

Bond Elections from 1995-2009
Margaret J. Gómez
County Commissioner, Precinct 4

During Commissioner Gómez' tenure, she has voted to place bond elections before the voters in the following years for the following amounts:

1997:	Total Amount	Category	For Precinct Four
	\$96,050,000	Road & Bridge	
		Parkland Acquisition/Improve.	\$8,500,000
		Juvenile Justice	\$16,045,000
		MKT Hike/Bike	\$1,620,000
		SH130 ROW	\$4,000,000
		SH45 ROW	\$3,525,000
		StarFlight Fac.	\$2,035,000
		DV Jail Expans.	\$13,700,000

(To be paid over 20 years from property taxes.) On road projects, there is a covenant requiring the transfer of savings only within the precinct.)

2001:	\$184,955,000	Road & Bridge-- Drainage, Bridges, Pedestrian Proj.	\$57,430,000
		County Parks	\$28,600,000
		SH45N; FM1826	\$32,725,000
		SH130 ROW	\$66,200,000

(Average cost to homeowners: \$21.40 per year.)

2005:	\$150,875,000	Road, Drainage, ROW	\$6,735,000
		Parks, Open Space	\$16,650,000
		Jail Replacement Beds & Renova- tions	\$23,500,000

(To be paid over 20 years from property taxes.)

2009: Total Amount \$431,880,000. Because of Travis County's AAA rating for the past nine years, the Commissioners Court has been able to borrow on the bonds at very cheap rates, thus minimizing the tax burden on taxpayers. To further minimize the tax burden on taxpayers in Travis County, Commissioner Gómez has voted for the maximum allowed for homestead exemption, 20%, to every homeowner. For homeowners 65 and over, she has voted for the 20% plus \$65,000; for 20% plus \$65,000 for the disabled homeowners. Thus, Travis County's portion of the annual tax bill is about 17%.