VOTING IN THE 2018 LOCAL ELECTION

Voter Identification:
What To Take To The Polls
TEXAS REQUIRES MOST VOTERS TO SHOW PHOTO ID
The seven forms of approved photo IDs are (must not be expired more than 4 years; for voters age 70 or older no limit on the expiration of the ID):
1. Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS);
2. Texas personal identification card issued by DPS;
3. Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS;
4. Texas handgun license issued by DPS;
5. United States military identification card containing the person’s photograph;
6. United States citizenship certificate containing the person’s photograph; (Note: does not expire)
7. United States passport.

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➤ Valid voter registration certificate (card)
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➤ Current utility bill
➤ Bank statement
➤ Government check
➤ Paycheck
➤ Any other government document with the individual’s name and address (original).
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Where to Vote
In Travis and Williamson counties, you may vote at any polling place in your county during early voting and on election day.
To view the ballot based on your residence, you can enter your address at your county’s election website below, or at VOTE411.org.

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www.votetravis.com
Williamson County
https://apps.wilco.org/elections/
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Early Voting
Williamson County
Monday, April 23–Saturday, April 28
Monday, April 30–Tuesday, May 1
Travis County
Monday, April 23–Tuesday, May 1

Election Day
Saturday, May 5
CITY OF BEE CAVE

MAYOR

Monty Parker
Unopposed

CITY COUNCIL
(choose 2)

Q1. Given current budget constraints, how do you propose to manage the needs of your city, such as job growth, transportation and public safety?

Q2. What other pressing issues are facing your community and what actions would you propose to deal with those issues?

Q3. Why are you seeking this office?

Jon Cobb
No response

Bill Goodwin
Background: Have worked in various sectors of the building industry my entire adult life, managing projects large and small. Currently a sole proprietor.

Education: BS in Construction Science, Kansas State University & BS in Business Management, Kansas State University

A1. The City of Bee Cave has no public transportation network and no real unemployment. The Police Department is well-funded. Superior management of the city over the last twenty years has resulted in its enviable financial position, and so there are no serious constraints on the budget except for those imposed by prudence.

A2. Traffic has long been a problem and will continue to be as massive development proceeds to the north and especially west of the city. Road construction is enormously expensive and the roads that are problematic are TexDot owned. The city has committed 5 million dollars to the TexDot project to widen RR 620, an amount that is more than half the entire city budget and therefore obviously a huge commitment. Development has been an issue for the last twenty years, and will continue to be so. I try to look at every project with an eye toward the long-term interests of the city.

A3. I want to continue to have a seat at the table, and be involved in the decision making. My primary interest is in maintaining the good financial position of the city, and doing so without raising the property tax rate, which is negligible; the property tax collected by the city provides less than five percent of our revenue. As I plan to live out my life in Bee Cave, I have an enormous stake in the future of the city, and want to influence that future to the extent that I can.

Tom Matzen
Withdrawn

CITY OF CEDAR PARK

MAYOR

Q1. Given current budget constraints, how do you propose to manage the needs of your city, such as job growth, transportation and public safety?

Q2. What other pressing issues are facing your community and what actions would you propose to deal with those issues?

Q3. Why are you seeking this office?

Corbin Van Arsdale
Background: Former Mayor Pro Tem of Cedar Park; served two terms on city council; Current Chair, CAPCOG;
served three terms in the Texas Legislature

Education: UT-Austin (BBA, Finance); UT-Austin School of Law (JD)

Website: http://CorbinCedarPark.org

A1. The same way Mick Jagger sang it: “You can’t always get what you want.”

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CITY OF CEDAR PARK

But if you try, you might find, you get what you need." We will manage our needs the same way we have been: attracting jobs and residents, cutting property tax rates when appraisals rise, and budgeting efficiently. Cedar Park is experiencing explosive growth, adding revenues from both sales tax and property tax. People want to be here. Previous city councils and our spectacular, longtime staff leadership have done an outstanding job knowing how to prioritize and deliver services under these conditions.

A2. Pressing issues: (a) keeping our residents safe; (b) keeping property taxes down with rising values; (c) being transparent, open, and accountable—especially on ethics, finances, and controversial/public-interest matters. Proposed actions: (a) ensure our police and fire/emergency personnel have what they need to keep our residents safe, retain people, and attract talent; (b) get homestead exemption in place. Reduce tax rates when appraisals rise. Efficient budgeting; (c) put information online. Ask hard questions. Be open with the public/media when questions arise about our City’s services.

A3. Our Mayor, Matt Powell, decided not to run for re-election. So I want to take what I’ve learned serving as Mayor Pro Tem, on the city council, on the Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, and chairing our regional Council of Govts—and the relationships I’ve formed there—and use these to help our City deliver services and solve problems for our residents and community. It’s important to keep up the good work we’ve done in making Cedar Park an attractive place to live and to visit.

Bob Cornelius

Background: I am a native Texan and a small businessman. I own a marketing firm operating nationwide, largely in Texas and New Mexico.

Education: I attended Eastern New Mexico University, studying political science and mass communication.

Website: http://www.imbackingbob.com

A1. More local jobs will reduce travel times and stress on our infrastructure, so I will work to encourage small businesses to relocate to Cedar Park. A greater commercial tax base will continue to grow, it will only get worse. We need to look at innovative ways to solve this problem. I will promote more biking and walking options, especially to schools. I will champion environmental policies which protect our natural resources. I support council’s exploration of a zero waste initiative. The environment affects everyone’s quality of life. From our parks and trails to the quality of our air and water, Cedar Park can and should work with local municipalities to maintain and improve our natural resources.

A3. I moved to Cedar Park with my wife Lynne so we could raise our family. We love Cedar Park’s easy access to retail while being balanced with wonderful parks and trails. I want to address the growing affordability issues, to address current and future challenges (such as traffic), and to champion environmental responsibility. This must be done while remaining a fiscally responsible and inclusive city. I strongly believe an elected official’s first job is to represent those.

CITY COUNCIL

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Q3. Why are you seeking this office?

PLACE 2

Mel Kirkland

No response

Michael Thompson

Background: I moved to Texas in 2005, and to Cedar Park in 2015. I have traveled internationally and believe that diverse opinions lead to the best solutions.

Education: BS Computer Science, Clarkson University

Website: http://thompson4cedarpark.com

A1. Cedar Park has a great public safety rating. We have great parks and trails. We are approaching a point where sales tax revenue will exceed property tax revenue. This keeps property taxes in check and may allow them to be lowered. I support continuing these trends. We need to attract good paying jobs to the city. This will bring new revenue and reduce long commutes. We must plan for the long-term and maintain a “rainy day fund” so that during an economic downturn the city can provide these quality services without raising taxes. I want responsible, sustainable, inclusive growth for Cedar Park.

A2. Traffic is a problem that will not solve itself. As Leander and Austin also reduce the property tax burden on homeowners and will provide local employment. I will also work to drastically reduce property taxes, relying more on sales taxes. We need to ensure that police and fire professionals have proper insurance benefits, which I will work to restore, and ensure that they have the equipment they need.

A2. We need to continue to expand our current infrastructure projects and begin a new focus on quality of life projects like a new Senior Center. City government needs to be more accountable to its citizens. An audit of every department will show taxpayers where their money goes, and expose waste and abuse. I will work to eliminate tolls along 183-A, which are holding back economic growth. Residents shouldn’t have to pay to get to work or pull off the highway to shop. I support Proposition A, which would greatly improve storm water drainage in areas that are now subjected to serious flooding.

A3. I want to give back to this community and make it more prosperous and successful than ever before by providing conservative, fiscally responsible leadership as Cedar Park’s mayor.

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CITY OF CEDAR PARK

CITY COUNCIL, PLACE 2

Michael Thompson (continued)

they serve, and I pledge to do exactly that. In short, I want to serve Cedar Park and help it grow for the next generation.

PLACE 4

Mike Guevara

Background:
I grew up in Dallas the son of a police officer and nurse and moved to Cedar Park in 2001. In my practice I mostly represent municipalities Education: I attended high school in Dallas at ChristWay Academy, received a BA from MidAmerica Nazarene University and a JD from The University of Texas. Website: http://mikeforcp.com

A1. Foremost, municipalities provide their citizens with services such as police, fire, EMS and utilities. Maintaining excellence and preparing for our future in these areas will be my first priority if on Council. Job growth and economic development are two avenues to help fund these services without increasing the burden on Cedar Park residents. Cedar Park has economic development corporations that are designed to help facilitate job growth and economic development. The main roads in Cedar Park are not City roads. I will work with the state and county to see that we stay ahead of our growth.

A2. The most pressing matter facing Cedar Park in this election is maintaining our identity as a community. Cedar Park is a great place to live, and I want it to continue to be. Projects such as the Bell Boulevard project should continue. I am not in favor of increasing fees and taxes to subsidize housing, transportation or other projects. Cedar Park is also blessed to have incredible community involvement through volunteer organizations. These organizations should continue to operate without City interference.

A3. I moved to Cedar Park in 2001 because this community was more in line with my conservative values than Austin from where I moved. After the 2017 election, it is clear that those values are being challenged. I want Cedar Park to maintain its identity as a community. In my legal practice, I have represented Texas municipalities all over the state for 18 years so have gained vast experience in the operation, challenges and opportunities facing Texas municipalities. There is no better place to use the experience than in my home town.

Patrick Walz

Background:
Patrick grew up in Texas and attended engineering school at UT. He is married to his high-school sweetheart Lauren, and they have two daughters.

Education: Bachelor of Science—UT Austin. Professional Engineer (P.E) licensed in Texas and California. Certified Safety Professional (C.S.P.). Website: http://walzforcedarpark.com

A1. Cedar Park is experiencing rapid population growth, combined with rising property values, allowing City Council to simultaneously cut taxes while adding public safety officers and improving services. During good economic times, it is important to remember that things can change quickly, and that our public-sector spending should be managed at a slow-and-steady pace. I will seek to plan for the long term, maintaining budget surpluses and a healthy rainy-day fund so that the city can bear an unanticipated recession without having to immediately cut services or reverse tax cuts.

