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2018 HUTCHINS

# VOTERS GUIDE

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EARLY VOTING • APRIL 23, 2018 – MAY 1, 2018

ELECTION DAY • MAY 5, 2018 • POLLS OPEN 7 AM TO 7 PM

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### About This *Voters Guide*

This printed *Voters Guide* lists items that will be on the ballot for the May 5, 2018 Hutchins city council election. Candidate responses are presented as submitted without editing. This *Voters Guide* is funded and published by the League of Women Voters of Dallas which does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. Call 214-688-4125 or [lwwdallas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lwwdallas@sbcglobal.net) for questions.

### Vote411.org

You may also see all items on your ballot on-line at [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org).

### Voter Identification: What to Take to the Polls

The 7 forms of approved photo ID (must not be expired more than 4 years) are:

- Texas Driver License
- Texas Election Identification Certificate
- Texas Personal Identification Card
- Texas Handgun License
- U.S. Military ID Card containing the person's photograph
- U.S. Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States passport

OPTIONS: voters who are on the official list of registered voters and who do not have any form of approved photo ID may complete and sign a "reasonable impediment declaration" and vote a regular ballot if they present one of the following:

- Valid Voter Registration Certificate
- Certified Birth Certificate (must be an original)
- Copy of or original current utility bill
- Copy of or original bank statement
- Copy of or original government check
- Copy of or original paycheck
- Copy of or original government document with your name and an address (original required if it contains a photograph)

ID address does not have to match voter registration address.

### Early Voting Times & Locations

Monday April 23 – Saturday April 28	8AM to 5PM
Sunday April 29	1PM to 6PM
Monday April 30 – Tuesday May 1	7AM to 7PM

Vote at any of these locations during early voting:

Addison Fire Station #1	4798 Airport Pkwy	Addison
Balch Springs Civic Center	12400 Elam Road	Balch Springs
Betty Warmack Library	760 Bardin Rd	Grand Prairie
Carrollton FB ISD Admin Bldg	1445 N Perry Rd	Carrollton
Carrollton Library	4220 N Josey Ln	Carrollton
Cedar Hill Government Center	285 Uptown Blvd	Cedar Hill
Cockrell Hill City Hall	4125 W Clarendon	Cockrell Hill
Coppell Town Center	255 E Parkway Blvd	Coppell
Crosswinds High School	1100 N Carrier Pkwy	Grand Prairie
Dallas ISD Administration Bldg	9400 N Central Expwy	Dallas
Disciple Central Com Church	901 N Polk St	DeSoto
Duncanville Library	201 James Collins	Duncanville
Farmers Branch City Hall	13000 William Dodson Pkwy	Farmers Bnch
Florence Recreation Center	2501 Whitson Way	Mesquite
George Allen Courts Building	600 Commerce St	Dallas
Hutchins City Hall	321 N Main St	Hutchins
Irving Arts Center	3333 N Macarthur Blvd	Irving
Irving City Hall	825 W Irving Blvd	Irving
J Erik Jonsson Central Library	1515 Young St	Dallas
Josey Ranch Library	1700 Keller Springs Rd	Carrollton
Lakeside Activity Center	101 Holley Park Dr	Mesquite
Lancaster Vet Memorial Lib	1600 Vet Memorial Pkwy	Lancaster
Martin Luther King Jr Core Bld	2922 Martin Luther King Blvd	Dallas
Paul L Dunbar Lan-Kiest Lib	2008 East Kiest Blvd	Dallas
Pleasant Grove Branch Library	7310 Lake June Rd	Dallas
Richland College-Garland Camp	675 W Walnut St	Garland
Rowlett City Hall Annex	4004 Main St	Rowlett
Sachse City Hall	3815 Sachse Road Bldg B	Sachse
Samuell Grand Rec Center	6200 East Grand Ave	Dallas
South Garland Branch Library	4845 Broadway Blvd	Garland
Sunnyvale Town Hall	127 North Collins Road	Sunnyvale
Valley Ranch Library	401 Cimarron Trail	Irving
Wilmer Community Center	101 Davidson Plaza	Wilmer

### Mobile Voting Dates, Times and Location

Wednesday April 25 – Thursday April 26	12 Noon to 8PM
Horn High School	Mesquite
3300 E Cartwright Rd	

### Election Day Times & Locations

Polls open 7 AM to 7 PM on May 5, election day. For election day locations see [www.DallasCountyVotes.org](http://www.DallasCountyVotes.org) or call 214.819.6300.

