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2019 GRAND PRAIRIE 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 Grand Prairie, Grand Prairie 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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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	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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NOTES

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CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ELECTION

The city of Grand Prairie is a Home Rule City and operates under a Council-Manager form of government. The City Council approves the budget and determines the tax rate. The council also focuses on the community's goals, major projects, and such long-term considerations as community growth, land use development, capital improvement plans, capital financing, and strategic planning as well as supervising the city manager's performance.

The Grand Prairie City Council is made of 6 single-district council members who each represent a specific district, 2 council members who represent the city "at large," and a Mayor who is also elected at large for a 9-member City Council. The Mayor and council members are elected for 3-years terms on a nonpartisan basis. 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 would help businesses contribute to economic development in several ways including helping businesses create jobs for our residents, teens, re-entry and college graduates, encouraging entrepreneurship, minority business partnerships, enhancing fiscal sustainability by expanding and diversifying the tax base, and improving quality of life with new services and amenities. I would support our workers to ensure that residents can successfully compete for employment opportunities and that all residents of Grand Prairie have the opportunity to benefit from economic prosperity. I would explore optional transportation.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We are fortunate to have hired some great city staff. I would give priority to upgrading the city's infrastructure (Wet Infrastructure, Transportation Infrastructure, Housing Infrastructure, Communication/Technology Infrastructure. I would look at forming a Task Force to begin a study of how we can best impact those areas most in need of redevelopment and the sources that could be utilized for funding in order to give priority and upgrades to our city infrastructures. I would work with council members to maintain conservative city financial management and provide the necessary staff, tools and equipment in our city.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: My 30 years of experience with DOD, US Corps of Engineers, Navy, Army provides me with the experience necessary to make sure all families are considered here in our city. We have a large military population of enlisted military living in our city. They deserved to have affordable apartments, single family, multi-family housing in our city. While working with military families it was extremely difficult finding affordable apartments and housing for our military members. I am in 100% support for quality affordable apartment and single family home construction to help resolve homeless issues and help our military families.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The city is fortunate to have a great public safety and be recognized as the 7th safest large city in Texas with a population 175,000 or more, 47% reduction in UCR Part I Crimes from 2010 to 2018, 19% reduction in UCR Part I Crimes from 2017 to 2018. Some of our public safety improvements and projects includes but not limited to: Creation of a Certified Mental Health Coordinator position within GPPD, after the deadly shooting at IKEA that left a mental ill patient deceased. Increasing more mental health positions in GPPD. We can improve our relationships with LULAC and NAACP to continue to outreach in our city.

CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY: Grand Prairie is a predominately diverse city with a large and increasing minority population which is to our advantage. The City challenges is reaching out and communicating with all of our citizens. All of our families are not equipped with technology in their homes. GPISD has reported more than 75% percent of its students receiving free lunch coming from underprivileged households. The language barriers and communication is a challenge and has room for improvement in our culturally diverse city. Our challenge will be to open up channels of communications involving social media, internet and technology.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: The DFW area is one of the fasts growing areas in the nation. Grand Prairie is smack dab in the middle of the DFW area. Growth is coming. We have been so under served in the retail/restaurant area. We've had to drive to other cities for years. Now we will have our own choices close by. I will continue aggressively pursuing additional retail and restaurant developments. In addition, we meet almost weekly with potential developers looking to build Hotels and other great developments in GP. We have a lot to offer. As Mayor I want them to know we are open for business.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We are an older first ring city and have an aging infrastructure. Since we aren't in DART, we've been able to use a quarter cent of the sales tax on the maintenance of our streets. in addition, we use a quarter cent to fund our parks department. It would be difficult to keep up if we didn't have available. We continually look at long range replacement/upgrade needs and set aside money every year to fund these capital improvements. The quarter cent sales tax we use for our Crime Control and Prevention District does not fund infrastructure. However, it helps relieve the burden that would place on the general fund.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: We have a number of locations in our city already zoned for MF. I support land owner rights, but will make sure the new apartments meet our design standards. I would be hard pressed to add additional MF zoning unless it's part of an overall mixed use master plan.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Chief Steve Dye, tells me we just received notice that we've had a: • 47% crime decrease from 2010 through 2018 • 3,814 fewer crimes even though our population grew by 25,000 • 19% crime decrease from 2017 to 2018 • And are consistently a Top Ten Safest Large City in Texas (populations of 100,000 or more), as ranked by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting and Texas Department of Public Safety. • In fact, we just found out we are now the 7th safest city in Texas of the 34 cities with populations greater than 100,000! This doesn't happen by accident. Chief Dye is one of, if not the best Chiefs in the State.

CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY: The explosive growth, especially in the southern section of our city, has presented challenges. The council and staff have done a great job forecasting the growth planning for the future. Whether it's for water capacity, public safety issues or transportation planning. In addition, Grand Prairie, like many of our neighbors, is becoming more and more diverse. Fortunately our citizens have embraced this diversity and continue to work together for the good of the community. Going forward, as a majority minority community we will continue our efforts to embrace diversity.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Changing zoning restrictions, create a more competitive business climate. Focusing on small business development instituting a citywide minimum wage, Recruiting new businesses to Grand Prairie, Regulatory and licensing reform's, and tax reform. Create a more competitive business climate.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Place a high priority on implementation of aggressively addressing streets repairs, allocating a portion of a small tax increase not dig mated for addition of sports athletic fields for the schools. Add solar power lights at cross walks.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Yes CDBG programs. and Second chance apartments by demolishing the old complexing and replacing them with modern style apartments or town housed that can provide more options for affordable housing. Grand Prairie has lots of land to where we can build on by adding shelter, boarding homes, I feel the people of Grand Prairie will accept this.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Increase economic opportunities, increased police presence/activity, Harsher penalties for offender's. Perform a public outreach / education programs. Increased police presence / activity

CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY: Bring in people to shop in Grand Prairie, by working with business local corporation such as IKEA, Northrop Grumman, The city can offer more family oriented invites other than annual Holidays events that they put on every year. Being completeive priced to keep business in areas for a prolonged time instead of having a revolving door.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Continue Grand Prairie's current, outstanding Economic Development programs. Actively support our Economic Development Department through participation and personal involvement. Budget to provide an active and effective program.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Continue to support and budget for infrastructure improvements. Plan and approve a portion of each year's CIP budget to this program.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I support additional apartment construction in the proper locations in Grand Prairie. Solutions include upscale market rate apartments, mixed use developments and innovative projects, such as single family homes for rent.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Our Community has an aggressive program for public safety presently in place. I support the program as is and will consider recommendations when presented. Our Public Safety costs are presently 60-65% of our total General Fund budget. Our crime rate decreased 14% in 2018 and Grand Prairie is the 7th safest City among the large Cities in Texas.

CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY: To continue the present pattern of quality development. The highway 161 corridor is developing rapidly in District 2. I will continue to encourage and support quality development in this area. As the retail and commercial development happens and new areas become the focal points of our City, I will also support planning for the repurposing of existing developed areas.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Public Safety Bringing new business to our community and job opportunities

INFRASTRUCTURE: infrastructure is vital to the economic growth it enhances the opportunity for growth definitely re evaluate the federal grants received for our streets, and facilities

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: As a city continues to grow we need to accommodate new commers, I totally support affordable housing options, Apartment Complex, New Residential Homes,

PUBLIC SAFETY: We are proud of our Public Safety initiatives we are in the top 10 safest cities

CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY: We don't have enough sit down restaurants due to the restrictions on liquor sales, I would also like to see manufacturing companies moving into our city to bring good paying jobs and most important bringing strong companies that stay and grow in our city. I would like to see a city that offers diverse cultural, community and women initiative programs.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: My current position as Vice Chairperson on Grand Prairie Planning and Zoning Commission has played a vital role on the growth of Grand Prairie Economic Development. IKEA and Main Event are great examples of this. As a city council member, my plan is to partner with city staff to continue to attract economic growth to all parts of our city. We must market Grand Prairie's quality of life, affordability, work force and geographical area in the metroplex to aggressively recruit quality development within our city.