A2. I believe that the three most pressing issues facing Cedar Park are: 1) preserving housing affordability; 2) ensuring that all citizens are represented in city government; and 3) addressing retention of public safety officers. I will take a pragmatic, market-based approach to growth in a way that protects existing neighborhoods while allowing for diverse housing option, ensure people of all backgrounds, creeds, political orientation, and sexual identity feel Cedar Park is a welcoming home, and work to address concerns of our public safety officers in a fiscally sustainable fashion.

A3. I am seeking this office to positively impact Cedar Park by using the pragmatic, evidence-based decision-making processes I’ve honed in my professional life as a civil and environmental engineer. I will carefully evaluate every issue before Council, consider the needs of all stakeholders, and lead the city in a positive direction while always maintaining fiscal discipline. In short, I am seeking this office because I have the right experience, temperament, vision, and values for Cedar Park.

PLACE 6

Dorian Chavez

Background: 10yr Army veteran, 7yr manager in pharmaceutical industry, currently in the TX State Guard, currently manage sales for over 10 states w/ current empl. Education: Earned my B.A. in Criminology with a minor in Spanish at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM Website: http://www.dorianforcp.com

A1. Being a fiscally conservative candidate all of these issues would need to be managed and paid for within the city’s budget. The needs in all these areas would be evaluated, prioritized and addressed in a manner that is fiscally responsible. If we the citizens of Cedar Park are expected to manage our finances properly and live within their means, I would expect our city government to do the same.

A2. CP has various storm water drain issues throughout the city. Passing Proposition A would allow us to address these issues without spending additional tax dollars. This is why I support Prop A. [Removed part of response; does not meet criteria.]

A3. I’ve lived in the city of Cedar Park for over 10 years and have raised my 3 sons in this awesome city! Cedar Park is, by far, the best place I’ve ever lived. The people are great, the community is amazing and I want to keep it that way. I’ve been involved in the community volunteering with various programs I organized National Night Out for 4 years in our community, organized a running event for children, I was a volunteer Spanish teacher at Ronald Reagan for 2 years instructing Kinder and now I want to take it a step further with City Council. I’m also a Army vet and member of the TXSG.

Shellie Hayes-McMahon

Background: Certificate of Human Resources Management—UT School of Professional Education Currently enrolled at ACC—completing BA in Management

Website: http://shellieforcp.com

A1. The needs of the City are met by carefully monitoring and maintaining a fiscally responsible balance between property tax revenue and sales tax revenue. Public safety, schools and infrastructure cannot be jeopardized by haphazard adjustments to tax rates. A manageable property tax rate attracts new business and allows existing businesses to thrive and makes Cedar Park a more attractive place to live and buy a home, which increases the customer base. Businesses coming into Cedar Park should be committed to partnering with the City in providing a livable wage and long term employment opportunities.

A2. The turnover rates in our public safety departments. A SHRM study from 2016 states that “employers will need to spend the equivalent of 6–9 months of an employee’s salary in order to find and train their replacement”—add to this the loss of institutional knowledge needed in public safety. Keeping Cedar Park funds in city and investing in programs for our citizens. Identifying local organizations that serve to address healthcare, housing and food insecurity issues in the city. Viable transportation for senior citizens, the disabled and unlicensed. Safer biking/walking routes for our schools.

A3. As Cedar Park continues to grow and evolve, city leadership should do the same. Everyone should have a seat at the table as well as representation and it begins at the city level. I love this city and I’m excited for the future, as we move to protect our parks and trails, build long-lasting business partnerships, increase public engagement in the process and build on the fiscal foundation left to us. We are a complex and diverse community and I want
to ensure we encompass everyone in our plans for the future. Becoming an elected official allows for a unique opportunity to do so.

**CITY PROPOSITIONS**

All or portions of these Precincts: 369, 372, 374, 375

**PROPOSITION A**

“Shall The City Of Cedar Park Be Authorized To "Redirect 0.125% (1/8 Of One Cent) From The Existing And Previously Approved Type A Economic Development Sales Tax Fund, Including For An Entertainment Facility/Complex And Related Infrastructure Project, To The City Of Cedar Park Municipal General Fund For Storm Water Drainage And Street Facility Improvements, Operation, And Maintenance, As Follows: The Adoption Of A Local Sales And Use Tax In The City Of Cedar Park At The Rate Of 1.125% And The Adoption Of A Type A Sales And Use Tax For The Promotion And Development Of New And Expanded Business Enterprises At The Rate Of 0.375% As Authorized By The Development Corporation Act, Texas Local Government Code, Chapters 501-505."?”

**PROPOSITION B**

VACANCIES Amend Section 3.06 of the City Charter to require, within 90 days of approval of this proposition, Council’s adoption of a procedure for appointments to Council with a “freeze” provision voiding any procedural amendments adopted within the 90 days immediately preceding the vacancy.

**PROPOSITION C**

VACANCIES Amend Section 3.06 of the City Charter to disqualify an appointee from candidacy for any place on the City Council for the next general or special election following their appointment.

**PROPOSITION D**

PROHIBITIONS: INTERFERENCE WITH ADMINISTRATION Amend Section 3.08 of the City Charter to clarify the prohibition against interference with administration regarding appointment and removal of City staff (excepting the City Manager and City Attorney).

**PROPOSITION E**

PROHIBITIONS: ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE Amend Section 3.08 of the City Charter to expressly prohibit any member of the City Council from disclosing attorney-client privileged information without an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the City Council.

**PROPOSITION F**

BONDS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES Delete Section 3.15 of the City Charter because this risk is covered by the City’s existing errors and omissions and public employee dishonesty insurance policies, and bonded employees exempted from coverage.

**PROPOSITION G**

CITY SECRETARY Amend Section 4.04 of the City Charter to clarify direction of the City Secretary by the City Manager instead of City Council.

**PROPOSITION H**

PUBLIC SAFETY Amend Section 4.05 of the City Charter regarding the Police Department to contemplate Public Safety, generally, to include one or more departments (for example, police department, fire department).

**PROPOSITION I**

ELIGIBILITY: RESIDENCY Amend Section 5.02 of the City Charter to require 12 months of continuous residency immediately preceding the date of the election in accordance with State law.

**PROPOSITION J**

ELIGIBILITY: CITY EMPLOYEES Amend Section 5.02 of the City Charter to delete the provision prohibiting employees from candidacy per State law.

**PROPOSITION K**

ELIGIBILITY: RESIGNATION UPON CANDIDACY FOR OTHER OFFICE Amend Section 5.02 of the City Charter to require a Councilmember’s resignation upon their filing for any other elective office except City Council.

**PROPOSITION L**

PETITIONS Amend Section 6.04 of the City Charter to delete the provision requiring the City Secretary’s voiding of signatures as recommended by the Texas Secretary of State.

**PROPOSITION M**

ZONING AUTHORITY Amend Sections 7.01 and 7.02 to require the City Council’s adoption of Comprehensive Plan and provide zoning authority per State law.

**PROPOSITION N**

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION Amend Sections 7.03 and 7.04 of the City Charter to delete redundancies in State law and/or the Cedar Park Code of Ordinances.

**PROPOSITION O**

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT Amend Sections 7.05 and 7.06 of the City Charter to delete redundancies in State law and/or the Cedar Park Code of Ordinances.

**PROPOSITION P**

Amend Section 9.01 to clarify the authority and responsibilities of the City, Council, and staff.

**PROPOSITION Q**

TAX ADMINISTRATION Amend Sections 9.02 through 9.04 of the City Charter to clarify the role of the County Tax Assessor/Collector in the assessment and levy of property taxes in accordance with State law.

**PROPOSITION R**

TAX ADMINISTRATION Amend Sections 9.05 through 9.07 of the City Charter to delete provisions regarding payment and collection of property taxes in deference to State law.

**PROPOSITION S**

TAX ADMINISTRATION Delete Section 9.08 of the City Charter in deference to State law providing for pre-emption of any Charter provision that conflicts with State law.

**PROPOSITION T**

PUBLIC RECORDS Amend Section 11.02 of the City Charter in deference to State law requiring maintenance and access to public records via the Public Information Act.

**PROPOSITION U**

CONSTRUCTION OF CHARTER Amend Section 11.17 of the City Charter to expressly follow State law and provide that all State law references shall be construed to include the governing provisions as now and hereafter amended.

**PROPOSITION V**

GENDER NEUTRALITY Amend the City Charter throughout to replace gender-specific pronouns with gender-neutral pronouns.

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CITY OF GEORGETOWN

CITY COUNCIL

Q1. Given current budget constraints, how do you propose to manage the needs of your city, such as job growth, transportation and public safety?

Q2. What other pressing issues are facing your community and what actions would you propose to deal with those issues?

Q3. Why are you seeking this office?

DISTRIBUT 1

Mary Calixtro
No response

Anna Eby

Background: A 17-year resident of Georgetown, I am a business owner, trial attorney, and co-founder of a local nonprofit that rescues animals in need.

Education: Southwestern University, B.A.; Baylor Law School, J.D.
Website: http://www.annaebym.com

A1. Managing these needs effectively requires focus and innovation, and continuing to build on what the City of Georgetown is already doing. In the last two budgets, we have lowered the tax rate without reducing our commitment to health and safety and quality of life. We must continue to prioritize public safety, mobility, and affordability, not just in our budget but also in the services we offer and the partnerships we create. If we remain committed to addressing those needs and open-minded about how to do so, we can be increasingly effective.

A2. The fast pace of growth is a big issue in Georgetown, and one we are very focused on managing correctly. This requires recognizing that growth will happen regardless, and that we should take advantage of its opportunities while properly managing its challenges. We need to have consistent policies and high standards for development and remain committed to keeping the friendly, small-town feel we are known for. Affordability is also a very important issue, and we must prioritize finding ways to create effective and affordable housing and mobility options.

GEORGETOWN ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Q1. How do you propose to allocate your school district's funding to maintain educational quality?

