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VOTERS GUIDE

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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 city of Wilmer 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 lvvdallas@sbcglobal.net for questions.

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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 Camp	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 or call 214.819.6300.

CITY OF WILMER CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

The Wilmer City Council is comprised of a Mayor and 5 Council Members, which are elected at large on staggered 2 year terms. The City Council's policy-making duties include adoption of the annual tax rate, water and sewer rates, annual operating budget, and regulatory ordinances. The City Council appoints the City Administrator, City Secretary, City Attorney, Municipal Judge, and board and commission members.

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 upgrades compared to other city needs?

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

CITY COUNCIL, VOTE FOR 0, 1, 2 OR 3

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Retain existing businesses and industries by fostering partnerships with local businesses and increasing spending in the community. Remove barriers to conducting business within the city. Make the city an attractive place for businesses to locate. Housing, business, jobs, development, startups, and planning are all important aspects that I support. Future city planning is essential to anticipating and being proactive on these issues.

INFRASTRUCTURE: A city does not function without adequate infrastructure. Ensuring water and sewer improvements are being aggressively addressed. Streets and sidewalks are receiving the needed attention through repaving, widening and filling gaps. Of course, new streets are required at the time of new development. I would say that all these areas of infrastructure are equally important. Explore all economical ways to pay for the need water and sewer improvements.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Yes! I do support apartment construction in the city while one solution will not solve the affordable housing crisis, there are many options for us to consider: Allow innovative development around complex and duplex, triplex and fourplex build. Comply with state law to allow accessory dwelling units. Wilmer already has taken this step, and we look forward to seeing the results. Consider land trust models, which can be a hung on the ladder toward home ownership, allowing for equity to build in the homeownership,

PUBLIC SAFETY: I believe the most important role of a city council person is to concentrate on the necessities that affect us the most, which is safe streets, safe neighborhoods, and investment in infrastructure - especially in the parts of our neighborhood that have been left behind.

CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY: I plan to make every decision with consideration in the future. I believe that Wilmer's expected growth is the single-greatest issue that our town will be facing in the foreseeable future, and it is my civic duty to not only embrace this growth with adaptability but to do everything in my power to make our transition a seamless one. The way we handle this growth will be of the extreme importance in ensuring that Wilmer not only remains a great place to live but becomes an even better one.

Phyllis Slough, Sheila Petta, Jeff Steele, Rhonda Cobbs-Henry, Candy Madrigal – 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"> 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.