INFRASTRUCTURE: My priority with the city's infrastructure is to maintain roads, water lines and waste water in order to keep up with the increase growth throughout the city. We must continue to effectively and efficiently use our approved quarter of a cent sales tax initiative to provide funding for roads as well as their maintenance scheduling.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: In the last couple of months, my fellow commissioners and I along with the City have approved the construction of over 6,000 apartments around District 4, which also includes 55+ active affordable living complexes across the city. We should continue to attract mixed used developments to have as an affordable option to further expand our quality of life to include restaurants/retail. We need to continue to support Grand Prairie's Buying Power Program that assists low-to-moderate income persons and families in purchasing homes when families are ready to transition from apartments.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Recently, the Police Department stated the 2018 crime data displays a continued decrease in crime. Grand Prairie is the 7th safest city in Texas with 100,000+ pop. The Fire Department that shared Grand Prairie joins the top 1% of communities in the US for excellence in fire protection. Only 1 in 33 cities in Texas have received an ISO 1 rating. I recommend we continue to review current first responders staffing levels to keep up with the growth, stay competitive with their salaries and pensions along with maintain open lines of communication. We must continue to support crime control district sales tax referendum

CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY: Over the next couple of years our city's greatest opportunity will be how we address the rapid economic growth. We must maintain exceptional standards on the city services we provide through adequate public safety, neighborhood protection, quality affordable housing, green space and quality of life.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Each case will need to be reviewed and not assume of being an economic impact to our community, however each case should be carefully considered and beneficial for the businesses, consumers, and citizens of Grand Prairie. A more robust marketing campaign of Grand Prairie as a great place to start a business, expand a business, or just plain do business needs to be expressed in great detail and bring This will help with a higher quality of life for the citizens of Grand Prairie.

INFRASTRUCTURE: The infrastructure of any city is a priority as it provides safety to its citizens and visitors. An outlook is required not for the present time but should be studied with an expected growth of at least 30 percent. This could preserve the higher rate of construction in the later years but there are always budgets and limited funds that have to dealt with. The city already has a ¼ cent tax rate and the most traveled roads should receive priority to prevent damage to vehicles. The tax rate should continue so that roads may be improved and repaired as required throughout the year.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I am not particularly fond of apartments closely sitting upon each other since they lead to increase traffic conditions in already congested areas. With that said, if an area is already zoned for apartments than the city must abide by that situation and allow the land owner to proceed, but certain restrictions can be applied. There are tiny houses that can be built for purchase by senior citizens, city workers, empty nesters, and those with smaller families. In addition, this could help our veterans and those that just need a little help to regain a satisfactory stance in society.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Grand Prairie's public safety has become increasingly better over the last several years and is now the 7th safest large city in Texas. Changes are always welcome in any environment but must be positive and proactive in lieu of just doing so for the slap on the back effect. I would encourage the citizens of Grand Prairie to continue with the ¼ cent tax to increase the number of officers on patrol and keep the equipment top notch to support the fine women and men of the police force. My goal is to ensure Grand Prairie will be ranked number one safest city in Texas and the nation.

CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY: Grand Prairie is in a fast pace mode of having roads developed which will allow additional areas for economic development. We will be faced with decisions that will affect each area of town mainly along I-20, Hwy 360 and the I-30 / Hwy 360 cross section. There will need to be a good balance of housing and businesses to provide both stability for many years to come. In addition there are area that need to be revitalized such as the downtown area and surrounding neighborhoods. When accomplished it would welcome families to stroll down the street safely and bring back that city charm that has been lost.

Richard J Fregoe



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Grand Prairie is in the midst of tremendous economic development and I strongly support continuing these efforts which include massive retail, commercial, and industrial. I-20 and I-30 service roads are being expanded and city-wide residential housing are flourishing.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Providing and maintaining city infrastructure is critical and is given high priority as evidenced by the ongoing program to maintain roads, alleys, and sidewalks funded through the use of a quarter-cent sales tax approved by the citizens. Upsizing state highways 161 and 360 are underway funded primarily by the state. CIP projects are budgeted for and funded by the city while maintaining a balanced budget.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: To meet citizen needs affordable housing must be in the equation. The city is actively involved through numerous programs such as habitat for humanity, housing choice vouchers, award-winning future builders program in conjunction with the Grand Prairie Independent School District, city funding for fixup/property maintenance for low-income seniors. Reduced rent tax credit apartment projects are considered. The city has also implemented several initiatives to reduce the city tax burden including 10% homestead exemption, \$45,000 senior tax exemption and a seniors tax freeze.

