.

Sales Taxes:

*Dee believes our economic strength comes from our state's reliance on sales taxes, which fairly tax citizens at all income levels and allow for growth and investment.

*He supports the current sales tax exemption on food and medicine, and is opposed to any effort to expand sales taxes to include these product categories in the future.

State Spending:

*Dee Margo is committed to reining in out-of-control state spending. He is a proponent of a smaller, more efficient government.

*He believes state leaders are responsible for setting clear priorities to decide where money should be spent. This includes evaluating the missions, benefits, and successes of current programs to determine whether continued expenditures are warranted.

*Dee seeks to revise state expenditure limits so that our government bureaucracy does not automatically grow as the state experiences economic prosperity. Our current expenditures needlessly outpace both population growth and inflation.

*Dee will fight for greater transparency and line item specificity in state budgets. He believes taxpayers deserve to see exactly where their money is going, and supports the recently-passed legislation to make state expenditures available online.

Education: Dee Margo will demand local control of schools and make sure our children are learning at grade level and prepared to succeed in life.

*The Texas education system costs over \$10,000 annually per student. Our education spending outpaces enrollment and inflation, and we must begin holding schools accountable for where and how money is spent. Dee will work hard to see more dollars reach the classroom, focused on student instruction rather than general and administrative costs.

*He will fight for policies that produce greater student achievement in the crucial areas of math, reading, and science.

*He will build up state curriculums and strengthen standards that effectively prepare students for college.

*Dee will work toward an education system that leaves no child behind. He will work to ensure that all students who qualify for early childhood education (Pre-K) have access to it. He will strive to improve performance among students whose second language is English, and will support new and expanded high school dropout prevention programs.

*Dee will work toward finding ways to compensate teachers based on performance and allow for more differentiated pay with an emphasis on results.

Health Care: Dee Margo will work to lower the cost of health insurance and improve the border region's access to – and quality of – health care.

*He will support efforts to deregulate health care and reduce government control in ways such as limiting health insurance mandates, which are burdensome government requirements for conditions and treatments health insurance policies are required to cover. These regulations effectively drive costs up, and access down.

*Dee believes the CHIP program is very important, and is committed to making it work for the children who need it and for the taxpayers who fund it. He believes Texas should focus first on the low-income children who are eligible today, yet not participating in the program.

* At this time, he does not believe the CHIP program should be expanded to families in higher income brackets. To the contrary, he is in favor of additional procedures that verify income and assets to better prevent ineligible recipients from abusing the system.

*Dee will work with the federal government to achieve greater state flexibility and reforms in Medicaid to make it more effective and affordable in Texas.

*He will work to improve Medicaid physician reimbursement rates in El Paso. The state's current formula for allocation of federal funding unfairly discriminates against border communities with the greatest need.

*He will seek health care solutions that encourage general wellness and physical fitness, and fight the dangers of smoking and obesity. These problems cost billions of dollars in lost productivity and health care system usage, and have a profound effect on rising costs.

*Dee will push for full funding of the Texas Tech Medical School in El Paso.

Environment: Dee Margo will work hard to protect our natural resources, encourage conservation, and ensure Texas remains a friendly state for sportsmen. He is committed to protecting our water supply, pushing for more electricity from renewable sources, and offering local incentives for pollution reduction and clean energy."

Endorsements/Contributions:

Contributions:

On the January 15th campaign finance report, covering the period July 1 through December 31, 2007, the Margo campaign reported \$65,350 in contributions, \$916 in expenditures, \$67,482 cash on-hand and \$90,000 in outstanding loans. Notable contributions included: Katherine Brown, El Paso (\$1000), Will C Brown, El Paso (\$1000), Paul L Foster, El Paso (\$25,000), Frederick Francis, El Paso (\$1000), Ginger G Francis, El Paso (\$1000), Mona Goldberg, El Paso (\$2300), Robert H Hoy, Jr., El Paso (\$1000), Woody L Hunt, El Paso (\$10,000), J Kirk Robison, El Paso (\$2500), Louann Sanders, El Paso (\$5000), William D Sanders, El Paso (\$5000), Jeff A Stevens, El Paso (\$5000), and Scott D Weaver, El Paso (\$5000).

