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Voters Guide 2016: A look at candidates in Tarrant municipal elections

HIGHLIGHTS

The election is May 7

Some cities have charter elections and propositions on the ballot



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The *Star-Telegram* sent a Voters Guide questionnaire to all the candidates appearing on ballots in various cities throughout Tarrant County in contested races on May 7. These are their responses:

Arlington City Council

District 1

Kelly Canon

Age: 56



Occupation and/or main source of income: Facilities Planning Principal, at L3 Communications, Arlington.

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Arlington, 20 years

Web site: <http://www.KellyCanon.com>

Education background, including all degrees: Graduated from Texas A&M University in 1982, with a degree in Architecture

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: Led the fight to ban red-light cameras in Arlington, 2015; Three-time delegate to the GOP State Convention; VP of Arlington Tea Party 2013 to present. Awarded "Conservative Leadership" in 2014, by Empower Texans, Awarded "Champion of Freedom" in 2015 by Grassroots America/We The People Organization.

Offices you have sought and/or held before: Arlington City Council, 2011

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office: I've been gainfully employed in the construction industry since I graduated college in 1982. My ability to understand all types of construction documents (architectural, mechanical, electrical, civil, etc.), building codes, and other construction issues, gives me an inside edge to understanding the projects/proposals that come before the council. I will bring to the council my knowledge derived from my professional background in the construction industry, along with my strong civic knowledge of conservative constitutional principles concerning fiscal responsibility, limited government, and the protection of personal liberties – and property.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them: Transportation, the city's management of the budget, and keeping our taxes low. I led the fight to ban red-light cameras in Arlington because they were a revenue scam, and needed to end. I understand that cities need to have a strong revenue base, but the red-light cameras were the wrong way to go about it. As a council member, I hope to improve transparency in our city government, and will strive to ensure that our tax dollars are spent wisely. But more importantly, I hope to prevent such onerous revenue-generating programs from being considered in the future.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you: I am a proud 8th generation Texan, and a 5th great-niece to the great father of our state, Sam Houston. I know the importance of strong fiscal responsibility and limited government, and if elected, I will bring those priorities to the table, along with my extensive construction management experience, so that we can all enjoy the economic prosperity that results from such valued principles of governance at the local level. I ask for your support and your vote on May 7.

Charlie Parker

Age: 66

Occupation and/or main source of income: I am a retired Commander in the United States Navy, I also had a career in commercial aviation as an International Captain for TWA for 21 yrs. and a Captain for American for 11 yrs.

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Arlington, 36 yrs.

Web Site: Electcparker.com

Education background including degrees: BS Aeronautical Engineering from San Jose State University.

Highlights of current and past civic involvement: I have been the Councilman for District 1 for the past 4 years. During that time I have removed the gangs from North Arlington, been integral in tearing down slum/crime infested apartment complexes, and in the discussion of a new Senior Center for the 54,000 aging citizens of Arlington. I have fully supported

the Arlington Commons and Texas Live projects. I have contributed in setting the table for the GM \$1.4 billion dollar investment in the Arlington plant. Currently, I am trying to reduce the city's electrical bill for the next 9 yrs. and save \$39 million dollars in the process.

Offices you have sought and/or held before: None

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office: My records of accomplishments stand by themselves. As a Naval Aviator/Officer and Captain for major airlines, I have been a leader all my adult life. I understand that communication is the key to leadership. I clear my emails daily and get back to my constituents in a timely fashion. I have instituted a regiment of Town Hall Meetings on a six-month basis to keep the citizens informed and seek their comment as to what else can be accomplished. And lastly, I am the only councilperson that I know of, that has a blog to inform the citizens as to what I am doing and how I am doing it.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them: The biggest question facing our city is the Texas Rangers. As a city we are working with Ranger's management and ownership to come to an agreement to keep the Rangers in Arlington. Once an agreement is coined by the city and Rangers, we will have to present this issue to the voters for approval. 2. I have brought the issue of the Senior Center before Council. Due to my efforts, the center is currently designed and a destination has been decided upon. 3. Lastly, we have heard the citizens speak about the condition of our roads. Currently we are allocating \$53 million a year to repave/rebuild our roads.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you: As your councilman for the last four years, I have worked tirelessly to make North Arlington a better place to live, work and raise our children. I have been transparent and approachable. I have a tremendous relationship with Chief Johnson and Chief Crowson and my door is always open to citizens and staff alike. I have fought hard to ensure that our first responders have everything that they need to protect our citizens, but I have fulfilled my fiduciary responsibility by reducing overtime to maintain budget constraints. I have worked with Police and Code Control to bring the quality of living up for those residing in apartments.

District 7

Chris "Dobi" Dobson

Did not respond

Victoria Farrar-Myers

Age: 47

Occupation and/or main source of income: Professor

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Arlington, 4 years and 1998-2002.

Web site: victoriaforarlington.com

Education background, including all degrees: B.S., Political Science & Public Administration, Russell Sage College; M.A., Political Science, University of Illinois; Ph.D., Political Science, University at Albany, SUNY

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: Chair-Elect Leadership Arlington; Rotary Club of Arlington; Arlington Advisory Board for Center for Transforming Lives (formerly YWCA); Junior League of Arlington, Parliamentarian (currently, Sustaining Member); Arlington ISD Financial Futures Committee; Arlington Chamber of Commerce, Education and Workforce Development Board

Offices you have sought and/or held before: Arlington Planning & Zoning Commission (current member)

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office: I am a dedicated civic leader, an award-winning educator, and an experienced administrator. As a professor of political science, I write and teach about leadership, government, and public policy from a practical, hands-on perspective, and will apply this knowledge as a City Council member. Actively engaged in our community, I know at a grassroots level what issues are most important to our residents – what their concerns are, what motivates them, what their hopes for themselves and our city are. As an administrator, I have experience in strategic planning and visioning, and developing and implementing innovative solutions to problems.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them: I am focusing on improving the City's streets particularly in our neighborhoods, ensuring public safety by having properly equipped and compensated police and fire departments, and being a responsible steward of the tax dollars that fund the City's operations. Achieving these objectives requires a holistic, balanced approach to policy-making, and when necessary favoring the "needs" of the city over the "wants". Further, to ensure that non-core services do not result in a budgetary drain, the City should, for example, utilize public-private partnerships, pursue economically self-sufficient projects, and adopt policies that build a stronger and more diverse tax base.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you: I have a proven record of leadership, commitment, and service in Arlington, and am willing to roll up my sleeves to work and generate lasting results. I have an excellent ability to not just listen to, but to hear, diverse groups, and to formulate short-term and long-term plans to address common needs. I know that there will be times when I take an action that some group or another will disagree with, but I will explain why I made the choices I did so that voters know where I stand.

Bedford City Council

Place 5

Darryl Day *Did not respond*

Roy W. Turner

Age: 77

Occupation and/or main source of income: Retired OB-GYN physician after 37 years practice

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Bedford, 46 years

Education background, including all degrees: BS -- LSU 1960 MD -- LSU New Orleans, LA 1964 Residency Training: University Texas Southwestern Medical School, Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, TX.

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement Three-term councilman in Bedford seeking re-election

Offices you have sought and/or held before:

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office: I am best qualified to serve as city councilman based on my nine-year's experience as city councilman, one as Mayor Pro-Tem. We faced many challenges during these years and have accomplished much, including beginning restoration of Bedford Boy's Ranch as an outstanding facility enjoyed by many. I helped nurture the city through four years of highway reconstruction. During that time the financial condition of Bedford was solid and is now growing robustly. Through this we have maintained stable/reasonable property tax rates as the business community has grown and the efficiency of government has improved.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them: 1. Re-development of our 98 percent built-out city in a controlled manner that is compatible with economic growth and maintenance of residential integrity and property values. Continue the plans for development of Bedford Commons a destination site for the business, cultural, and residential communities. 2. Address the problem of our First Responders with increased pay and benefits that is more commensurate with the service they provide to our community in this high-risk environment. 3. Maintain and improve our extensive infrastructure and street systems.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you: Bedford has made great strides in the last 10 years. I have been an integral part of that growth. We have come from library closings to being a proud part of our developing NE Tarrant community. We have a cooperative and imaginative council anxious to see this growth and development continue. I am in a position with the experience, knowledge, and ability to see this become a reality. KEEP THE MOMENTUM in Bedford as we continue to discover what it is to be the Center of the Metroplex.

Colleyville City Council

Mayor

David Kelly

Age: 59

Occupation: Certified Financial Planner, Investment Advisor and Planner

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Colleyville, 19 years

Web site: www.mayordavidkelly.com

Education background, including all degrees: BBA- TCU, Certified Financial Planner- College of Financial Planning, FINRA licensed Series 24 securities principal.

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: Current serving Mayor of Colleyville, Citizens on Patrol Coordinator for Colleyville Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, First Vice-President and Rehab 24 Response team member for Colleyville Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Association, Member & former Chairman- North Central Texas Council of Governments, Emergency Preparedness Planning Council, Advisory Board Member- Colleyville Area Chamber of Commerce, Former Board Member- GRACE- 6 years, Former Grapevine High School Varsity Baseball Announcer- 13 years.