PUBLIC SAFETY: As chairman of the Grand Prairie city council public safety, health, and environment committee which has council oversight of public safety, I am very proud to rate our police, fire and EMS service level as AAA, none better! POLICE 47% crime reduction from 2010 to 2018. 19% reduction from 2017 to 2018 Ranked 7th Safest Major City in Texas (of the 34 cities over 100,000 population) FIRE Imperfect ISO 1 Rating Only 1 in 49 cities in Texas have received ISO 1 Rating. EMS Gold Standard Award for the 4th year in a row. Heart Safe Community Award POLICE AND FIRE Very aggressive in all areas. Upgrades are a constant.

CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY: As we approach 200,000 in population we are carefully preparing our infrastructure to handle this growth, including roadways, utilities, public safety, parks requirements, and housing. In all of our planning, we keep our citizens involved and solicit their input. The city and the Grand Prairie Independent School District have a very close working relationship which fosters outstanding cooperation. We will meet the challenges which provide us with the platform to aggressively pursue additional residential, commercial, and industrial opportunities.

CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE SPECIAL LOCAL OPTION ELECTION

City of Grand Prairie Proposition A

“The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages.”

For or Against

GRAND PRAIRIE ISD TRUSTEE ELECTION

Operating within the legal parameters of the state and federal constitutions, statutes, courts and administrative agencies, the Board is charged with the responsibility of providing the finest educational program possible for the students in the District. School trustees make all final decisions regarding the 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.

Questions to Candidates

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

TEACHER SALARIES: What is your position on having the Grand Prairie district salaries in line with other school districts?

FISCAL OVERSIGHT: What procedural changes, checks and balanced 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 your ISD and what are your solutions or recommendations

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

Trustee District 6

Norris 'Stretch' Rideaux



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EXPERIENCE: I value education. I served of the Grand Prairie ISD's School Board for twelve years (1995-2007). During my School Board service I completed annual training and is experienced in governing and overseeing management of the District. Additionally, I am familiar with the powers and duties of a School Board Trustee. During my tenure I served as School Board President three terms. Some of my honors/awards are: Grand Prairie Bar Association, Classroom Teachers Association, PTA Lifetime, KRLD Community Service, Hispanic Coalition, NAACP Thurgood Marshall Awards, etc.. I am the most qualified candidate for the position.

TEACHER SALARIES: Some districts are wealthy, GPISD is not. Approximately, 78% of our student population is economically disadvantaged. Rather than being in line with other school districts, we should enhance teachers' salaries as much as the budget allows.

FISCAL OVERSIGHT: The district recently received an unqualified audit. There were no significant discrepancies as noted by an independent audit firm. At least quarterly the Board should be briefed on the status of the budget.

PRIORITIES: The top two issues that I see are school safety and rewarding good teachers. Our students should be taught in a safe and secure environment and be prepared for the unexpected. The school has monthly fire drills, and we should have routine safety drills. The school tragedies in this Country should prepare us for the 'what ifs.' The school in conjunction with the police department should practice unannounced safety drills. We must keep safety in the forefront. Each profession has excellent employees and other employees may need a growth plan. We must find a means to financially reward excellent teachers.

OTHER ISSUES: The Board should be transparent and safeguards setup to prevent a single Board trustee from spending tax dollars without the majority of the Board's approval.

George Abraham Espinosa



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EXPERIENCE: Being a Special Education Paraprofessional for almost ten years in GPISD I assisted the teacher with conducting lessons, managing the classroom and developing materials, tracked student progress during the

school year and created reports to let parents understand what their children are learning, I empowered students through programs designed to enhance their academic and social achievements, and acted as a nurturing and encouraging influence for students during lessons I also helped monitor the classroom and minimize distractions and disruptions. I was a member of the GPISD Future Facilities Task Force-2018.

TEACHER SALARIES: District Salaries should definitely be in line with other school districts and in some cases surpass other districts, in any business you want to retain your best employees, and being a teacher is one of the most vital jobs in the world. I'm also in support of giving teachers performing bonuses depending on their yearly evaluations.

FISCAL OVERSIGHT: Transparency is key when dealing with budgets. Tax payers want to know how their money is being distributed and that any money being spent has been authorized and should have a waiting period before it is cleared. I would definitely push a mandatory yearly review of the checks and balances policy.

