

Early Voting Times and Locations For the May 9th Joint Election*

April 27, 2009 (Monday) through May 1, 2009 (Friday) 8:00AM - 5:00PM

May 2, 2009 (Saturday) 8:00AM - 5:00PM

May 3, 2009 (Sunday) 1:00PM - 6:00PM

May 4, 2009 (Monday) and May 5, 2009 (Tuesday) 7:00AM - 7:00PM

Addison Fire Station #1	4798 Airport Pkwy	Addison	75001
Audelia Road Library	10045 Audelia Rd	Dallas	75238
Balch Springs City Hall	3117 Hickory Tree	Balch Springs	75180
Beckley Saner Rec Center	114 W Hobson Ave	Dallas	75224
Boze Secondary Learning Center	202 College Avenue	Grand Prairie	75050
Carrollton/Fr Br ISD Adm Bldg	1445 N Perry Rd	Carrollton	75006
Cedar Hill Government Center	285 Uptown Blvd	Cedar Hill	75104
Churchill Rec Center	6906 Churchill Way	Dallas	75230
Cockrell Hill City Hall	4125 W. Clarendon	Dallas	75211
Coppell Town Center	255 W Parkway Blvd	Coppell	75019
Dallas City Hall	1500 Marilla St	Dallas	75201
DeSoto East Middle School	601 E Belt Line Rd	DeSoto	75115
Duncanville Library	201 James Collins Blvd.	Duncanville	75116
Farmers Branch City Hall	13000 William Dodson	Farmers Branch	75234
Frankford Townhomes	18110 Marsh Lane	Dallas	75287
Fretz Park Recreation Center	6950 Belt Line Road	Dallas	75254
Garland City Hall	200 N. Fifth Street	Garland	75040
Garner Elementary	145 Polo Road	Grand Prairie	75052
Glenn Heights City Hall	1938 S Hampton Road	Glenn Heights	75154
Grauwlyer Park Rec Center	7780 Harry Hines Blvd	Dallas	75235
Harry Stone Recreation Center	2403 Millmar Dr.	Dallas	75228
Hebron & Josey Library	4220 N Josey Lane	Carrollton	75010
Highland Hills Library	3624 Simpson Stuart Road	Dallas	75241
Irving Arts Center	3333 N Macarthur	Irving	75062
Irving City Hall	825 W. Irving Blvd	Irving	75060
Josey Ranch Library	1700 Keller Springs Rd.	Carrollton	75006
Lakeside Activity Center	101 Holley Park Dr	Mesquite	75149
Lancaster ISD Admin Bldg	422 S Centre Ave	Lancaster	75134
Lancaster Library	1600 Veterans Memorial Pkwy	Lancaster	75134
Martin Luther King Jr Core Bldg.	2922 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.	Dallas	75215
Martin Weiss Recreation Center	1111 Martindell Ave	Dallas	75211
Mountain Creek Library	6102 Mountain Creek Pkwy	Dallas	75249
Northway Baptist Church	3877 Walnut Hill Lane	Dallas	75229
Oak Cliff Sub-Courthouse	410 S. Beckley Ave.	Dallas	75203
Our Redeemer Lutheran	7611 Park Lane	Dallas	75225
Paul Laurence Dunbar Lancaster-Kiest Library	2008 East Kiest Blvd	Dallas	75216
Pleasant Oaks Recreation Center	8701 Greenmound Ave.	Dallas	75227
Records Building	509 Main Street	Dallas	75202
Renner-Frankford Library	6400 Frankford Road	Dallas	75252
Reverchon Rec Center	3505 Maple Ave	Dallas	75219
Richardson Civic Center	411 W. Arapaho Rd.	Richardson	75080
Rowlett Library	3900 Main Street	Rowlett	75088
Sachse City Hall	5560 Highway 78	Sachse	75048
Seagoville City Hall	702 N Hwy 175	Seagoville	75159
St Luke Community Life Center	6211 E Grand Ave	Dallas	75223
Sunnyvale Town Hall	127 N Collins Road	Sunnyvale	75182
Valley Ranch Library	401 Cimarron Trl	Irving	75063
West Dallas Multipurpose Center	2828 Fish Trap Rd	Dallas	75212
Wilmer Community Center	101 Davidson Plaza	Wilmer	75172

* Voters registered in Dallas County may vote in person at any of these locations during the early voting period.

About the Voters Guide

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The VOTERS GUIDE is designed to help voters know more about the candidates and issues. Questionnaires were sent to all candidates in contested races.

Candidate replies are printed without editing or verification. Due to space limitations, questionnaires were not sent to write-in candidates or candidates in uncontested races. Candidates were given strict word limits for replies. Replies exceeding the word limit are indicated by slashes (///). Candidates were also asked to confine their responses to the questions asked and to avoid reference to their opponents. Candidates appearing with no photo failed to submit one.

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Qualifications for Voting

You must be a citizen of the United States, registered to vote, and at least 18 years old on Election Day. You must not have been declared mentally incompetent by a court. If you have been convicted of a felony, you may register to vote *after* you have completed the punishment phase of your conviction, including any term of incarceration, parole, supervision, or period of probation ordered by the court.

Early Voting in Person

Any registered voter may vote early by personal appearance. Check with the Dallas County Elections Department at (214) 819-6300 or go to www.dalcoelections.org for early voting times and locations. Early voting days for this election are April 27 through May 5.

Early Voting by Mail

Only specific reasons entitle a person to vote early by mail (no longer called absentee voting). You may request a ballot by mail if you will be away from your county on election day **and** during the hours of early voting, are disabled, are 65 or older on election day, or are confined to jail. Request an application for ballot by mail from the early voting clerk at the Dallas County Elections Department at (214) 819-6300 or go to www.dalcoelections.org. Complete and return the application within the deadline period. **Your application must be received by the early voting clerk not later than May 1.**

Where to Vote in Person on Election Day

You must vote in your precinct of residence on election day. Your precinct is listed on your registration card, or you may call the Dallas County Elections Department at (214) 819-6300 or the Dallas League of Women Voters at (214) 688-4125 to find out where to vote. If you report to the incorrect polling place, you will be redirected to the correct polling place, or offered a provisional ballot. You may vote by provisional ballot, but it will not be counted, by Texas Law.

Provisional Voting

This new voting process was created by the Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002. It was designed to allow a voter whose name does not appear on the list of registered voters, due to an administrative error, to vote. If your name is not on the rolls of registered voters in your precinct, but you believe you are registered, the election judge will attempt to determine if you are registered somewhere in your county. If your registration cannot be found, you may cast a provisional vote by filling out an affidavit and a paper ballot. This ballot is kept separately from the regular ballots, and the case will be reviewed by the provisional voting ballot board. The ballot will be counted only if the voter is determined to be a registered voter in that precinct. Provisional voters will receive a notice in the mail by the 10th day after the local canvass advising them if their provisional ballots were counted and, if they were not counted, the reason why.

