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2019 Cedar Hill VOTERS GUIDE

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About This *Voters Guide*

This printed *Voters Guide* lists items that will be on the ballot for the May 4, 2019 city of Cedar Hill, Cedar Hill ISD 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 lwvdallas@sbcglobal.net for questions.

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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	600 Commerce St	Dallas
(Main Early Voting Location)		
Grauwylar 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

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CEDAR HILL MAYOR AND COUNCIL ELECTION

Cedar Hill has a council-manager form of government. The City Council sets the policies for the city's operation while the City Manager (appointed by Council) has administrative responsibilities. The City Council has 7 members (Mayor and 6 Council members). The Mayor and 2 Council members are elected at large. If no candidate receives at least 50% of the vote, there will be a runoff election.

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?

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

PUBLIC SAFETY: How would you rate the city'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 city needs?

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

Mayor

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: I believe Cedar Hill is the Jewel of the Metroplex. It offers opportunities unlike any other city in North Texas. A key to keeping our local economy strong will be to support the current efforts of our economic development department as well as look for innovative ways to help both local businesses flourish and attract new businesses as well. Two ways I would increase our regional economic strength would be to continue my commitment to our Best Southwest Partnership as well as form a stronger association with cities surrounding Joe Pool Lake.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Cedar Hill budgets annual improvements to infrastructure through its general budget. Additionally, it sets a 20 year Capital Improvement Plan where it systematically analysis and predicts future areas of needed improvement. Going forward, I think we need to identify key projects that will preceed and encourage growth in that area. These projects would become a part of the capital improvement plan.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I believe that just as a strong economy must be diverse, so should our housing options. When I talk to citizens of all ages, they have different needs for different seasons of life. Some citizens don't want or can't afford a large home. Others want common spaces and a gym where they can meet new friends, in more dense housing types, like apartments. That said, I am very proud of the fact that Cedar Hill has fewer apartments than any surrounding city and hold an extremely high standard. I think we also have to be proactive encouraging quality, affordable single family developments.

PUBLIC SAFETY: I feel safe in Cedar Hill, and its my hope each and every day that everyone can say the same, weither they are an elementary student, retiree, or any age in between. I don't think anyone will ever say their city is 'safe enough'. We work daily to make sure we do all we can to lower crime and increase safety. That starts by simply being good neighbors and looking out for each other. But that is insufficient without an well-supported

public safety team. I am so incredibly proud of our Police, Fire and EMS officers. They deserve our continued partnership and support.

CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY: Cedar Hill is an incredible place to own a business, be a neighbor, or visit for the day. But that doesn't happen by accident. Moving forward, we cannot assume healthy growth, a vibrant quality of life, and strong economy will happen easily, like sprawling cities forming on the outskirts of the Metroplex are experiencing. We have to intentionally engage our own citizens and surrounding cities to create a gravity of place; a destination that draws visitors, shoppers, neighbors and co-workers to our great city. I envision a Cedar Hill that we can be proud of for generations to come.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: During the 85th legislative session, The City of Cedar Hill hired a lobbyist for the first time. The intent was to seek Hotel Conference opportunity. We were successful with the effort to secure the partnership with the State. My approach as Mayor is to continue the effort to utilize strategic partnership with the County, State, and private entities.

INFRASTRUCTURE: My background involves in public infrastructure. Serving on the council for nine years, I focused on the high priorities of the city. I have always been inclusive of what the public seek is the high priority to upgrade our public infrastructure. I am proud to say our City and the County has a strong partnership. My added value consist that I am in the professional engineering services industry and I have the same relationship with the county. The opportunity to seek and enhance the partnership will be my initial approach to seek funding with the County.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The city identified a district titled the City Center Plan. Its still in its infancy stage. However, we have completed one development with another in construction that includes a mix use development. I like the concept to have a city with diversity housing opportunity.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Our city crime rate has decreased since I have been on the council. Our city has grown significantly over my tenure. I am proud of our Public Safety. Specifically, as Mayor I will have the opportunity to enhance our Police Department. The standard has been raised high and considering April 1st 2019 we will have a new Police Chief. I'm excited to begin this journey with him and to share our vision that Protect & Serve our community!

CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY: Considering that Revenue Caps is being consider during the 86th Legislative Session. How to do business and set policy will be new to both the administration and the policy makers. Additionally, the economy could be flat with a growing population. Opportunity is to plan for growth with our constituents and prepare for growth constraints with our financial advisers.

