

FORT BEND COUNTY COMMISSION CANDIDATE DISTRICT 2 TONY ARANDA (R)

<u>POTENTIAL HITS FROM THE LEFT</u>	<u>POTENTIAL HITS FROM THE RIGHT</u>
● <u>FAITH BASED CANDIDATE RUNNING FOR A SECULAR POSITION</u> ● <u>LACK OF EXPERIENCE</u>	● <u>SUPPORTED JUNETEENTH</u> ● <u>MODERATE CONSERVATIVE - MAY NOT BE CONSERVATIVE ENOUGH ON POLICY</u>

Key Findings Include:

Lack of policy depth. Advocates for general policy improvements without specified policy actions on campaign website.

Conservative, born-again Christian. Emphasizes his faith repeatedly, in all aspects of his platform.

Muted social media presence. Very few social media accounts and minimal posts on all of them.

Jurisdiction Summary

Fort Bend County is located in southeast Texas, immediately southwest of Houston, and forms part of the Houston metropolitan area. The county includes fast-growing suburban and exurban communities such as Sugar Land, Missouri City, Richmond, Rosenberg, Fulshear, and portions of Houston and Katy. Fort Bend had an estimated population of 958,434 in 2024, up from 822,779 in the 2020 census. Its economy has evolved from agriculture, sugar production, and energy into a diversified base that includes healthcare, professional services, logistics, manufacturing, technology, and energy-related industries. [[U.S. Census Bureau](#), accessed 7/20/26]

In the 2024 presidential election, Democrat Kamala Harris narrowly carried Fort Bend County with approximately 49.3% of the vote, compared with 47.8% for Republican Donald Trump; roughly 2.9% supported other candidates. Although Harris won the county by approximately 1.6 percentage points, the result represented a significant Republican shift from 2020, when Joe Biden carried Fort Bend by more than 10 points. Fort Bend supported Republican presidential candidates through 2012 but has voted Democratic in every presidential election since 2016, making it a politically competitive suburban county rather than a reliably Democratic jurisdiction. [[Fort Bend County 2024 official canvass](#), accessed 7/20/26]

BACKGROUND

PERSONAL LIFE

Aranda is married to his wife, Rebecca and he says they: “have five children: three with the good LORD and two young boys we are privileged to raise at home.” [[Tony Aranda](#), accessed 8/6/2026]

PROFESSIONAL, CIVIC, & PUBLIC SECTOR BACKGROUND

Aranda served in the United States Marine Corps for 22 years. He deployed multiple times, and served in artillery, the Marine Security Guard program and as a rotary-wing aviator. [[Tony Aranda](#), accessed 8/6/2026]

Aranda has a BS in Political Science from Houston Baptist University with a minor in Biblical Studies. [[Tony Aranda](#), accessed 8/6/2026]

Aranda serves as a deacon at his local church and a member of the Seniors Ministry. He also volunteers as a disciple-maker with The Navigators Ministry at Houston Christian University. [[Tony Aranda](#), accessed 8/10/2026]

INTEGRITY & ACCOUNTABILITY

No findings of note

CAMPAIGN BACKGROUND

No findings of note

IDEOLOGY & POLITICS

Aranda describes himself as a born-again Christian and a conservative. [[Tony Aranda](#), accessed 8/6/2026]

AFFILIATION WITH POLITICAL FIGURES/ORGANIZATIONS

Aranda is affiliated with the Fort Bend County Republican Party. They announced he filled their slate when he filed his paperwork to run for office. The Fort Bend County Republican Party apologized for an offensive ad targeting Hindu voters in 2018. [[Fort Bend County Republican Party](#), 12/8/2025][[Houston Public Media](#), 9/20/2018]

Aranda is affiliated with The Menudo Club, a conservative political networking and outreach organization. [[The Menudo Club](#), accessed 8/10/2026][[The Menudo Club](#), accessed 8/10/2026]

PARTISAN POSTS

Aranda posted in recognition of Juneteenth. [[Tony Aranda](#), 6/19/2026]



CAMPAIGN INFRASTRUCTURE

No findings of note

ENDORSEMENTS

The Fort Bend Conservative PAC endorsed Aranda. [[The Fort Bend Conservative PAC](#), 1/25/2026]

