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VOTERS GUIDE

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This printed *Voters Guide* lists items that will be on the ballot for the May 4, 2019 Town of Addison and DCCCD bond 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 for questions.

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Eligibility for Voting

You must be a citizen of the United State, registered to vote in the county of your residence 30 days prior to election day, and must be at least 18 years old on election day. You cannot vote if you have been declared by a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote or are a convicted felon who has not completed your sentence, probation and/or parole.

Early Voting Times & Locations

Monday April 22 – Saturday April 27	8AM to 5PM
Sunday April 28	1PM to 6PM
Monday April 29 – Tuesday April 30	7AM to 7PM

Dallas County residents may vote at any of these locations:

Addison Fire Station #1	4798 Airport Pkwy	Addison
Balch Springs Civic Center	12400 Elam Road	Balch Springs
Bethany Lutheran Church	10101 Walnut Hill Lane	Dallas
Betty Warmack Library	760 Bardin Rd	Grand Prairie
Cedar Hill Government Center	285 Uptown Blvd	Cedar 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
Eastfield Col-Pleasant Grove Cmp	802 S Buckner	Dallas
El Centro Col-Main Campus	801 Main Street	Dallas
El Centro Col-West Campus	3330 N Hampton Road	Dallas
Farmers Branch City Hall	13000 William Dodson Pkwy	Farmers Bnch
Florence Recreation Center	2501 Whitson Way	Mesquite
Frankford Townhomes	18110 Marsh Land	Dallas
Fretz Park Library	6990 Belt Line Road	Dallas
Friendship West Baptist Church	2020 Wheatland Road	Dallas
George Allen Courts Building (Main Early Voting Location)	600 Commerce St	Dallas
Grauwlyer Park Rec Center	7780 Harry Hines Blvd	Dallas
Harry Stone Recreation Center	2403 Millmar Drive	Dallas
Highland Hills Library	6200 Bonnie View Road	Dallas
Hutchins City Hall	321 North Main Street	Hutchins
Irving Arts Center	3333 N Macarthur Blvd	Irving
Irving City Hall	825 W Irving Blvd	Irving
J Erik Jonsson Central Library	1515 Young Street	Dallas
Jaycee Zaragoza Recreation Ctr	3114 Clymer Street	Dallas
Josey Ranch Library	1700 Keller Springs Rd	Carrollton
Lakeside Activity Center	101 Holley Park Drive	Mesquite
Lakewood Branch Library	6121 Worth Street	Dallas
Lancaster Vet Memorial Lib	1600 Vet Memorial Pkwy	Lancaster
Lochwood Library	11221 Lochwood Blvd	Dallas
Marsh Lane Baptist Church	10716 Marsh Lane	Dallas
Martin Luther King Core Bldg	2922 Martin Luther King Blvd	Dallas
Martin Weiss Rec Center	1111 Martindell Avenue	Dallas
Mountain Creek Library	6102 Mountain Creek Pkwy	Dallas
Oak Cliff Sub-Courthouse	410 S Beckley	Dallas
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church	7611 Park Lane	Dallas
Paul L Dunbar Lan-Kiest Lib	2008 East Kiest Blvd	Dallas
Preston Royal Library	5626 Royal Lane	Dallas
Renner-Frankford Library	6400 Frankford Road	Dallas
Reverchon Recreation Center	3505 Maple Avenue	Dallas
Richardson Civic Center	411 W Arapaho Road	Richardson
Richland College-Garland Camp	675 W Walnut St	Garland
Richland Col-Main Camp "G" Bldg	12800 Abrams Rd	Dallas
Rowlett City Hall Annex	4004 Main St	Rowlett
Sachse City Hall	3815 Sachse Road	Sachse
Samuell Grand Rec Center	6200 East Grand Ave	Dallas
Seagoville City Hall	702 N Highway 175	Seagoville
Skyline Branch Library	6006 Everglade Road	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

Election Day Times & Locations

Polis open 7 AM to 7 PM on May 4, election day. For election day locations see DallasCountyVotes.org or call 214.819.6300.