## City of Hutchins City Council Election

The City of Hutchins is a general law city. The Mayor and five Councilmembers are elected at large for two year terms. The candidate with the most votes wins. There are no runoff elections.

City Council meetings are held every first and third Monday at 6:30 pm and are located at City Hall (321 N. Main St. Hutchins, TX 75141).

### Questions To Candidates

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** What specific actions would you support to advance economic development?

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** What priority would you give to upgrading the city's infrastructure and how would you propose paying for needed upgrades?

**HOUSING:** As home prices escalate, pressure increases for affordable housing options for families. Do you support apartment construction in the city? What solutions would you support?

**CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY:** What is the city's greatest challenge and opportunity in the next several years?

### Mayor

**Freddie Chism – no response**

#### Mario Vasquez

**Biographical Info:**

**Age:** 8/22/1957

**Education:** associates degree

**Campaign Phone:** (469) 569-6589

**Email:** [mario5003@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mario5003@sbcglobal.net)

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Tax incentives

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** High priority, selling tax notes, drainage fees, what ever means necessary, depending on the project.

**HOUSING:** yes I support a limited amount of affordable housing. As long as there is Market value is homes included.

**CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY:** Market value housing. Transportation, retail, water and sewer,

### Councilmember – Vote for 0, 1 or 2

#### Steve Nichols



**Biographical Info:**

**Age:** 11/28/1961

**Education:** High school and some college, all trade related. Training in both Fire fighting and EMS services

**Campaign Phone:** (972) 225-8782

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** I am currently on the EDC for the city of Hutchins and would support tax incentives for retail development in our area.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** I would support a bond election to improve the city's water, sewer and streets.

**HOUSING:** I would support multi family construction, I would not support section 8 or low income housing as we already have that.

**CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY:** Infrastructure improvements.

## Gerald Hollis

**Biographical Info:**

**Age:** 6/13/1950

**Education:** I. Various training seminars in divinity. Extensive training in construction and infrastructure

**Campaign Phone:** (972) 225-4103

**Website:** <http://CCHTX.org>

**Email:** geraldhollis1950@gmail.com

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Would support any and all actions taken to bring manufacturing jobs as well as retail and single family resident housings to our city.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** Truly the citizens of Hutchins deserve extensive work on the infrastructure in our city. Beginning with water and sewer and then streets.

**HOUSING:** I would be a strong supporter of single family resident housing. I am not opposed to apartments if they are not low income or section eight. We have enough of those already.

**CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY:** Challenge will certainly be on providing sufficient Police and Fire protection for our growing population and of course being able to provide adequate infrastructure for our industrial and residential growth.



### What Is the League of Women Voters' Mission?

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

### What Does the League Do Now?

The League of Women Voters is a peoples' organization that has fought since 1920 to improve our government and engage all Americans in the decisions that impact their lives. We operate at national, state and local levels through more than 800 state and local Leagues, in all 50 states as well in DC, the Virgin Islands and Hong Kong. We never endorse or oppose political parties or candidates, but we are political.

Formed from the movement that secured the right to vote for women, the centerpiece of the League's efforts remain to expand participation and give a voice to all Americans. We do this at all three levels of government, engaging in both broad educational efforts as well as advocacy. Our issues are grounded in our respected history of making democracy work for all Americans.

### Why Should I Support the League of Women Voters?

The League is different from many organizations in that what it accomplishes comes directly from the involvement of its members. It is a **grassroots organization** providing every member with opportunities to learn and educate others about government, and take action on public policy. We walk our talk: we believe that we need everyone to participate in order for our community to be strong, safe and vibrant. Whether you contribute your time, your money, or both you can feel confident that your investment in democracy goes further in the League. Groups of League members meet to discuss topics in a respectful setting. They learn effective techniques for public discussion, how to advocate on specific policies, and what the issues beneath the rhetoric are. Our study and consensus process ensures that we are fully informed on **issues** before we take a stand. We also host public forums and debates which are well known for being fair, transparent and civil. This approach has earned the League a global reputation for integrity and thoroughness.

Your participation in League will expose you to a breadth of experiences and issues that will not only inform you but create greater possibilities for civic engagement than you might imagine. You can spend as much or as little time as you wish. Whether you aspire to leadership or are keen to follow the lead of experienced members, the League will excite, use, and nurture your civic curiosity, ideals, or desire for action. We offer our members webinars, conference calls, workshops, other events and mentorship opportunities throughout the year, at the local, regional, state and national levels.

- Attend an event on our calendar
- Contact us to get involved