On the February 4th campaign finance report, covering the period January 1 through January 24, 2008, the Margo campaign reported \$45,920 in contributions; \$1,516 in expenditures; \$111,856 cash on-hand and \$90,000 in loans. Notable contributions included: James Beckett III, Celna, investor (\$5000); Lous Beecherl, Dallas (\$1000); Richard Behrenhausen, El Paso, retired (\$1000); Jack Chapman, El Paso, attorney (\$1000)

On the 8-day before election contributions and expenditures report, covering the period January 25 through February 24, 2008, the Margo campaign reported \$241,158.47 in contributions; \$316,790.28 in expenditures; \$33,236.01 in cash-on-hand; and \$90,000 in outstanding loans. Notable contributions: Alan R. Abbott, El Paso (\$1,000); Bill Appleton, Jr., El Paso (\$5,000); John S. Amoldy, El Paso (\$1,000); Bob Barnes, Granbury (\$1,000); Ron Blankenship, El Paso (\$1,000); Thomas T. Bohannon, Jr., El Paso (\$1,000); Irving Brown, El Paso (\$1,000); J.P. Bryan, Houston (\$2,500); Jack Cardwell., El Paso (\$5,000); Julio Chiu, El Paso (\$2,300); Compass Bancshares Inc. PAC Texas (\$1,000); Farley Daniels, El Paso (\$1,000); Tyler Daniels, Anthony, NM (\$1,000); Paul Dipp, El Paso (\$1,000); Susan Eisen, El Paso (\$1,000); Cliff Eisenberg, El Paso (\$1,000); Steven L. Feinberg, El Paso (\$1,000); Paul Foster, El Paso (\$25,000 contribution + \$3,038.47 in-kind/fundraising); Frederick Francis, El Paso (\$1,500); Ginger G. Francis, El Paso (\$1,500); Gordon Patrick, El Paso (1,000); Ruben Guerra, El Paso (\$1,000); Bruce Gulbas, El Paso (\$1,000); Brent Harris, El Paso (\$2,500); Billy Don Henry, Dallas (\$1,000); Nancy Heydemann, El Paso (\$1,000); Peter M. Holt, Blanco (\$1,000); Woody L. Hunt, El Paso (\$40,000); Independent Insurance Agents of Texas (\$1,000); Charles F. Jordan, III, El Paso (\$1,000); Michael Stevens Consulting, Houston (\$10,000); Michael M. Miles, El Paso (\$1,000); Bob J. Perry, Houston (\$10,000); Marcelo Pleasant, El Paso (\$1,000); J. Kirk Robison, El Paso (\$2,500); Dede Rogers, El Paso (\$2,500); Robert B. Rowling, Irving (\$10,000); Gerald Rubin, El Paso (\$5,000); Alan K. Russell, El Paso (\$1,000); Leo Schuster, Jr., El Paso (\$1,000); Scott PAC (\$500); Nicholas T. Serafy, Jr., Brownsville (\$1,000); J.O. Stewart, Jr., El Paso (\$5,000); Texas Friends of Time Warner (\$20,000); USAA Employee PAC (\$500); Russell A. Vandenburg, El Paso (\$7,500); Betty Ruth Wakefield, El Paso (\$2,500); Earle C. Williams, McLean VA (\$1,000); Robert V. Wingo, El Paso (\$1,000); and Jerry T. Wright, El Paso (\$4,000).

Telegram reports filed reported: Bob J. Perry, Houston (\$10,000); Texans for Rick Perry (\$10,000); John M. Verlander, El Paso (\$1,000); Dan L. Duncan, Houston (\$2,000); Michael Koss, Milwaukee WI (\$1000); Bruce LaBoon, Houston (\$1000)

Campaign Team/Approach:

On messaging, the Margo campaign said, "We're focused on getting Dee's message out through an intense ground campaign. With Dee Margo and a group of volunteers knocking on doors, making phone calls, the Dee Margo website, direct mail, media/TV and radio campaign."

Louis Irwin

Slogan:

"Experience that counts, for change that matters"

Issues:

1. **Health Care:** by providing basic and emergency medical treatment as a right at out-patient clinics staffed by a Texas Medical Corps of community service and health care professionals.
2. **Education:** by stemming the epidemic of high school drop-outs with vigorous retention programs for at-risk students, a community job corps leading to GEDs, and college tuition waivers for community service.
3. **Economic Growth:** by restraining state fees, limiting bureaucratic regulations, curbing frivolous litigation, and reducing the health insurance burden on employers.
4. **Conservation and Energy:** by making Texas the world leader in research, development, and production of new and alternative energy sources, and by conserving our natural and historical resources.
5. **Social Support:** to break the cycle of poverty by promoting jobs and affordable child care for the working poor, curbing domestic violence, reserving prisons for violent criminals, focusing on treatment and intervention for drug abusers and the mentally ill, and resisting the legislation of narrow moral or religious views.
6. **Revenue Reform :** by stopping fee inflation and reducing sales and property taxes through a flat rate surcharge on federal income taxes coupled with tax credits for energy conservation."

Endorsements/Contributions:

Endorsements: Women's Political Caucus of El Paso

Contributions:

On the January 15th campaign finance report, covering the period December 10 through December 31, 2007, the Irwin campaign reported \$1,275 in contributions, \$11 in expenditures \$1,263 cash on-hand and no outstanding loans.