Q2. What pressing issues are facing your school district and what actions are needed to address these issues?

Q3. Why are you seeking this office?

PLACE 6

Marcos A. Gonzalez
No response

Stevie Jones

Background: I have over a decade of teaching experience as an Early Education Teacher. Advocating for equality in education has been a lifelong passion of mine.

Education: Studied Mass Communications and Early Education at Texas State University.
Website: http://www.facebook.com/steviejonesforGISD/

A1. I will advocate for the disbursement of funds to the schools to be based on allocating to actual per-pupil dollar amounts and based on actual student needs. By distributing funds in this way, the district will eliminate unequal distribution of resources which causes funding inequity between the schools with higher poverty versus the schools with lower poverty. This allows students to get the proper needed resources including better teacher to student ratios. This will also allow teachers to be able to better teach throughout the equally funded district.

A2. GISD faces issues with communication and transparency with the community of Georgetown. Many feel that the Board of Trustees does not do a good job communicating ongoing issues with concern for the safety and well being of the students or discussing financial questions. Actions needed to address the issues is find more advanced ways and personal ways to communicate with the community. We need the resources in all of our schools to address mental health issues and bullying. All financial information should be detailed and easily accessible to the community showing the total budget and spend.

PLACE 7

Ben Stewart
No response

Jaquita Wilson

Background: I am an Educator, I have taught Pre-K through High school. I have been a counselor, aide, Head Start Director and After School Coordinator.

Education: BA in English from Montclair State University 2002 Equity Facilitator from ACC 2018
Website: http://jaquitaDomain.com

A1. I would like to see how we are distributing funds currently and change the way we are allocating funds. I also think we need to take better advantage of grant options on the federal level. One of the reasons I am running is because we no longer provide the free breakfast program in GISD. That is funding we are choosing not to receive.

A2. We have an issue creating equity within the school district, this is creating a vacuum that our children of color and those with disabilities are falling through. We need to hire more staff that represents these individuals. School safety is another priority. I believe transparency and better communication with law enforcement can alleviate some of the safety issues. Teacher pay is another issue. We pay our teachers less than the state average and this makes us less competitive in recruiting and keeping highly trained teachers. Reinstate the free breakfast program.

A3. I am running to bring transparency, new perspectives and regular people back to the school board. I don’t want to be a trustee who sits on the board and doesn’t talk with the people. I want to go to schools and find out what the Principals, Teachers, Students and Families want from this district. I want to go to them, and I want to make it as easy as possible to talk to me. I running because I’m here for them!
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Candidate Forums
Sandy Cox
Background: 19 year Lakeway resident. Managed a $6B Supply Chain Former Lakeway City Council member. City of Lakeway "Volunteer of the Year". TEXARTS Board Chairman
Education: BS Electrical Engineering Georgia Tech; BS Computer Engineering Georgia Tech
Website: http://www.SandyCoxCampaign.com
A1. We need to complete a strategic planning process (Comprehensive Plan). This process will gather demographic, economic, market data, and public opinion about what "We" want for Lakeway and challenges to expect in the next 20 years. Then solution: understanding infrastructure requirements, asset needs/wants, commercial re-development, beautification and preservation are a few topics. Then a finance plan: capital plans, bonds, sales tax and property tax requirements. Finally, we have to build operational plans and metrics that tie to the strategic plan so that we drive the plan daily.
A2. The 3 T's—Town Center, Traffic and Trust

Town Center need to balance and negotiate sales & property taxes, amenities & density, traffic & parking. Traffic short term safety solutions—Connect Main Street to Lohman's Crossing, Connect Birrell, create Right-in/Right-out driveways, use raised medians to control traffic areas. Trust takes a conscious effort to earn. I believe the way you run your campaign is a great indication of how you will run the office. I will also include diverse opinions when in office by inviting every council/mayoral candidate to join a city committee/commission.
A3. The past few years, I have seen our community start to fracture and become polarized. Add to this the complex growth and traffic issues the city faces. Lakeway needs a Mayor that can unite the community and someone that has proven leadership skills to understand how to work with others to solve the complex problems facing Lakeway. I couldn't sit idly by when I knew I had the skills to take Lakeway through the next phase of growth.

Jean Hennagin
Background: I served 3 years on Zoning & Planning and 2 years as a Lake- way councilmember. I have served for 10 years in leadership roles with Lakeway non-profits.
Education: I have a BA in psychology from the University of Florida and an MBA from Pepperdine University
Website: http://hennaginformayor.com
A1. Job growth and transportation issues go hand-in-hand in Lakeway. The recent and continuing growth of commercial and retail establishments has increased the need for qualified workers. Lakeway's geography, Austin's low unemployment rate and the lack of mass transit has created a staffing crisis. We need to work closely with small businesses and the chamber of commerce to seek creative ways to attract workers to our city and we need to find a reasonable and affordable way for them to get here. We should leverage innovative ideas, i.e., job-sharing opportunities, ride-sharing & incentives.
A2. Restoring trust in city government, ensuring that development meets our residents' objectives and is consistent with our Comprehensive Plan. We need a better planning process that views projects holistically, with opportunities for citizen input, not solely the council acting independently. We also need to work harder to relieve traffic on 620 by studying what can be done with our interior roads. There are some who see deer management as a top issue, but for where we are now I think the best course of action is to pause our program and seek data before proceeding further next season.
A3. Over my past two years on city council I have become concerned with the city's lack of transparency and citizen involvement. As a result, I established a Citizen Engagement Committee and instituted a more open selection process for volunteers to serve on city boards, commissions and committees. I will continue with similar initiatives to ensure that Lake- way is better represented, both demographically and geographically. We are a growing city with many talented and concerned citizens who want a voice. I want to continue to be their voice.

Tiffany McMillan
Background: 25+ years nonprofit leadership; Paralegal; Community advocate; Master grant writer
Education: University of Texas at Austin Board Certified Paralegal Master Grantwriter Website: http://mcmillanforlakeway.com
A1. Our budget is stable. The question is how to best use resources to meet growth. Our city’s values inherently limit growth that depletes traffic & property values. Maintaining our standards, and not further weakening them, is key to managing growth. The City has a role to play in recruiting high-quality businesses that enhance our community. As it is, the retail nature of many of our businesses means there are few professional opportunities. In regard to traffic, instead of relying on TXDoT, we need to fix this. I believe in public-private partners to leverage cost effective solutions.
A2. 1. Fix traffic beginning with developing our infrastructure, as well as implementing a transportation plan to service our residents & business owners. 2. Manage growth by upholding our community standards & statutes. Understanding our resources such as water, land & roads, so we’re guided by those limitations. 3. Restoring trust in City Hall by setting a tone of access & inclusion between citizens & the City; & a standard of transparency & open government with the understanding citizens are the bosses. 4. Reserving our quality of life beginning with increasing our over-65 tax exemption.
A3. I’m inspired by the citizens & I believe our City should be citizen-led; accessible & inclusive. I think we’ve gotten off track doing the same things, in the same ways. It’s time for new leadership, with fresh perspective & the vision to move us forward. I’m disappointed in our City, and more critically, the stewardship of this admin- istration, as well as the past few. The City repeatedly ignores what the larger community wants in favor of what a few in power want. I believe Lakeway needs & deserves representatives who lead by serving & understand the citizens are the bosses.
can coordinate with TxDOT and apply for grants to improve traffic flow on 620 until a permanent solution is realized. Job growth doesn’t appear to be as much of an issue as worker shortages. There are options to getting workers out here that range from paying employees more to public transportation. However, both of those solutions have benefits and drawbacks.

A2. There are two other issues I want to address. One is the development in the heart of Lakeway. I think we should preserve as much green space as possible while working with the builder to develop a plan that is best for Lakeway. Also is the current handling of the deer population. There are more humane ways to keep the population to keep it that way! This is a great community and I want to keep it this way.

**Judy Holloway**

**Background:**
I was raised in Houston and have lived in Lakeway for 12+ years; I married Greg 28 years ago and have 3 kids, 4 grand-kids and 1 chocolate Labradoodle! My background is in leading teams for large organizations.

**Education:**
- University of Phoenix, BA
- University of Southern California Marshall School of Business

**Website:** http://judy4lakeway.com

**A1.** The city must be a good steward of its tax revenue. We should (1) sell Lakeway as a great place to live and work (rather than a just a tourist stop) for the tech and professional services communities; (2) streamline and clarify restrictive regulations; and (3) help mesh new development with anchor tenants in early planning. We must work with LTISD on student safety to prevent (and be prepared to stop) violent events in our schools. We must constantly stay in front of TxDOT to properly enhance 620 and develop (with local businesses and developers) other satellite road solutions.

**A2.** First, we must restore local trust in our city government by “opening the doors” to our residents through more communication, such as resident-driven Q&A sessions with our mayor and city council. I co-founded the well-attended Heart of Lakeway town hall meetings (since November 2017), so I know how to make this happen. Second, we need to demand that our city officials act as our active negotiators with commercial/residential developers, so that our city and its residents (and not just the developers) benefit from any new development. Our mayor and council must serve the residents!

**A3.** I have long believed (and have been speaking out at city council meetings for at least 4 years) that our city should provide residents with more advance information and clarity on those matters that most affect us. I decided to run because I was worried that no other “regular resident” would. From development to taxes, from wildlife to the performing arts center that keeps popping up, the mayor and the city council are not listening to us. I have been listening to my fellow residents and they want more from their city government. I am not afraid to vote the residents’ voice!

**Louis Mastrangelo**

**Background:**
My background is in leading teams for large organizations.

**Education:**
- University of Phoenix, BA
- University of Southern California Marshall School of Business

**Website:** http://www.louisforlakeway.com

**A1.** Transportation can be better coordinated. Working with the largest organizations in Lakeway is key to lowering traffic and increasing safety for commuters. Private entities are willing to provide services at reasonable costs to keep fewer cars on the road. We need to fill our painfully empty retail and commercial space to increase revenue and provide jobs for locals.