Voter Registration Information

You must register at least 30 days prior to an election. Your registration will remain in effect and a new certificate will be sent to you every two years. It will not be forwarded to a new address; so if you move, you must notify your County Clerk or Elections Administrator of your new address. If you move to another county, you must re-register. It is recommended that you take your registration certificate and another form of identification to the polls. The current certificate, sent in January 2008, is orange and white.

City of Dallas Elections

City Council Candidates

2 year term. Each Dallas City Council member represents one of fourteen districts. Council members set City policy, approve annual budget and capital improvement plans, set the tax rate, approve City ordinances and determine City services.

Question 1. What are your qualifications for this office? (50 word limit)

Question 2. The City of Dallas has a potential \$100M shortfall in the next city budget. How would you close the gap? If you would cut services, which ones would you cut? (75 word limit)

Question 3. Are you in favor of a convention center hotel? If yes, do you support the current plan to finance its construction with revenue bonds and have the city own the hotel? (75 word limit)

Question 4. What is your response to recent reports (e.g., Corps of Engineers, North Texas Tollway Authority) regarding the Trinity River tollroad/levee issues? (75 word limit)

Question 5. Do you think the City of Dallas Ethics Code needs to be strengthened? If yes, in what way(s)? (75 word limit)

Dallas City Council - Place 1

Sean Paul Segura



Question 1. I love my community, put Families First and will make decisions based on values, morals, and the impact the decisions will have on the working class families. I don't owe political favors to any one.

Question 2. I advise that we cut back and postpone very costly projects that are not essential so that we can redirect funds to address more crucial issues. I prefer not to raise taxes in these hard times unless it is absolutely necessary Projects we can cut or postpone: 1) Non essential projects 2) Non effective projects 3) The Convention Center hotel.

Question 3. No. We should defer the hotel at least until the economic situation improves.

Question 4. We must reevaluate the project and defer at least until we are out of the recession.

Question 5. We should better inform the people of the City of Dallas Ethics Code and follow up with customers and let them know there is someone that will listen if they have complaints of unethical activities or believe they are not receiving equal or fair treatment.

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Jesus Armando Tovar - No Response

Delia Jasso



Question 1. I am running for City Council in District 1 because I have the experience, qualifications and dedication to represent constituents in Dallas and District 1. As a volunteer for 20 years working with diverse people from education to recreation to economic development I have established relationships to get the job done.

Question 2. This is very early in the budget process. I would listen to what the City Manager proposes in her recommendations. I would try not to cut services that would affect the quality of life of our citizens. I would "Cut the fat without raising taxes" especially in these economic times. I would hope that more accurate numbers from appraisal reporting and sales tax numbers will clearly define what the shortfall is.

Question 3. The voters will decide whether to build a convention center hotel with taxpayer backed bonds. I believe that a convention center hotel would add to the tax base. Hotel taxes generate nearly 10% of the total sales tax receipt. However, I would never vote for city services to be cut in the event the hotel is not successful. I would work with the city council and the mayor to look at alternative funding.

Question 4. Fast Tracking park amenities for the Trinity River Corridor would provide needed movement on the corridor. The levees need to be the priority to stabilize any failures with the current conditions of the levees. We should do all that is possible to carry out the voters decisions on the toll road which was to build it. Dallas needs to work with all entities involved in the project to share in current and future expenses.

Question 5. The city of Dallas Ethics Code was strengthened in some aspects relating to tickets and gifts for city council members and some board members. I would ask for a review of the latest ethics advisory committee report on what is being done to enforce the latest changes.

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Mark Gonzales



Question 1. I have been an active leader in the Greater Dallas community over 8 years; participating in several organizations focused on building leaders. To continue in a positive direction, for District 1, it will take someone that is not from within to facilitate this change. That someone is Mark Gonzales.

Question 2. Cutting services, though an option, is not always the best option. It is important to review the city budget thoroughly before any decisions of cuts or reductions are made. As an entrepreneur I believe reductions are made, first, to those with the most to reduce, this is not necessary services, but more targeted to high/over-paid city positions. Lack of efficiency is typically the largest cost for any business. Streamlining inefficient areas will save money.

Question 3. Eleven years in the financial industry has taught me a lot about investing; and municipal revenue bonds is a good and affordable investment for the community. I am against the hotel if it begins to dip into residents pockets, but if Dallas markets the affordable purchase of these municipal revenue bonds it is an opportunity for everyone to own a little piece of Dallas.

Question 4. So far studies have cost more than expected. I believe further studies are necessary to determine what we can do in the levees (i.e. parks, road, etc.). At this time, if found necessary, I am not for voting on additional bonds to continue this project until the economy stabilizes.

Question 5. I believe the City of Dallas Ethics Code is strong as is. And to answer the question, yes it can be strengthened; but a few bad apples does not mean the entire batch is bad.

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Daniel Benchot

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Question 1. Having been a community activist for two years, I believe that I am well qualified. In addition, I have managed several business units and know how to cut costs and raise revenues. My educational achievements such as earning an MBA also give me added knowledge and expertise in making hard decisions.

Question 2. Managing business units, I know what to look for in a budget and how to maximize our resources. There will be some tough decisions ahead of us. These may include cutting services such as library hours, recreation centers and the like. Let us really do the hard work to maximize what is there and find new revenue streams before we consider cutting services.

Question 3. Yes, I am in favor of a convention center hotel. No, I do not favor the current plan to finance its construction with revenue bonds and having the hotel owned by the city. We should really work with private investors to build this hotel. Once the people have spoken on May 9th, I will adhere to their vote on proposition 1.

Question 4. It seems that we have a problem with the levees that of course must be addressed before much of the work can be started. It is disconcerting that the people did not receive all of the data before voting on the tollroad. I do believe however, that we need to step back and let all of the reports and studies come in over the next six months and then evaluate where the city goes from there.

Question 5. The people continue to talk about electing representatives to the council that are of the highest ethical and moral standards. We must always strive to make sure our elected officials adhere to standards in how they conduct the city's business and represent the people.

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Justin Epker



Question 1. As a community and economic development consultant, I have hands-on experience dealing with the needs of local government. I have helped communities across North Texas obtain over \$26,000,000 in grants for infrastructure improvements, affordable housing and parks & recreation. In addition, I have been involved with several long-range, comprehensive planning studies.

