

Campaign season

- 1 Regarding “Campaign finance in Texas: Greg Abbott, Beto O’Rourke shatter records in governor’s race” (Oct. 12): Applause and high-five to *The Chronicle*! The decision to provide the last names of those who vote in Harris County, along with the finances of the key candidates, puts a spotlight on our commitment to our democracy. It is also one of the best pieces of evidence that the 2010 Supreme Court Citizens United ruling¹⁾ is adding insult to injury. It is disturbing to see what candidates have to do, and what we have to put up with, to run our free and fair elections.
- 2 It doesn’t matter who you are, it seems that the rich run the show. And as much as we all say that there is no “quid pro quo” between candidates and contributors, who is going to ignore a \$2 million “vote of confidence”? It is difficult to imagine that being consistently true.
- 3 4 is like a circular firing squad with attacks coming from everywhere, but mostly from those inside the circle. I hope the editorial board will continue to shine a light on the issues and the data to better inform us on how all of the parts of this democratic machinery are working or should work. We need all of the data that we can get.



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noot 1 This ruling stops the government from limiting how much money corporations, including nonprofits, labor unions, and other groups, can spend on political campaigns.