On the February campaign finance report, covering the period January 1, 2008 through January 24, 2008, the Irwin campaign reported \$2,572 in contributions, \$2,129 in expenditures, \$1,709 cash on-hand and no outstanding loans. Notable contributions include: the candidate (\$1000); Texas Democratic Party (\$600 - in kind/voter file)

On the 8-day before election contributions and expenditures report, covering the period January 25 through February 24, 2008, the Irwin campaign reported \$2,045 in contributions; \$1,380.51 in expenditures; \$1,709.12 in cash-on-hand; and \$0 in outstanding loans. Notable contributions: Women's Political Action Committee of El Paso (\$520).

Campaign Team/Approach:

The primary strategy being used by the Irwin campaign is direct mail.

Joseph Moody

Slogan:

"Look Towards the Future, Respect the Past"

Issues:

"CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM Texas lacks limits for campaign contributions. This system has led to the sell off of our government to the special interests, and has created a culture of corruption. It is time for a change. I have voluntarily imposed contribution limits in my campaign. In Austin, I will present a bill that will overhaul the current system. I pledge to fight for this change until it becomes law.

TEXAS TECH MEDICAL SCHOOL In 2009, the funding of El Paso's medical school will be back before the Texas Legislature. We must assure the full funding of that project and ensure that the school opens on time. I pledge to continue the work of the El Paso delegation to turn what was once a dream into a reality.

THE ENVIRONMENT District 78 is home to Franklin Mountains State Park, a symbol of El Paso. Its preservation and development are essential for the citizens of El Paso, both present and future. I pledge to attain funding to further develop the park into an area that can be enjoyed by all El Pasoans. Along with this pledge comes the promise to protect and preserve this El Paso landmark.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE The laws of Texas have come a long way in protecting and helping victims of domestic violence, but they are still far from making every home the safe haven that it should be. As a public prosecutor, I have met face to face with the victims of domestic violence, and I pledge to continue to be a voice for those who have been silenced for far too long.

MESSAGE TO THE VOTERS District 78 is one of the most dynamic, influential parts of our community. As your State Representative, I will bring with me the knowledge of being a lifelong resident combined with the enthusiasm and energy of El Paso's bright future. As an Assistant District Attorney, it is my oath to seek the truth and to do justice. As your State Representative, I will do the same. My father, Judge Bill Moody has been a political leader in El Paso for over 20 years. He taught me respect and awareness for El Paso's rich traditions and values. In today's turbulent political climate, these values are more important than ever. As your State Representative, I will bring these critical values to Austin. This March, please cast your vote for El Paso's exciting future."

Endorsements/Contributions:

Endorsements : Tejano Democrats, Mexican-American Bar Association, Northeast Democrats.

Contributions:

No January 15th report was available for the Moody campaign.

On the February 4th campaign finance report, covering the period January 1 through January 24, 2008, the Moody campaign reported \$3,150 in contributions; \$937 in expenditures; \$1400 cash on-hand and \$750 in loans. Notable contributions included: Sam Legate, El Paso, attorney (\$1000); James Scherr, El Paso, attorney (\$1000)

On the 8-day before election contributions and expenditures report covering the period January 25 through February 24, 2008, the Moody campaign reported \$16,547.75 in contributions; \$13,826.74 in expenditures; \$5,485.10 in cash-on-hand; and \$1,350 in outstanding loans. Notable contributions: Margaret Abraham, El Paso (\$1,000); Garnet Coleman, Houston (\$500); Steve/Amber Mostyn, Houston (\$2,000); Texans for Insurance Reform (\$2,000).

A telegram report was filed on February 28, 2008 listing contributions: Paul F. Waldner, Houston (\$1,000).

Campaign Team/Approach:

On how he is getting his message out, Moody said, "My approach in the primary election is to put up signs in the district, mail out to 10,000 top democratic voters in the district, target call, target walk, and attend issue forums and debates."

Detailed Race Analysis

Commentary:

Republican Primary: Haggerty is in a very tough re-election contest. He narrowly escaped a Republican Primary defeat in 2006, winning by 105 votes out of 6,109 votes cast. Margo has high name ID from his 2006 General Election challenge of Senator Eliot Shapleigh. Margo has demonstrated his willingness to expend large sums of his own money in both campaigns. Republican Primary turnout in this district is traditionally very low - in 2004, there were only 3,661 votes cast; in 2006, there were 6,109. With a Democratic Presidential race on the ballot, independent voters are likely to vote in the Democratic Primary, leaving even fewer voters in the Republican Primary. In such a low-turnout race, it is a pure numbers game, so the outcome is difficult to predict.

Democratic Primary: Moody has the advantage. He benefits from name ID because his father is a long-time El Paso District Judge who ran for Texas Supreme Court in 2006 (and was the statewide Democrat that garnered the most votes.)