**A2.** Irresponsible development is a key concern, we need to plan intelligently for future development and today developers are calling the shots at city hall. We need to look at the big picture of development all over our city and also what our neighbors to the north and south are doing so we can be strategic and plan accordingly for traffic. We also need to keep in concert with our city’s comprehensive plan of low-density and building in harmony with nature. We need to make Lakeway “easy to business with” so businesses will fill our empty retail and help our existing businesses create revenue.

**A3.** I was very careful when I chose my home. After 2 years of searching, I chose Lakeway for the same reasons others have. I have been active in Lake- way politics for over a year because I care about keeping Lakeway the wonder- ful community it is. After exper- iencing a lack of two-way communica- tion with citizens and a push to move away from the low-density building in harmony with the environment, I felt we needed a return to our core values. Our leaders need to be citizen rep- resentatives first, I understand that and am confident in my ability to serve the city residents well.

**Steve Smith**

**Background:**
Lakeway experience: ZAPCO; Chaired Charter Review; LCC/LCF Board; Service League; Men’s Bkfst. Emcee; Sing Along; LMGa; 4th July Parade Judge, LCPAAA

**Education:**
- 35 yrs. in tech & ops. in the paper Industry.

**Website:** http://smith4lakeway Council.com

**A1.** Population will nearly double by 2025. This puts pressure on: 1 Traffic-Support CAMPO/TxDOT to increase capacity on RR620; improve inter- nal Lakeway roads. Encourage busi- ness development so people work near home. 2 Schools and Taxes—LTISD needs more schools. This taxpayer burden may be partly offset by more cost effective City services. Sound fis- cal policy and an expanding base help keep tax rate low. 3 Water—Drought is expected. Support CTWC for LCRAs revisions to use water in lakes for peo- ple, not rice. Explore new landscap- ing codes to reduce irrigation. Support gray water use.

**A2.** 1. Development. Revise the Com- prehensive Plan for changing demo- graphic using citizen input. Growth is inevitable; it should be planned. 2. Trust and Engagement. As Lakeway has expanded, to some extent we’ve grown apart. We must engage all citi- zens who want to be informed, ac- tive participants in City government.

Lakeway is the best community I’ve lived in and I want to keep it that way.

**Tammy Stanley**

**Background:**
- 20+ yrs owner of de- sign studio; 30+ yrs community volun- teer/charity athlete/fundraiser

**Education:**
- High School Grad; Asso- ciates of Applied Arts Visual Commu- nications; Associates of Applied Arts Multimedia/3D Animation

**Website:** http://tammyforlakeway.com

**A1.** Lakeway needs smarter devel- opment, not just more development. Many Lakeway businesses, including...
CITY OF LAKEWAY

CITY COUNCIL

Tammy Stanley (continued)

restaurants and HEB, are struggling to hire and keep employees because of traffic on 620. We cannot continue to create more jobs, especially in the service industry, without also creating solutions to our traffic issues. All new development projects should incorporate solutions for those working outside of Lakeway, i.e. commuter lot with a shuttle. Developers should also be incorporating renewable energy, as well as, taking our wildlife and green spaces into careful consideration.

A2. Issue: Lack of trust in our current city government and the divisiveness it has created within Lakeway. Action: Create transparency at city hall. Listen to our citizens and vote and act on their behalf. Issue: Citizens growing frustration with the process of making their voices heard. Action: Change the process. Issue: Concern about the over development. Action: Pause any new projects until we have a traffic solution/plan. Issue: The inhumane program currently used for deer management. Action: Never trap them inhumanely again. Gather more data. Learn from cities who do it humanely.

A3. As a frustrated citizen, I have watched our city grow and change over the last 20 years. I love Lakeway and I believe the citizens and government can come together to create solutions for a better Lakeway for all. I decided to run for city council to not only have a voice, but also a vote, in regards to the issues we are facing. Before I decided to run for office, I started ALL4All LakeTravis community forum out of my concern for our young people. I look forward to engaging parents and families in our local government and inspiring them to realize the power of making their own voices heard.

Keith Trecker

Background: Marine Corps Fighter Pilot; Medical Products Mfg. Exec.; Prior Chairman of ZAPCO; Liaison to City Bldg. Com. and Arts Com.; Current City Council Member

Education: BS in Engineering Operations from Iowa State University

Website: http://www.facebook.com/KeithTreckerCityCouncil

A1. Our City needs to focus on controlling the fast paced development near SR620 and the associated traffic along this route. This includes the need to increase commercial tax revenues to help control private homeowner taxes.

A2. Lakeway has been growing steadily for years and continues at a rapid pace. My job as a City Council Member is to help manage this growth through evaluation of appropriate development that lends to the enhancement of the City. The City needs to encourage more volunteers to participate in City Government. I helped sponsor a new Citizens Engagement Committee, that will evaluate and recommend new methods of communication between citizens and the City and create a new process for volunteer selection.

A3. I am currently a City Council Member and I am running for re-election. I want to continue to represent ALL of the citizens, and keep Lakeway the desirable community it has been for the last 50 years.

CITY CHARTER PROPOSITIONS

CITY CHARTER PROPOSITION A

Shall Article III (City Council), Section 3.01, entitled “Number, Selection and Term,” be amended to delete subsection (d) which was originally designed to phase-in new terms limits in the 2015 and 2016 elections, where the phase-in has now been accomplished? If approved, the subsection would be deleted in its entirety.

CITY CHARTER PROPOSITION B

Shall Article III (City Council), Section 3.05, entitled “Compensation,” be amended to allow the Mayor and the Members of the Council to receive compensation for attending regular city council meetings? If approved, section 3.05 would read as follows:

For purposes of applying term limits, any term filled by election or appointment shall count as a full term for the successful candidate.

CITY CHARTER PROPOSITION D

Shall Article VI (Initiative, Referendum, and Recall), Section 6.03, entitled “Form of Petitions,” be amended to require that the statement on a petition paper affidavit authenticating petition signatures confirm that said signatures were made in the affiant’s presence, not the City Secretary’s presence? If approved, the second sentence in the second paragraph would read as follows:

Before the signatures on any petition paper may be counted, the circulator of that petition paper, or set of petition papers, shall make an affidavit before the City Secretary or other office authorized to administer oaths, that the statements made in the affidavit are true, that each signature to the page or pages appended thereto is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be, and that such signatures were made in the affiant’s presence.

CITY CHARTER PROPOSITION F

Shall Article XI (General Provisions), Section 11.06, entitled “Special Provision for Damage Suits,” be amended to modify the title of the section to “Special Provision for Damage Claims” and to add a requirement that the written notice regarding an alleged death, injury, or damage with the City be presented within six months from the date the damage or injury incurred and include specific factual information? If approved, the following would be added to the end of the 1st paragraph and would read as follows:

The written notice required by this section must be presented within...
MAYOR

Q1. Given current budget constraints, how do you propose to manage the needs of your city, such as job growth, transportation and public safety?

Q2. What other pressing issues are facing your community and what actions would you propose to deal with those issues?

Q3. Why are you seeking this office?

Adam C. Benefield

Background: Business Owner, Entrepreneur, Husband, and Father of 4 children (18, 16, 12, 10).

Education: Water Treatment Specialist III #WT3873, Back-flow Prevention Inspector #BPI3234, Landscape Irrigation Inspector #II108, Landscape Irrigator #LI16670.

Website: http://www.facebook.com/GoodBetterBenefield

A1. As Mayor, I will encourage and promote strong business growth and development. As the economy thrives, local sales tax revenues increase allowing for the necessary funds to be allocated towards public safety, city needs, and transportation. Additionally, a strong commercial base promotes local jobs for Leander residents. I support our local town center and will encourage the success of ACC, St. Davids Hospital, and the many small businesses the project will encourage, including restaurants, movie theater, and local venues.

A2. The next city council and Mayor will have several opportunities to resolve; or at least alleviate, the water rate burdens facing local residents. Promoting sound economic and business development, continued population growth, and negotiating favorable terms on the Phase 2 Deep Water Intake are essential for securing the long term, low cost, reliable water for the next 50+ years. Experience as a CEO and water professional allows personal skills obtained over the years to be utilized for the benefit and betterment of Leander.

A3. Leander is growing 17 people per day making it one of the fastest growing communities in the US. Leander is in perfect position for explosive commercial growth and filled with endless business opportunities. This election is about who has the experience to solve the issues of today. I am the only business person running for Mayor. I operate a balanced budget each and every day and do so without debt. I will work as hard at fixing these issues as I have to build my own business over the last 15 years.

Troy Hill

Background: Currently serve on City Council. Previously served on Economic Development Committee and Charter Review. Previously Precinct Chair Travis County.

Education: Bachelors in City Planning and Public Administration from Texas State.

Website: http://www.Troyhill4leandormayor.com

A1. I intend to increase revenues through additional sales tax from businesses coming into Leander after we eliminate overburdening regulations that are keeping them out. I also will emphasize the placement of higher density developments in the areas around our rail station and the inner core of the city, and less dense developments that contribute high tax value but require fewer services on the outer fringes. Public safety always comes first and will not be sacrificed.

A2. High taxes, high water bills, crowded roads, and the fact we spend a large portion of our time spending money in other towns. I intend to push for creation of a visible "Business Park", so that potential campus employers can visually see an area where they can locate. I intend to raise our sales tax revenue from 14% to 20%, which will enable us to continue to lower the property tax rate to levels that compare with neighboring cities. I intend to have balanced growth so that future improvements to our water and wastewater infrastructure can possibly be delayed with less users on the system.

A3. I believe that the greatness of Leander is its people. I believe the town has turned into a “bedroom Community” which lacks restaurants shopping, and employers. I want to change this. I believe we are growing too fast by emphasizing higher density developments across the city and will change this. I believe we face serious economic challenges unless we have a higher base of businesses contributing real sales tax revenue. I also believe the strain on our schools to keep up with the massive increase in enrollment will lessen with an emphasis on lower density higher taxable value developments.

Vic Villarreal

Background: I am a long-time educator, community volunteer and public policy-maker. I have worked in both the private and public sectors for over 20 years.