Question 2. Recently, the city approved over \$1,000,000 for flat screen televisions at City Hall and GPS units for garbage trucks. Our municipal courts have failed to collect \$424,000,000 in potential fines since 2002. Countless properties with years of delinquent taxes are held up in our court system. Dallas is losing money due to wasteful spending and inefficient government. I will work to streamline the court system so we can collect the fines, fees, and property taxes.

Question 3. I'm opposed to the taxpayer-owned convention center hotel. However, I'm not opposed to the city acting as a partner in the development of the convention center hotel. For instance, we could use the money already spent on the development phase of the project (\$75,000,000) to attract a private investor to complete the project.

Question 4. Flood protection should be the first priority of this project. Moving forward with the tax-payer approved toll road at this time will increase the cost of the project and might jeopardize the levees. Until we know the extent of the sand in the levees, and what it will cost to remedy the situation, the toll road should be put on hold. However, the park features and flood protection should continue as planned.

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Justin Epker, continued

Question 5. I would need more specific information in order to answer this question. In general, I would support any measure that helps the citizens of Oak Cliff hold their elected officials accountable.

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Dallas City Council - Place 2

Billy MacLeod



Question 1. I am a leader. In 2003, I ran for City Council. In 2007 ran for Dallas Mayor, and worked on Mayor Leppert's campaign. In 2008, I was a delegate for President Obama. I was a neighborhood organizer for Texas Campaign for the Environment and Community Ambassador for Freedom Release.Org.

Question 2. I would advocate for a 3% cut for all managers and executives across the board. I would seek out public private partnerships to share some of the burden. I would cut, delay, or downsize all unfunded mandates. It is time to get a piece of the NTTA toll road pie, so I suggest we ask for 2 cents from every dollar that comes through toll booths located within Dallas city limits. That is progressive.

Question 3. This hotel is an "economic stimulus" package in itself and will bring jobs and millions in revenue to the City. However, I disagree with the City's course of action going forward with the project by breaking ground after receiving 60,000 signatures and disregarding the opinion of registered Dallas voters, thereby nullifying the people's vote. Ultimately, I will be listening to the opinions of the voters in District 2 and voting their conscience on the Council.

Question 4. Seven miles of the Trinity River is in District 2, and the recent reports are extremely troubling. I have seen this debacle getting more and more polluted (like the Trinity itself) with each passing month. The Dallas City Council needs VOCAL leadership on this issue and I have not seen it. They are on the wrong course. Dallas needs bold leadership and creative solutions and that's what Billy MacLeod brings to the table. Elect Billy.

Question 5. The City of Dallas Ethics Code MUST be strengthened. Bucking a trend of rival political candidates, I, Billy MacLeod, signed onto and will adhere to the voluntary Code of Fair Campaign Practices established by the Texas Ethics Commission. I am the only candidate of the 38 Dallas City Council candidates that has signed the pledge. I signed the code of ethics pledge because the issues facing District 2 voters are what this election is about.

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Gwain Wooten - No Response

Pauline Medrano



Question 1. Current Dallas City Council Member, District 2 since 2005; I am a life long resident of district 2; Over 20 years of civic and community service; University of Texas Arlington, BA Political Science; Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics; National Association of Latino Elected Officials Education Fund Board of Directors///

Question 2. At this time, the city is reviewing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and how it may impact the budget (potential 20+M). We also have several budget workshops to get more clarity and input on budget before the presentation of City Managers recommended budget in August. We will have additional budget workshops and Budget Town Hall Meetings to receive input from our constituents.

Question 3. Yes. At this point, yes.

Question 4. First priority is flood protection. The 2007 inspection by United States Army Corps of Engineers evaluated the Dallas Floodway levees under new, more stringent standards that were developed after Hurricane Katrina. I am still reviewing the report but it is clear that the Corp's new post Katrina standard presents challenges for the Trinity Project.

Question 5. Yes, in the area of campaign financing. Currently, the Ethics commission is reviewing time frame (general, run-off, non-election year, and re-election) in which a candidate for Dallas City Council. may receive campaign contributions. Recently, the council voted to have TIF board members remove themselves from voting on issues that would impact their property.

Contact the Candidate: 214-528-7808



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Dallas City Council - Place 3

Victoria Walton



Question 1. I have an associate in business management, owner of small transportation service, founded a non-profit organization dedicated to underprivileged families, advocate for all people of the community.

Question 2. Cut city council expense budget and bonuses.

Question 3. No, I am not in favor of the convention hotel. With a weak economy placing a tax increase on the people is totally an outrage.

Question 4. I value their review for the safety of the people. It is claiming to be unsafe for the city.

Question 5. Yes. I will look over the Ethics Code more, and then decides what changes need to be made / strengthened.

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Dave Neumann



Question 1. My track record while on the City Council and as a private citizen has been one of bringing people together to solve problems in a positive constructive way. My interaction with neighborhood leaders, organizations, and citizen groups ensures responsiveness to community needs while projecting long term vision for our city.

Question 2. The City Council and City Manager need to first identify departments and expenses that are not directly impacting the protection and the quality of life of our citizens. We need to create benchmarking for citizen satisfaction in order to effectively allocate the reduced tax payer funds that we will have in future budget years. It's premature to commit to a tax increase or service decreases until such review is completed.

Question 3. I am in favor of a Convention Center hotel. The economics in today's environment favor public investment. It is the City's best interest to pursue this reinvestment in our Convention industry to protect our \$1B investment in our Convention Center, and regain competitiveness within the industry. The bonds that are proposed to fund this facility are revenue bonds that are repaid directly from net cash flow of the hotel, not from general fund taxpayers.

Question 4. For 10 years, the City of Dallas' Trinity levees were rated excellent or very good. We need to embrace the new standards established by the Army Corps of Engineers and promptly and cost effectively achieve this excellent rating again to protect citizens and businesses all along the Trinity. We must proceed with the repairs on the levees concurrently with development of the Trinity Project including the Trinity Parkway, signature bridges, parks, recreational facilities, and trails.

Question 5. A regular review of the City of Dallas' ethics codes needs to be conducted to ensure that the expectations of citizens are met in regards to public officials and their performance. The City Council has appointed an independent Ethics Advisory Committee with private citizens that are empowered to provide straightforward recommendations for review and adoption.

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Casey Thomas II



Question 1. As a lifelong resident of Dallas, past board member of the Mountain Vista II Neighborhood Association, and past President of the Dallas NAACP, I served four years on the Community Development Commission as an appointee for Councilman Leo Chaney. This gave me an opportunity see how the City budget process works.

