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Looking ahead to the 2020 elections

We are now less than three months away from the Iowa caucus, which marks the formal beginning of the 2020 election season. Who are the leading candidates today? And which other candidates have a glimmer of a chance to capture the Democratic nomination? Political science fellow [Mark P. Jones](#) takes a look at the campaign battle ahead in the [Baker Institute Blog](#).

On a related note, mark your calendars for Dec. 9, when academics, political experts and journalists from around the country convene at the Baker Institute to discuss "[A Presidential Election in an Uncertain Time](#)." The conference, hosted by the [Presidential Elections Program](#), includes a luncheon discussion with political consultants Mary Matalin and James Carville, honorary directors of the event. Registration opens closer to the conference, which is free and open to the public.

"The sustained massive popular protests in Lebanon and Iraq cross sectarian lines & the people are reclaiming their sense of nationhood & rejecting corrupt regimes & foreign intervention. A revolution that hopefully will bring real change."

Baker Institute Director [Edward P. Djerejian](#)



Survey highlights Third Ward's needs, challenges and resilience

The accelerating rate of new development in Houston's Third Ward has many residents concerned about displacement. In response, fellow [Quianta Moore](#) led a comprehensive survey to assess the area's conditions and quality of life. Moore and her co-authors, Assata Richards and [Chris Kulesza](#), are distributing the results to government and private agencies with the aim of informing strategies and investments that support resident needs while maintaining the Third Ward's character and affordability. [READ MORE](#)

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Upcoming Events

An Address by U.S. Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo on U.S. Foreign Policy. Admission is free and open to members of the Baker Institute Roundtable, Roundtable Emerging Leaders and special guests with the link included in their email invitation. **Nov. 15 | 10:30 am**

Energy in Central Europe. Officials from Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia will discuss their countries' current energy landscapes and describe prospects for future development. **Nov. 19 | 10:00 am**

Examining Mexico's Public Safety and Security Landscape. Tony Payan, director of the Center for the United States and Mexico, describes the current public safety and security environments in Mexico and evaluates the López Obrador administration's strategy to reduce violence and crime. **Nov. 20 | 8:00 am**

A Conversation on Women in Diplomacy. The consuls general of Indonesia, Mexico, Norway and Spain in Houston explore the evolving role of women in diplomacy and the critical issues facing women in office around the world. **Nov. 21 | 6:00 pm**

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