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# 2019 DUNCANVILLE 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 Duncanville City & ISD elections 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](mailto:lwvdallas@sbcglobal.net) for questions.

### Vote411.org

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

### Photo ID Requirement

People voting in person must present a form of photo ID or alternative approved by the state or else may only vote provisionally. For more information and exceptions see [DallasCountyVotes.org](http://DallasCountyVotes.org) or call 214.819.6300.

### 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
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

Polls open 7 AM to 7 PM on May 4, election day. For election day locations see [DallasCountyVotes.org](http://DallasCountyVotes.org) or call 214.819.6300.

## DUNCANVILLE CITY COUNCIL

The Duncanville City Council consists of 7 members, including the mayor elected at large, 1 councilmember elected at large, and 5 councilmembers elected from single-member districts. City Council members serve 2-year terms, expiring in staggered years. The term for mayor, district 2 and district 4 members expire in even-numbered years. Councilmembers for districts 1, 3 and 5 and at large expire in odd-numbered years. 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?*

### MEMBER OF COUNCIL, AT LARGE

#### Patrick Harvey



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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Conduct a rail service study to assist development of multi modal transportation options. Meet semiannually with business stakeholders/Chamber to gauge the business climate. Meet with interested parties to develop the Railroad Flats area consistent with the vision in the Comprehensive Plan. Identify nonconforming properties in the City's eight

opportunity zones and work with property owners to relocate or bring the property into compliance Work with the State as needed to extend the I20 service roads to Camp Wisdom.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** This is an important priority and a concern for maintaining adequate future funding. Currently the street maintenance fund is funded primarily through the property tax (1.6 million in FY 2019, a record level). However, property tax reform legislation in Austin may make this level of funding unsustainable. My personal desire is to maintain or increase the current funding level.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** In the City Comprehensive Plan a section entitled "Community Snap Shot" indicated that 74% of the housing in Duncanville was valued at 150,000 or less. My preference (if additional construction is needed) would be live/work units, garden style apartments of 15 units or less per acre or active senior living residences.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The City's performance with major crimes is acceptable. However, property crimes are rising in Duncanville. I would support additional police protection given availability of resources and I would encourage citizens to organize block by block banning together to guard against this rising trend in property crimes.

**CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY:** Challenge: adjusting to the new normal of property tax reform  
Opportunity: redevelopment in the downtown corridor and commercial districts

## Patrick LeBlanc



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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** I support an economic growth plan that considers the future of others; a plan that both will consider the interests of the community and will be reactive to their needs. I will support an economic development plan that is sustainable and measurable.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** Infrastructure is important to any city. The infrastructure funding has limited options available to cities like mine which in turn causes cities to explore riskier ways to fund infrastructure; I would propose bonds as a funding source.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Affordable housing is important. Our city is nearly built out and the limited land/space that is available would be utilized for economic development.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Citizen's safety should be a priority for every city. Is there room for improvement, absolutely. A fully staff department (which has already been budgeted) is the only recommendation I have at this time.

**CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY:** The greatest challenge/opportunity facing our city is to become more attractive to young adults (millennials). We do that by embracing their desires and needs, deliberately seeking out their opinions while seriously considering things like density shopping, culture, diversity, walkability and transit.

## Joe Veracruz

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Our great city has just passed a bond election. My plan is to just jump in and help where needed. Of course the city manager and city Council along with the mayor will help in this process. It is vital that the citizens give input at every level.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** Currently with the Bond package passage and the department of transportation construction there is a plan in place. I do plan to work with the current city council members and the city senior leadership team to make sure that we follow through with all that we have elected to do.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Currently there is a study being conducted by the city to evaluate these specific questions. Since the survey is ongoing it will be interesting to know what our citizens prefer. I myself would not elect for an apartment complex however a combination business/residence would be preferable.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The city of Duncanville has a very effective and professional fire department and police department. I am a firefighter and I am aware of our city response times which are well within the recommended timeframe. I believe it is important to reach out to each department and determine their needs. As I stated earlier the bond package has been passed . In collaboration with the city employees we would be planning for the future. I realize that the city has an infrastructure and that the current needs are always considered against the budget.

**CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY:** Communication and the correct information disseminated to the community is always a challenge. I would love for the current information and the understanding of that information be given to each and every Citizen. If there are any questions by the citizens there is always an avenue to contact a city Council member to ask questions.