Question 2. I believe there that we need to evaluate how effective programs and other services are being implemented. Each year, many programs, projects and services are reallocated without doing due diligence to see their level of effectiveness or in response to need within the City. I believe if decisions did not focus on "pet projects" and look at the budget from the perspective of what is best for the city.

Question 3. I am against a "taxpayer owned hotel". The city of Dallas is expected to have \$100 million budget shortfall and maintaining a good bond rating is important. Talking to residents throughout District 3, there is genuine concern that owning a hotel is not in the best interest of the city, and I agree with them.

Question 4. It causes me some concern that there may have been some dishonesty on behalf of city personnel regarding the Corps of Engineers and the North Texas Tollway Authority. It is important that we consider the safety of the residents of the city of Dallas when it comes to the Trinity River Project, as opposed to just focusing on development.

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Casey E. Thomas II, continued

Question 5. Yes, I do think that the ethics code needs to be stronger and enforced. Everyone should play by the same rules when it comes to ethics and the City should do more enforcement of the codes. If there is a conflict of interest, a council member should recuse him/herself from the discussion of the issue, not just the vote.

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Dallas City Council - Place 4

Dwaine R. Caraway - No Response

Lawrence Jordan - No Response

Dallas City Council - Place 5

Tiffinni A. Young



Question 1. My experiences as a lifelong constituent of District 5 qualify me for this office. I have lived in this district all my life and I have seen what works and what does not work. I have a proven record of leadership, and I'm committed to serving this area of Dallas.

Question 2. Dallas is currently operating on a minimum budget with more needs going unmet than met. We would like to close the budget gap by not cutting services or raising taxes; however that is unlikely with the city's growth and change in the economy. After receiving citizen input, I would consider a combination of budget changes that had the least impact on the daily lives of Dallas residents.

Question 3. Yes. As for public ownership, it is something that I believe is left up for debate. I am running to be a representative voice for the people and the decision on public ownership rests with the people.

Question 4. I support the Trinity River Corridor project contingent upon the facts that all preventive flood control remains in place and all safety measures and guidelines are met. Visionary forward thinking and assembling creative financing will help to make up the shortfall.

Question 5. I believe that the City of Dallas has made great strides in ensuring strong ethical guidelines are in place and properly carried out. However, there is always room for improvement.

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Jurline Gates Hollins - No Response

Don Robinson



Question 1. Dallas resident 30 plus years, active in community and civic activities. South East Dallas Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee, Oak Park North Crime Watch Association; DISD Advisory Board, DCAD Appraisal Review Board, Southern Dallas Development Corporation Board, Dallas CED Board.

Question 2. My recommendations would be to cut in areas that have not shown a significant path of progress or profitability for the city as a whole. Areas I would specifically want to look at are Travel, Studies and the Arts. I would not consider any cuts to our Police, Fire or Code Enforcement as these areas are so critical to our quality of life here in Dallas.

Question 3. Yes, I am in favor of a convention center hotel and would support the use of revenue bonds to build it. If Dallas is to maintain its image as a major city contender for growth, it must offer opportunities that make for growth in jobs, revenue and other business opportunities. We cannot grow standing still. We must have a vision of a new and improved Dallas and work in that direction.

Question 4. It is a very serious concern that I believe if addressed intelligently, will bring to resolve all of the problems cited in these reports.

Question 5. I believe we just need to enforce what we already have. We cannot continue to keep adding rules that are basically already in the code but are failing to enforce. Of course, as necessity arises, a review of specific code issues that are problematic should be undertaken and changes should be a consideration.

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Vonciel Jones Hill



Question 1. I am currently serving District 5. I have implemented several major projects since I was elected in 2007, including a renovated shopping center in Pleasant Grove, "Trash Attack" (a beautification project), and an on-going truancy dialogue with DISD.

Question 2. I would reduce services, other than public safety, code enforcement, and street maintenance, and consider a minimum tax increase. I would cut twice weekly trash pick-up and have once weekly trash pick-up and once weekly recycle pick-up throughout the City.

Question 3. I favor a convention center hotel. I do not support its being owned by the city. I believe that the hotel should be privately owned.

Question 4. The Trinity River Corridor project is an excellent public works endeavor. However, safety is paramount and the Council must be guided by the opinion of the experts as to how, when, and if, to proceed with the toll road. The problems with the levees must be corrected immediately.

Question 5. In my opinion, the current Code is sufficient.

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Dallas City Council - Place 6

Steve Salazar



Question 1. I am running for City Council District 6 because I am the best qualified candidate. Having served as councilman for 3 terms in the District and previously 3 terms in District 1, I have the experience to understand the workings of City Hall and the politics which go with it.///

Question 2. I would first assure residents that Police, Fire and City Employee salaries and benefits be maintained. Second, I would look at departments such as courts to prioritize programs to increase collection of fines owed the city. This includes working with Dept. Public Safety to suspend licenses of individuals who have outstanding warrants and fines with the City of Dallas. Third, moving the city to once weekly trash and recycle will cut costs in fuel.///

Question 3. I am supportive of a convention center hotel because the City of Dallas is in the Convention business. A convention hotel is a requirement to attract larger conventions which use the hotel as their headquarters. The current plan of using revenue bonds has proven successful in Houston which is a competitor to Dallas.

Question 4. I am concerned that the new post Katrina standards which were revealed to the City in March 2009 did not give much notice of the drastic changes. That said, the City must continue with the engineering and planning to meet the new standards and address them in the designs of the tollroad, bridges and levees.

Question 5. It has been nearly 8 years since the Mayor and Council Charter amendments which provided salaries and twice defeated strong mayor referendums. I believe that we should create a charter commission to review the issue of powers, salaries and ethics and submit for a vote in 2011.

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Fernando Rubio Jr. - No Response

Dallas City Council - Place 7

John Jay Myers



Question 1. I live and work in District 7, as a business owner and father I understand the needs of my neighbors. I have lived a well rounded life blessed with education and family. My commitment to better government is my number one qualifier.

Question 2. Items like plasma TV's in the parking garage would be the first to go. The next thing to go would be the huge amounts of money used in private enterprise; I am serious when I say the first step to government corruption is the link between the city and private enterprise. Things that would be off limits would be infrastructure and public safety.

Question 3. I am in favor of "a" convention center hotel, but I am absolutely not in favor of the city buying one regardless of how they say they intend to pay for it. Getting involved with this type of private enterprise is not the proper role of government. I especially feel it was arrogant to move forward on something so large without a vote from the tax payers.

Question 4. I think we need to slow down on this "parkway" but move ahead with the park area Dallas wanted. I feel like the city's priority hasn't been making the park a reality, but they have been very interested in this road. It's my plan to find an alternative to the tollroad that would serve to ease congestion.