Education: B.A. Government, M.S. Organization and Management, Ph.D. Leadership Studies, C.M.O. (Cert. Municipal Official)

Website: http://www.DrVicForMayor.com

A1. Cities must use both public and private partnerships to address growth and budget constraints. In Leander I am proposing a P3 policy (public, private partnership) to facilitate this type of opportunity for us. As Mayor we will also explore new options for development and commercial growth while maintaining standards the public deserves and wants. We will also take a more active role in regional leadership with CAMPO, and we will take a very focused look at creating more long term job options for Leander families.

A2. My mission is to create opportunity for individuals, families and businesses.

A3. We need to focus on job growth in Leander. Essentially, we need to help root families in Leander by providing more local career job options. In fact, the rate of persistence in home ownership increases over time if at least one person in a household has a career job. We need to plan now for those jobs. I am proposing attracting four-year universities to Leander because with a university the city will be able to recruit
MAYOR

Vic Villarreal (continued)

career employers we have not been able to attract before. Also, we will work on establishing a financial district in order to attract more career jobs. Job options is my priority.

A3. Right now is such a formative time in Leander. Having previously served on the Leander City Council and the ACC Board of Trustees I decided to run for Mayor in order to make certain we build on our job and social infrastructure. I am running to focus on part-time and career job growth. A strong job market will enable families to establish long term roots in our city. To support jobs we need to support businesses of all sizes and have a holistic view of the city. We need to elect trusted individuals who can introduce change with knowledge and sensitivity on our past and current, I am that person.

CITY COUNCIL

Q1. Given current budget constraints, how do you propose to manage the needs of your city, such as job growth, transportation and public safety?

Q2. What other pressing issues are facing your community and what actions would you propose to deal with those issues?

Q3. Why are you seeking this office?

PLACE 2

Philip Contatore

Background: Public Safety Professional. Served on several National and Local nonprofit boards and currently serve on my HOA board.

Education: Bachelor of Science Criminal Justice Administration. Master Police Officer

Website: http://Phil4Leander.net

A1. The key to success for any public body is Community Engagement. When elected I will reach our community groups and HOAs to find out what is important to them. How do they want to see the growth of both Leander as a whole and the area around their community understanding that I am the voice of the community. I would also engage both established business owners and entrepreneurs looking to do business within our community. Through community engagement and collaboration we can achieve a Leander that is beautiful, livable and affordable.

A2. Property tax relief is on the mind of all homeowners in Texas and Leander is certainly no exception. Due to many factors at play, both at the state and local level, the burden of high tax has fallen squarely on the backs of the Leander homeowner. By helping businesses cut through the bureaucracy we can alleviate the tax burden on the homeowner offsetting it with sales tax revenue. Additionally, we must continue to work with our state representatives and school board to lower property taxes and keep our City affordable.

A3. I have always been interested in local politics and made my first run in 2016. I believe that being involved in local issues is a civic duty and City Council is a place where I can make a difference. I feel that my public safety knowledge and experience is needed on our current council. I am a fifteen year resident and homeowner in Leander where I have had the opportunity to watch my city grow. I love Leander the small town feel where neighbors still care.

Michelle Stephenson

Background: Structural Engineering, Leander Planning & Zoning Commission, Board Selection Committee, Charter Review Commission, WilCo Blue Star Mother Exec Board

Education: B.S. in Civil Engineering, University of New Orleans

Website: http://MichelleForPlace2.wix.com/vote

A1. We are the fastest growing city of its size in the US, but we are handling this well. We’ve been able to keep up with the hiring of new employees, police officers, firefighters, building new fire stations, and expanding roadway infrastructure and utilities while staying at the effective rate in regards to property taxes last year. We’ve accomplished this by being careful to spend only on what is necessary and not hiring more employees than needed. Our directors and city manager in cooperation with the city financial director have been doing a great job handling this explosive growth.

A2. We need more businesses, restaurants, and companies who provide jobs. We hired a very experienced Economic Development Director and have given him plenty of free reign to do his job. Yet, it takes more than that. It takes a collaborative effort between the city, landowners, and developers. We are already hard at work doing this! We are working to attract businesses and provide them prime locations to operate. We are also working to set up a second TIRZ. Leander wants quality development; so we need to provide desirable locations and set good, attainable standards with our city codes.

A3. I love this city and the good citizens who are my neighbors. I gladly invested many hours serving Leander with 4 years on Planning & Zoning and 3 years on City Council. Experience and knowledge is important in this office, for we make decisions that affect the lives of everyone in our community. It is a responsibility that I fully respect. One of my goals is to help build a strong sense of community. There’s explosive growth occurring right now, and I really want Leander to keep its warmth and friendliness. Ultimately, at the heart of my candidacy, is a desire to serve my community.

PLACE 4

Ron Abuzzese

Background: Currently serving on Council, BCRUA Board VP, past Mayor Pro Tem, Chairman of P&Z Commission, served on Comp Plan Update and Bond Election committees

Education: B.S. from Pennsylvania State University

Website: http://www.vote4ron.com

A1. Continue our current budget process using conservative revenue estimates and then funding prioritized Capital Improvement Projects, which include roads and fire stations. This allows us to make half year adjustments to the budget if revenue is higher than anticipated. It is imperative that the city maintain its credit rating, so it will have the option to issue Certificates of Obligation with the lowest possible tax burden. Create new Tax increment reimbursement zones to help attract high wage employers to the city. Strengthen interaction with Cap Metro board (quarterly meetings)

A2. Economic Development—Continue the momentum from the last 12 months which saw over 70 business come to Leander. Continue to attract employers like ACC, St. David’s, Holiday Inn Express and the Texas Bullion Depository. Water Rates—I am currently Vice President of the BCRUA board and have been serving on the board for three years. The BCRUA water treatment plant is a cooperative undertaking between Leander, Cedar Park and Rock. I am committed to making spending decisions concerning the $80M deep water intake project that will not increase the water rates for current Leander water customers.

A3. To continue delivering an “Experienced Vision for Leander”. I promised three things when I ran for Council back in 2014; (1)Use the insight gained through my experience serving on P&Z to make informed decisions, (2)Improve the quality of life in Leander, (3)Encourage balanced growth.

While on Council I served on the Comprehensive Plan Update and Bond Election committees, voted to expand Parkland acreage within the city, to lower the city tax rate (for 4 yrs) and also water rates this year. I am committed to delivering results like these for the citizens of Leander for the next three years

Christine Sederquist

Background:

I’m a volunteer & Leander resident of 8 years. I’m a Scout leader, former PTA President, Economic Development Board member, & Charter Review Chair.
I want my children to have their first jobs here, buy their first homes here, and raise their own children here. I’m committed to promoting a Leander that’s a great place to raise a family now and for generations to come.

PLACE 6

Marci Cannon
No response

Marshall Hines
Background: Leander resident for nine years. Have served on Planning & Zoning Commission for the past three. A dedicated public servant with an eye to the future.

Education: Communication and Design at St. Edwards University in Austin.
Website: http://hinesforcouncil.com

A1. Most budgetary issues can be solved by planning responsibly. We won’t have to dig out of a financial mess if we don’t get ourselves into one. Leander is growing, and being a lean and thoughtful city government is the best way to ensure we can provide the services our city needs without over-spending. Additionally, continuing to build infrastructure that accommodates for the future growth we know is coming means that we won’t have to spend our tax dollars on expensive band-aids down the road.

A2. In the next 10 years Leander will see a massive increase in the number of people moving to town. Parks and open spaces for individuals and families to use will be key to our quality of life. We will also need to work to bring quality business and services to the city which benefit our citizens. This is achievable if we can keep a open discourse between the members of our community and their elected officials. Furthering that communication and ensuring everyone in Leander has a voice at city hall is one of my primary goals.

A3. The short answer is because I love Leander. I care deeply about this place that we call home and I want to make the governing process as much of a community event as possible. I believe that Leander’s best days are ahead of us and I am uniquely able to help us get there—I am an endless learner and work hard to be the one of the most knowledgeable people in the room on any issue that comes before me. The citizens of Leander will be able to count on me for an open door to discuss any issues they have.

Derek Levisay
Background: Agent and Registered Representative with New York Life and Annuities. Former govt teacher and football/track coach for 14 years (3 years in LISD).

Education: Master’s degree in Political Science—Texas State; Bachelor’s degree in English—Hastings College, Hastings NE
Website: http://www.facebook.com/levisay4leander.com

A1. Our number one priority must be to increase our economic development to reduce the unbalanced tax burden on our residents. We need to make sure that our regulations and permitting processes are not impediments to businesses that want to open here. In regards to municipal services, we need to have long term vision about developments—their size and location—and the impact it will have on services such as fire, police, utilities, and roads. I believe that a tool like the TIRZ should be utilized more effectively to help with initial costs of infrastructure improvements.

A2. The population growth and the changes that come with that are the biggest issues that we are dealing with. I want to make sure that we are preparing for smart economic development in the TOD and utilizing mixed use and vertical development. I also want to make sure that we are able to preserve our way of life for residents without fear of turning into a suburb full of super high density housing and large box stores. We need to promote and encourage small and local business and work to attract industries that will complement our culture and provide a strong tax base for our residents.

A3. I decided to run because I love this city and want to make sure it preserves its culture and spirit as a small town at heart with smart growth and development. I want to make sure that we continue to grow in ways that reflect the community’s values and benefit the residents of Leander. I don’t want to see developers control our future or change our unique brand. I want Leander to benefit Leander. I have always believed that serving the community is a calling and I have answered that call for over a decade and will continue to do so.
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CITY CHARTER PROPOSITION C
Selection of Auditor (continued)
City can use the same auditor from three years to five years?

CITY CHARTER PROPOSITION D
Number of Signatures Required for Initiative and Referendum Petitions
Shall Article VI, Section 6.05, of the City Charter be amended to decrease the number of signatures required for initiative and referendum petitions from fifteen percent (15%) to ten percent (10%) of the number of registered voters within the city on the date the petition is filed?

