



## **State Senator Sarah Eckhardt**

Senator Eckhardt believes that elective office is a temporary trust bestowed by the people who elect her. After 20 years at Travis County, she values policy above politics and believes that government exists to assure that opportunity is within reach of every Texan. Government should be effective, efficient, fair, and minimally intrusive.

Eckhardt's public service experience includes emergency response, health care, workforce and economic development, criminal justice, water policy, and budget/finance. At Travis County she helped: curtail the spread of COVID-19 in Central Texas, preserve more than 30,000 acres of green space, build a multi-county collaboration for the preservation of groundwater, maintain a vibrant construction economy while raising safety standards for workers, establish a Public Defender's Office, and implement jail and arrest diversion programs that support justice and public safety.

Eckhardt's legislative priorities include justice/public safety, healthcare access/public health, resilience to extreme weather/emergency response, opportunity infrastructure, and meaningful tax policy reform that ensures that the burden of taxation isn't disproportionately placed on those least able to pay.

Senator Eckhardt learned public service from her mother and father and is inspired to continue serving by her son and daughter. Her mother Nadine Eckhardt and her father Congressman Bob Eckhardt served Texas and especially the most vulnerable Texans in the halls of the State Capitol and the US Capitol. Her children Nadine and Hank inspire her daily to make Texas a better place for generations to come.