Offices you have sought and/or held before: Currently serving fourth term as Mayor of Colleyville

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office: Having the privilege of currently serving these past eleven years as Mayor, along with my financial background, gives me the experience and knowledge of what the citizens of Colleyville desires for their community. Continually working together with our residents to make Colleyville the best place to live makes me the best qualified candidate to continue the progress that the community desires and expects.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them: Maintaining our rural heritage. Using our comprehensive plan "Destination Colleyville" as the guiding document for new development while maintaining our focus on preserving our natural resources to enhance the Colleyville way. Replacing our aging infrastructure program to improve our roadways and water/sewer delivery system will ensure that Colleyville is pro-active in addressing these important needs. Maintaining our economic development momentum dining and service opportunities and working with our existing businesses to ensure that their needs are met.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you: Working together with our city council, staff, and residents continues to make Colleyville one of the best places to live. I plan to continue to work for ALL of Colleyville to implement what the residents of Colleyville want for their community and to ensure that Colleyville remains a best place to live.

Richard Newton

Age: 67

Occupation and/or main source of income: Retired Executive, Alcon Division, Novartis

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Colleyville; 29 years

Web site: www.newtonforcolleyville.com

Education background, including all degrees: I am an Engineer by training with earned B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Electrical Engineering from Texas A&M University, a licensed Professional Engineer (PE) and a certified Project Management Professional (PMP).

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: Colleyville Lions Club, Colleyville Area Chamber of Commerce, Colleyville Economic Development Board, Colleyville Tax Increment Finance District Board, GCISD Capital Program Committee, Colleyville Charter Commission and others. I have also served as Chairman and Treasurer of the Alliance for Higher Education and Texas Regional Center for Innovation and Commercialization. I was also a member of the Dallas Commission on International Trade; Science and Technology as well as a member of the Dallas Mayor's Initiative to Implement the International Commission Report.

Offices you have sought and/or held before:

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office: I have devoted a great deal of effort over the years to ensure Colleyville remains the unique high quality, low-density city that we all love. I have served in City Council Place 2, City Council Place 4 and the Mayor's position in past years. All in all I have been elected to City Council four times and Mayor three times. I never served more than 2 terms consecutively in any one office. That's important since I support term limits. During my previous terms, Colleyville prospered and we built most of the parks and established the financial foundation for the city.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them: Colleyville has a crisis of leadership that has caused many citizens to mistrust our city government. The incumbent has been in office 11 years and pushes his agenda rather than the citizen's agenda. I have many years of leadership experience in many venues from small start-ups to large corporations, large and small non-profits, higher education and city government where I have learned, honed and demonstrated leadership skills. I understand that to lead you must serve. I will respect and listen to all citizens, uphold all quality standards that has made Colleyville great and provide a unifying voice to end divisiveness.

Place 1

Tammy Nakamura *Did not respond*

Carol Wollin

Age: 63

Occupation/main source of income: Community Volunteer; retired assistant professor of Nursing

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Colleyville, 25 years.

Website: CarolWollin.com

Education Background, including degrees: Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from St. Olaf College; Master of Science Degree in Nursing from University of Minnesota

Highlights of current and past civic involvement: Current Colleyville City Council member Place 1; GCISD Board of Trustees for 6 years, one year as President; Certified Municipal Official; Colleyville Economic Development Corporation President; Colleyville Crime Control and Prevention District Vice President; Colleyville Tax Increment Finance District Director; Colleyville/Keller Municipal Court Committee; Colleyville Woman's Club President, VP Fundraising, and VP Membership; Colleyville Garden Club President and VP; Friends of the Colleyville Public Library President and VP; GCISD Education Foundation Founding Director and Steering Committee that created Foundation; CHHS Project Graduation President; Celebrate Colleyville Chair; Colleyville Library Board Vice Chair and Founding Member; Colleyville Citizens Police/Fire Academy Alumni Associations; Colleyville Lions Club; Colleyville Executive Organization; PTA/PTSA Board Member

Offices you have sought and/or held before: Colleyville City Councilmember Place 1. GCISD Board of Trustees, including elected its President and Vice President.

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office: As your current Colleyville Council member Place 1, I have a unique hands-on understanding of the City and have provided solid, independent leadership. I am the only Colleyville Council member who is recognized as a Certified Municipal Official. My vast experience gained as an elected member of the GCISD Board of Trustees and active leader/member of several community organizations, has kept me connected to my fellow residents. I have the ability to consider issues from all sides, conduct extensive study, and make sensible decisions with consideration for the future. I have shown that I am open to listening to all citizens.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them: Keep Colleyville Great! Keep Colleyville safe. Protect our designation as Safest City in Texas by providing our First Responders with needed tools to keep our citizens safe. Keep our road improvement programs moving forward according to their Capital Improvement Plans and on a pay-as-you-go cash basis while preserving Colleyville's small town feel. Keep Colleyville fiscally responsible. Preserve our financial stability, 3AAA credit ratings, high cash reserves, and continue to decrease city debt. Keep Colleyville's successful economic development vibrant. Support our current retail/restaurants while attracting more that our citizens want while also protecting our neighborhoods from high density developments.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you: I have been married to Rick for 40 years. Colleyville has been our home since 1991 and our three children were raised here. I have continually volunteered my time and energy in making Colleyville better. Since I come from a sports-minded family, I coached youth sports and supported improvements to City Park and the Pleasant Run soccer fields so that more youth can enjoy playing sports. I value reading and libraries and was directly involved in the opening of the Colleyville Public Library. I supported the completion of the popular Cotton Belt Trail and creation of LD Lockett trailhead/park.

Place 2

Bobby Lindamood

Age: 44

Occupation and/or main source of income: Owner of JR's Demolition & Excavation Inc.

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Colleyville, 6 years

Web site: www.bobbylindamood.com

Education background, including all degrees: Irving Nimitz High School 1989, Arlington Baptist College

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: Proudly served as Volleyball 12 u, basketball 12u, softball coach 5u to CHHS Fall league. I'm the game announcer for CHHS JV black softball, Helped with the glade road petition, worked against high water rates - High density within the community. Proud member of the Lions Club, Colleyville Chamber of commerce, and financial supporter of Gatehouse Woman shelter, Mid cities pregnancy center, Tzu zoo pet rescue, and numerous other organizations

Offices you have sought and/or held before: Past President of Texas Sports Reach Prison Ministries (7 years) and still on the board of directors 15 years total, Past President of the town Boat Club, Oklahoma

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office: I'm a true Texas raised with old school "Honesty" ~ "Integrity" ~ Where your name means something, and a hand shake is your bond. I was raised in Irving, and have now settled in the great unique town of Colleyville. I have been married to my high school sweetheart for 22 years, we have 2 beautiful daughters who attend O.C.Taylor and CHHS. I'm a true small business owner of JR's Demolition that has been in business for over 11 years and is ranked one of the top demolition business in DFW. I know what it is to be fiscally responsible with our city checkbook, make wise decisions, and trim excess spending as needed.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them: Colleyville is at a crossroads regarding several big issues for our city. They include our current move towards high density, our disproportionately high water bills, the rush towards TexRail, plus a general culture at city hall which ignores the voices of the people. I am running to bring a leadership style that places the voice of our citizens back to city hall. I believe that the office of councilor, and the City itself, can and should be used to intervene to the benefit of the citizens on issues like our water rates, TexRail, and High Density. Council has created an environment where citizen's input, involvement, and voices are not being heard nor respected. I'm running to give people back their voice, their Colleyville.

Chuck Mogged

Age: 61

Occupation and/or main source of income: Engineer and Business Executive

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Colleyville, since 2002

Web site: www.chuckmogged.com

Education background, including all degrees: BS in Mechanical Engineering, MIT 1977; MBA from University of Chicago 1984

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: Colleyville City Councilman (First Term); Colleyville Crime Control and Prevention District President; Member of Municipal Judge Selection and Oversight Committee, Audit Committee, and Colleyville Economic Development Corporation; Colleyville Comprehensive Plan Committee; Vice President of Colleyville Lions Club; Northeast Tarrant Leadership Forum.

Offices you have sought and/or held before: First term Colleyville Councilman, Place 2

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office: As an MIT Mechanical Engineer with an MBA from the University of Chicago, I believe I can contribute to our Council's deliberations. And my engineering and executive experience in Fortune 500 companies - and my City Council service the last 3 years - give me the perspective to help us sort through future project and organization challenges. I listen

well to all sides, and am willing to take a stand after the facts are known. And I am very accessible to citizens. I have no conflicts of interest between City decision-making and making a living. I ask for your vote to continue building our great community.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them: Our biggest challenge ahead is renewing our infrastructure - with minimum disruption and within our budget. The Highway 26 Reconstruction Project changes Colleyville Blvd to a six-lane road with state-mandated center medians for safety. Additionally, voters last year approved moving ahead to fix Glade Road's congestion, safety concerns, and deteriorating surfaces. Lastly, our water and waste water system has segments nearing the end of their 50-year lifespan, and plans are in place to replace these before they break, funded on a "pay-as-we-go" basis. Citizen involvement & support continue as an important part of our City's success.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you: I'm married to Jan Mogged, with 3 children (all GCISD graduates): Gina, Charles, and Greg. I'm also committed to protecting Colleyville's future through conservative fiscal policy; strong public safety; smart economic development; renewing infrastructure; and keeping Colleyville's character with our low-density vision. Fiscally I will protect our AAA bond rating, maintain our low tax rate, and work toward eliminating our already low public debt. I pledge to maintain our low crime rates that earned us "Safest City in Texas" recognition. I support our new restaurants, business offices, medical facilities, and Colleyville's first hotel.