PRIORITIES: Expanding PRE-K 3 and PRE-K district wide, currently if you want your child to attend a parent has to find a school that offers PRE-K 3 and PRE-K which may not be offered in proximity to their homes, the parent would have to drive across town so that their child can assist that school. In regards to PRE-K 3 and PRE-K I would also propose changing the requirements to include any prior service Honorably Discharge Military persons child the opportunity to attend PRE-K 3 and PRE-K. Transportation is another issue, with school of choice and growth of population a second bus barn and expanding routes is needed.

OTHER ISSUES: More High School paid internships. Collaborate with the board for an Equity Policy. Expand Special Education Services.

Emily Liles



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EXPERIENCE: I am a stay-at-home mom, who has two daughters who attend GPISD schools. Over the past decade I have volunteered most of my time within the Grand Prairie School District. I have served on PTA's in various positions and was awarded the Texas PTA Lifetime Membership Award, one of Texas PTA's highest honors, by my peers. I currently hold a position on the Grand Prairie ISD Council of PTA's and serve on the GPISD Future Forward Committee. I have a proven track record of commitment, advocating for all the children in our district, and have a vested interest, which I believe makes me the best candidate for Place 6.

TEACHER SALARIES: Having the GPISD district salaries for teachers in line or above our surrounding districts is extremely important. In order to recruit and retain the best teachers for our children we must be competitive with the salary we provide. Under the current funding system it is easy to put teachers salaries on the back burner which is why I feel it is imperative that we be fiscally conservative to make sure we are taking care of our teachers, not only financially, but by giving them all the support they need so they can better serve our students.

FISCAL OVERSIGHT: Over the past few years there have been instances in our district where fiscal oversight and responsibility have needed improvement. Financial transparency, while within the legal boundaries, is an area that we need to be proactive towards. I am in support of taking steps, such as "quick links" on the front page of the website for the check registrar and a complete, updated budget as well as a search bar that allows our community stakeholders to access information in a timely manner.

PRIORITIES: I believe the two most pressing issues are being fiscally responsible and closing the literacy and numeracy gaps. If elected, I would work to make sure the district is "lean" in certain areas to ensure that the max dollars are being funneled into the classrooms and directly impacting the children. With the implementation of the Pre-K program, data has shown an increase in achievement in regards to reading and math. Even with this increase, there is still work that needs to be done to help close the literacy and numeracy gaps across the district. I believe expanding the Pre-K program could be beneficial.

OTHER ISSUES: I believe attention should be focused on student and staff safety with the district continuing to work to create safe school environments at all campuses. Another area of importance to me is increasing student achievement in college readiness by expanding the dual credit program to provide more class availability across all age groups. Lastly, we need to maintain the sustainability of our choice, CTE and college readiness programs already in place so that we keep with the educational trends to provide all of the 29,000+ GPISD students the opportunity to be successful in their chosen paths.

Trustee District 7, at Large

Mike Riley

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EXPERIENCE: As working as an Auditor I am used to providing and getting detailed plans and I would not hesitate to ask at a board meeting for a proposal to be developed or analyzed in greater detail and also to ask questions so that all parties have a better understanding of what is going on so all parties are satisfied. Personally I am one who does not want any more overspending then that is needed.

TEACHER SALARIES: I believe our teachers are currently paid at a great rate as most teachers in the State of Texas. I am more concern that our teachers are given the appropriate support so they are able to stay with the district for a long time.

FISCAL OVERSIGHT: While have the opportunity to visit some of our great school, I have noticed we have done a great deal in improving the classroom performance. I also understand we still have a little way to go. But I see that we have a community that places value on education. Our parents show that through their involvement, our administration and staff shows that through their incredible dedication and professionalism, our students show it through their participation and the community at large shows it through voting. My experience is that our teachers and staff value our children as individuals and honor the characteristics that ma

PRIORITIES: Excellence in the Classroom: We need to better prepare teachers and school leaders for the challenges they face every day. Professional development that matches the specific school and classroom needs will improve the schools outcomes and also the district at a whole. I want to ensure that all employees feel heard in the district, that teachers and staff are included along with students, parents and the community in providing input for planning and decision-making.

OTHER ISSUES: I feel our school board is lacking in Developing clear priorities and decision-making processes and following them should give everybody involved, including residents and taxpayers in the district. Making decisions considering input from everybody affected certainly includes parents, neighbors, and taxpayers. I also support a practice that ensures the community has a chance to comment on board actions whenever a proposal is introduced or significantly changed. The board should not take action in one meeting on a new proposal that the public has not had a chance to consider and comment on.