City Council Place 3

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: I would support boasting a diverse and robust business community which offers a wide array of products and services for residents, as well as attractions for visitors. I would support the City's history of managed, steady growth, and make certain we preserve natural space in the city by improving walking and biking facilities, while maintaining the character and distinctive community assets. Fostering an environment that retains and supports existing businesses to ensure the sustainability of our existing tax base. With rising business and sales tax revenues it allows the City to rely less on the homeowners.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Infrastructure is always a top priority. Cedar Hill is already creating great improvements to our infrastructure. I would support paying for upgrading through any National or State grants, public-private partnerships or through a fuel sales tax.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I support affordable housing, however, at this time Cedar Hill does not need additional apartments in the city. With increased concerns from our citizens we must listen to their voices. Unless, the city can devise a plan to move apartments away from the city center which causes more congestion and contention for residents, I say we wait.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The city is doing a phenomenal job in regards to public safety. In 2012, voters approved a ballot measure that allowed the City to designate 1/8 of one percent of existing sales tax revenue to fund community safety and crime prevention initiatives. The initial five year term of the CCPD expired in November 2017, and citizens approved extending the CCPD for an additional 15 years during the bond election in 2017.

CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY: The widening gap between the haves and have-nots will be accentuated in the future. Such inequalities, when left unchecked, can destabilize a city and upend any benefits of urban development. There is a critical need for policy-makers to ensure that the fruits of progress are shared equitably. Good governance is imperative. As the city increase in size and the population become more diverse governing will, therefore, be progressively complex and require the most dedicated of minds.

Alan E Sims



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: During my 15 years as city manager of Cedar Hill, we significantly increased options for retail goods and services. However, as a predominantly bedroom community, Cedar Hill lacks day time population. I support aggressive efforts to target commercial development of professional office space for personnel in the medical fields, architects, engineers, attorneys, accountants, technology, insurance and finance related entities. Professional office development would allow the tax burden that pays for city services to shift from residential to commercial. It would also increase the future possibility of lowering taxes.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Infrastructure can be best described as either pay for it now or pay more later. As the former city manager, we annually transferred funds from the operating budget to capital accounts to build up revenue for minor street improvements, drainage projects and facility maintenance. Regarding major capital improvements for roads, voters would have to authorize the issuance of bonds. For water and sewer, an engineering firm was hired to analyze the current and future needs and to recommend the necessary rate model structure to pay for the improvements. That plan has been implemented.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The recent addition of over several hundred new apartment units has significantly increased the inventory to meet the demand for affordable housing. At this point, it is inconceivable that additional apartments are needed right now. Additionally, in the earliest years of development of Cedar Hill, a strong inventory of low cost, entry level single family homes were constructed that have helped address the demand for affordable housing.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Consistent with my tenure as city manager, my number one priority is public safety! Cedar Hill currently has the lowest crime rate of all the Best Southwest cities. However, as a member of the city council, my plan is to provide direction to the city manager to develop a long term, sustainable plan to fortify our public safety operations and lower the crime rate. That plan would be presented to the city council for review, consideration, adoption and implementation.

CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY: Almost two thirds of the city budget is devoted to public safety. If the State Legislature enacts significant reductions in the current property tax cap, it could have a negative impact on our ability to deliver public safety services unless there is an exemption granted. The city also needs to expand its community engagement efforts with our residents toward the goal of strengthening neighborhoods, fostering ongoing dialogue and communication and minimizing misperceptions and distrust. Lastly, the entire community needs to rally around efforts to improve the educational excellence in our public schools.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: I would support the completion of the mixed-use development project for historic downtown Cedar Hill and the Preston Trail project as well as the completion of the hotel/conference center project at Hillside Village.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Cedar Hill's infrastructure needs to be able to carry us through today and into the future. Keeping streets, drainage systems, and water mains in good condition is a necessity for citizens in any city and thus should be, and is a high priority. In 2017, Cedar Hill voters approved a \$45 million Bond with \$10 million appropriated to street repair and drainage system projects. Street repair projects have already begun.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: While I do recognize the need for affordable housing, I also understand that there needs to be a balance in the city with regards to apartment construction. Cedar Hill currently has a number of apartment complexes spread throughout the city including a current mixed-use complex and another mixed-use complex currently under construction. Cedar Hill also utilizes a Tax Increment Financing tool to finance revitalization of blighted areas of the city and to help finance construction of low to moderate income housing.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Public safety is a high priority in Cedar Hill and its performance in the area of public safety is exceptional. Our Police and Fire Departments remain on the cutting edge of public safety with advanced training, and acquisition of technologically advanced equipment. The results of this are reflected in lower crime statistics and elevated citizen involvement. Cedar Hill created, and voters approved, a Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) where 1/8th of 1% of sales tax revenue is used to financially support many of the community outreach policing programs. I would continue to support our Police and Fire Depts.

CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY: I think Cedar Hill's greatest challenge in the next several years will be administering growth of the city, both residential and commercial, while continuing to provide high quality services to current citizens and businesses in a fiscally responsible manner. I think Cedar Hill's greatest opportunity will be employing the natural beauty and the distinctive character of Cedar Hill to attract businesses, large and small, as well as residents to live, work and play here, now and for generations to come.

Victor Gonzalez



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: I would like to create a supporting educational foundation, outside of schools, that would improve our schools and education system. An improved education system would attract new residents and employers creating a larger tax base in hopes of some relief of homeowners property taxes. Grants, state and federal funding would always be a primary source if available before using city money.

INFRASTRUCTURE: In 2018 the citizens of Cedar Hill approved a \$45 million dollar bond that included \$10 millions for infrastructure repairs and upgrades. While upgrades to the drainage lines were limited to the downtown area, I would've supported a smaller library and slightly increased the infrastructure bond to inspect older drainage lines outside of the downtown area.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: What solutions would you support? While I do understand the need for affordable housing, a new 300 units apartment complex is currently under construction. Supporting another complex at this time would need careful consideration as to not overload the city's infrastructure and city services.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The city of Cedar Hill has been fortunate to have a low crime rate for several years. The police department's Police and Community Team has created communities of neighbors watching for one another, along with our Citizens on Patrol team and crime watch meetings. Any changes to the police department will always be considered if it is cost efficient and continues to improve the safety of the city.

CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY: The city's greatest challenge is improving the education system. For the past several years our schools have been teetering at below average to average. Our greatest opportunity could be the completion of the hwy 67 expansions and our improved school system. Together it would encourage new residents leading to new single family development.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: I support more shopping options, Trader Joes or Whole Foods and more dining options. I support medium size businesses that will offer additional jobs for our residents without turning our city into a metropolis. I support the new conference center and more stores at Hillside Village. I support the revitalization of our old town cedar hill with shops and distinctive venues. I support reaching out to desirable business and presenting the vision of Cedar Hill and asking business to join us. I support controlled purposeful and intentional growth not just more of the same business already serving our community.

INFRASTRUCTURE: As with all municipalities, aging infrastructure is not only an issue but can be a serious safety issue for of our residents. Improvements and repairs must be done in order to prevent the tragic loss of life - as with outdated gas pipes. We would pay for this with Bond initiatives and include possible cost sharing with our business partners who join our community and make substantial additions to our area.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I would support the existing multi-family residences within our city and look to enhance their standards. I would support a limited amount of additional complexes provided that we have more city staff and support services. New apartments would be required to support the cost of additional resources directly. A nominal cost across all existing units would provide a welcome source of funding to support the additional resources.

PUBLIC SAFETY: We have a wonderful top flight Police department with an active community policing program in place. Existing funding has been continued (via our 2017 Bond Election) with 1/4% sales tax revenue mechanism. Our crime levels are lower than other municipalities, however, we do have our share of thief and break-ins. I would work with all of our local communities and HOA's to establish more crime watch groups to assist with our police department .

CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY: Our challenge will be maintaining the ambiance and small town feel of our community while attracting new businesses willing to partner and share in our vision along with bring new families to our growing community. A balanced growth that will value the quality of life in our city offers with the need for quality businesses. I envision a community where every citizen has a voice and our city council listens and does the will of the people. Our opportunity will be developing a dynamic partnership with our ISD so that our District is the Crown Jewel within the Metroplex.

Special Election City Council Place 1

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Advancing economic development is a product of implementing robust public safety, infrastructure, and city planning initiatives. The following are the initiatives I will work to ensure are implemented: 1. \$15,000,000 CCPD (Crime Control Prevention District) Investment 2. \$10,000,000 Infrastructure Investment 3. \$150,000 City Comprehensive Plan Investment

INFRASTRUCTURE: The \$10,000,000 Infrastructure CIP would cover drainage and street repairs and implemented over the next 5 years.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Our comprehensive plan will help us define our housing strategy and will serve as a blueprint for our future growth. The comprehensive plan is comprised of the following: Baseline Analysis, Visioning, Transportation Plan, Future Land Use Plan, Livability, Community Facilities, Housing & Neighborhoods, Implementation, Future Land Use Plan, Land Use Intensity Map, Streetscape Plan, and Thoroughfare Plan

PUBLIC SAFETY: Neighborhood Scout's data accessed on 17-Mar-2019 showed the following: Crime Index: 14 (100 is safest) Cedar Hill's Crime Control Prevention District was created in 2012 to bolster crime prevention initiatives, including the Police and Community Team (PACT). As a result of its creation, the crime rate index dropped about 10 percent. The PACT unit, comprised of five officers and one sergeant, engage in crime prevention and problem-solving activities throughout the community. Our investment of approximately \$15,000,000 over the next 15 years is a much needed boost to maintain the CCPD.

CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY: In 2017, roughly 150,000 people migrated to the DFW area. Cedar Hill will continue to expand just as the DFW does. With this expansion, I will work to safe-guard our future population growth by ensuring we have robust policies in place to handle the population boom.

Shirley Ann Daniels

No Response

CEDAR HILL SPECIAL LOCAL OPTION ELECTION

PROPOSITION A

"The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption only."

For or Against

CEDAR HILL ISD TRUSTEE ELECTION

School trustees make all final decisions regarding school district priorities, policies, personnel, textbooks, expenditures, and growth management. Trustees adopt a budget which is necessary to maintain and operate the schools, levy taxes to support the budget, and submit bond issues to the citizens of the District to finance construction projects. If no candidate receives at least 50% of the votes, there will be a runoff election.

Questions for Candidates

EXPERIENCE: What are your qualifications and experience that will make you an effective member of the School Board?

RATING: In 2017/18, Cedar Hill ISD received a "C" accountability rating from the State. What steps would you support to improve the level of education and earn a higher rating?

FISCAL OVERSIGHT: What procedural changes, checks and balances, and oversight would you support, if any, to the budgeting and expenditure process in the District?

PRIORITIES: What do you see as the top two pressing issues for Cedar Hill ISD and what are your solutions or recommendations?

OTHER ISSUES: What other issues of importance do you intend to address during your term?

Trustee Place 1

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EXPERIENCE: I have served on several boards within CHISD such Campus Improvement Council and also the Campus Advisory Board. I have held several leadership position on the different schools within CHISD. I have been an advocate for children in Cedar Hill for over 15 years. I have worked with administration to bring opportunities to our scholars here in Cedar Hill. Also have work closely with our State Rep to make sure the funding for education was in the green not the red for Cedar Hill. My experience running day to day operations for my business will allow me to help them with their budget to make sure we checks and balances.

RATING: This is my #1 goal is help bring our rating up back to an A rating district . The first step I would look at is our budget to see if we could find ways to hire more teachers to lower our class size. Lowering our class will be a solution to earning a higher rating. Take the necessary to hire a Supt with experience who has proven results showing where he/her has increased a district rating during their time as a Supt. Another step I will take is to put the programs we already have here in the district into motion because we have several good programs to help every child be successful but are not utilizing these program

FISCAL OVERSIGHT: I will most definitely implement a checks and balances system for all departments within the school district. I will make sure we look closely at our anticipated revenues and expenditures so we won't have

a deficit at the end of the year. To make sure we include what our principals and administrators need regarding instruction and programs. We should review our budget monthly to ensure that we're on track with our budget not just looking at the budget when it is time to create the budget for the following year. Look at the budget to see where we can move money to other resources to help increase our school rating.

PRIORITIES: 1. Hiring the right Supt. My solutions for that will be that we should only look at applicants that have experiences as a Supt already. 2. Class Size. Look at our budget and the admin that we may not need to be able to hire more qualified teachers. 3. Spending of TaxPayers money. To make sure that we are spending the money towards the kids education.

OTHER ISSUES: One issue I will address is transparency to the parents and taxpayers who has voted the board members in to do the job by working with integrity and to have a passion for our children in Cedar Hill.

Gayle Sims



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EXPERIENCE: I have served on the CHISD Board of Trustees since 2017. I bring to the board over 30+ years work experience in both the business and public sectors. I have an extensive human resources director level experience that includes management, policy development and implementation. Additionally I have been responsible both in my work as well as my volunteer experience in budget development and recruiting and retaining qualified personnel. I consider these very important qualifications in continuing on the board.

RATING: CHISD has already begun implementing processes that I support to improve the level of education and earn a higher rating. CHISD is developing curriculum aligned with the TEKS and effective instruction that is relevant to the achievement of all students. The district has expanded its CTE programs to ensure we are reaching all students at their level of interest. As well, the district is focused on professional development and leadership to support teacher and administrators' continued growth and knowledge needed to teach the written curriculum.