Dalworthington Gardens

Mayor

Kimberly Fitzpatrick

Age: 38

Occupation and/or main source of income: Managing Attorney for Harris Cook in Arlington

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Dalworthington Gardens, 2.5 years

Web site: kimberlyfordwgmayor.com

Education background, including all degrees: Bachelor of Business Administration, International Business, Texas Wesleyan University, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Texas Wesleyan University, Juris Doctorate, Texas Wesleyan University School of Law.

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: I am the past president, vice president, director, co-founder of the Arlington Young Lawyers Association. I helped implement the annual Chili Cook-Off that brings 30-35 Arlington law firms together to help raise money for Legal Aid.

N. Texas Legal Aid: I volunteer regularly to provide free legal advice and have provided pro bono services to several women attendees.

For the last six years, I have partnered with the Mission of Arlington to bring joy to 40-50 kids by sponsoring and planning a child's Christmas party wherein we have pizza, books read by Santa, and gifts for all of the children which are donated by the Arlington Bar Association and Arlington Young Lawyers Association.

Junior League of Arlington: I worked the Glass Slipper Boutique to provide young girls with prom dresses, Back to School Fair to help pass out school supplies, and immunization clinic to provide shots to kids.

Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Arlington from 2003-2012; one of my greatest experiences was hosting my little sister's sleepover birthday party at my house. She had never had a sleepover before because she lived in an apartment and her mother had a drug habit.

I have worked with the Salvation Army to ring the bell for the past 8 years; Boys & Girls Club to plan and work the Party for a Purpose Project; Mansfield Cares to raise money for needy families.

Office you have sought and/or held before:

I have been a leader in my local bar and legal community. I am the current Secretary/Treasurer for the Arlington Bar Assoc. I am a past president, vice president, director, and co-founder of the Arlington Young Lawyers Association, which is a group of young attorneys that work together to provide mentoring to one another and volunteer in the community. I have served on the Texas Supreme Court's Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee since 2014. I am a board member for the Central YMCA of Arlington.

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office:

As an attorney with Harris Cook, I have gained significant municipal government and administrative law experience. I believe my experience reviewing contracts and litigating cases will be an asset to the city.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them:

1. Lack of transparency and confidence in our city government: I will update and improve the website to better inform and engage the constituents. I will create a subscription service for citizens to receive notices of events, news, meeting agendas and minutes. 2. Lack of Sales Tax Revenue: I will work to create an environment that is ripe for economic development opportunities to increase sales tax revenue for the city. 3. Improve city facilities and infrastructure: I will work with our county commissioner and city officials to improve our city's infrastructure and facilities.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you:

Dalworthington Gardens needs honest, transparent and approachable leadership. I have a servant's heart and will bring the focused leadership needed to move our city forward toward a bright future. As Mayor of Dalworthington Gardens, I am prepared to lead our city and create an environment that is ripe for economic development opportunities. I will also work to preserve the history and tradition that makes Dalworthington Gardens special.

Michael Tedder

Age: 47

Occupation and/or main source of income: Small business owner

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Dalworthington Gardens, 18 years

Web site: NA

Education background, including all degrees: Texas A&M University - BBA accounting

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: Dalworthington Gardens Mayor - 10 Years & Dalworthington Gardens City Council - 5 Years

Offices you have sought and/or held before: Dalworthington Gardens Mayor - 10 Years & Dalworthington Gardens City Council - 5 Years

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office.

As the incumbent Mayor I have ten years experience understanding the process, personality and operation of our city. I have forged relationships to help our city run efficiently while sorting out competing interests. My experience in HR and compassion for the hard-working city staff lead me to an open door policy and the city offering increased benefits to instill dedication. By negotiating with neighboring cities I have experience negotiating with peers to reach intercity agreements, while maintaining autonomy. As a fiscal conservative I have worked to improve our city services and manage growth with out raising taxes

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

1. Infrastructure Improvements. Solution- Prioritizing earmarked funding for needed maintenance. Making improvements to streets, and sidewalks. Maintaining our AA+ bond rating to keep our funding costs low. 2. City Services Improvements. Solutions – As we grow it is important to allocate funds to modernize operations and software systems for all departments. Additional staff training will allow our employees to continue to provide exemplary service while keeping overhead low. 3. Planning and Development. Solution – Fulfilling our State mandated density responsibilities while maintaining the City’s character, not over loading city services and respecting owner’s property rights.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

I am dedicated to preserving the City’s history and character. I will continue to manage growth while respecting property holder’s rights and the voices of our citizens. Thoughtful development and economic plans will allow us to continue to provide our community with a high level of service with out increasing your tax burden. As a conservative I am committed to efficient local governing and fiscal responsibility as my record shows.

Place 2

Bob Harvey, Jr.

Age: 67

Occupation and/or main source of income: Retired as Chief of the Department, Saginaw, TX Fire Department

City of residence and how long you’ve live there: Dalworthington Gardens, six years

Website: None

Education background, including all degrees: Graduated Arlington High School in 1966; Associates Degree in Fire Protection Technology in 1974 (Tarrant County College); State Certified EMT in 1975, Licensed Paramedic from 1979 to 2015. State Certified Firefighter and Instructor since 1984, Master Firefighter and Instructor since 1988 to present.

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: 50 years of experience in municipal government. Lifetime member of the National Fire Protection Association. Co-founder and Board of Directors member of the Tarrant County Fire Alarm Center, a non-profit corporation created in 1993 to provide the dispatching services for fire and EMS calls to multiple fire departments in Tarrant County.

Offices you have sought and/or held before: None

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experiece make you the best candidate for this office:

My education and experience since age 16 as a firefighter and later Fire Chief, police officer and paramedic, has given me invaluable experience in municipal government, including the budget process and operation of all city departments. I also have expertise in writing grants, successfully bringing in over \$1.2 million to the City of Saginaw as Fire Chief, and in the ability to find innovative ways to provide a high level of service to citizens in the most economical way possible, saving thousands of taxpayer dollars, as demonstrated by co-founding the Tarrant County Fire Alarm Center in 1993.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them:

1. Confidence and trust in our city government. We must restore the confidence in our city council by being open, transparent, and keeping all citizens fully informed and their opinions welcomed at all council meetings. 2. Public safety. We need to establish a “Minimum Staffing Level” for our Public Safety officers to ensure adequate emergency response, not only for the safety of our citizens, but also for the officers themselves. I will work with our new DPS Chief, Aaron Ausmus, and the council to accomplish this expediently. 3. Consider more commercial development. Property taxes and fees cannot sustain our city indefinitely. We have to carefully determine the best use of remaining land.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you:

After a career of 50 years working in municipal government, I believe I have the knowledge, expertise and experience, not just in Public Safety, but in all aspects of city services, to help guide our City into the future. I believe our City is at a critical turning point and needs some new direction and dedication. It is time for a “POSITIVE” change in our City and for someone with new ideas and innovative thinking to serve on our city council. I believe I am the right person for that job.

Guy Snodgrass

Age: 67

Occupation and/or main source of income: Captain Delta Air Lines, retired; real estate

City of residence and how long you’ve lived there: Dalworthington Gardens, 32 years

Web site: NA

Education background, including all degrees: United States Naval Academy BS Oceanography, FAA Flight Engineer, ATP commercial

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: Alderman DWG, 30 years

Offices you have sought and/or held before: Alderman DWG

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office.

I bring to the council experience from my education and training to understand the complexity of the problems and ideas for solutions. Over the years, I have been involved in many projects within the city and have a pretty good grasp of what does and what does not work. Over the years, the citizens have trusted my judgment most of the time. I believe that the most important quality an elected official must have, is to listen to his citizens and vote their will not his.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

1 Maintain a balanced city budget. The city should conduct budget reviews mid year, if not quarterly. 2 Maintain public services. Water lines break, roads need repair, this happens. Public works must be responsive in a timely manner. 3 City employees must be courteous and polite to everyone they come in contact with. Lead by example.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

Edgecliff Village

Mayor (Unexpired term)

Dennis “Mickey” Rigney

Age: 68

Occupation and/or main source of income: Retired Aerospace Representative

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Edgecliff Village, 7.5 years

Web site: NA

Education background, including all degrees: High School graduate, numerous military and aerospace technical schools. Military Leadership courses and General Dynamics/Lockheed management courses.

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: I am currently serving as Edgecliff City Council Alderman Seat 3 and have served for two terms (4 years). Before that I was on the Edgecliff Zoning Committee. I am currently a member on the HOA safety committee for the Villages of Edgecliff.