## Matthew J Jones



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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** I strongly support redevelopment over new construction, specifically in redevelopment that is focused on our downtown area. We must focus on redeveloping what many consider an eyesore into more urban areas, that will not only attract

younger families, but more retail as well. What I would like to see is an Angelika/Magnolia Theater with appropriate food and retail surrounding it. I would also support bicycle lanes to be installed in district one. it is to dangerous without them and are a huge selling point for younger familys.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** Currently, Duncanville is the 4th highest sewage overflow/ polluter for the entire state of Texas! Our sewer network is crumbling while city leadership continues with this hazardous mismanagement of human waste. City leadership has known for years of the condition of our utility networks and has chosen to do very little. I plan to support policy that will immediately repair and replace our sewage system and STOP the city from stockpiling our hard-earned money through high sewage rates in a utility account that is growing at a record pace. Everyone should view a city government as a NON-Profit entity!

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Duncanville is already 98% developed. Their simply isn't anymore room for new apartment complexes. I would be happy to support redevelopment of apartments that have fallen in disrepair or have been considered condemned into something that could benefit all residents in our community. While I have been walking door to door inquiring what the voters want and have found the majority of individuals are strongly against any new apartment buildings being constructed. even if they were to find a suitable piece of land.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Public safety is paramount. The leadership fails to identify with the safety and security issues that our neighborhoods, businesses, and overall city are experiencing at an alarming rate. I support policy that encourages a fully staffed department. Our Police and Fire Chiefs should be encouraged to live amongst us in our city. When the chiefs and department heads reside in the community they serve, they are more keenly aware of the issues therein. Living in the community helps foster more positive partnerships with the citizens.

**CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY:** OUR WATER BILLS ARE OUT OF CONTROL With discussion of tacking on yet another fee to your water bill for "street maintenance", I oppose ANY additional non water related fee(s) attached to our water bills. We are unable to live without water and the city has no right to keep adding other billable services to a bill that is intended solely for our water consumption. While speaking to voters some say they are having to chose between running water or keeping the lights on. All this while the city manager was approved for a raise of almost \$10,000.00. bringing his new salary around \$200k for a town of 40k pop. and 11.2sqmi

## City Council, District 3

### Monte Anderson

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Get rid of all incentives to developers. Cities should do infrastructure and developers do the rest. Design sustainable cities using the following: [www.cnu.org](http://www.cnu.org) [www.strongtowns.org](http://www.strongtowns.org) [www.incrementaldevelopment.org](http://www.incrementaldevelopment.org)

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** Finish Main Street, upgrade all the parks, create bike lanes on streets that are too wide; no new projects that we can not afford.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** I support smaller units of apartments like: triplexes, duplexes, under 20 units. I do not support any large apartment complexes. I also support accessory dwelling units in all neighborhoods. It is a great way to build wealth for the locals and give good housing to the lower income.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** I don't know enough yet, but it appears we do a pretty good job.

**CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY:** Throwing out old thinking that has gotten us nowhere. Time to embrace 21st century best practices such as; bike & pedestrian friendly, recycling, wealth building for locals, more local entrepreneurs, etc. We don't need anymore cheap hotels or franchises that serve unhealthy food. Need to look at our assets and play off of them.

## City Council, District 5

### Johnette Jameson



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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** I support an extensive program for the redevelopment of aging buildings and outdated business structures. The city should offer an incentive program for commercial property owners to upgrade and modernize their facilities. This could be accomplished by a variety of tax incentives and development grants through the Duncanville Economic & Development Corporation. I would utilize zoning to improve the quality and diversity of businesses receiving incentives. Additionally, the implementation of a marketing strategy publicizing our incentives to attract businesses to Duncanville through a variety of advertising mediums.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** Upgrading the city's Infrastructure is a top priority. The deterioration of the clay sewer pipes installed years ago throughout residential areas, asphalt roadways, and concrete parking areas is the biggest concern. The long term ground settling, tree roots, and water erosion has led to a massive problem with clay pipe failure due to cracking, pipe separation and tree root intrusion. The end result is the threat of a raw sewage spill. I have visited with our elected officials in D.C. on this problem, seeking more revenue from CDBG block grants, allocated federal infrastructure money, or other grant possibilities.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Duncanville already has a plethora of affordable housing because of the age of some of the neighborhoods. Many of the homes were built in the 1950s, 60s, and 70s as starter homes and are reasonably priced. We have several apartment complexes and one apartment development for individuals 50 years old and above. Choice is often dictated by availability and because of the preponderance of older people among the population, I would support another affordable, independent, senior living development. I am concerned in particular, about the safety, comfort, and affordability of housing for senior women who are living longer.



**PUBLIC SAFETY:** We currently have a shortage of police officers. This is a high priority issue that we are working to correct. Unfortunately, there are fewer people across the nation choosing to go into the law enforcement field. We have to incorporate an all out recruiting effort starting with high school seniors who are too young at 18, however recruiters could encourage them to pursue a law enforcement career similar to military recruitment. Law enforcement has great benefits. We need to review our requirements for hiring and take advantage of education through the community colleges as well as the sheriff's department.

**CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY:** Duncanville's challenges are to replace aging infrastructure, institute an aggressive recruitment of police officers, and the adaptive reuse of buildings repurposed to attract new businesses. The city has several new hotels. The Duncanville Fieldhouse which is a state-of-the-art sports facility provides the venue to host tournaments bringing in thousands of visitors and tourists. Duncanville has the opportunity to capitalize on hosting the out of town visitors and using the revenue that comes with their visits to reinvest in the city. There is incredible opportunity for restaurants to locate in Duncanville.

**Mike Miner**

NO RESPONSE

## DUNCANVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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. Whichever candidate gets the most votes wins. There are no runoff elections.

## QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

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

**RATING:** *Duncanville had an accountability rating from the State of "met standard". What will you do, if elected, to improve the rating of the District?*

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

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

## Jacqueline 'Jackie' Culton



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**EXPERIENCE:** I have an engineering degree and 34+ years of experience as a civil engineer and program manager with the City of Dallas, and current service as the Assistant Director of Public Works with the City of Duncanville. I have extensive experience in: Budget and program development, monitoring and oversight; Setting performance expectations and evaluating performance; Hiring and terminating staff; Setting divisional, operational and departmental vision and goals; Legislative and regulatory agendas; Contracting; Working with students, county, regulators, attorneys, contractors, and consultants; Serving on Trustee Board.

**FISCAL OVERSIGHT:** The Board must ensure District staff is fiscally responsible in handling funds entrusted to it by citizens, State and federal governments. Budgets align with its goals and provide for highest use of funds. Board policies must ensure budgets and expenditures follow all legal and ethical standards. Each school division/department must provide monthly budget/actual expenditure reports including projections. Exceptions not allowed unless approved. Board to review monthly report and hold superintendent accountable. Adequate separation of duties should exist in invoice approval/payment processes. Board ensures annual audit.

**RATING:** Every child deserves a quality education. This should be the top priority. I would implement the following to improve rating: Set specific and measurable goals for improvement and hold Superintendent accountable for achieving; Provide full-time Pre-K 4 at every elementary school; Beef up afterschool, summer reading, writing and math tutoring and enrichment education; Revamp bilingual ed; Ensure educators receive resources, training and appropriate pay and bonuses; Implement aggressive parent and community engagement strategies; Seek mentors for students; Provide college readiness and SAT/ACT training to 10-12 graders.

**PRIORITIES:** The top two pressing issues: (1) Provide high quality of education to each and every student to ensure all have good outcomes in life; and, (2) Ensure students are college/career/trade ready. Duncanville has a very diverse student body in terms of economics, family structure and backgrounds, special needs and cultures. We have to reach and teach each one. Please review response above for suggested solutions and recommendations.

**OTHER ISSUES:** School and transportation safety including bullying issues. Student hunger since 69%+ of the students at the high school (and similar percentages at the other schools) qualify for free or reduced lunch. Enhancing the districts collaboration with the community, non-profits, businesses and city government. Ensuring parents receive information regarding the districts report card per the State. Improving transparency of the district.



## Tom Kennedy

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**EXPERIENCE:** I have 21 years of service as a Trustee with Duncanville ISD. I have Received a Master Trustee designation from the Texas Association of School Boards in 2017. Over the 21 years I have served, I have seen many changes in education and that experience helps me make informed decisions as a school board member. I have established a network of relationships throughout the state and all segments of my community. Those networks and relationships have been beneficial in helping me meet the educational needs of students and understanding what parents want for their students in terms of a quality education.

**FISCAL OVERSIGHT:** As a school trustee, one of my major responsibilities is to approve the budget each year. Because of our excellent financial condition I don't believe there are any changes that need to be made. Duncanville has a very large fund balance. Over the past three years we have had a balanced budget and have provided the largest raises for teachers in the past several years. This has been the result of adequate financial controls and great management by the board, the superintendent and our outstanding finance department. We have also received a superior rating from the state for many years.

**RATING:** We are currently working on more choice opportunities for our students. We are also working on better ways to train teachers to provide better teaching methods. We are pursuing opportunity to increase our all day PK program which will provide a better opportunity for improved ratings. Over the past three years we have been enhancing the academic programs in the district which have been a glaring need. We have added a full day PK program to all our elementary campuses. We have added a Collegiate Academy. A STEAM Academy, a Business/Technology Academy and a Health/Science Academy are at three of our middle schools.