FISCAL OVERSIGHT: I support budgeting and expenditure processes that provide resources for students, teachers and administrators on each campus. I want the board to have regular budget updates to know and understand how funds are being expended and most important the outcomes that are being achieved. It is my expectation that this information be communicated to the public to ensure the district is being fully transparent.

PRIORITIES: Two issues that constantly need focus are student academic achievement and teacher support. These two issues are closely related because when teachers are supported and have the ability to concentrate on instruction, student achievement will be in the forefront. Allowing teachers and administrators resources and professional development opportunities will provide the foundation for them to develop and cultivate a culture of learning.

OTHER ISSUES: Community and parental involvement continue to be issues to address. Cedar Hill citizens are supportive and want to be involved in making the district one of choice for parents and students. The district has developed an Ambassador Program I want to see that it gets fully implemented. The bus tours have been successful in allowing citizens to visit our campus' to see the progress that is taking place. I am very supportive of continuing these efforts to reach out to the community. I welcome open dialogue with our parents and the community to allow their input on what they would like to see more of.

Dr Keisha Williams-Lankford



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EXPERIENCE: Qualifications include 19 years of excellence in education as an educator/dual credit coordinator at the World Class (Blue Ribbon) Townview Law Magnet High School. 12 Years as a Sociology Professor @ Mountainview College. Director and Founder of The Avenue Proactive Resource Center. With well over 20 years in the field of Education and Higher Learning, you can not ask for a more qualified, caring and suitable individual to represent our children of Cedar Hill ISD. Dr. Keisha Lankford has worked tirelessly to advocate, assist, support, and uplift people throughout our community.

RATING: It is imperative that we increase those scores. That would be a definite priority. We are a premiere city, that should offer premiere education. There were 3 schools that received D ratings from the state, that is unacceptable. Analyzing the scores, identifying weaknesses, developing strategies with teachers would be our initial step. Professionally developing & supporting teachers to master the subjects identified would be our next step. Identifying grants & recruiting volunteers to support the teachers & staff with tutoring & supportive programs would also be steps recommended in improving our academic performance.

FISCAL OVERSIGHT: I am especially concerned about the fiscal responsibilities of our school district. I have identified ways to better serve our teachers and students. The teachers have requested more support in the classroom. Teachers have expressed concerns regarding the large classroom sizes. That too is a priority. My goal would be to assist in devising a plan with my colleagues that would provide more support to the teachers and students to ensure that they are successful. Reducing administrative expenses, increasing our volunteer base, becoming more transparent and inclusive with our stakeholders are all great areas to start.

PRIORITIES: The top two pressing issues are the school ratings by the T.E.A. and securing a qualified superintendent. Raising the academic achievement and performance for the comprehensive schools is my primary purpose in being a candidate for school board trustee! I am also very interested in the school system dynamics. There are so many concerns with our district, we have to be very clever on how to appropriate our funds to better serve our students and our communities. When our schools are successful our neighborhoods thrive. In addressing these issues, I believe we can help our scholars within all schools be successful.

OTHER ISSUES: The superintendent vacancy, would be our 4th in 5 years. Such transitions could be extremely hard on the faculty, staff and students. Therefore stability is also a priority for me. It is so important to provide quality leadership and examples for our scholars, that are committed to our community. Additional concerns include our special education program (which requires improvement per the TAPR report), ESL student needs, eliminating the achievement gaps, school safety, increased parental involvement, transparency, and improved communications with our stakeholders.

Carma Morgan



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RATING: I would continue to assist with the Board Goals and Priorities that have been implemented for CHISD to become a premier school district. 1. Design and implement a rigorous instructional learning system that is data driven, fosters student engagement, and produces college and career-ready students 2. Remain efficient, trustworthy, and transparent in our financial practices and business processes 3. Align the budget process to achieve district goals 4. Recruit, develop, and retain highly effective and engaging employees in an environment that embraces diversity 5. Provide a safe, efficient, healthy, and orderly learnin

FISCAL OVERSIGHT: Checks and balances and oversight, I would support to the budget and expenditures for the district are: 1. Ensured Equality of Opportunity for ALL Students 2. Taking a Long-Term Perspective 3. Being Transparent

PRIORITIES: 1. Hiring a Superintendent 2. Balanced Budget

OTHER ISSUES: •Every child matters! •Innovate pathways for efficient, instructional learning for all students. •Effective faculty & staff changes, Student lives. •Transparent & balanced budget requires intentional oversight. •Students, parents & the community should have an active seat at the table. •Education is everybody's business

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.

