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2019 SUNNYVALE

VOTERS GUIDE

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EARLY VOTING • APRIL 22, 2019 – APRIL 30, 2019

ELECTION DAY • MAY 4, 2019 • POLLS OPEN 7 AM TO 7 PM

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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 Sunnyvale, Sunnyvale ISD & 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 lvvdallas@sbcglobal.net for questions.

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You may also see all items on your ballot on-line at 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 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 Streets	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 or call 214.819.6300.

Sunnyvale Town Council

Sunnyvale Town Council consists of a Mayor and 6 Councilmembers all elected at large. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, there will be a runoff election. The 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 town manager's performance.

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 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?*

Town Council, Place 6, Unexpired Term

Emery Powell



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Sunnyvale is a small town with large amounts of open green space and large lots. We love our rural small town character, but our revenue is primarily dependent upon residential property tax. To improve our revenue base, I support retail development in our town center and along our major highways (I-80 and Beltline), as well as more development South of I-80 in our commercial and industrial zone areas. In particular, I will support medical, professional, technology, and light industrial type businesses wanting easy access to Dallas, transportation corridors, and country style living for their employees.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Residents of Sunnyvale live here because we love our rural small town character, open pastures and mature trees, wide open spaces and park lands, and low density zoning and large lots. While we support more commercial development, we are not happy with our exploding residential growth rate and its impact on our infrastructure, particularly the increase in traffic on our two lane streets. I firmly believe that developers need to pay for the entire cost of the infrastructure required by their developments. This cost burden should never be levied on existing residents. Drainage and roads have become a major priority.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The character of Sunnyvale is based on a rural environment with low density zoning, large lots, pastures and open land. Given the demand for this kind of environment close to the major work centers of Dallas, land and homes are expensive as might be expected. We invite people of every ethnicity to join us, and we have a good mix of races and nationalities, but our Town's Comprehensive Plan and vision does not support small lots or multifamily housing. This style of more affordable housing is readily available within walking distance of our town. I will vote against any effort to lower our density standards.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Public safety is always a major concern and is one reason people choose to live in Sunnyvale. We are doing well and residents feel safe in our community. We know our deputies and they know us. Given our size, public safety is one of our town's most costly budget items and something to which we are giving a lot of attention as we grow in size. We current contract with the Dallas Sheriff department for policing, but we are considering other options, including establishing our own police force. I support this change if it can be done without increasing the cost for this service.

CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY: Promoting economic development and controlling residential growth are our two most pressing challenges. Close on their heels is infrastructure issues related to our schools, traffic, drainage, water and sewer, in large part caused by recent residential development that has not adequately paid its own way and funded its infrastructure needs. We cannot allow this growth to destroy our town rural small town character.

Jared Tolleson

NO RESPONSE

Jonathan C Freeman

NO RESPONSE

Town of Sunnyvale Special Charter Amendment Election

Proposition A - Shall Article III, Section 3.04, of the Town Charter be amended to authorize the Mayor to make agreements on behalf of the Town of Sunnyvale only with the express authority of the Town Council?

Proposition B - Shall Article III, Sections 3.06 and 3.08, of the Town Charter be amended to provide for appointment of the Mayor in the event of a vacancy in the office of the Mayor, in the order of Mayor-Pro-Tem, Council Member and then a qualified person of the public, and to provide an appointment procedure?

Proposition C - Shall Article IV, Section 4.01, of the Town Charter be amended to allow adoption of election orders at the meeting when first introduced?

Proposition D - Shall Article VI, Section 6.04, of the Town Charter be amended to require adoption of the annual fiscal budget by ordinance?

Proposition E - Shall Article VI, Section 6.05, of the Town Charter be amended to require a public hearing prior to adoption of the mid-year budget amendment and any proposed budget amendment that will increase the general fund total approved budget by one and one-half percent (1.5%) or more?

Proposition F - Shall Article XII, Section 12.06, of the Town Charter that provided for transitional elections upon adoption of the Town Charter be amended by deleting it in its entirety as obsolete and renumbering current Section 12.07 to Section 12.06?

Sunnyvale Independent School District

The Board consists of 7 members serving terms of 3 years, with elections held annually in May. The terms of one-third of the Board members, or as near to one-third as possible, expire each year. 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.

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

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

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

Sunnyvale ISD Board of Trustees, Place 2

Pollye Hunter

Unopposed

Sunnyvale ISD Board of Trustees, Place 6

Kelleyton J Wilson Sr

NO RESPONSE

Ronnie McAda

NO RESPONSE

Sunnyvale ISD Board of Trustees, Place 7

Nick Sloan

Unopposed

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



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.