CITY CHARTER PROPOSITION E
Annexation
Shall Article I, Section 1.07, and Article II, Section 2.01, of the City Charter be amended to require consent to annexation by the City as required by state law?

CITY CHARTER PROPOSITION F
Budget Process and Adoption
Shall Article VIII, Section 8.05, of the City Charter be amended to change the process for adoption of the budget to the process set out in state law?

CITY CHARTER PROPOSITION G
Franchise Authority
Shall Article XI, Section 11.02, of the City Charter be amended to address preemption by state and federal law of the City’s franchise authority and procedures for granting a franchise?

CITY CHARTER PROPOSITION H
Canvassing of Elections
Shall Article V, Section 5.10, of the City Charter be amended to provide for the deadline for delivering the City’s election returns to be the deadline established by state law?

CITY OF ROUND ROCK

CITY COUNCIL

Q1. Given current budget constraints, how do you propose to manage the needs of your city, such as job growth, transportation and public safety?
Q2. What other pressing issues are facing your community and what actions would you propose to deal with those issues?
Q3. Why are you seeking this office?

PLACE 3

Matt Baker

Background:
Matt Baker is a native Texan, married to wife Natasha. They have three sons ages 6, 4 and 2.

Education:
Texas A&M University a degree in engineering, and a graduate of the Texas Extension Service Law Enforcement Training Center
Website: http://www.VoteMattBaker.com

A1. As a City Leader, it is my job to ensure we have planning in place for our City. As the past Vice-Chair for Planning & Zoning Commission, I did just that in reviewing the development of our city. If you stop and ask someone why they moved to Round Rock, they will say because of the highly rated schools or because the homes are more affordable. I want to see that trend continue, and to do that we need to address our current rapid growth by improving our traffic congestion, getting our property taxes lower, and ensuring our police and firefighters have the staffing and equipment to keep us safe.

A2. I will make sure that, as Round Rock continues to grow, we focus on those issues most important to Round Rock citizens. We currently have some of the lowest rates for drinking water and trash service in the area. We also have one of the best business-friendly climates in the nation. I will make sure our city keeps and improves upon the policies that make Round Rock great. I will also fight to only adopt logical policies that don’t waste our tax dollars. We need good, common-sense leadership and that is what I will offer when elected.

A3. I love Round Rock. My wife and I chose Round Rock to raise our family. Homes are more affordable than Austin, we have some of the cheapest utility rates, and we have what I would consider the best school district in the State of Texas. Round Rock is highly ranked nationally in so many areas. Any new councilmembers need to be ready to manage this city from Day 1. With my years of leadership, management and policy experience in engineering, law enforcement, non-profits and now as a business owner, I bring to the City Council the knowledge that will keep Round Rock the great city it is today!

Cam Scott

Background:
Nearly 11-year resident of Round Rock; father of three; served over 9 years on city commission/board; experience with transportation policy.

Education: B.A. in communication and economics, Southwestern University at Georgetown; M.Div., Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University.
Website: http://camscott.com

A1. As we work to address challenges related to transportation and public safety, keeping our economy growing in a healthy and balanced manner is the best way to simultaneously fulfill the city’s financial needs, reduce pressure on property taxes, and create good-paying jobs. We need to continue diversifying our economy so we’re not dependent on any one business or industry. As our city continues to grow, it’s also essential that we carefully plan ahead to deal with traffic and to preserve green space so we can maintain livability and enhance our quality of life.

A2. In addition to our infrastructure needs related to the impacts of growth, I also hear from residents that we need to work on ensuring all citizens feel welcome and engaged, especially as our community becomes more diverse. Community leadership is about more than just the roads and structures we build—it’s about the relationships we build as well. I am committed to being bridge-builder who will work for all of Round Rock, working proactively to create new channels of communication and use a listen-first, collaborative approach.

A3. As the father of three young children, my family has a long-term interest in the future of Round Rock. I want to roll up my sleeves and work hard to ensure Round Rock will continue to be a safe and vibrant place to live, work, and play. With five-and-a-half years of service on the city’s transportation and economic development board, I understand the challenges and opportunities related to dealing with traffic congestion and maintaining a healthy economy, and I am prepared to hit the ground running as a city council member.

PLACE 5

Ellie Andrew

Background:
I’m a full-time homemaker mostly, but over the years I have been a teacher, a desktop publisher, and a board member of several community groups.

Education: High school graduate

A1. We must always do the best we can within the constraints of our budget, by being in tune with the needs of the community rather than following our own ideas on how things should be done because they are done

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in other communities. And that might mean focusing on one issue while letting another be less than favorable for awhile.

A2. Round Rock can use more affordable housing, although not in the form of high density housing. Round Rock has a plethora of apartment complexes, which increase traffic and the load of children attending the schools and more. Surely we can work with builders to develop modest single-family or duplex homes.

A3. I believe that more people should be involved in their local governments. That includes people like me, the parents who brought up their children and were homeowners and community volunteers. I believe this is my time.

**Writ Baese**

**Background:** Writ & Kim, along with their 2 sons, have lived Round Rock for 21 years. First elected to City Council in 2015, Writ also owns Hill Country Payroll.

**Education:** University of Texas at Austin—BA Economics

**Website:** http://writbaese.com

**A1.** The most critical aspect of managing growth is strong, well developed planning. Round Rock’s Comprehensive Plan update will begin shortly. The City has a focused economic development partnership with the Round Rock Chamber. Our economic development target sectors provide outstanding jobs, strong capital investment in our community, and they are great corporate citizens. We are excited to be in the first phase of implementing our recently updated Transportation Master Plan. Public safety continues to be a cornerstone of our community as we were named the 5th Safest City in America for 2017.

**A2.** Two of the top issues we face are transportation and growth. Most transportation challenges call for regional solutions. Working with neighboring cities, counties, and TxDOT provides us with additional ways and means to address congestion. Each year our City Council meets for 3 days with senior city staff to update Round Rock’s Strategic Plan. This plan identifies 5 year goals for Round Rock as well as a vision of what the city will look like in 10 years. This process defines a list of action items for the current year that guide us to our 5 year goals and the vision for 10 years from today.

**A3.** My wife and I have been fortunate to raise our two sons (17 and 15) in Round Rock. It has been a tremendous experience to watch them grow up in our community. We both believe it is important to participate in and be a part of the community where we live. Whether you choose to volunteer at your child’s school, serve with others at your church, or give time to a non-profit, these investments are what make our community what it is today. I have been honored to serve Round Rock and ask for your support as I seek a second term on the City Council.

**VILLAGE COUNCIL**

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**Q1.** Given current budget constraints, how do you propose to manage the needs of your city, such as job growth, transportation and public safety?

**Q2.** What other pressing issues are facing your community and what actions would you propose to deal with those issues?

**Q3.** Why are you seeking this office?

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**Bobbi Bowles**

**Background:** I grew up in Austin, Tx. My husband and I owned a business together for over 30 years. We retired in 2015. I have 2 children and one Granddaughter.

**Education:** Graduated from McCallum High School and have an Associates Degree in Business Management.

**A1.** The Village of Briarcliff is very fortunate not to have to worry about budget constraints, but instead have been able to work with budget surpluses. We’ve been able to do this without raising the tax rate in the last several years. We have been very fortunate to have a lot of new construction which in turn gives us income by issuing building permits and water tap fees since we have our own self-contained water department.

**A2.** An item that has been brought up many times at the City Council meetings by residents is the fact they feel we need more law enforcement in Briarcliff. We currently operate with one Police officer with the assistance from part-time Constables. We have had several Council workshops to address this matter and plan on revisiting this again in the near future. A possible solution that has been discussed is to hire an additional officer or even multiple part-time officers in lieu of the constables.

**A3.** I have so enjoyed the last two years on the City Council but I have so much more to learn. I have made such wonderful and helpful friends on the City Council. I wouldn’t have made it without their help and support. Our Mayor has entrusted me to be involved with writing new ordinances for our community that will be very beneficial if and when they are passed, which made me feel very honored to have been chosen for that project. I hope to be involved with many more projects like that in the future.

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**Hal Caldwell**

**Background:** Veteran of the United States Air Force, Former Travis County Sheriff’s Dept. LT., Retired from 25+ years as a Hotel and Golf Resort Executive.

**Education:** Master’s Degree awarded by St. Edward’s University, Austin, Texas, MS in Human Resources

**A1.** A list of priorities and needs is the first step in the management of budgetary requirements. Solicit feedback from the residents of the Village of Briarcliff on their list of important needs for the Community. Have open discussions with the residents about the order of priority that needs to be addressed by the Village Council. All the above areas should be discussed as part of this prioritization process.

**A2.** The current Village Council receives numerous complaints regarding police protection, openness and communication. I promise to make myself, and the information I hold, available to all residents. I promise to treat each resident with respect and with the understanding that I represent the residents.

**A3.** I feel strongly that transparency and disclosure are extremely critical to the system of our City. I believe transparency and disclosure empower the public with information needed to make informed decisions while also discouraging any wrongdoing. I am seeking this office because I want to eliminate the current back room meetings, private social media pages (Facebook) where discussions are taking place by our current council. Transparency is my platform.

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**Jeff T. Elliott**

**Background:** 37 years experience drilling oil & gas wells around the world.

**Education:** BS Petroleum Engineering ’81 MBA ’92

**A1.** The Village of Briarcliff currently does not have any serious budget constraints. We are currently paying off our bonds (loans for building and up grading the water plant) ahead of schedule. Once all the bonds have been paid off there may be an opportunity to upgrade the entire water system with new 8” pipe and full size fire hydrants. This would reduce the insurance rates for residents and improve the ability of the local fire department to fight fires.

**A2.** Short Term Rental (STR’s), Oak Wilt, and open brush pile burning are just a few of the issues identified and addressed through new and/or tightened ordinances these past 4 years. As the neighborhood matures and grows new issues will arise that will need to...
Jeff T. Elliott (continued)
be addressed for the benefit of all the residents.
A3. Civic duty and a desire to give something back to neighbors and friends who I have enjoyed living near for the past 25 years.