Offices you have sought and/or held before: I have held the Alderman Seat 3 on the City Council of Edgecliff Village for two terms.

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office.

I served in the USAF for 11 years as an Avionics Technician and Supervising NCO, which required management of several tiers of personnel, including their work schedule, training, performance, and logistics requirements. During my 29 years with General Dynamics/Lockheed I was a Lead Field Service Representative at numerous offsite locations. I supervised the company's support to our Military customers for logistics, maintenance and engineering of their aircraft and aircraft equipment. This required working with a wide variety of their personnel from technicians, to supervisors to command staff, as well as our Engineers, Program Managers and Corporate Leaders.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

Our city is an older city with several new developments, which will require supporting our residents in a variety of ways. 1) We have been working on a long range plan to improve our infrastructure of sewer and water lines and our streets. I plan to continue improving this plan. 2) The city motto is "Edgecliff a Great Place to Live". I will work to ensure this remains our goal. I will keep the residents involved, informed and well represented in the future of Edgecliff. 3) The city budget is always a critical problem which we face each year. We are currently debt free and I, with the City Council and City Staff will work hard to continue to improve the city while staying within our budget.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

In my two terms as Alderman Seat 3, I have proven how concerned I am for our city and it's residents. I have worked closely with the Mayor and the other Aldermen and Alderwomen and I have their support for my choice to be the next Mayor of Edgecliff Village. I have also had the opportunity to establish a very good working relationship with the City Secretary and her office staff, the Public Works Director and his staff and the Fire Department Chief and his staff. These relationships will be very important to improving our city and continue to to make Edgecliff "A Great Place to Live".

Mel Washington

Age: 41

Occupation and/or main source of income: Team Leader of Project Management for Behavioral Health

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Edgecliff Village, two years

Website: Facebook

Education background, including all degrees: Master of Social Work, University of Houston, Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Prairie View A&M University.

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Member of Ruth #4 OES, served as Chaplin for 2012-2014 for Queen of the South Grand Chapter, Social Events Chair for Houston Alumnae Chapter of DST (2009-2010), Served on the Chaplin Corner for HAC (2011-2012), served as donation coordinator, Friends of MHMR volunteer (2009-2013), Board Member for Chinwe' Haven in Houston 2003-2006, Board Member for Houston Community College Southeast Campus Medical Billing and Coding (2012-2013), Word of Truth Family Church: Bongo Baby Volunteer and New Membership Volunteer, Windsor Village United Methodist Church, (Love Network New membership (2007 to 2012), Praise Dance Ministry (2009 to 2013).

Offices you have sought and/or held before: None

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office.

I have a history of building great teams, problem solving, networking, training and customer relations satisfaction in the public service environment. I am currently employed as the Coordinator for our electronic health record at my agency. My education and work experience compliments the position as Mayor and would be an extension of my current public service. I am able to bring people together in both my work place and of the community.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

Taxes: The Village of Edgecliff has been able to maintain low taxes for several years. I plan to advocate for our taxes to remain low during my tenure while looking for avenues of funding sources for our community infrastructure. Technology: Provide additional technology as a form of communication and to modernized traditional forms. Continue to maintain the website and provide tools that will make the website more user-friendly. Socialization: Community collaboration to help new families become acclimated, offer community workshops, and partnering with neighborhood businesses. Create an Adopt- A-Senior program to encourage generational involvement in the community.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

I am a dedicated individual who believes in serving my community and creating avenues for enhancement. I believe that Edgecliff Village is a beautiful place to live and I hope to help others believe it too!

Eules City Council Place 2

Tim Stinneford

Age: 62

Occupation and/or main source of income: Senior property manager

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Eules, 15 years

Web site: TimStinnefordEules.com

Education background, including all degrees: BS in marketing

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement:

Member of Eules Citizen's Police and Fire Academies Alumni Association, Part of the first Community Emergency Response Team, Member of the Child Abduction Response Team, Citizen's on Patrol, Member of Eules Development Corp., Received Presidential Bronze Award for volunteer hours, 2006-2007-2008-2012, Former member of the Zoning

Board of Adjustment.

Offices you have sought and/or held before:

Eules City Council Place 1 since 2007, Mayor Pro Tem 2009-10 and 2015-16.

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office.

Since moving to Eules in 2001 my family and I have volunteered in many areas of the City to learn more about what our citizens need. My business background has served as an asset to the Council in dealing with the development we have seen since 2007 when I was first elected. I believe in "Doing the Right Thing" as a platform and have conducted myself while on Council with that mantra.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

1. Keeping tax rate low- when other cities raised rates during the downturn we cut costs to keep our rate flat. 2. Continue to improve services- without raising property taxes we built the Senior and Aquatic Centers with no debt, we cashflow major projects by saving up the funds and then building. 3. Bring development to take pressure off property taxes- Glade Parks and the Midtown development is accomplishing this and the Riverwalk development will continue the process.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

When we moved here in 2001 we decided this was our last move. We immediately started our volunteering with the Eules Citizen's Police Academy and continued with the Fire and CERT academies. I progressed to wanting to do more to serve and ran for Council in 2007. I believe, in my time on Council, Eules has prospered with greater amenities and a reduced tax rate. City Council is an important position that should be non partisan with the only goal being, keeping Eules the best city in the best state in the best country the world has ever seen.

Tim St. Clair Did not respond

Place 3

Eddie Price

Age: 56

Occupation and/or main source of income: Federal tax consulting focusing on cost segregation and green building tax incentives.

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Eules, 25 years

Web site: <https://www.facebook.com/eddie4eules/> and <https://www.linkedin.com/in/eddieprice>

Education background, including all degrees: Master of Science, Construction Management – Texas A&M; Bachelor of Environmental Design – Texas A&M

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: Served two years on the Eules City Council, served many years on the Zoning Board of Adjustment; served two years as President of local HOA, Regular volunteer at 6 Stones Community Powered Revitalization events, □ Eagle Scout/adult volunteer in local BSA troop, Active member/leader at First Baptist Church of Eules, Served many years as Board Member and Treasurer for Career Solutions, a local non-profit organization.

Offices you have sought and/or held before: Eules City Council

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office.

I've lived in Euless for over a quarter century and have raised six children here. I'm aware of the pressures and challenges that families face today and I want to do anything I can to serve and encourage them. I have over 33 years of experience in the field of cost segregation including 20 years with a Big Four accounting firm. The analyses I perform everyday in my career are inherently detail oriented and often very complex. I have the tenacity to keep working until problems are resolved. I'm committed to doing the right thing, even if it's not popular.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

1) Our greatest challenge in the upcoming years will be staffing needs. Euless has continued to deliver excellent service to the community with less employees than before the recession and far fewer per capita than our neighboring cities. 2) Water/wastewater costs will continue to be a challenge for the foreseeable future. TRA cost increases will likely force our customer rates to continue to rise. 3) Healthcare costs will continue to impact our city budget and our employees. The Council must be conservative in its approach and implement alternative strategies where possible to offset rising costs in all of these areas.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

As a Christ follower, I'm very motivated to serve my fellow man. My faith simply compels me to make an impact on the world around me. So I'm very grateful to have had the opportunity to serve on the Euless Council these past two years. If you like the direction the City is going and want to see it continue, I respectfully ask that you elect me for another term.

Aaron Lindeman

Age: 32

Occupation and/or main source of income: Security Systems Designer

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Euless, 4 years

Web site: None

Education background, including all degrees: Certification in CAD / CAM

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: Air National Guard for 6 years, Iraq war veteran, HEB Teen Court Board Member

Offices you have sought and/or held before: None

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office.

I was in the Air National Guard for six years and made it to the rank of Staff Sergeant. The leadership skills I have learned in the Military have helped me in the commercial business. I have managed people in order to complete projects on time. I was raised on Christian and conservative moral values. The leadership skills I have learned will be applied when I'm in office to have fiscal and moral responsibilities, that I was raised on, and bring that to the citizens of Euless. This leadership is missing from the current council and is greatly needed today.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

The City of Euless has massively increased spending, provided subsidies and unneeded benefits, and has been increasingly difficult with providing information to the citizens. I want to keep spending to building infrastructure that would improve the city and not provide extra profit to contractors. Subsidies and benefits should be kept to a minimal to prevent waste and

abuse that would only increase taxes in the future. I will work towards making information more available on the website and making open record request easier to obtain. The current council would like to keep business as usual and not change a thing.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

Texas born, specifically in Fort Hood, to an Air Force family. I was raised on my family's farm, where I learned Christian and conservative values. After graduating high school I became a member of the Air National Guard and served honorably for six years. I deployed overseas to Iraq during operation Enduring Freedom. After returning from my tour I earned a certificate in CAD / CAM at Richland College. I met a beautiful woman named Raquel and was lucky enough to marry her and her wonderful daughter, Rosemary. I hold a partner position for my family's property company.

Forest Hill City Council

Place 1

Jess Major *Could not be reached*

Cameron Wafer *Did not respond*

Place 2

Stephanie Boardingham *Did not respond*

Carlie Jones *Did not respond*

Place 3

Michielle Benson

Age: 55

Occupation and/or main source of income: Retired Educator from FWISD, City of Forest Hill Business Owner Founder and Executive Director of Non-Profit Arts Organization.