TOWN OF ADDISON GENERAL ELECTION

Addison has a Council-Manager form of government. The Mayor and 6 City Council members are elected at large to staggered 2 year terms and can serve up to 3 successive terms. The candidate with the most votes win. There are no runoff elections. Council develops the overall vision for the Town, sets policy and passes ordinances. Day to day administrative duties are carried out by the City Manager who is appointed by the Council.

Questions To Candidates

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

BOND ISSUE: The Citizens Bond committee is currently assessing Addison's capital needs. What projects would you prioritize for the next bond issue? Please be specific.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: As home prices escalate, pressure increases for affordable housing options for families and town workers. Do you support additional apartment construction in the town? What solutions would you support?

PUBLIC SAFETY: How would you rate the town's performance in the area of public safety? Would you recommend changes? if so, how would you pay for them? How would you prioritize these upgrades compared to other town needs?

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

Mayor

Joe Chow



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: The best economic development tool for the town is building and maintaining good street, water and sewer facilities so developers can easily build and service their private developments. We continue to have that commitment which is illustrated by our work on Belt Line Road and our future work on Midway Road as well as other facilities throughout the town. The Addison treehouse, our incubator for new business and our Economic Development Department continues to draw acclaim throughout the state.

BOND ISSUE: The Addison Bond Advisory Committee is currently working hard to identify needs based on the results of an asset management comprehensive analysis. Maintaining the Town's infrastructure, streets, buildings, public safety, traffic management, mobility, pedestrian safety, ADA compliance, athletic club expansion is critical to our Town's success.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: In the last two years only two apartment communities have been built in Addison and one was Vitruvian and the other is north of Belt Line by Addison Circle. Vitruvian and Addison Circle are recognized as two of the premier multi-family developments in the country and do not infringe on our single-family neighborhoods. I promise to consider everyone's opinion on the appropriateness of uses in zoning cases just like I have for my entire tenure as Mayor. I believe the developments need to be the highest and best use of the land and embraced by the surrounding neighbors and businesses.

PUBLIC SAFETY: We have excellent public safety departments and a tradition of prioritizing those needs in our budget processes. We continue to work on our competitive position regarding salaries and benefits for our public

safety employees. The quality of these services is one of our major economic development selling points and our revenues will increase as we continue to grow the community through economic expansion. Recently, Council and I approved the installation of LPR (License Plate Recognition) devices and video cameras to discourage the crimes in residential areas. And also Addison received highest ISO rating.

CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY: I have been able to provide political stability and work with the city council to propel the Town in a positive direction. That is one of the reasons Addison received Moody's AAA bond rating in Nov. 2018 and S&P AAA bond rating in May 2008. The Town's greatest challenge is to maintain its positive trajectory and to get things done. This is a great community. We need to execute the public's business in a professional way. I promise to treat everyone with respect and kindness and provide the leadership you would expect out of a Mayor.

Blake W Clemens

NO RESPONSE

Member Of Council, Vote For 0, 1, 2, Or 3

Andrew Aleman



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Updating the cities code and rules. If you look today at the city ordinances you will find that the ordinances are old and not forward thinking. Several of sections of the code put a hindrance on citizens properties and business development. Thus, by updating our rules that reflect our changing times, I believe would make it for our citizens and businesses to grow.

BOND ISSUE: Easy. Parks and improvement of our cities (walkability). Our city is a small city, and we should be able to make it where our citizens can enjoy their city. I would like to expand the feel and business activity around Addison Circle.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: 100%. The town is landlocked and does not have any way to increase services outward, so it must build upward. I would support this by changing our current zoning and ordinance codes that promote development for Addison.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Great. I would recommend paying the town's employees a fair wage and providing them the tools necessary so that they can do their jobs. I would prioritize these because you can not have any development if the citizens are not safe or protected.

CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY: Demographic change. The entire state is having a demographic change, and the town along with our state and nation need to be prepared to address all the needs of our aging community and the young members of our community.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: The financial plan to Economic Development must be a balanced effort of the allowable budget and the proposed financial impact of what is being proposed. I am a big believer in Economic Development as the City of Addison will always get measured by its "neighbors" and the better (we can afford) to look - the better we can attract those types of business and investment dollars for Office/Hotel/Construction.