Jo Ann Richmond
Background: Have lived in Briarcliff for the last 18 years and have served on the Village Council for the last four, while hoping to serve another two-year term.

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ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Q3. Why are you seeking this office?

PLACE 1

Guy C. Clayton
Background: Licensed securities/wealth management advisor for 23 years. Currently with Merrill Lynch in Lakeway.
Education: BBA Texas Tech University—Finance ’94; Lake Travis High School grad ’90
A1. As a current trustee of the district, we are constantly strategizing on how to maximize taxpayer dollars to ensure a great education for our kids. Under current laws, a huge percentage of our budget gets redistributed back to the state as a “Robin Hood” payment. With the balance, we keep administrative costs low so that more money can go to the classrooms where it directly helps our children.
A2. The Big 3 are Safety, Finances and Growth. Safety is at the forefront of everyone’s mind and we’re laser focused at LTISD on protecting kids.

A3. I am running for re-election to help all residents. I want to come up with solutions for the issues they find the most important by listening to them. It is not my desire to settle a personal agenda, but is because I want to give all residents a fair and equal voice. I want to help not just those who agree with me, but also those who do not. I feel I have obtained the right experience and the right skills over my last two terms as a Village alderman, with my additional experience in public service, and with my education in government to solve these pressing issues our community faces.

A1. First, prioritize all funds for education purposes such as teachers salaries, education materials and facilities. As of our latest bond, the LTISD carries a debt of $83,699.08 per student. Second, the salaries and quantity of district level administrators must be evaluated. Did you know that the LTISD Superintendent’s salary for 2016/2017 was $374,143 for only 9825 students, yet the Austin City Manager’s salary is $325,000 for over 900,000 residents? Based on the size of the district, the LTISD has an excessive number of district level administrators.
A2. LTISD needs to be more open and transparent about their financial dealings. Posting of the check registry online would be a good start to this goal. The board itself needs to be more open to the tax payers. The district needs to live within their means and question the expenditure of education dollars for unnecessary expenses such as legislative lobbying and not spending education dollars for education. As a taxpayer, I should not be paying tax dollars to have my government lobby my government!
A3. I am seeking this office because I believe that LTISD and all school districts should be accountable to the taxpayers. LTISD has not acted in the best interest of our children and tax payers. I want to ensure that our tax dollars are spent wisely and all our children receive an exemplary education. I oppose the forceful taking of property though eminent domain, any reduction or elimination of the homestead exemption and any tax increases.

Daniel E. Gonzalez
Background: Austin Native. Married. Lake Travis area resident for nearly 10 years. 2 kids ages 4 and 1. Experience in budgeting, school finance, and taxes
Education: Political Science degree from Southwest Texas State University and a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from St. Edward’s University.
Website: http://www.danielforlake travis.com
A1. The main function of the Lake Travis ISD school board is to pass an annual budget. Unfortunately, under our school finance structure, many of the property tax dollars raised locally do not benefit our area. Our recapture payments to the state continue to increase every year; putting more pressure on school board members to allocate the remaining dollars for the benefit of our students, teachers, and staff. I will do everything I can to ensure we increase teacher pay to retain and attract the very best for Lake Travis ISD.
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**A2.** Lake Travis ISD student enrollment continues to increase year-after-year. With this growth, comes challenges to the budget. We also have challenges with our school finance system and the ever increasing recapture payments we make to the state. These recapture property tax dollars do not benefit Lake Travis ISD at all. Members of the Lake Travis ISD School Board must ensure we prioritize budget items so our precious tax dollars are spent wisely. Being good stewards of our financial resources will ensure our community continues to support school district programs.

**A3.** As the father of two children, I understand the importance of a quality, public education. If elected, I will work to increase teacher pay for the superstar job they perform everyday. I will also be a trustworthy leader you can count on to be your voice on the school board. And I will listen to the needs of the community to ensure the education our kids receive is the education they deserve. I promise to work hard for parents, teachers and the community to ensure our students receive the education they deserve.

Jan Moreland

**Background:**
Former Teacher Lake Travis ISD Parent Volunteer Local Business Leader

**Education:**
UT Austin, BS Education 1992; TCU, Master of Education

**Website:** http://janmorelandforlaketrisvisdschools.com

**A1.** LTISD is a robust district in a rapidly growing community. As a board member I will listen to all options relating to funding and I will use my real estate knowledge and foresight plus educator experience to help guide district decisions fiscally, always putting what is best for the kids and teachers first. During my tenure as an LT parent, I have served in multiple volunteer roles across the district. Perhaps the most pertinent was my role as a Bond Committee Member in 2017. This macro-level view of LTISD incited in me a passion to help lead the district to a bright future.

**A2.** The most pressing issues facing LTISD at this time are thoughtful growth, safe & secure schools and fiscal responsibility. As a board member I will listen to all options and give an experienced educator’s voice to the following: 1. Management of student growth; 2. Expanding partnerships with law enforcement agencies, both in LT and Travis County; 3. Work with school administrators on effectively communicating safety plans to parents and students; 4. Evaluate existing safety mechanisms and analyze necessary upgrades; 5. Develop creative avenues to maintain our academic standards with less revenue

**A3.** As a member of our vibrant Lake Travis community for more than 16 years, I have raised my daughters in LTISD. I have experience at all levels from Kindergarten room mom to LTHS Homecoming Chair. I have seen how great our schools are from the inside out! This is our home, and we are committed to not only the schools but the amazing community. My experience on the 2017 Bond Committee, coupled with my education background and work in real estate, provide me with a unique perspective, and I would love to serve on the school board as we enter the next phase of community growth.

Adrienne Trigg

**Background:**
I have lived in LTISD for thirteen years. I have the oldest of 10. I have been married for 18 years and have three children.

**Education:**
BA in Journalism & Mass Communication with a Minor in Fine Arts from the University of New Mexico. Honors MBA graduate from Regis University.

**Website:** http://www.votedradianne trigg.com

**A1.** Public school funding has been a large issue in the state of Texas as a whole this past legislative session. I believe that we need to attract the best teachers with competitive pay, make sure that we fund appropriate training opportunities to maintain educational quality and make sure school districts find students who may have been denied evaluations. There are no easy answers but I believe that we can look to other districts that may be doing more with less. There should be frequent analysis of line item percentage comparables along with a strategic vision when implementing projections.

**A2.** I believe that funding for growth is our biggest issue (Real Estate and Education). Our board needs diversity of skill sets. I go into more detail on my website. I have a decade of experience in budgeting and analysis of large construction projects. As a parent of a special needs child, I value the education that has been provided by our district. I know how to successfully advocate for pressing issues. I have been an advocate by speaking in many different forums from the school board, to the State Capital, on national television, and guest lecturing at the University of Texas-Austin.

**A3.** I want to help be the bridge in communication from the community to the schools by serving the needs of all students. I have successfully worked with the school district for the past five years to make all playgrounds accessible to all students. I have a unique skill set and will advocate for the individual parent or student to have your issues acknowledged and your voice heard. I want to build unity among parents, students, educators and administrators where once they identify gaps in needs not served, together goals can be set to rectify the deficit.

Lauren White

**Background:**
I am a parent with children in the LTISD schools. I have ten years of teaching experience, and I have worked as a substitute teacher in LTISD.

**Education:**
I graduated from Vanderbilt University with a double major in elementary education and special education.

**Website:** http://www.votelauren white.com

**A1.** The allocation of the district’s funds should be based on input from the community, including parents, teachers, students and other residents. In addition, I propose that resources should be allocated to evidence-based strategies that have a proven impact on student safety, learning and mental health and wellness. For example, LTISD should prioritize hiring more school counselors. Higher counselor-to-student ratios have been shown to improve student outcomes in academics and in social and emotional development. In addition, this strategy can save the district money in the future.

**A2.** Our district’s first responsibility is to keep students safe. To do this we should continually evaluate needs for our facilities, technology, personnel and training. Schools are safer if we have a robust team of counselors, social workers, school psychologists and administrators. The district continues to experience rapid growth, and it should continue its current practice of obtaining regular demographic reports to help with its planning. Lake Travis High School will be over 120% capacity by 2023, and now is the time for our community to start planning to accommodate the growth.

**A3.** I believe in the power and promise of education. Setting the course for our public schools is an incredible responsibility, and it is a responsibility that I will work tirelessly to fulfill. In my capacity as a parent, teacher and a candidate, I have seen and learned about so many incredible things that are happening in our schools every day. I want to ensure that we continue to build on our successes as a district. As a trustee, I will seek out areas for improvement, using evidence-based strategies, to ensure that our schools provide the very best experience for our students.

PLACE 3

Tritia Land

**Background:**
In my former life, I managed high-end restaurants. My husband Geoff & I have been married for 18 years & have 5 children.

**Education:**
I attended Texas A&M and Texas Tech. I hold a B.S. in Restaurant, Hotel and Institutional Management.

**Website:** http://www.tritialand4ltisd .com

**A1.** I wholeheartedly believe in the value of public education, especially here in Lake Travis ISD. I am dedicated to ensuring a high-quality education for every child in this district. As a trustee, I will have the fiduciary responsibility to allocate funds to what
Melissa Lovelace

Serve LTISD.

Staff & Community to continue to relationships with the Administration, College, skills for immediate work and vocational training should be options.

A2. Everyone thinks it is giving money away to other school districts. It is not. It is about how the money is spent. While the legislature requires a minimum percentage to be spent of teachers, it is a minimum. The district is too top heavy with money being spent of administration salaries. Another hot topic is school safety. Unless you are willing to only have one point of entrance and exit for every school, limit when students can leave with a parent, install metal detectors and set up screening like at the airport, a maniac could still get into the schools.

A3. I believe that every election should have choices. No one should run unopposed for any elected position. I am not the "chosen one" to be on the school board. I will not go along with a parent, install metal detectors and set up screening like at the airport, a maniac could still get into the schools.

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Lakeway private practice.