Patty Harris



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EXPERIENCE: Around the dinner table, I learned that school trustees impact the classroom. My mother was a politically-active second grade teacher. Have followed board meetings & district news, since graduate classes for campus principal certification. Follow statewide educator news on texasisd.com. As mother of four children, I relate to other parents on gifted/talented, regular ed, & special ed disability needs. Have watched public school issues evolve over 30 years. As an educator, have taught all age groups 6th grade-university students. Relate to admin issues since Texas-certified district superintendent & campus principal

TEACHER SALARIES: As an experienced classroom teacher, I feel that any salary increase needs to go to individuals working directly with students everyday. It is difficult to retain quality teachers that can go 15 minutes down I 20 or I 30 and get a pay increase. With area development, GPISD's tax base is growing. If we stop wasting tax payer dollars on heavily redacted investigative reports, split invoices, and questionable building supply purchases, tax payer dollars could be directed into teacher salary increases not administrative bonuses.

FISCAL OVERSIGHT: Publish the vendor/sub contractor Accounts Payable Ledger list, with any line item expense over \$1,000, available for public review at board meetings, each month, and on the district website. Prior invoice splitting was any invoice under \$50,000 did not require board approval, so the threshold amount required for board approval needs to be lowered.

PRIORITIES: Transparency on how our taxpayer dollars are actually spent to increase stakeholder trust. Accountability for prior questionable business decisions and business practices.

OTHER ISSUES: Actual employment vacancies posted on the district website, not just generic pools fishing for hopeful candidates. Spend less money on full-color neighborhood mail outs trumpeting district accomplishments until the negative articles in the Dallas Morning News and Channel 11 stop reporting questionable business policies, procedures, and practices. City leaders work tirelessly to build up Grand Prairie to compete for new business coming to the DFW Metroplex. Negative GPISD news reports questioning district spending practices does not encourage business growth, bringing new families to settle in Grand Prairie.

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EXPERIENCE: Although my experience might be limited, I have a unique insight that no other candidate or current school board member has. I was Senior Class president, so I interacted with hundreds of students from all backgrounds from all three high schools. My sister and future brother in law are middle school teachers and I have other family members who work throughout the district, so I am able to hear concerns from all types of adults who work for GPISD. I am also very close to my retired grandparents who are concerned about property taxes and the future of our school district financial burdens.

TEACHER SALARIES: Very important that Salaries are better than or even with School Districts in the Area. It's how you attract teachers and retain teachers and how you can persuade teachers from other school districts to come over and teach in your district. Teachers who are rewarded better also have better test scores and students who perform better. I also know the hard work that goes into being a teacher especially the amount of extra paperwork that goes into being a GPISD teacher and I believe they should be rewarded for such.

FISCAL OVERSIGHT: I would support any and every time the Superintendent makes purchases using district money that retains to things outside of putting money into current schools or current programs it has to be brought for a board vote. I would also advise that we lower the threshold that the superintendent is allowed to spend without board approval. We need to cut back on extra spending when we have schools who run out of paper and other supplies midway throughout each semester. I do believe the district has to be more transparent with the public on where and why money is being spent.

PRIORITIES: Checks and balances for District Spending We can lower the amount the superintendent is allowed to spend without board approval, if the board doesn't approve that idea then we should hold more votes for We can also be more transparent with where the money is being spent and for what and ways it'll help the students. Students Prepared for College the percent of students who are ready for college is well below the state average we need to prep our students to go and finish college and then come back and give back to the community. we can easily do this by doing SAT Prep and ACT prep during school hours

OTHER ISSUES: Student Safety with the world getting crazier and crazier we need to be able to protect our students and staff. Parent Involvement is very low and gets lower and lower every year we need to find ways to help parents all over grand prairie able to see what the schools are doing and how their student is doing. Activities in school we need to help get students more involved in the schools and activities in the school Supplies too often schools run out of supplies midway through the semester and can't afford to dish out money WE need to find ways to cut back spending elsewhere to allow teachers to get supplies

Burke Hall



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EXPERIENCE: I am a proud product of GPISD. I am the Dad of a graduate of GPFAA and a Dad to a current student in GPISD. (5th grade). I know personally the impact a quality school system can have for our children and am passionate about being proactive in creating the best opportunities for all children. I am the ultimate stakeholder in our district. I am a parent, taxpayer, property owner, former GPISD student, and my livelihood is directly tied to the performance of our district. If the schools aren't performing well then houses don't sell, and I don't work. I have a lot of skins in the game. I have also been one of the most

TEACHER SALARIES: When you consider insurance contributions and salaries, GPISD's compensation package for employees is currently very competitive compared to other districts in our area. This is very important to me. My mother was a former GPISD teacher. I saw up close the struggle of a single mother on a teacher's salary. I will always fight for better compensation for our employees. Even though our pay is competitive with other districts, it is still not enough for our dedicated educators.