Question 5. Yes. I feel that things are happening for some groups or businesses that don't happen for other similar groups or businesses. These types of deals undermine confidence in government, create an unfair competitive environment, and are bad for the community. City officials need to understand that back room deals are off the table.

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Anthony (Tony) Rios

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Question 1. I am involved in numerous civic activities with over thirty years of work experiences. I have a Masters Degree and I have lived in District 7 for years. I have the experience to lead, the education to inspire and analyze and the knowledge to effectively work with diverse groups.

Question 2. Our City Manager needs to analyze all components of the budget to look for abuse and waste. One area would be the municipal court system. We might consider increasing the usury tax for public cultural and entertainment facilities. I support across the board budget cuts by 3 % in five of the six budget components, without sacrificing public safety needs. We should eliminate waste, increase the usury tax and across the board cuts, no new taxes.

Question 3. I am in favor. It is difficult to undo wishes of something that our elected officials agreed upon by an 8-2 margin. It appears the business community supports it. My position may have been different had I been involved in the planning stage and initial discussions. We failed to ask detailed questions and get precise numbers. The numbers are difficult to reconcile. The current finance plan is optimistic with little details.

Question 4. Anytime there is a major undertaking problems will surface. I favor those that were creative enough to bring projects like this to Dallas. The Arc in St. Louis, the Golden Gate and many more projects would be scratched at the first sign of trouble. Instead they proved to be the signature icon of the city. The Corps did their job by identifying the problems, let's address it take our time and do it right.

Question 5. No I do not believe the code needs strengthening. If the majority thinks the code needs strengthening then I would support it, but not until such a comprehensive review has been undertaken and a convincing argument is made. As a former member of the Board of Adjustment I thought the ethics code was clear.

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Don Parish



Question 1. Lifelong resident of the City of Dallas; lived, worked or worshipped in the district all my life; my vision for District; serve as Board Chairman 2 nonprofit organizations that provide services in District; Board member Park South YMCA; have served on various commissions and committees for the City of Dallas.

Question 2. I would first make certain we are working as efficiently as possible in all areas of city services. After which I would pursue a very aggressive recycling program which would enable us to cut trash pickups perhaps in half. The recycling would bring money into the city budget and regular garbage collections would decrease. I would also see if it was necessary to spend as much money on studies before launching certain projects.

Question 3. I am in favor of a convention center hotel. I support the current system of financing the construction of revenue bonds since no private investor has sought to do it. Perhaps at some point in the future, we could consider selling the hotel to a private investor. The fastest way to get construction underway is the way it is being done. It will increase jobs and future revenue to the city from sales tax.

Question 4. I was disappointed upon hearing the news about the condition of the levees. What is apparent is that the levees are in bad shape and that funds will have to be spent in order to correct this problem. I would encourage strong lobbying for infrastructure funds available to help correct the problem as we continue with the Trinity River Expansion Plan as approved by the voters.

Question 5. I do not think that the Ethics Code needs to be strengthened. The city should strongly enforce the codes that are already on the books.

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Carolyn R. Davis



Question 1. I was elected to the Dallas City Council on June 16, 2007, to represent Council District 7, and during my tenure I have worked tirelessly and been an advocate, a voice for the residents under my leadership. I have been a key member of the Dallas City Council, supplying solutions///

Question 2. I plan to continue to work with the City Manager and my colleagues on the City Council to analyze and implement what best for the residents of Dallas. We will be reviewing additional revenue opportunities that may help offset declining sale tax revenues. Services will be prioritized to ensure those most important to the residents (such as public safety and economic development growth) continue to be enhanced. I will be looking at what below the line///

Question 3. Yes. Because of the two basic approaches public or private ownership, public ownership is the least costly because of the cost of equity and cost of debt and it offers the opportunity for the City to avoid cash payments into the project and to build equity.

Question 4. Flood protection is of paramount importance to me. The integrity of the Rochester levee and the construction
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Carolyn R. Davis, continued

of the Lamar levee in my district are critical to ensuring the safety of the residents and businesses of District 7. I will continue to monitor the activities of city staff as they work with the Corps to resolve these issues.

Question 5. No, Dallas has already strengthened its Ethics Code and will continue to monitor the needs.

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Ron Price



Question 1. I've served the citizens of Dallas the last twelve years as a member of the Dallas ISD school board. I've also served as president of two national school board organizations, and a state school board organization. I presently serve as bylaws chair for the Texas Association of School Board Members.

Question 2. Budgets are always works in progress. I am hopeful that the City Manager with the help of the Council can find the necessary funding we need to continue to deliver services to our residents and not touch the crime prevention and reduction programs that the Council has worked so hard to achieve. If cuts have to be made, we would have to look and hard at every item and make the tough choices necessary.

Question 3. I see this issue as much bigger than the hotel. I am very concerned about the proposed changes to our charter. If passed they will truly hamstring the Council from being able to recruit business and organizations to Dallas. I think we may need a hotel attached to the convention center, but I would hope the private sector would step forward and build it on a ground lease provided by the city.

Question 4. This is a critical issues for the safety of the citizens of district 7. We must make sure that the levees are up to Corps of Engineers standards, if not we could potentially face a flooding problem in the lower south part of Dallas.

Question 5. The city of Dallas has done a great job of strengthening the Ethics Code the past several years. There's always room for improvement!

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Gary Springer



Question 1. I have been engage in Dallas I Media as a member and volunteer for over 10 years I produce and Host my show The Gary Springer and Salt and Pepper Show , My shows have been promoting small business through Dallas metroplex, and non-profit organizations , educators, businessmen///

Question 2. Cut some services , and revamp the parking meters to cause more of the public would do business in downtown. Remove the photo traffic stop lights in Dallas, I would have the police dept buy more economic cars, more fuel efficient,

Question 3. I would make every effort to stop the building of the new convention hotel . I,m totally against the new convention center hotel, we are in a serious financial crisis.

Question 4. I have to investigate these items more, it would not be right too elaborate at this time.

Question 5. I have to study this and get more information.

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Marvin E. Crenshaw



Question 1. I am over 18 years of age, a registered voter and have lived in District 7 6 months as required by the city charter. In 1988 I was co-plaintiff in the voting rights lawsuit which created the 14-1 city council structure. I have offered my services in 1983 84///

Question 2. The one service I would cut is the \$1million of Dallas taxpayers money used to provide protection for former president George W. Bush.

