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Robert E. Jones is the Political Director for Annie's List, a political action committee dedicated to electing Democratic women in Texas, and an Adjunct Professor of Political Science at St. Edward's University.

For over ten years he has managed issue and candidate campaigns, provided political support for Democratic legislators, and served as a communications advisor on local, state and Presidential campaigns.



Before joining Annie's List, Robert was the director of the Texas House Democratic Campaign Committee where he designed a caucus program to protect 63 incumbents and recruit candidates for open and vulnerable seats. The HDCC plays a critical role in message development, fundraising, research, and field strategy for Democrats in the Texas House of Representatives.

Prior to that, Robert was the director of the Campaign Corps program at EMILY's List. In this capacity, he trained over 500 young people in Democratic campaign tactics and placed staffers on hundreds of critical races up and down the ballot nationwide. He was awarded a coveted 'Pollie Award' by the American Association of Political Consultants for his work recruiting young people into the political process.

Before joining EMILY's List, he was the founding director of The Moratorium Campaign, a national non-profit started by Susan Sarandon and Sister Helen Prejean, the activist featured in the movie *Dead Man Walking*. Based in New Orleans - he built the organization's budget, designed and implemented its legislative program, served as media strategist and spokesperson appearing on CNN, A&E, NPR, FOX News and in the New York Times and Los Angeles Times to name a few.

Robert also served as a Press Secretary for the Bill Bradley for President Campaign, where he built an earned media strategy, handled media relations and coordinated surrogate speakers. He also served as the Communications Director for the successful campaign to re-elect Delegate Don Williams in Norfolk, Virginia – the top targeted incumbent protection seat that cycle.

Robert has a Masters in Political Management from the George Washington University and a B.A. from the University of Texas at San Antonio in political science. He sits on the Board of the Texas League of Conservation Voters Education Fund and the Advisory Board of the Center for Public Policy and Political Studies at Austin Community College. He lives in Austin with his wife Veronica Chapa-Jones and enjoys fishing and hunting with their two Labradors in his free time.

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