FISCAL OVERSIGHT: As Board president this past year, I helped lead GPISD to revise our local purchasing policy, which is now one of the strictest purchasing policies among public schools in Texas. We also hired an internal auditor to help improve our finance department and provide more board fiscal oversight. I am very proud of what we have accomplished financially as a district. GPISD earned a perfect financial score on its independent audit and subsequently a "Superior" financial rating according to TEA.

PRIORITIES: The academic bar for students in Texas continues to rise. We must provide full day early education programs, which benefit all children but which are absolutely essential for second language learners and children experiencing poverty. In our district with more than 75% economically disadvantage students, early education levels the field. Another pressing issue for districts across the state is recruiting and retaining the highest quality teachers. We currently partner with several universities including UTA, Texas Tech, and Dallas Baptist for not only student teachers, but 'grow our own' programs for our high school

OTHER ISSUES: We will continue our leadership development programs to provide a pipeline for future school leaders from the classroom to the board room. Continuously enhancing and re-tooling our CTE programs to ensure relevancy and viability is as important to us as ensuring enrollment in dual credit and AP courses. Although we had a 240% increase of our graduates in college enrollment this past fall, we will continue to push for more FAFSA completion. Of course, my efforts have always been focused on early education, and we will continue to find ways to increase enrollment of 3 and 4-year-old students in full day PK programs. A

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 debt3. 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.



Voters With Special Needs

Services Available to Voters with Special Needs in Texas

Accessible Voting Systems

- On September 1, 1999, Texas became the first state to require that all new voting systems be accessible to voters with disabilities and provide a practical and effective means for voters with disabilities to cast a secret ballot.
- In every federal election (and most nonfederal elections), each polling place will offer at least one type of accessible voting equipment or Direct Record Electronic ("DRE") device. This equipment allows voters with disabilities to vote directly on the system or assist them in marking the paper ballot. Depending on the type of system, voters with disabilities may use headphones or other assistive devices to help them vote independently and secretly.
- In certain nonfederal elections held in counties with a population of less than 20,000, accessible machines may not be available at every polling place. To determine if accessible machines will be available or to request an accommodation, contact the early voting clerk of the county or political subdivision holding the election at least 21 days before the election.

All Polling Places in Texas Must be Accessible

Polling places should support voters, not hinder them. When you go to the polls in Texas, you can expect:

- Your polling place will meet strict accessibility standards, including:
- A location on the ground floor that can be entered from the street or via an elevator with doors that open at least 36 inches
- Doors, entrances, and exits used to enter or leave the polling place that are at least 32 inches wide
- Any curb next to the main entrance to the polling place must have curb-cuts or temporary non-slip ramps
- Stairs necessary to enter or leave the polling place must have handrails on each side and a non-slip ramp.
- Removal of all barriers such as gravel, automatically closing gates, closed doors without lever-type handles, or any other barrier that impedes the path of the physically disabled to the voting station.
- Voting systems that are accessible to voters with physical disabilities and can accommodate no vision, low vision, no hearing, low hearing, limited manual dexterity, limited reach, limited strength, no mobility, low mobility, or any combination of the foregoing (except the combination of no hearing and no vision)
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TIP FOR VOTER WITH DISABILITY: If you plan to go alone to vote curbside, it is wise to call ahead so election officials will expect you. Generally speaking, you may vote curbside during the early voting period (the 17th day before Election Day until the 4th day before Election Day) or on Election Day. For a May uniform election date or resulting runoff election, the early voting period is the 12th day before Election Day until the 4th day before Election Day.

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What Is the League of Women Voters' Mission?

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

What Does the League Do Now?

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

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

Why Should I Support the League of Women Voters?

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

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

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