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Resident of the City of Forest Hill Texas since 1979

Web site: www.michiellebenson.wix.com/campaign

Education background, including all degrees: High School Diploma; Bellevue West High School Bellevue, Nebraska; College: Bachelor of Education in Music, Master of Music (Arts Administration Emphasis)

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: Most recently I have been honored by the Fort Worth Tarrant County Minority Leaders & Citizens Council as an Extraordinary Women Committed to Service. I am a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc, the Forest Hill Lions Club, the Girls Service League of Fort Worth, serve on the Site Based Committee at Harlean Beal Elementary School, and as volunteer grant Writer for the Forest Hill Public Library and as Grant Workshop Instructor for the Foundation Information Network at the Jerline M. Harvey Public Library.

Offices you have sought and/or held before: 2016 Delegate to the Texas State Democratic Convention. Elected to State Offices in two Separate States, Texas and Nebraska. In Texas the Texas Music Educators elected me to; the State Steering Committee, Region Executive Committee Member, Region 5 Band Vice-Chair, Region 5 Band Chair, All State Band Judge. Region 5 Committee Member, Fine Arts Textbook Review Committee—Instrumental Music K-12, and the Fine Arts Textbook Review Committee for Visual Art and Dance. Executive Director of the Arts for Minority Youth an Arts organization dedicated to changing communities through cultural and educational experiences in the Arts.

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office.

My experiences in research, evaluation, business management and development, cultural and educational programming are strength's in my tool belt. Experiences in leadership roles in a major metropolitan church and within the FWISD makes my skill set unique to serve on the City Council. Although, I list myself as a political outsider, I am no stranger to the role of the position that I am seeking election nor to the needs of the community in which I live, work and play. I consider myself a passionate leader dedicated to providing a transparent approachable working government for the citizens of Forest Hill.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

Critical Issues: Provide a transparent approachable accountable city government for the citizens of Forest Hill. Reconfigure the existing city government and design of a user friendly accessible city web page that uses technology to lighten the work load of the staff. Lack of Cultural, Artistic, Youth and Family Services. Use the Hotel Occupancy Tax as is outlined by the State, this will allow for programming and for the development of a Cultural/artistic & youth/family center. Limited Services for Senior Citizens. Develop a commission of Senior Services that will be the voice of the seniors assuring their needs are met.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

I am a person who investigates, and seeks advice before making a decision. An independent thinker I do not mind if I am the only person to vote either for or against an issue as long as I am voting in concert with the voice of the citizens that I represent. My education and life experiences are not limited to the State of Texas and therefore I have a world view of most issues. Those things I have not experienced myself, I have enough friends, acquaintances and colleagues around the world in whom to seek guidance.

Brigette Mathis *Did not respond*

Forest Hill Library Trustee

Place 4

Stephanie Boardingham *Did not respond*

Bonnie M. Winkfield *Did not respond*

Place 5

Michielle Benson *See above*

Mary A. Finley *Did not respond*

Haltom City City Council

Place 6

Stephanie Davenport *Did not respond*

Linda Thompson

Age: 62

Occupation and/or main source of income: Retired – Bank Vice President and Bank Director

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Haltom City, 16 years

Web site: N/A

Education background, including all degrees: BS – Food, Nutrition and Institutional Management

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: Since 2011 Fire Services Board, currently serving as Secretary/Treasurer; Since 2011 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); Citizens Fire Academy 2011; Since 2013 Haltom City Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, currently serving as Secretary/Treasurer; 2014 – 2015 Charter Review Committee; Christmas on Broadway Committee 2015

Offices you have sought and/or held before: N/A

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office.

Serving as Bank Vice President and Director to various levels within the banking industry gave crucial financial training. The work experience with co-workers and the general public gave insight to many situations, reasoning skills including following federal and state banking laws. Situations arose for commercial and private citizens in which issues had to be resolved whether it was a checking account or business loan. Providing the best service and meeting the needs of our customers was most important. That would be the same for our City and Citizens. Providing integrity, honor and service to the City, Citizens and employees.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

Economic Development is a critical area. Haltom City needs to solicit large businesses who have a need for large employment as well. Haltom City is unique. We have two major highways on both sides. A specialized and experienced marketing team should be hired. This would insure higher standards for our City. Safe environment for all to live and work within Haltom City. Continue to development of programs and departments within the City to meet the needs as well as projecting for the future. Property values would increase as market allows. The City would provide constant improvements through all areas.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

It would be my honor and privilege to serve the Citizens of Haltom City in a professional manner. Drawing from work experiences, volunteering, serving on boards/committees throughout the years has given valuable knowledge of the City. The people of Haltom City are special. I can continue the hometown pride and continue to move the City in a positive direction. To the numerous citizens I have met while campaigning, it truly has been exciting and humbling. Everyone was so encouraging. Thank you for being a Haltom City Citizen! It will be a pleasure to serve.

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Hurst City Council

Mayor

Joel Downs *Did not respond*

Anita Thetford

Age: 74 years

Occupation and/or main source of income: Retired City of Hurst

City of residence and how long I have lived there: Hurst for 49 years

Web site: www.anitaformayor.com

Education background, including all degrees: Associate of Arts, 1978, Tarrant County Junior College; Bachelor of Business Administration, 1988, University of North Texas; Masters of Art in Christian Education, 2010, Dallas Baptist University.

Highlights of current and past civic involvement: For 20 years, I served as Hurst's finance director. I retired in January 2010 with a total tenure of 29 years. Volunteer deputy registrar, Tarrant County, since 2011.

Offices you have sought and/or held before: Mayor of Hurst, 2012.

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office.

My broad knowledge of city government for 29 years promoted accountability in city financial functions such as the annual audit, annual budget, and comprehensive annual financial report. I was responsible for the conservative investment of city funds. Certified as a Registered Tax Assessor Collector with the State of Texas. I ensured that property tax money was collected and spent according to the best interests of the Hurst citizens as approved by the City Council. After retirement, I retained my RTA certification and my Certified Government Finance Officer designation with seminars and courses offering continuing education credits.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

The three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them. A problem is the need for transparency in city government regarding financial data. A solution would be advisory committees for the annual budget, investments, and the annual financial report. The advisory committees would be made up of Hurst citizens. Another problem is citizen dissatisfaction with the City's water and sewer rates. The perception is rates could be lower. Input from an advisory committee could be the solution since an understanding of the rate variables is important. A third problem refers to the first two, the lack of adequate communication with Hurst Citizens. Strategies to seek their opinions are necessary.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

I have a heart for Hurst that results from living in this beautiful city. I am proud of Hurst and grateful for the outstanding city services and amenities that Hurst has provided me for almost 50 years. A citizen told me recently that he had traveled everywhere, and Hurst is the best city in the whole world. I certainly agree and want to assist Hurst in becoming even greater than it is today with the help and input of Hurst citizens. My loyalty, my financial knowledge of the City, and my responsiveness to the opinions of Hurst citizens will benefit the City of Hurst now, and in the future.

Richard Ward

Age: 80

Occupation and/or main source of income: Retired - Human Resources Vice- President

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Hurst - 54 Years

Web site: wardformayor.com

Education background, including all degrees: Bachelor of General Studies - TCU

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: Mayor - 2004-2016, City Councilmember - 1976-2004

Offices you have sought and/or held before: Mayor --- City Councilman

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office.

Very active in the city, not only political, but any project that would be helpful to the city, such as Scout Master, administrative staff at First Methodist Church of Hurst, HEB Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of Tarrant County, Rotary, and an overall ability to bring citizens together. In addition, I have served 12 years as Mayor and an additional eight years in other political positions. I am a very hard worker with a sincere desire to keep Hurst at the top of the list. A willingness to sacrifice my time and money to get the job done.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

1. The training of a new city manager. Patience and knowing that we can all learn by working together. 2. We have run out of land. Hurst is 94 percent grown out and we are constantly being approached by businesses and developers to sit up shop in our city. What a problem to have. 3. More senior citizen facilities to provide more activities for our growing older population. We will solve these problems as we have solved all of our problems - work together and get the job done without concern who gets credit.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

I am a very dedicated public servant. I have served on the city council for 18 years and have not missed more than one percent of our meetings, even with time out for major heart surgery. I love the City of Hurst and I am very sorry that that Father Time is going to catch me in another ten years. I have not had a serious opponent in my years of service. I am a very proud former soldier that served three years in Germany.

Place 4

Jeff Childers *Did not respond*

Trasa Robertson Cobern

Age: 40

Occupation and/or main source of income: American History Teacher, Trinity High School, Euless

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Hurst, 16 years

Web site: TrasaRobertsonCobern.com

Education background, including all degrees: B.A. Political Science(Cum Laude), Texas A&M University; Graduate Certificate in Secondary Education, UNT

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: I have been involved with the City of Hurst for several years. I was a Voting member on the Neighborhood and Community Advisory Committee (City of Hurst) from 2013-2015; I am currently an alternate on the Library Board, from 2015-present. I was voted Valedictorian of the Hurst 101 class in spring 2015.

