



Voter Guide: 2020 Election for Kerrville City Council - 2 Places

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Kerrville City Council Election for Place 3: term of office is 2 years.

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Duties: appoints the city manager; oversees the city manager and the direction of the city; approves the city budget and the tax rate; sets salaries and benefits of city employees; passes ordinances and resolutions; appoints members to advisory boards.

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1. What in your background qualifies you to serve on the Kerrville City Council Place 3?

Eychner: I have 30 years of extensive volunteer work, teaching and business experience in Kerrville. My diligence during my first term on City Council more than qualifies me to serve another term. I supported, voted for, and have been instrumental in implementing the 2050 Comprehensive Plan - designed by the citizens and our roadmap for the future. I have addressed attainable workforce housing, water, zoning, and streets. I have also brought to the council respect, treating people right and no hidden agendas. I have but one agenda: Doing what is best for Kerrville!

Garcia: Being involved in various community and government organizations have enhanced my qualifications to serve on Council. Serving on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council as the chair and on a Kerrville 2050 subcommittee provided me with great insight into our local government. I have volunteered extensively throughout my community through local youth and sports organizations, food pantries, and charitable organizations. As a result of this, I was recognized on a national level as a recipient of the Billy Michal Student Leadership Award. My years of experience and active involvement in Kerrville and our government shows my commitment to improving our community.

2. What is the most pressing issue facing the Kerrville City Council and what do you hope/plan to do about it?

Eychner: Keeping the budget on track and finding avenues to help recover the economy will be an important issue. The city is strong financially but it will require constant attention to remain that way. I will continue to search for new businesses that will bring revenue and new jobs to our community. I will continue to address infrastructure needs, water, housing and the revitalization of downtown. And, I will continue to keep the 2050 Comprehensive Plan at the forefront of any and all decisions.

Garcia: The most pressing issue currently facing the City Council is the effects of the COVID-19 virus on our local economy. I plan to be fiscally responsible when preparing our budget to ensure we can withstand shortfalls to operate effectively. I will be mindful of spending taxpayer money to ensure that incurred expenses benefit the community and are applied towards enhancing our vital infrastructures, including streets, water, sewer, energy, and telecommunications. I plan to foster the reinvigoration of local businesses by collaborating with community and government entities to create innovative solutions for our shifting way of life after COVID-19.



3. What are the citizens of Kerrville telling you about city problems?

Eychner: I am not sure it is an actual problem, but the word 'growth' scares people. People who left large cities to retire here have a concern about growth. They want things to stay as they were. On the other hand, the younger population who have returned (or come) to Kerrville to work and raise families often feel there is not enough growth--not enough to do. Maintaining small town charm while providing big city amenities is a challenge. The key to growth is management--and our 2050 Plan will enable us to do just that!

Garcia: The citizens have conveyed that the Council must prioritize their needs over those of tourists by bringing in activities and facilities for local families and youth. Our city needs equal and consistent enforcement of laws and ordinances, proper street maintenance, and an atmosphere where local businesses have an opportunity to grow and thrive. The Council should further educate its citizens in all aspects of public matters and give ample opportunities for involvement before it takes action. Kerrville can benefit from a diverse Council that takes a fiscally conservative approach to budgeting taxpayer money and thoroughly deliberates all action items.

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1. What in your background qualifies you to serve on the Kerrville City Council Place 3?

Hughes: I believe my community service and my 27 years as a successful business owner represents a unique perspective I can bring to the Council. I believe in representing the needs of our community as a whole by getting the opinions and concerns of constituents before casting any vote that represents them. My involvement on City and County Boards gives me an insight to the goals of each Government entity, while connecting to the taxpayers affected by these goals. This community service has played a significant role in helping me understand the balance needed to ensure a healthy, prosperous city.

Sigerman: Last five years of working on various boards and lastly the past two years on City Council.

2. What is the most pressing issue facing the Kerrville City Council and what do you hope/plan to do about it?

Hughes: Balancing the budget and meeting the infrastructure needs is the most pressing issue in my opinion and therefore, the most critical management role for a Council member. Dedication to those issues helps provide for the overall success of each Department. There are budget shortfalls related to the COVID-19 pandemic that require adjustments in order to resolve. Determining the City's wants versus their needs plays a significant role in minimizing the anticipated shortfall. As a small business owner this is a way of life for me in prioritizing the critical projects versus the projects that are elective.

Sigerman: To do what we can to boost our economy while also planning our future for growth, i.e. housing jobs, etc.

3. What are the citizens of Kerrville telling you about city problems?

Hughes: The citizens I spoke with don't believe the City represents their interests. Several small businesses felt unsupported by the City related to the COVID-19 pandemic mandates. Street maintenance, the TIRZ, the Vintage Heights project, water resources and the possible "toilet to tap" system, are issues they feel disconnected from when decisions are made by the City. Our citizens would like to see a better working relationship between the City and the County that benefits the community as a whole. Lastly, there is a perception the City favors some businesses over others and shows partiality in the Permit process.

Sigerman: Keeping our businesses healthy and thriving
Housing for State Hospital expansion and others
Maintaining our existing plan to repair roads and our drainage master plan
Stay connected with our neighborhoods like Doyle and others



Voting Information

Sample ballots and other information from the Kerr County Election Department:
posted online: <https://www.co.kerr.tx.us/elections>

NO straight ticket voting: begins with this election per new law in Texas.

Take a photo ID with you to the voting location.

Dates to Remember for the 2020 General Election

Last day to register to vote:	Monday, October 5
Last day to update voter registration:	Monday, October 5
First day of Early Voting:	Tuesday, October 13
Last day to apply to vote by mail:	Friday, October 23
Last Day of Early Voting:	Friday, October 30
Last day to return mail-in ballot:	Tuesday, November 3
Election Day:	Tuesday, November 3

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