Question 3. I am in favor of a convention center hotel but do not support the current plan of financing. Embassy Suites in Houston will build a \$250 million convention center hotel with out tax payer assistance. I also support the right of the citizens group who gathered petitions as required by the charter. I will vote Yes on Proposition 1.

Question 4. The citizens who reside in city council district 7 voted against the toll road and understood the importance of the levees. Also, a Lamar street economic development district should be formed to assist the recycling centers and the other businesses on Lamar. As the representative from district look out for the welfare of the citizens of district 7 and the business on Lamar.

Question 5. No answer provided.

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Charles "Chazz" Redd



Question 1. I'm a graduate of UNT., after I attended St. Mary's School of Law. I worked for one of the top brokerage firms on Wall St., involving municipal financing. I have worked for Department of Homeland Security and FEMA. Both positions instilled in me the importance of readiness at the local level.

Question 2. I will close the shortfall by eliminating waste within the budget. The goal of my agenda will be to attract new forms of business to the city. The "green economy" is coming and as a city we must do everything within our power to be a part of this new age. I will seek more residence as well as business ventures in the southern sector. This area is a huge unused valuable resource.

Question 3. I'm in favor of the convention hotel. I think it is a forward leaning idea. Once this economy has rebounded, Dallas will be in a great position to be one of the leading convention venue in

the country. In regards to the financing of the hotel, I think the financing is structure such that it provides adequate protection for the taxpayers, while allowing the city to prosper from the positive financial impact.

Question 4. I think it is disheartening to hear of the recent set back that have been highlighted in the recent reports from the corps of engineers. However I think at this juncture we have gone too far to be stopped now. We as a city must re double our efforts and cure any setbacks or problems that may arise, so we may in our lifetime see this to completion.

Question 5. 5. At the current time I see no immediate need to strengthen the Ethics Code. Outstanding work has been done in the past on strengthening the city ethics code. However having said that there is always room for improvement, and all future potential improvements should be evaluated on a case by case basis.

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Dallas City Council - Place 8

Tennell Atkins



Question 1. My qualifications for this office are: I am the current council representative for Council District 8. I am a thirty year resident living in Council District 8 and I bring demonstrable leadership, useful business skills, knowledge of the City of Dallas and the ability to build consensus among diverse people///

Question 2. I am on record as advocating a small tax increase in 2007, during a time that I believed residents and the local economy could have afforded a small revenue increase. We will not be able to reduce costs enough to offset the projected revenue shortfall. I will support a combination of cost reductions and revenue increases.

Question 3. I am on record in support of a convention center hotel and its proposed financing. A major consideration influencing my decision was the contracting and job opportunities the project would provide for southern Dallas residents. I inserted the strongest possible legal language into the developer's agreement, which will assure a "fair share" to African Americans and other minorities.

Question 4. The Trinity River Project reflects the size, complexity and the many moving parts of a huge public works project. I am in favor of a pace that allows public safety issues to be well researched by the appropriate authorities and will allow an open and transparent process.

Question 5. No, I do not believe the City of Dallas Ethics Code need to be changed.

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LeVar "LD" Thomas



Question 1. Served on: City of Dallas Youth Commission, Human Services Commission, Martin Luther King Community Center Board, City of Dallas Housing Finance Corporation, Chaired Texas Coalition of Black Democrats and Dallas County Young Democrats Board of Directors. I know how City Hall works and have lived in District 8 all my life.

Question 2. The city needs to go though its own administrative budget with a fine tooth comb and attack unnecessary and wasteful spending before any taxes are raised or services are cut. There are avenues that need to be explored, such as the millions of tax payer dollars being stored in some TIF's that aren't currently being used. We need to fully examine the ability of the city to access those funds in a time of budget shortfall.

Question 3. I am against a tax payer owned hotel. With this current economic climate, inactivity in the central downtown area, looming budget shortfall, hemorrhaging hotel market, and declining convention industry it does not seem fiscally responsible. I would support a private developer undertaking such a project and would support aiding that project with various tax abatements.

LeVar "LD" Thomas, continued

Question 4. The reports are very troubling. There were many individuals who warned about placing a toll way in a floodplain, and unfortunately their fears have been backed up by the recent report. It is symptomatic of the "build it at all cost" mentality that exists within the city. We must have progress, development, and job creation but not at the cost of human life.

Question 5. I think the Ethics Code as it stands is fairly strong. I am open to listening to ways that the code could be strengthened.

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Dallas City Council - Place 9

Sheffie Kadane



Question 1. I currently serve as City Council member from District 9. Prior to my being elected, I served as a member of the Park Board and the Board of Adjustments. I am a life long resident of my district and understand the needs and wants of individual neighborhoods in the district.

Question 2. This will be a tough budget cycle, but I believe that we will find the dollars necessary to maintain city services to residents. I will fight to keep us on the program of reducing our crime rate and not let police and firefighters be on the cutting table as well as streets and sanitation. We have to maintain our necessities and take a close look at our want list.

Question 3. I do support the hotel project. I believe it is a necessity for Dallas to compete in the convention arena. Revenue bonds are the only way to finance the hotel. We do not want to burden taxpayers. It would be great if the private sector would step up and build the hotel, but they have not chosen to do so, even with incentives. The convention center will continue to be a liability without the hotel.

Question 4. We must do something about our air quality, as well as our mobility problems. There are great people working on this project and I believe with the help of our partners NCTCOG, TxDOT, RTC, NTTA we will find a solution to the road problem. My first concern is safety and flood control, and whatever we need to do to meet that objective is how I will vote.

Question 5. I agree with the very stringent set of rules in our Ethics Code, as well as those from the Texas Ethics Commission. It maybe a matter of enforcement of the rules in place that would raise the level of confidence in the public. Most of us work very hard to follow the rules and ask if we are not sure.

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John Yourse



Question 1. My life has been dedicated to serving our nation and community. During my 23 years of military service and 10 years as a DISD teacher, I have been a courageous, focused and ethical leader. I stood up against administrative malfeasance here and have been dedicated to reform in every role.

Question 2. In order to keep Dallas moving, we must find creative ways to maintain city services and explore alternative ways to generate revenue. For example, training volunteers on Code Compliance issues would help relieve the burden on City Staff, especially if we were able to provide some authority to recommend citations and fines. I would consider sanitation reduction due to recycling programs; looking at city operational efficiencies and making certain we are optimizing park recreation centers.

Question 3. A hotel might be a positive addition downtown, but not with the current funding model. Taxpayers should not bear the burden of insuring the revenue to pay off the bonds on a project bound to cost more than the estimated price tag. Businesses should share both the risks and rewards. It is my understanding that the referendum leaves open the possibility of a public-private partnership, which would be a better method to fund this project.