Offices you have sought and/or held before: none

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office.

I am very well prepared for this office. I have served in this community for almost twenty years in various volunteer capacities, including PTA at my children's schools and on the Board of Midcities Peewee Football and Cheerleading Association (MCPWFCA). Recently I have served on Hurst boards and have taken the Hurst 101 class on the inner

workings of the City. I know, like and appreciate all the members of the current Council and am ready to serve collegially with them.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

Hurst will soon have no property tax growth due to being built out. I want to talk to other cities in the same situation to discover creative ideas to address financial growth. Water costs are rising quickly in our area, and because we are tied to Fort Worth water, our costs are greater than those of our neighbors. I would support looking into alternatives to save our residents money. Hurst needs to hold public events at times accessible to all residents. I would encourage the Council to consider working residents with children when they are scheduling city-wide events.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

I come from a family background of service, and will do my very best to represent all the residents of our great city.

Lake Worth City Council

Place 3

Gene Ferguson

Could not be reached

Michael Lampley

Age: 53

Occupation and/or main source of income: Librarian at TCU

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Lake Worth, 12 years

Web site: none

Education background, including all degrees: Bachelor of Science - Business and a Masters of Library and Information Science

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: This is my first effort toward public office.

Offices you have sought and/or held before: No prior public office.

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office.

For the past 12 years I've operated in a collaborative committee based environment where hardly anything is done without first establishing a committee or task-force to address one problem or another. I don't expect City Council to be any different. Whether the question is spending \$10k on a database at the TCU Library or \$10k fixing the road and building curbs at the lower end of Hiawatha Trail, a council/committee will talk it through and make a decision. I hope to make that decision in the favor of the people.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

Infrastructure is the second biggest problem. Crumbling roads, a missing curb causing at least one road to wash out, and a sewer system that repeatedly backs up or pushes fowl gas into homes. Revenue is of course the biggest concern. No city leader is happy about the infrastructure issues and given the revenue would quickly act to fix the problems. However, no

one wants a huge tax burden either. Gotta find that balance. That's the challenge! Political correctness pledges even small town Texas. If officers pull back from law enforcement because of the fear of backlash, that is a problem.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

I believe we are a nation of laws and that is one of the main ingredients in making this a great country. Laws help everyone understand the expectation of living anywhere. Law and order do not suppress freedom. They guard freedom from those who would steal it from others for their own selfish gain. Political correctness undermines law and order and peace of mind. Therefore, I Back the Blue and will stand for the law as written and encourage anyone who disagrees with a law to work within the system to change it.

Keller

Place 3

David Gregorie

Age: 58

Occupation and/or main source of income: Retired from FAA

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Keller, 11years

Web site: www.davidgregoire4kellercitycouncil.com

Education background, including all degrees: Some college, no degrees

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: Past member of the Keller Economic Development Board, Past Vice-President and Treasurer of Lakes of Highland Oaks III HOA.

Offices you have sought and/or held before: None, this is my first campaign for public office.

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office:

Thirty-five years with the FAA, extensive training and skills in Program/Project Management, Business Process Improvement, Strategic and Tactical Planning, Senior Advisor for several Executive Directors providing guidance and counsel for critical policy decisions.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them:

1) Economic Development – We need to recruit companies and businesses that offer higher wages and benefits. We need to make smart decisions regarding future retail endeavors. 2) Roads and Infrastructure – We need to continually upgrade our roads to efficiently move traffic in and around Keller. We need to ensure our budget supports the repair and replacement of our aging water, sewer, and gas lines as well as electrical and telecommunications cables. 3) Residential Growth – We need to have an updated, comprehensive Master Plan to manage growth and make the best decisions regarding High-Density vs. Low-Density housing on our remaining land.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you:

I would direct the voters to my website to learn more about me and my vision for the city of Keller. I will not serve more than 2 terms, and I won't make any campaign promises that I can't keep. I will only promise to serve the citizens of Keller to the best of my abilities. I have been endorsed by the MetroTex Realtors Association of North Texas.

Mitch Holmes

Age: 57

Occupation and/or main source of income: Associate Director of Campus Development, Gateway Church

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Keller, 19 yrs

Web site: www.votemitch.net

Education background, including all degrees: M.B.A., University of North Texas, B.S. Civil Engineering, Texas Tech University B.A. Architecture, Texas Tech University

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: Big Brothers Big Sisters: Chair, Multiple Sclerosis/Keller Kountry Bike Rally; Chair, Boy Scout annual breakfast fundraiser; Chair, Tarrant County United Way Golf Benefit.

Offices you have sought and/or held before: Keller City Council, Place 5 held terms in 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011; Keller Mayor Pro Tempore, 2004 and 2007

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office.

In my years on city council I served closely with 15 councilmembers and two city managers before stepping down for professional reasons. I saw plenty of disagreements, but everyone I served with was respectful to our citizens, business entrepreneurs, staff and each other. Since stepping down 5 years ago, I've watched harmful factions creep into meetings via back room deals, front room threats, language and representation unbecoming a representative of Keller Citizens. Keller deserves the leadership I helped contribute to every meeting for 8 years. I will lead with those of our council who are working hard today to ensure respectful decorum.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

First and always, we need council members who won't just call themselves conservative spenders of taxpayer money, but who recognize where that rubber meets the road in Keller Town Hall. That means reducing the City's property tax rates commensurately with TAD appraisal hikes, particularly in +14% increase years like this year. Second, we need to assess our cash and debt ratios, set targets and prioritize capital improvements within published conservative boundaries. Third, we need to reassess the effectiveness of our Future Land Use Plan, particularly on Keller Parkway, and better balance our old town charm with an exciting retail landscape.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

We have some solid, transparent city council members. And the platforms of Place 3 candidates are all similarly conservative. So what is the best compliment to this council, and the biggest differentiator between the candidates? Not fresh perspective. True, the others haven't served on our council seats, boards or commissions. But I've been a private citizen for 5 years, so I also bring freshness. And between our five sitting councilmembers only two have completed a term. Experience is what Keller most needs on THIS council, in THIS seat, in THIS election. With four completed terms, I bring needed experience.

Stephanie Setzer *Did not respond*

Ed Speakmon

Age: 68

Occupation and/or main source of income: Retired

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Keller, 10 Years

Web site: www.edspeakmon.com

Education background, including all degrees: High School diploma, 2 years of college

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: Automotive advisory board at TCC, member of the Keller transportation bond package committee, precinct chair #3554 Tarrant County, Volunteer in the VIPS program with the Keller Police Dept, HOA president of Lakes of Highland Oaks in Keller, 20 year volunteer at the Fort Worth Ronald McDonald house and volunteer at other venues numerous times as needed.

Offices you have sought and/or held before: None

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office.

A 10 year Marine aircraft mechanic veteran as I was a work center supervisor for 7 of those years in the power plant section. I was the owner operator of my successful Auto Repair business for 35 years.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

I am committed to fiscal responsibility, quality economic development, transparency in my personal and civic life, and representing the interests of all Keller citizens. I strongly support our first responders and appreciate them maintaining a high standard serving the Keller citizens.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

During the Christmas season my home becomes a major holiday attraction as has been featured in Keller's K Magazine. I decorate for all the major holidays and I invite you to drive by and see the displays on one of the following holidays: Easter, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Halloween, and Christmas. My address is 1405 Briar Meadow Drive Keller Texas 76248

Place 4

William "Bill" Dodge

Age: 63

Occupation and/or main source of income: Commercial Office Builder/Developer

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Keller, 2001

Web site: www.ElectBillDodgeKeller.com

Education background, including all degrees: Bachelor of Science

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: Board Chairman for the Greater Keller Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Keller Economic Development Board, Member of the Keller Crime Commission Board and Keller City Council Member - 4 years.

Offices you have sought and/or held before: Currently on Keller City Council

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office.

After retiring from a 31-year career in law enforcement in 2005, I started a commercial office building company in Keller, immediately volunteered for several City Boards, joined the Chamber of Commerce and conducted business in Keller. I learned first hand what was great about Keller and what needed improvement to help attract and retain outstanding

businesses. I ran for City Council in 2012 to help bring a quality customer service-business sense to City Hall to help stimulate quality commercial growth. This has a direct bearing on low residential taxes, raising our quality of life and increasing our home values.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

1. Maintaining Low Taxes: This is achieved by creating a healthy mixture of residential and quality commercial growth, which will then be capable of supporting our infrastructure and the required high level of services.
2. Encouraging high quality residential growth without over populating the City. We have to examine each new proposed development based its long-term impact on the community; the stress on the infrastructure, roads and services.
3. Making sure Council's decisions are based on the greater good of the community. My vote is based on three criteria. Will it be good for Keller in 10 years? Will it enhance our city? Will it help lower taxes?

