



Bob Mitchell, president of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, is a Republican candidate for Senate District 11. Bob is a trusted community leader and lifelong resident of Southeast Texas.

Throughout his career, Bob has helped bring the Gulf Coast Region new generations of innovative job opportunities and workforce training programs. From overseeing the Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program to promoting the creation of a spaceport at Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, Bob sought out the jobs of the future and brought them home. Recognizing the need for local training programs to fill those jobs, Bob helped develop and implement training pipelines on the high school, junior college, and graduate levels.

Bob has also worked to help Gulf Coast communities prepare for, respond to, and recover from storms. Since 2008, he has advocated for a coastal barrier system to protect the citizens and the economy of the upper Texas Gulf Coast. In 2021, Gov. Greg Abbott appointed Bob to the Gulf Coast Protection District Board of Directors, which was created by the legislature to operate and leverage funding to build the unique flood control and surge protection needs for coastal communities. Gov. Abbott said this project will go down in history as one of the most significant measures to protect Coastal Texas, its citizens, and the economic activities the region provides.

Bob has vast experience in economic development, process controls and manufacturing management in the Houston region. He has spent more than two decades in management as a highly successful executive in both for profit and not for profit enterprises and has consistently demonstrated his ability to develop, manage and implement a strategic plan for international companies.

Bob joined the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP) in 2000 to oversee the statewide implementation of the Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program (SATOP). Through leadership and highly successful program management, he was increasingly asked in 2006 to represent the president in many initiatives and social functions. In 2007 he was assigned responsibility of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership's day-to-day operations, and, in the fall of that year, was named president-elect of the organization. He assumed the presidency on January 1, 2008.

Bob believes in giving back to the community and has actively donated his time in numerous capacities. Texas Governor Greg Abbott appointed Bob to his Aerospace and Aviation Advisory Committee. He also serves on numerous boards including that of the Clear Lake Regional Medical Center, UTMB Health System Advisory Board, Manned Spaceflight Education Foundation, Inc., HCA Gulf Coast Regional Advisory Board, Rotary National Award for Space Achievement Board of Advisors, Texas A&M Galveston Board of visitors, Gulf Coast Limestone, Inc., and Communities in Schools.

Bob is a father and a grandfather, and lives with his wife Joan in Pearland.