Question 4. The recent revelation that the geotechnical analysis required hasn't been completed or has resulted in mixed reviews is disturbing. The Army Corps of Engineers tells us that until more is known about the soil beneath the levees, construction is ill advised due to structural issues. In the Mayor's zeal to get this project started, he has decided to spend countless dollars trying to figure out how to force this project to work.

Question 5. Integrity; service before self and excellence must be the standard when one holds a position of responsibility. We deserve leaders who have a vision beyond their next election cycle, but we see daily headlines about poor governance and lack of judgment in the use of public dollars. If the current codes are ignored, it's time to find people with a proven track record of selfless service and a personal code beyond any written public doctrine.

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Your vote is your voice. Be heard.



Dallas City Council - Place 10

Don Sanders



Question 1. BBA degree (accounting) from UT Austin; 33+ years of business experience managing very large budgets and thousands of people; Extensive experience on boards and as a volunteer for various civic, charitable and homeowner organizations; Resident of District 10 about 19 years

Question 2. Reduction of staff in all non critical functions. Shelve new programs. Identify new efficiencies across major areas. Evaluate city staff recommended expense cuts and potential new revenues. Initiate new process to collect past due fees and penalties. Cease spending on all projects not approved by G.O. bonds and reevaluate them. Eliminate wasteful spending. Expedite identified expense reductions and revenue opportunities. Reduce administrative type expenses. Work to avoid cutting police and fire.

Question 3. I am in favor of a convention center hotel but not owned by taxpayers. I favor the city working creatively with private enterprise. Taxpayers should not be subjected to potential risk which a vote of No on proposition 1 would do. Vote Yes. Revenue bonds do not eliminate the city's risk. I am opposed to the city council taking the original position that they did not have to hold a citywide referendum to decide.

Question 4. Significant safety questions arise based on the Corps report. Major repair has to be made to the levees causing very significant unplanned costs. Additionally, NTTA information indicates that sufficient funds will not be available to cover the shortfall of anticipated tollroad revenues. It has become apparent that the Trinity Project as originally approved is much different today and we must act upon it based on what we know today. Move or cancel the tollroad.

Question 5. It is extremely long, cumbersome and convoluted. It has been repeatedly said that the present ethics code cannot be properly enforced. I suggest a task force be created to evaluate known superior ethics codes of other cities, develop a new one, appropriately vet and have the city council decide.

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Jerry Allen

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Question 1. Current Dallas City Councilman, Board Member Dallas Police/Fire Pension Fund, Former member of the DART Board serving as Chair of the Ethics Committee and Vice Chair of Budget/Finance Committee, Former Treasurer of the RISD Tomorrow Foundation, Former President and Treasurer of the Exchange Club of Lake Highlands.

Question 2. I plan to work closely with the City Manager and my colleagues on the City Council to analyze and implement what is best for the residents of Dallas. We will be reviewing additional revenue opportunities that may help offset declining sales tax revenues. Services will be prioritized to ensure those most important to the residents continue to be enhanced.

Question 3. Yes I am in favor of a convention center hotel and I do support the current plan to finance its construction with revenue bonds.

Question 4. I believe we need to take a long hard look at the Corps of Engineers recent findings since they differ greatly from their previous findings.

Question 5. No, we just strengthened the Ethics Code in 2008.

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Dallas City Council - Place 11

Linda Koop - Unopposed

Dallas City Council - Place 12

Ron Natinsky - Unopposed



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Dallas City Council - Place 13

Ann Margolin



Question 1. My 32 years of business and civic experiences make me uniquely qualified for the City Council. I have been a successful entrepreneur, business owner and investor. I have served on the Park Board, Parkland Hospital Board and City Plan Commission as well with the boards of numerous non-profits.

Question 2. I do not favor a property tax increase or cuts in services. At Parkland Hospital we found places to eliminate waste and ways to generate revenue in the face of overwhelming increases in ER, pharmacy, and nursing shortages. I would look at across-the-board cuts of 2-3% in non-public safety areas, decreases in consultant fees, bringing fees to market for commercial users of our landfill, delaying the 2006 bond build-out, selling properties with tax liens.

Question 3. While I would like to see a convention center hotel, I do not favor paying for the construction through taxpayer-backed bonds. This leaves the citizens of Dallas assuming too much risk in an uncertain and declining market. The city could offer an incentive package to make private development more attractive. I've not seen proof that a taxpayer-owned hotel in Dallas will be profitable and able to pay down the revenue bonds.

Question 4. It is the city's obligation to protect downtown, Oak Cliff and West Dallas from a major flood. We cannot allow these areas to suffer a Katrina-like event. We must work with the Army Corps of Engineers to repair our levees as quickly as possible. If engineering for the toll road can be completed in conjunction with plans for levee repairs, I would support that. If not, we must make other plans for the road.

Question 5. In 2000, the Code was strengthened and is now fairly strong. Two areas I would improve: 1) that all positions on the seven-member commission be filled promptly so that quorum is never an issue and 2) that Dallas citizens be made aware that the commission exists to redress their grievances. Above all, I believe we must first appoint and elect those who have demonstrated strong ethics so the Code is rarely needed.

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Brint Ryan



Question 1. As Founder and CEO of North America's largest tax advisory firm, I am the only tax expert in the race for District 13. I have spent 20 years serving as a fiscal watchdog for corporate clients, and I will put those skills to work for Dallas taxpayers and families.

Question 2. When it comes to cutting services, nothing is off limits except public safety. At Ryan, my job is to find inefficiencies in companies' budgets. The same thing can be done for the city. I will make sure citizens benefit from every dollar spent. I will make increasing our City's revenue stream a priority by improving our collection efforts because every dollar we collect in fines is one less tax dollar we need from homeowners.

Question 3. I'm in favor of supporting the convention center investment and revitalizing downtown, but I do not believe that taxpayers should bear a risk that developers are unwilling to bear, and I am fundamentally against the city owning the hotel. One solution I have proposed is to have the city sell the hotel to a private entity for a profit once it is up and running.

Question 4. I support the Trinity River Project wholeheartedly. I think it can be a turning point for our city, but in order to do it right, we must take our time, listen to feedback and recommendations from experts, and work through the details carefully.

Question 5. Our leaders are here to serve taxpayers, not themselves. As a Councilmember, I will work to strengthen the Ethics code and eliminate discretionary funds that allow Councilmember's to fund pet projects or use taxpayer dollars to pay for campaign trinkets. As a CPA, I've followed a strict code of ethics my entire career. As a Councilmember, I will fight for more transparency in government.