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

My Campaign Vision in 2012: 1. No Tax Increases: 2. Property Tax Decreases, Protect Home Values. 3. Responsible Spending: Roads, Parks, Trails, Economic Development – No New Debt. 4. Planned, Quality Growth: Encouraging quality commercial and custom home developments. 5. Business Friendly: Revamped city organization to Friendlier Customer Service Attitude. 6. Become a Destination for Dining, Shopping, Living: Movie House & Eatery, Sam's Club, new Restaurants in Old Town, Hampton Hotel, Kroger Market Place. I respectfully ask for your vote to continue our vision of "Big City Comforts, Small Town Charm"

Eric Schmidt

Age: 59

Occupation and/or main source of income: Retired from aircraft and wind turbine design. Investment management.

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Keller, 19 years.

Web site: www.vote4eric.org

Education background, including all degrees: Bachelor of Science, Mechanical, Aero and Structural design and analysis.

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: I've been told it's not politically correct to say "Pissed off taxpayer", but ... :)

Offices you have sought and/or held before: Too busy working multiple jobs for decades. The last time I had a hobby was in high school, so it's clear that I don't mind putting my head down and getting the work done. I have worked hard to be able to retire early & enjoy life with my wonderful wife, but city needs are calling me.

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office.

I have a very pragmatic, down-to-earth perspective that gets things done effectively. I have designed some of the most complex aircraft in the world and I am known for out-of-the-box solutions. I have been successful in businesses and investments since early college. Success is hard to argue with.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

Become business friendly. Keller is a beautiful bedroom community with a rustic, spacious flair and an excellent (\$115,000) median household income and is nestled between cities of average and superlative incomes. Keller could do a MUCH better job attracting businesses that both enhance Keller and attract affordable business overflow (and their consumers!) from Southlake & Westlake. My good friend and business partner was on the Southlake Chamber of Commerce Board and manages 1,500,000 sq ft of commercial space. We know how it's done.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

I am NOT a builder or developer. I have NO VESTED INTEREST in running for City Council. I promise to never buy or sell a property in Keller that is not my residence. My affable opponent is a developer and his wife is a realtor, and I don't believe that bias has served the majority of Keller's citizens well. I think it's time to shift Keller's focus from being developer friendly to business and taxpayer friendly!

Pantego Town Council

Place 2

Michael Duane Dement *Did not respond*

Donald R. Funderlic

Age: 68

Occupation and/or main source of income: Retired Civil Engineer

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Pantego, 21 years

Web site: None

Education background, including all degrees: BSCE Valparaiso University, MBA Notre Dame

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: Current Pantego Councilman, Chairman Ad Hoc Water Committee, Past Chairman Pantego Crime Watch Board

Offices you have sought and/or held before: Pantego Council

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office.

Extensive experience in working with local, state and federal governments on infrastructure improvements. My degree in business administration provides the understanding of budget and revenue issues. Being a Civil Engineer I look for logical and justifiable solutions which provide for the most effective use of the Towns funds. Proven ability to understand complex issues and ask the hard pertinent questions, both technical and financial, on items impacting the citizens and the Town .

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

Being a small community we must assure that funds are spent in the most efficient manner. Infrastructure needs have been neglected in many areas, so the assessment and prioritization of improvements are critical which I have pushed for during my Council tenure. Key in today's economic climate is that the Town maintains its positive financial position and NOT overspend or unnecessarily draw down its reserves. I have a strong sense of the fiduciary responsibility to the residents and seek detailed justification on expenditures. The sense of community is to be maintained, I believe that the Town should not impose undue regulations on our citizens and that our police and fire departments significantly contribute to differentiating Pantego.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

Married to Beth for over 40 years with three children and four grandchildren, two of which reside in Pantego.

Place 3

Jane Barrett *Did not respond*

Jesse Howell *Did not respond*

Pelican Bay Board of Aldermen

Mayor

Bill Morley

Age: 64

Occupation and/or main source of income: disability

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Pelican bay 6 yrs

Web site: NA

Education background, including all degrees: 1 yr college (intro to law)

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement:

Offices you have sought and/or held before: City Councilman , neighborhood committee , Mayor

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office.

As mayor, I have with the help of all employees been successful in keeping a balanced budget. As a city, we now have some money in the bank; where as, it was in arrears for many years. Financially we are in better shape than in the past. As mayor I have replaced four streets in the city which have not been addressed in over 15 years and plan on doing a few more in next couple of years. Also, with help from citizens donations, I have extended our boat launch 15 feet to accommodate most boats even when the lake is low and have had lights put all the way down the dock for people who enjoy fishing at night. Our dog kennel is about finished.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

#1 water service - search for grants that would help in drilling water wells that will be needed in the future #2 street repair - will keep putting money in the budget that will address the matter

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

I am a very civic minded person. I try to address all problems and bring about a fair and balanced answer. I feel that everyone has the right to be heard and that they get their point across. If anyone ever wants to get in touch with me, they can call city hall and they can always find me. We have an up and coming community. We are growing ever day and our city is a great place to be. I love living here on the lake with beautiful views of the trees. Our parks and our employees are the best. We can only go up from here. I hope the citizens see fit to keep me as their mayor. It has been a privilege that I would like to continue.

Ken (Fish) Wrinkle *Could not be reached*

Place 1

John K. Shumate *Did not respond*

Nick Stephenson *Did not respond*

Richland Hills City Council

Place 4

Javier Alvarez *Did not respond*

Beverley Williams *Did not respond*

River Oaks Council

Place 1

JoAnn Butler *Did not respond*

Sherrie Uptmore Dast *Could not be reached*

Sansom Park Council

Mayor

Jim Barnett, Jr. *Did not respond*

Roger Chavez *Did not respond*

Trophy Club Council

Place 5

Greg Lamont

Age: 72

Occupation and/or main source of income: Retired

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Trophy Club, 15 years

Web site: votelamont.com

Education background, including all degrees: High School

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: Current Town Council Mayor Pro Tem

Offices you have sought and/or held before: Trophy Club Town Council

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office.

I had attended a majority of Council, Board and Commission Meetings for 10+ years including serving on the Town Council for the past 3 years which allows me to have a better understanding of the issues that confront us on a daily and long term basis and the ability to resolve those issues. I have participated in the budget process that has reduced the tax Rate for the past 3 years with a significant percentage of the tax evaluation increase going towards needed road construction and parks refurbishing.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

(1) Our Town is near build out, our revenue stream will flatline, we need to be fiscally Conservative in keeping our expenses under control to continue our AA+ Bond Rating. (2) We must continue to provide leadership to balance the budget and at the same time repair our aging infrastructure. (3) The transfer of the Title for the Land under the Annex Building (that can be converted to a Senior/Community Center) from the MUD that the residents paid for.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

I communicate with our residents with an e-mail list of over 2,200 that can reach over 4,000 residents and voters. These Council updates feature important Town and County information, such as updates on TxDot construction and Council decisions that effect the daily lives of the Residents including major upgrades and improvements for safety and our Police department such as: School crossing signals, No Solicitation Ordinance, K-9 Unit and equipment for the Police Department to better protect our Town.

Renee Ongaro

Age: 54

Occupation and/or main source of income: Realtor with Ebby Halliday, Former Corporate Senior Retail Executive

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Trophy Club, 3 years

Web site: N/A

Education background, including all degrees: Bachelor Science Finance-Oklahoma State University

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: Currently Serve on Trophy Club Zoning Board of Adjustments and Highlands HOA board.

Offices you have sought and/or held before: None

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office.

I have worked for over 25 years as a Senior Executive with predominantly Fortune 500 companies. I have experience in P&L management, strategic planning, long term vision and brand development, budget reviews, business development strategies, issue resolution. As a realtor, I focus on helping others everyday. As a business woman, wife and mother (and if elected would be the sole woman on council) I have the business skills and savvy along with being able to provide a fresh and diverse insight and perspective on council focused on the best interests of the residents.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

1) PD30-Mixed use development of apartments, limited service hotel and retail/commercial at 114 and Trophy Club Dr. - this development is proceeding with apartments being built without retail/commercial in tandem as was originally proposed. As well, the hotel is now limited service, not a full service hotel. Many residents have expressed displeasure with the outcome of PD30 development and the significantly reduced retail/commercial footprint. I would focus on supporting/attracting new upscale restaurants and retail businesses to PD30 area and to Trophy Club and the tax revenue that goes with them.

2) New Town Hall/Police Station-A \$5.4 bond was passed to build a new town hall/police station-since passage, there have been continual cuts out of the original plan with most recent being cutting out holding cells for the police. As an executive who has run many projects, I would step back, look at the overall project-expenses/land payments incurred to date, bids,

police needs, city needs, space and put a roadmap/action plan in place with goal to build a facility that the citizens would be proud of and would support the city/police needs.

3) Traffic Flow Challenges-Traffic flow in Trophy Club has been a continual problem. There was a plan to put in a loop road connecting both sides of Trophy Club several years ago. A workable solution has not been focused on in the recent years. Many people have said it can't be done but in the business world if I stopped every time someone told me no, I wouldn't have made it to the Senior Executive ranks. I would like to re-look at options for the loop road by re-opening the discussion with all parties involved, collaborate and see if an amenable solution could be found.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

I am a strong supporter of the military as my father was a Brigadier General and veteran of WWII and Korea. I would like to see through the completion of the Veteran's memorial that makes Trophy Club and those who have served proud. I have a son in the NISD school system so keeping our campuses safe and continued great environments for learning are a priority for me as well on behalf of all families of Trophy Club. I'd like to be a positive voice and improve communication and collaboration with groups both inside and outside of Trophy Club.