**PRIORITIES:** I see that overcrowding in our one high school as a major problem and we are investigating opportunities to build a new building for a CTE/Fine Arts Campus. This will require a bond issue and we will begin working with the community to develop plans for this. Dealing with the teacher shortage is a critical needs area. Upper level math and science teachers and foreign language teachers are becoming more difficult to hire. I believe the solution is offering better pay and providing scholarship opportunities to further their education and other incentives to make working in our district more attractive.

**OTHER ISSUES:** I believe it would be beneficial to our students to offer life skill courses and basic financial management classes to our high school and middle school curriculum. I will work with our superintendent to see if this can be done. I also believe the addition of a day care center for teachers and students with children would be an added benefit to attract more teachers and keep some of our young mothers in school. I will also propose this to him and will work to see if we can get it done.

## Duncanville ISD, Board of Trustees Place 2

**Phil McNeely**

Uncontested

## Duncanville ISD, Board of Trustees Place 3

**Alexander K Bomgardner**



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**EXPERIENCE:** I have served as both a Regional President and State President of Student Government, serving over 700,000 community college students. I have spent the last 3 years fighting for community college students and promoting policies that will improve our education system.

**FISCAL OVERSIGHT:** The first change would be to release a detailed budget publicly so that our constituents can see exactly what we are spending their tax dollars on, as opposed to the current method of releasing a budget with just top level information. The second change I would support is having an advisory group made up of Duncanville ISD employees from various jobs, including teachers, aides, support staff, parents, and security. The third change would be to have public forums on our budget so that we can get input from the community and ISD employees.

**RATING:** I will promote partnering with local universities to hire their best graduates straight out of college to ensure that our students are being taught with high quality teachers. I will also promote reviewing our current practices for viability and incorporating practices and initiatives that are working for our neighboring ISDs.

**PRIORITIES:** The two biggest problems facing Duncanville ISD are bullying and lack of engagement. As it seems there is nothing currently being done, I will begin conversations with teachers, staff, and parents on where the biggest issues arise and then work with them to either find or come up with potential solutions for implementation.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Improving technology inside and outside the classroom, reducing spending on administrative tasks and increase spending on teachers and instruction, and increase paid maternity leave for our teachers and staff.

## Janet M Veracruz



**Biographical Info:**

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**EXPERIENCE:** Qualification and Experience: • I have been an educator for 11 years • I have been awarded teacher of the year at Trinity Christian School 2011, 2014, 2016, • Duncanville resident 20 years • Initiated Invention Convention and received 7 • Award winners for Student Ideas for a Better America at TCS • Initiated Homework Club and improved homework turn in rate after school program at TCS • Initiated STEM at TCS Thinking by partnering with Perot Museum, STEM educators

**FISCAL OVERSIGHT:** I am please to see the passing of the Tax Ratification Election (Penny Swap) in Duncanville ISD. The checks and balances and oversight could be seen in the plan that will be seeing soon. • 14 New buses will be replaced with outdated buses and to include activity buses to support extracurricular activities • Add Choice Programs to two middle schools, Byrd Middle School to open Health Science Program and Reed Middle School will unveil Business and Technology Program • New school police department, school safety being a priority. A program was created In Duncanville ISD Police Department

**RATING:** As a board member I will work with the Superintendent and Board members to help at our level. I know our Superintendent holds everyone accountable, therefore it is my responsibility to help where I can. How I can improve this process is first do my best to understand how this system holds our District accountable, second collaborate with other school board members on how we can best serve our school district, and third provide the funds/services needed to help our school District.

**PRIORITIES:** Communication with our students' parents/ guardians and their involvement from all levels. Communication is always a challenge even though there are currently many different avenues. Facebook, twitter, Instagram, DISD website and the Informer newsletter via email. As a current teacher and 11 years of parent involvement, the success or failure of our students depends on parent and/or guardian involvement for the lowest level to the Legislature.

**OTHER ISSUES:** Communication with our citizens/tax payers. As I began my campaigning, I was shocked on just how much our citizen know about our school district and the misinformation they had obtained. My goal would be to work with the Superintendent and Pubic information officer to further disseminate information. I know we currently have a Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Informer email, and physical brochures that go out in the "snail mail". My goal would be to answer any questions from citizens or at least bring these questions to the proper Leadership team leader. When elected, I will make this a major priority.

## Dorothy Samuel Wolverson

**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.

For or Against

## 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"><li>1. Expands the resources of the Dallas County Community colleges to meet the growing student population.</li><li>2. Maintains the current property tax rate; no increase in property taxes under current conditions.</li><li>3. Increases the instructional innovation to enhance student learning with new instructional tools, technology and modern student learning space.</li><li>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.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>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.</li><li>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</li><li>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.</li><li>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.</li></ol>