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Aranda has \$2,029.77 cash on hand, received \$7,226.00 in contributions, including \$175.00 in in-kind contributions, had \$5,496.96 in expenses, and has \$0 in outstanding loans. The bulk of the contributions came from a \$5,000 contribution made by Candide Lopez and a \$1,000 contribution made by Joe Reina. The largest expense the campaign incurred was the consulting fees for Rood Solutions LLC, the treasurer's firm. No immediate vulnerabilities were assessed. [[Fort Bend County](#), 7/15/2026]

PERSONAL POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Aranda has no federal contributions. The Antonio Aranda listed in FEC records appears to be a different person, not the candidate. [[FEC](#), accessed 8/6/2026]

Aranda has no state contributions. The Antonio Aranda listed in Texas records appears to be several different people, not the candidate. [[Texas Ethics Commission](#), accessed 8/6/2026]

ISSUES

TAXES / CONTROVERSIAL BUDGET CUTS

Aranda lists Fiscal Responsibility & Stewardship of Taxpayer Dollars under the Challenges & Solutions section of his campaign site: "Every dollar spent should be justified. I will work with complete transparency, a disciplined budget, and long-term financial planning that respects taxpayers and prioritizes essential services." [[Tony Aranda](#), accessed 8/6/2026]

GOOD GOVERNMENT/ETHICS

Aranda lists Accountability & Open County Government under the Challenges & Solutions section of his campaign site: "Projects should not just have a website to see the status a project, but they should also have metrics. Elected officials need to commit to listening to Fort Bend County residents, communicating clearly and honestly, and making transparent decisions that build trust and strengthen our community." [[Tony Aranda](#), accessed 8/6/2026]

PUBLIC SAFETY

Aranda lists Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness under the Challenges & Solutions section of his campaign site: "I commit to thoughtful planning, strong coordination among agencies, and responsible investments into systems that allow our first responders and emergency services to operate effectively and efficiently when residents need them most." [[Tony Aranda](#), accessed 8/6/2026]

HEALTHCARE

No findings of note

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No findings of note

HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT (AFFORDABLE HOUSING, ZONING, DATA CENTERS)

Aranda lists Responsible Growth & Planning under the Challenges & Solutions section of his campaign site: “Growth should be deliberate and well planned. I support thoughtful community development that considers infrastructure capacity, long-term costs, and community impact.” [[Tony Aranda](#), accessed 8/6/2026]

ENVIRONMENT / LAND MANAGEMENT

No findings of note

INFRASTRUCTURE (ROADS, PARKS, WATER AND UTILITIES, BIKE PATHS)

Aranda lists Infrastructure & Roads under the Challenges & Solutions section of his campaign site: “I will work diligently and transparently making sound use of taxpayer dollars by investing in technology and innovation focusing on upkeep of infrastructure and public safety—ensuring your dollars are spent wisely while protecting home values and supporting our local businesses.” [[Tony Aranda](#), accessed 8/6/2026]

Aranda lists Flood Control & Drainage under the Challenges & Solutions section of his campaign site: “Flood mitigation requires proactive planning and coordination, like improved drainage, reducing flood risk while working in partnership with local and regional organizations—always with a focus on public safety and protecting personal property.” [[Tony Aranda](#), accessed 8/6/2026]

EDUCATION

No findings of note

ELECTIONS/VOTING ACCESS

No findings of note

AFFORDABILITY / COST OF LIVING

No findings of note

IDEOLOGY, RHETORIC & EXTREMISM SIGNALS

No findings of note

VARIABLE

Aranda spoke out against the Fort Bend County Democratic Commissioners walk out. He attended their public meeting to discuss the walk out: ““Leaders don't run, they face the challenges,” Aranda said. “They deal with the hardships. They represent their people. They're a voice. You are not here for three commissioners court [meetings]. I didn't have a voice.”” [[Houston Public Media](#), 7/27/2026]

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

[Campaign Website](#)

[Campaign Facebook](#)

[Campaign Instagram](#)

[LinkedIn](#)