



Next Generation Project Texas
"Texas and the 2012 Election"
November 1-3, 2012
Hyatt Lost Pines Resort and Spa

Assembly hosted by the Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security & Law
at The University of Texas at Austin

November 1, 2012

Shady Grove

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Welcome Reception

Hosted by Jon and Rebecca Brumley

November 2, 2012

Foyer

7:30-8:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

Gone to Texas Screening Room

8:00-8:10 a.m.

Welcome

Francis Gavin

Director, Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security & Law

8:15-9:15 a.m.

Texas Past, Present, and Future: A Conversation

William Inboden (Moderator)

*Distinguished Scholar, Robert S. Strauss Center for
International Security & Law*

Victoria DeFrancesco Soto

Fellow, Center for Politics and Governance

George Seay

CEO, Annandale Capital

9:15-9:30 a.m.

Break

Mina Room/Ranger Room

9:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Group Discussion

1. What have been the most important changes to Texas since 1970? 1990? In the last few years?
 - a. What has caused these changes?
 - b. What are the most important changes we will see in Texas in the years to come?
2. How does Texas compare to the rest of the country?
 - a. Is there a “Texas way” that can provide us insights into the rest of the nation? In other words, is Texas an outlier or trendsetter?
 - b. How have Texas institutions adapted to the great economic, social, and political changes the state has witnessed in the past few decades, and how must they change in the future?
3. What does Texas politics tell us about this state?
 - a. Are the trends in line with or at odds with the rest of the country, and how and why?
 - b. In the end, are Texas politics a model or a warning for the rest of the country?

Pecan Terrace

12:15 p.m. Group Photo

Gone to Texas Screening Room

12:45-2:15 p.m. Keynote Lunch

Francis Gavin

Director, Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security & Law

Evan Smith

CEO and Editor-in-Chief, The Texas Tribune

2:15-2:30 p.m. Break

Mina Room/Ranger Room

2:30-5:15 p.m. Group Discussion

1. What/how does Texas have to change to best adapt and thrive in the 21st century?
 - a. Is Texas an economic model for the rest of the country? If so, what are the tradeoffs in areas such as education, infrastructure, and healthcare to maintain this status?
2. In what ways has the changing demographic of Texas affected the state? How will it affect the state in the next 5/10/20 years?
 - a. What must Texas do to adapt to these changes?
3. Texas politics and politicians have historically played a major role on the national stage. Is this influence on the decline or do you think it will continue?
 - a. What does Texas need to do to (a) maintain and even increase its influence (b) continue and improve its relative economic success and (c) best prepare for the economic, social, cultural, and political challenges of the future?

5:15-5:30 p.m. Break

Gone to Texas Screening Room

5:30-5:45 p.m.

Plenary Session

Admiral Bob R. Inman, U.S. Navy, (Ret.)

LBJ Centennial Chair in National Policy

Pecan Court

6:30-7:00 p.m.

Cocktail Reception

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Keynote Dinner

Admiral Bob R. Inman, U.S. Navy, (Ret.)

LBJ Centennial Chair in National Policy

Jack Martin

Global Chairman and CEO, Hill+Knowlton Strategies

November 3, 2012

Foyer

8:30-9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

Gone to Texas Screening Room

9:00-10:30 a.m.

Final Plenary