Watauga Council

Place 1

Russell Clements *Did not respond*

H.G. "Hal" Gerhardt

Age: 75

Occupation and/or main source of income: Retired

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Watauga, since 1997

Web site: NA

Education background, including all degrees: None listed

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement:

Served as volunteer bailiff in Watauga Municipal Court since 2012 and still serving.

Offices you have sought and/or held before: None

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office.

My goal is to see that the taxpayers dollars are spent wisely. I feel that the citizens of Watauga should know all that is going on within their City and I am open for all suggestions and problems.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

It is a delicate balance to see that the tax dollars are spent wisely and that said taxes are kept as low as possible. Public Safety, upkeep and improvement of streets and drainage and improvement and upkeep of Parks and City Recreation Facilities are of paramount importance.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

I do not consider myself a politician! I am a concerned citizen of Watauga serving on the City Council using common sense decisions. My main concern is that our Tax Dollars are spent wisely to benefit all. I have attended all City Council Meetings and functions during this past year. I was elected last year to fill the unexpired term for Place 1 and wish to now serve a full two year term.

Place 2

Albert (Al) Cardenas *Could not be reached*

Brandon Krausse *Did not respond*

Walter C. Vaughn *Could not be reached*

Westlake Town Council

Mayor

Colin Stevenson *Did not respond*

Laura Wheat

Age: 58

Occupation and/or main source of income: I currently own a small gourmet confection company based in Hurst.

City of residence and how long you've lived there: Westlake, since 2005.

Web site: www.laurawheat.com

Education background, including all degrees: Ohio University, Bachelor of Arts; University of Maryland School of Law, Juris Doctor

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: For the past eight years, I have served as Mayor of Westlake and Board of Trustees President of Westlake Academy. In addition, I currently serve as: Chairman of the Board of JPS Hospital Foundation; Vice-Chair of Texas Health Resources Hospital – Alliance; Chair of the Development Committee of The Gladney Center for Adoption; member of the Executive Committee of the North Texas Council of Governments; and member of the Executive Board for the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute in Washington. Past chairmanships include Ronald McDonald House of Dallas; St. Philip's School and Community Center; and Cancer Support Community North Texas.

Offices you have sought and/or held before: I have been Mayor of the Town of Westlake and President of the Westlake Academy Board of Trustees since 2008.

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office.

As Mayor, I have developed a deep and broad understanding of how Westlake works. I have strong working relationships with the Town staff, Council and Westlake Academy administration and families. Under my leadership, we have created the Westlake of today and are poised to guide the evolution of the Westlake of tomorrow. As Mayor, I have served as Board President of Westlake Academy, Texas' only municipally owned charter school and Westlake's largest asset. Given my Trustee experience and decade as a Westlake Academy Mom, I am well versed in charter schools and the International Baccalaureate program the Academy implements.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

1. Maintaining the oasis of natural beauty that defines Westlake. I will remain laser focused on balancing our growth with our vision to remain an oasis of natural beauty with distinctive development and quality of life amenities. 2. Managing change, including attracting and retaining premier corporate partners. As Mayor, I will continue advancing and maintaining effective relationships with Westlake property owners who are developers. 3. Continued emphasis on Westlake Academy, advancing it to even greater heights. I will continue working closely with Westlake Academy stakeholders to make the Academy the best place for students to learn and teachers to teach.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

My 87-year-old Mom calls Westlake “a little bit of heaven on earth.” I couldn’t agree more, and I welcome the opportunity to continue to work with Westlake’s talented Town staff and dedicated Town Council. Under my leadership, we have shaped the Westlake of today. That same experience is critical to managing the creation of the Westlake of tomorrow. With proven, experienced, service-minded leadership, our slice of heaven can be preserved for generations to come. It is an honor to be the Mayor of Westlake.

At-large seats

Michael Barrett

Age: 49

Occupation and/or main source of income: Financial Services Executive

City of residence and how long you’ve lived there: Westlake, since 2009

Web site:

Education background, including all degrees: MBA, University of Michigan, BAS, University of Pennsylvania

Highlights of your current and past civic involvement: Westlake Town Councilmember from 2012 to present. Westlake Academy Board of Trustee from 2012 to present. American Chamber of Commerce – China – Board of Governors – representing 1000+ Multi-National Companies operating businesses across China, American Chamber of Commerce China, Financial Services Delegate to Washington, DC .

Offices you have sought and/or held before: Westlake Town Council – 2012 – Present, Westlake Planning & Zoning – 2011 – 2012

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office.

I have lived in Westlake since 2009, serving on the Westlake Town Council, the Westlake Academy Board of Trustees and the Westlake Planning & Zoning Committee, and supporting the programs to honor Westlake’s historical and natural landmarks and features. Prior to moving to Westlake, I lived in China, where I served on the American Chamber of Commerce- China Board of Governors, representing 1000+ companies across China. I look forward to leveraging my experience successfully leading financial services and operations, building consensus among diverse constituents, supporting Westlake’s children and serving the Westlake community with transparency and responsible governance.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

I don’t see critical problems facing the town of Westlake. I see tremendous opportunities on the forefront for Westlake! Westlake’s location and unique, thoughtful mix of rural character, natural beauty and controlled urban development along with its exceptional Westlake Academy and vibrant friendly communities make it a highly sought after community by

prospective people and businesses alike. These positive attributes also attract developers and the town needs to be discerning and evaluate development prospects and entitlements with a collaborative approach and long-term, broad vision for Westlake now AND in the future.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

If given the opportunity to continue my service as councilmember, I will maintain the same high level of responsible and ethical stewardship of Westlake's assets and resources. I have worked with fellow residents and town councilmembers to achieve and protect the status that Westlake has as an exemplar of responsible, planned, sensible growth and development - a place that keeps attracting people who want the best for themselves and their families. My dedication to Westlake, and leadership, transparent representation and attention to residents' concerns remain my top priorities. I look forward to the honor of serving my fellow residents again.

Alesa Belvedere

Age: 52

Occupation: Realtor/Real Estate

City of Residence: Westlake, 8 years

Website: www.laurawheat.com/alesa-belvedere.com

Education background, including all degrees: Attended Queens College, Charlotte NC

Highlights of current and past civic involvement: Town of Westlake Planning and Zoning Commissioner, Member of the Town of Westlake Comprehensive Plan Committee, Volunteer at Westlake Academy.

Offices sought and/or held before: Westlake Town Council Member 2014-2016. In Westlake Council Members also serve as Board of Trustee Members for Westlake Academy IB School.

In 100 words or less, please explain how your background, skills and experience make you the best qualified candidate for this office

Having been in the Real Estate Industry for over a decade, I understand first hand how every community directly contributes to Local, State and National economies. I believe each of us who enjoy the blessings and privileges we do in this amazing State should be involved. It has been my honor the past two years to serve as a member of the Town Council and the Board of Trustee's. I will continue to draw upon professional experience and the knowledge I gained as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner to faithfully represent our residents and Stakeholders of Westlake.

In 100 words or less, please outline the three most critical problems facing the public office you are seeking and the solutions you propose to address them.

The challenges we face are not unique, growth abounds! What is uniquely Westlake, is our "Vision" to preserve natural beauty while attracting development with distinction. Our approach must be exceptional to preserve our "Oasis" with balanced growth supporting a strong sales tax revenue. I am dedicated to following the blueprint of our comprehensive plan and upholding these "Values". Excellent education equals a strong Texas future. Protecting the Town's investment - Westlake's IB World Academy is paramount! My "Mission" and sincere pleasure is to serve, inspire and empower parents, teachers and staff to transform our students into the leaders of tomorrow.

In 100 words or less, please add anything else you would like voters to know about you.

Happily married for 27 years to Joseph Belvedere, a Captain with United Airlines and a native Texan. We have one son, also a proud native Texan, who is a 2014 Westlake Academy Graduate and now in his second year of College. Previously employed in the Airline Industry - Eastern Airlines in Atlanta, Delta Airlines in Dallas TX. Being an entrepreneur at heart

launched a new career path in Real Estate as Realtor/Broker in 2003 while living in the Carolinas. I was fortunate to become an Owner/ Partner of a highly successful National Real Estate Franchise before returning to Texas in 2007.

Sean Kilbride *Did not respond*

Westover Hills Council

Five at-large seats

Elliot Goldman *Did not respond*

Tom McDonald *Declined to respond*

Marcus Snyder *Did not respond*

Jack Koslow *Did not respond*

John Thompson III *Did not respond*

Kelly R. Thompson *Did not respond*



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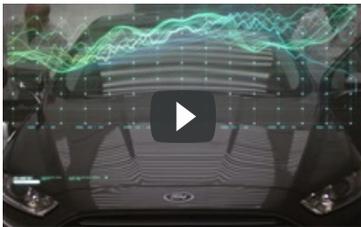
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