BOND ISSUE: Addison needs to invest in Addison. That includes, Roads, Parks, and improvement of areas that are appearing as "dilapidated" and come up with a plan to improve these conditions (based on long term ROI) and show how these investments will best serve the City.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: My opinion is in areas that are ZONED for Multi Family - the City of Addison should work to build up its community with good developers and good housing program. The areas that are NOT zoned - a clear report needs to be presented and Citizen Vote.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Some of the most important resources for the City is Police & Fire. We must make sure that our Emergency Responders have the resources, funding and manpower to provide the Citizens and Business of Addison the best quality care in the event of an Emergency. I rate their service First Class !!

CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY: Addison needs to become a Shining Star in the DFW Metroplex. It has become neglected and appearing to be worn. There is no strong marketing and branding campaign and or PRESS. If the Citizens of Addison are not aware of what/why this is such a great place to Live & Work - imagine the rest of the COUNTRY and their lack of knowledge of this amazing place. We can do better to promote and given the opportunity - I will become a glowing Brand Ambassador to bring Business and Families to Addison TX

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: This is an exciting time to be in Addison. The town is in the process of finalizing a new economic development strategic plan. Having been a part of the process, I am encouraged by the innovation in how we think about economic development in an urban redevelopment setting. I support the focus on enhancing our sense of place, attracting and retaining talent, and engaging a broad base of Addison stakeholders to carry out a new strategic plan. Businesses, visitors, town staff and residents can all participate in our future success.

BOND ISSUE: We must maintain our facilities, streets and other types of core infrastructure while planning for the future. As of now, the committee has not made its report, nor has the council been given a funding capacity, so selecting specific projects, at this time, is unrealistic. Thanks to the newly completed asset management plan, we now have an accurate picture of community needs and priorities.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The current council's policy does not support constructing additional apartments in Addison. It is not feasible to support the construction of affordable housing in Addison with the current land prices. A call for innovation within the housing arena would be necessary to achieve desired outcomes in the affordable housing arena.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Addison has outstanding fire and police services. We purchased a new fire truck this year and invested in additional safety equipment. I don't see a need for substantial changes at the present time.

CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY: Taking advantage of the opportunity that will come with the Cotton Belt rail connection is our biggest challenge. While extensive planning has already been done, it will take continued effort to turn those plans into reality. We must also maintain Addison's desirability as THE place to live, work and play. To achieve our vision we must maintain a growth mindset.

Ivan Hughes



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: I support continuing proactive business outreach led by our Economic Development Department and ensuring we have clear development guidelines that keep us easy to do business with. I advocate increasing Town interconnectedness by improving roads and streets. Elements are in place that encourage investment e.g. excellent location, services, parks, restaurants; making transit / walkability between areas more inviting would multiply the overall appeal beyond the sum of individual elements. I could support incentives if there are strategic benefits (e.g. land acquisition) or favorable performance-based terms.

BOND ISSUE: My top two bond priorities are infrastructure and economic development. Addressing roads that are failing where maintenance costs have soared is critical. Keller Springs and Airport Parkway Roads are top bond candidates. Replacing roofs where ongoing repairs no longer suffice is also critical. The top economic development priority is funding strategic land acquisitions to facilitate coordination of developments – allowing the city to purchase land to overcome limitations arising from fragmented property ownership. I am counting on our residents to help assess and fine tune what specific bond propositions will be.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Two areas where additional apartments seem appropriate are Vitruvian and Addison Circle. At Vitruvian, an existing plan already includes additional rental housing. At Addison Circle, a combination of proximity to the airport and fire station and distance from the Tollway make single-family and office developments along Addison Road less likely and apartments more likely. Elsewhere, I share residents' expressed strong preference for single-family developments.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Residents comment often they feel safe and appreciate Addison's police and fire departments. I too applaud our excellent police and fire and feel safe. I recommend continuing current initiatives e.g. participating in a multi-city NTECC to coordinate resources and reduce response times, sharing jail service to reduce costs, leveraging technology such as license plate readers and optical face recognition to multiply force capabilities. It is key we pay competitively to encourage retention and motivation. Public outreach efforts are important to encourage a team effort to combat crime. Safety is a top funding priority.

CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY: Top emerging challenges arise from aging infrastructure and population growth. I support an asset management system to quantify infrastructure requirements so necessary actions can be planned and taken. I also support regular updates to Master Transportation, Parks, Economic Development, and Code Development Plans. Our greatest limitations are redevelopment-related; we are nearly built out. Our opportunities will arise through integrated strategic planning, taking advantage of opportunities as they are identified, e.g. through strategic land acquisition to promote larger re-developments and the Cotton Belt.

Sydney Powell-Bindi

NO RESPONSE

Tom Braun

NO RESPONSE

Dale Michael Wilcox

NO RESPONSE

DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT SPECIAL BOND ELECTION

PROPOSITION A

Shall the Board of Trustees of Dallas County Community College District (the "District"), be authorized to issue and sell the bonds and notes of the District as authorized by law at the time of issuance thereof, in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,102,000,000, for the purpose of constructing, improving, renovating and equipping school buildings of the District and acquiring real property therefor; with said bonds or notes to be issued in one or more series or issues, to mature serially or otherwise not to exceed 40 years from their date and bear interest at such rate or rates, not to exceed the respective limits prescribed by law at the time of issuance, and to be sold at such price or prices, as the Board of Trustees in its discretion shall determine; and shall there be levied and pledged, assessed and collected annually Ad Valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District in an amount sufficient, within the limits prescribed by law, to pay the annual interest on said bonds and notes and the costs of any credit agreements executed or authorized in anticipation of, in relation to, or in connection with said bonds and notes; with said bonds and notes to be issued and said taxes to be levied, pledged, assessed, and collected under the Constitution and laws of the state of Texas, including the Texas Education Code.

Explanation

The Dallas County College District ("DCCCD" or the "District") operates the 7 community colleges in Dallas County. The District currently serves 80,000 credit students and 20,000 continuing education (non-credit) students. In the next 11 years, the District expects the number of credit students will increase by 12,000. The \$1.1 billion bond issue will be used to expand the District's resources to enhance the educational experience and meet the expanding student population.

The 7 Dallas County community colleges have served over 3 million people since their inception in 1965. One of the largest community college systems in Texas, these colleges offer over 300 associate degree and career technical certifications. These colleges have been an instrumental contributor to the vibrant economic success of Dallas County.

The general obligation bonds will be sold over 6 years and under current conditions, will not increase property taxes. The District's last bond issue was 15 years ago and will be fully repaid in the next few years. The District's past performance on its prior bond issues is part of what makes it a good credit risk for this issuance.

The money from the bond issue will be used for 3 distinct initiatives: (1) Expand industry aligned workforce programs (\$235 million) – to train student to work in industries with high demand for jobs in the near future (health, IT, construction, advanced manufacturing); (2) Expand student instructional programs (\$332 million) – to expand the programs which permit high school students to take college courses and enhance student learning through technology and instructional innovation; and (3) Build a new Education and Innovation Hub in downtown Dallas (\$535 million) – would completely redesign the El Centro College campus and include a new Business Training Center to facilitate innovation and technology adaption in coordination with businesses in North Texas.

Reasons to Vote For	Reasons to Vote Against
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expands the resources of the Dallas County Community colleges to meet the growing student population. 2. Maintains the current property tax rate; no increase in property taxes under current conditions. 3. Increases the instructional innovation to enhance student learning with new instructional tools, technology and modern student learning space. 4. Provides a center for industry aligned education and training programs to enable students to meet the changing needs of the workforce in North Texas. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is no increase in the current tax rate only if current conditions remain the same. If the cost of borrowing under the bond issue increases, either the tax rate might need to increase or the scope of the proposed bond package might need to be curtailed. 2. If the bond issue does not pass, to maintain operations, the District could meet increasing needs by increasing tuition and/or raising taxes without incurring debt 3. The District has been performing well and should continue to do so without the additional debt. There's no pressing need to incur debt to maintain operations. 4. Many feel property taxes are too high. If this item does not pass, the District could potentially reduce its tax rate giving relief to homeowners.