Website: http://www.facebook.com/dscott4LTISD/

A1. I consider fund allocation (and budgeting) in the same manner whether at home, at work, or in any capacity where funds are limited and requests are myriad. We should open the dialog with these questions: What do we need? What do we want? How much do we have to work with? What does the future look like? In general, prioritization of the answers will usually spell out in great detail why funds should or should not be allocated. I am most likely to fight for spending on what’s needed first, then consider what savings are required to limit future risk, and finally on what is wanted.

A2. My opinion is that the growth in our school district is probably the most

Jessica Putonti

Background:

8 year Lakeway resident, 15 year full-time attorney, 9 year mom, 4 year cheer coach and lifetime volunteer.

Education: University of Connecticut, Biochemistry, 1997; JD, 2003

Website: http://voteforjessicaputonti.com

A1. The school budget is one of the most important aspects of this job. I plan to study the past budgets and assess how they have addressed the needs of the students and the district priorities. It is important that we have a balanced budget and operate within our means. I will make an educated, informed decision that takes into consideration the administration’s recommendations, our priorities, and choose cost-effective alternatives.

A2. We are very blessed to live in this school district. I am very pleased with the direction and leadership of the district. As with anything, there is always room for improvement. We must keep analyzing for issues and improving in order to continue with the excellence that our community expects. My priorities are school security, managing growth and connectivity. It is important that we are continuously evaluating our campuses to ensure the safety of our kids while maintaining parents’ ability to access their children during the school.

A3. I am pleased with the direction and leadership of the district. There are exciting, but difficult decisions to be made in the next few years. I want to be a part of them. My background, experience and data driven mind will be beneficial contributions to the board with regard to these decisions. My heart is for the kids and I want to be a guide and voice for the parents.

Kris Robinson

Background:

I conduct neuropsychological assessments for learning, attentional, autism, developmental, and medical issues in my Lakeway private practice.

Education: Doctoral Degree in clinical psychology, Master’s Degree in counseling psychology, Bachelor’s Degree in psychology

A1. Allocation of funding should stem from a unified perspective based on inclusivity, accountability, and safety. Consideration of the physical, emotional, social, and educational needs of students appreciates their whole selves in pursuit of academic success. Inclusive and welcoming attention must be paid to the diverse needs of all, including students in accelerated programs and those experiencing a disability. Educational professionals need support in having the tools to perform their important roles in a safe environment.

Donald Scott II

Background:

I started volunteering early in life as a peer mediator in 3rd grade. I’ve volunteered throughout high school, college and even more now at WCHE.

Education: B.S.E. Electrical Engineering, Princeton University

Website: http://www.facebook.com/dscott4LTISD/

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Pressing issue. I think that the actions that are needed are currently underway, including estimating what will be required in the future, how to ensure that we have the resources (educators, land, funds, goodwill) to support the community and maintain their trust, and building a community of people involved in the process. Lake Travis ISD is a major reason why we moved to the area, why the community is so strong, and why it is imperative that we remain committed to focusing on the challenges that growth represents.

I have a passion for education and a career that affords me lots of volunteer time. I am seeking office because I want to do my part in the community to continue supporting the educators and parents. I’m hoping to use the position to volunteer at the individual schools that make up the district in order to network with more parents and educators and see the students in action. In that way, I’ll be able to continue being the voice for those who are affected most by the administrative decision making. My hope is to have the community see the board in action in the community and in the schools.

LIBERTY HILL ISD

ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Q1. How do you propose to allocate your schools district’s funding to maintain educational quality?

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Q3. Why are you seeking this office?

PLACE 3

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PLACE 4

Jeff Madison
No response

Kathy Major
No response

PLACE 5

Jon Branigan
No response

Anthony Ray Buck
Background: I have almost 30 years of experience in public service. Twenty four of these years have been in the U.S. Military. Education: U.S. Army School of Infantry U.S. Coast Guard Machinery Technician School U.S. Army Chemical Warfare Specialist U.S. Army Battle Staff Course

A1. We will continue to allocate a good portion of district funding to Instruction. I also want to continue our trend of pay increases for our teachers and staff, in order to stay competitive with neighboring districts.

A2. One of our most pressing issues, is that we are a high growth district. We need to continue to be forward thinking in our actions to ensure that our schools, our students, and our staff can keep up with the rapid growth that is coming. We have already formed a committee to study options going forward in order to smartly accomplish this goal. Another challenge to all schools is that of safety and security of our students and staff. LHISD and the Board are actively investigating our options for increased security for our students and staff.

A3. I have held this office for the last three years and it has been one of the most rewarding things I have ever done. I have graduated two kids through this school district and the welfare of our kids, staff, administrators, and schools are of the utmost importance for me.

Russel A. Martin
Background: Native Texan from Pearland, TX

Education: DVM from Texas A&M University in 1993; BS from Tarleton State University in 1987

A1. I currently don’t have information regarding the school district’s funding allocation process. However, with that said, I think the primary goal in quality education is to secure quality educators. At this point in the school district’s growth and development, I think obtaining and maintaining an exemplary staff is paramount.

PFLUGERVILLE ISD

ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Q3. Why are you seeking this office?

PLACE 1

Brian Allen
Background: I have spent half of my life helping others improve theirs, in both the military and private sector.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Excelsior College 2012

A1. Quality education includes elements such as infrastructure, facilities, administration, teacher training, technology, and educational materials. All of these elements are interrelated and a serious deficit in one is likely to have implications for quality of others. My proposal to maintain educational quality involves the purposeful allocation and accountability of the smart funding approach. Funding of projects will be planned and prioritized to en-
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Brian Allen (continued)

sure the projects fit in with the longer term strategic plan, build on one another, and obtain the best return on our investments.

A2. Fast growth is an issue we are facing in the Pflugerville Independent School District. Our action must include smart planning for infrastructure, facilities, administration, teachers, technology and educational materials. Other pressing issues facing our school district impact teachers. The school district must recruit, retain, and reward our teachers. Salaries & compensation, working conditions, leadership, accountability systems, professional collaboration, and resources for teaching and learning are all actionable items. We must position ourselves to transition and adjust as necessary.

A3. I seek the position of PFISD School Board Trustee Place 1 as a continuum of my service to the Pflugerville community. I am a proud Military Veteran, having earned academic achievements highlighting certain accomplishments of Leadership, commitment and proven experience. Serving as PFISD Board of Trustee Place 1 will allow me to share my unique and extensive experiences in personal and professional growth and development which serves as an added value, contributing to our efforts in preparing students for college, trade, technology and continued engagement in academic excellence!

Mary Kimmins

Education: B.S. in Education from Texas A&M M.Ed. in Curriculum Development from U.T. Austin Principal Certification from Texas State University

Website: http://www.kimminsforpfisd.com

A1. Maintaining, and more importantly, enhancing educational quality requires a threefold approach. 1. Continuously monitor for high quality curriculum and programs to meet the diverse needs of our students and prepare them for a productive life post-graduation. 2. Offer high quality professional development for teachers and staff to remain on the forefront of their craft, and 3. Continue PFISD's tradition of recruiting and retaining the best teachers, administrators and staff through competitive salaries and benefits.

A2. Two pressing issues facing the district are budget and growth. As state funding decreases, the district will need to ensure we continue our tradition of being fiscally responsible in spending while maintaining quality of personnel and programs. It is projected our district will continue to grow at a fast rate. We must keep up with growth while continuing to ensure our current buildings serve the needs of all of our students. In the immediate future a bond will need to be passed to begin needed construction of 2 elementary schools and a middle school.

A3. Having devoted my 30-year career to PFISD, I serve on the Pflugerville Board of Trustees because of my love for PFISD—the children and parents, and the faculty/staff of the district. I attempt to have calm and thoughtful approach to making decisions making me an excellent and respected Board member. I listen, provide input and make the most informed decision I can, given the data and information provided. I always seek what is in the best interest of the children in this community.

Matt Robertson
Website: http://facebook.com/ MRob4SchoolBoard

A1. It is my opinion and many other parents that I have spoken with that safety and security is a growing concern to our schools. How can we expect our children to succeed in education if we cannot even provide a safe learning environment for them. Funds are being misallocated to buy software programs for the ease of printing reports instead of being directed to the security of our schools or the preparedness of our staff in emergency situations. I would like to bring new and innovative programs to our district to update the outdated way of operating that we have been trudging along for years.

A2. One of the problems we face in our district is that there is not proper support of discipline in schools to reinforce correct behaviors. Laws are in place to protect each students right to an education, but what efforts and support are being given to students who are not able to learn as quickly or easily as the average student. These students are being left behind frustrated and acting out. We need to connect with our children at home as well as at school. Building programs to assist parents in reinforce positive learning behaviors and not that if they act out they are given an escape.

A3. Because I want to make a difference. Matt Robertson: U.S. Army Veteran, PFISD Employee, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of America Leader, HOA President, Longtime Pflugerville Resident, Homeowner, Taxpayer, Religious Education Teacher, Husband, Patriot, PTO President, Catholic, Boy Scout Charter Organization Representative, Father of one current student in PFISD and one graduate of PFISD, and with your support Pflugerville Independent School Board Member for Place 1

Charlie Torres
Education: Rockport-Fulton H.S. graduate Texas A&I University, 2 years

Website: http://TorresforTrustee.com

A1. The main thought to keep in mind is that we must provide a quality education to all students. It is possible that a school(s) might have a larger population of students that have additional needs and we as a board need to make those adjustments during the budget process. We also need to continue that strong relationship with the City of Pflugerville leadership to plan wisely where our student population is growing or towards which direction it is going to grow towards. A stronger direction for those students wanting to go into a vocational or technical career.

A2. School safety is a pressing issue currently and I would like to discuss options on how to make our schools safer. More options for students for vocational and technical careers which would include more dual credit courses through ACC.

A3. Pflugerville is at a cross roads. We are growing; the needs of our students in a technological, service economy are changing; and the financial impact on our citizens of sustaining high quality public schools continues to challenge us. I want to help improve our district and my past leadership skills and school board experience (12 years) will be an asset to the board.

PLACE 2

Tony Hanson
Unopposed