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## Senate Candidate Forum set Jan. 27 in Fredericksburg

Seven candidates running for the Texas Senate District 24 seat of retiring Troy Fraser will take part in a forum from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27 at the Hill Country University Center in Fredericksburg. A welcome will begin at 6 p.m.

Ross Ramsey, executive editor and co-founder of the online media outlet Texas Tribune, will moderate the forum.

"This is an important race for the Texas Hill Country region and this free public event is an excellent way to learn about the candidates and what issues and priorities they are focused on," said Christy Muse, Executive Director of the Hill Country Alliance.

Sen. Fraser has represented a large portion of the Hill Country region since 1996 and he announced he will not seek re-election in 2016. Six Republican candidates and one Democrat candidate are running for Fraser's seat.

Candidates are: Dawn Buckingham, Jon Cobb, Ryan Downton, Susan King, Jennie Lou Leeder, Brent Mayes and Reed Williams.

District 24 is made up of the following counties: Bandera, Bell, Blanco, Brown, Burnet, Callahan, Comanche, Coryell, Gillespie, Hamilton, Kerr, Lampasas, Llano, Mills, San Saba and parts of Taylor and Travis counties.

The event is sponsored by the Hill Country Alliance, the Gillespie County Economic Development Commission and the Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post.

The Hill Country Alliance is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to raise public awareness and build community support around the need to preserve the natural resources and heritage of the Central Texas Hill Country. Visit us at www.hillcountryalliance.org.

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