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Dallas City Council - Place 14

Angela Hunt - Unopposed

Dallas County School Board Election

Board of Trustees Candidates

Dallas County Schools is an educational agency serving the 14 independent school districts in Dallas County. With an annual budget of \$83 million, the organization operates the school bus system, provides student psychological services, maintains a media library of educational material and offers technological services such as Internet access and support. The Board of Trustees oversees and approves the agency's budget, policy and administration. Members are elected for a term of six years.

Question 1. Please describe your education and professional experience that qualifies you for a position on the Dallas County Schools (DCS) Board of Trustees? (50 word limit)

Question 2. If elected, what improvements would you advocate to increase efficiency and reduce operational costs at DCS? (75 word limit)

Question 3. DCS has a number of services (transportation, technology, psychology, and media) where it provides efficiency through sharing services. Should DCS consider offering other services under a shared agreement? If so, what services? (75 word limit)

Question 4. Many local teachers and librarians are not aware that DCS maintains an extensive media library of instructional materials and a large technology network that are available to local school districts at no charge. What would you do to promote increased awareness of these valuable resources? (75 word limit)

Question 5. The legislature mandated that seat belts be installed in all school buses subject to some funding from the state. To date, the state has not provided any funding. How can this safety measure be implemented? (75 word limit)

Two At-Large School Board Positions -- Vote for None, One or Two

Mary Darby



Question 1. After graduating from Stephen F. Austin, I taught in a prep school, and then taught "high risk" students in Garland and later in Dallas ISD at an inner city school. I now teach general high school subjects to youthful offenders in jail. I am involved in my church and community.

Question 2. Fuel prices are high, so one area to increase efficiency and reduce costs would be alternative fuel sources. DCS should investigate technologies that improve gas mileage. These could be devices to help burn fuel better, or a shorter maintenance interval to reduce fuel costs. Another area which could reduce operational costs is to add more districts to DCS's service territory. By adding additional districts, expenses are shared between more districts and improve DCS's buying power.

Question 3. DCS should offer other services to school districts. Some of these might be helping smaller districts which don't have large sums of money to start new programs. Internet security services, technology consulting, and staff professional development are a few examples. Safety is very important to me, too. If one school district develops a way to keep their students safe, then let's pass that information on to other districts. The resources can be shared.

Question 4. DCS needs to develop a plan to stay in contact with each campus so that administrators and staff are frequently reminded of this valuable service. An in-service PowerPoint presentation should be developed and distributed showing how to download free instructional materials directly by teachers. I would like to see periodic emails sent to schools and educators listing new materials acquired. This is the area where I would like to put my skills to use.

Question 5. I'm happy to see DCS has been proactive ordering seventy school buses equipped with lap-shoulder seat belts even before the law went into effect. I have been very proactive with a number of area state senators and representatives. I would use my access with our representatives to encourage them to provide funding. Student safety is a high priority of mine, so efforts should also be made to seek grants or other outside sources of funding.

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Larry Duncan



Question 1. DCS Trustee since 2003, Board President since 2005; four terms Dallas City Council; President, Dallas Homeowners League 4 terms; Member, National Association of Eagle Scouts; US Army, Vietnam, Bronze Star Medal; Bachelor of Arts, Drake University; Master of Liberal Arts, SMU; 22 years developing computer software.

Question 2. Under my leadership, DCS is reducing skyrocketing fuel costs, dependence on foreign oil and stifling air pollution by converting gasoline engines to natural gas and diesel engines to biodiesel and donated waste vegetable oil. DCS is also extending services to ISD's outside Dallas County and to other government entities, improving their services, reducing their expenses, and

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Larry Duncan, continued

reducing burden on Dallas taxpayers by sharing development costs, economies of scale, etc.

Question 3. Additionally DCS offers teacher recertification courses at no cost to teachers in Dallas County ISD's, a worker's comp network, and emergency evacuations from every hurricane since Rita. Under my leadership, DCS continues increasing and improving services, while reducing costs (see #2). DCS is developing new offerings: biometric time/attendance; RFID student attendance; GPS fleet tracking/routing; digital vehicle/passenger security; monitoring buildings; fleet maintenance; custodial and professional services (accounting, etc.).

Question 4. DCS' outreach program instituted under my leadership has dramatically increased awareness. DCS communicates through ISD's as much as permitted. We communicate directly to educators: mailing through professional organizations; advertizing through professional journals and the internet; and presenting to meetings, seminars and conventions. I personally speak each month at numerous education forums and meetings; professional associations; schools; PTA's; neighborhood, business, and civic groups; both to promote existing services and to learn what other services are needed.

Question 5. NO legislative mandate is in effect for seat belt installation. But our children's safety is my primary concern. Under my leadership, DCS is the only district in Texas requiring seat belts on all new buses and retrofiting our existing fleet; \$750,000 last year, \$500,000 this year and we'll continue until completion. DCS is lobbying legislature to permit school bus stop-arm cameras to ticket drivers that endanger our children, directing fines to speed seat belt retrofit.

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Homer Fincannon - No Response

Cassandra "Cassie" Gandara



Question 1. Practicing attorney; founder and president of LULAC Council #4690, 3 years; Juris Doctor, University of Houston Law Center; Bachelor's of Science, cum laude, University of Texas at Dallas (UTD); Articles Editor, Houston Business and Tax Law Journal; member, Bill of Rights Defense Committee of Greater Dallas.

Question 2. DCS has begun to extend services outside Dallas County, which helps the bottom line for our taxpayers, so I'll work to expand that program as much as possible. I'll work to support DCS' existing policy to reduce air pollution and fuel costs by converting buses to cheaper and more environmentally-friendly fuels. One example is their Fryer Flyer, the green bus that runs on waste vegetable oil.

Question 3. DCS has expanded both the services it offers since the change of leadership on the Board of Trustees in 2005, and I will work to continue that. Hurricane victim evacuation, a workers compensation insurance network, free teacher recertification courses, etc. have all been successful. Improved child security systems (GPS tracking & routing of buses, biometric time & attendance, RFID student attendance, etc.), shared custodial services, and shared professional services are other areas I'll support expanding.

Question 4. I will help expand the existing outreach program, especially through contacting our various ISDs and my colleagues on those other Boards of Trustees to encourage them to have their administrations distribute DCS information and publications more extensively among all their employees and throughout their systems.

Question 5. While our children's safety was at stake, Austin lawmakers dodged their responsibilities and passed words without meaning, legislation without either funding or enforcement - that is not a mandate. DCS, however, has mandated seat belts on all new buses and has provided funding in the last two budget cycles to retrofit the existing fleet to keep our children safe. I'll work with other Trustees to find the funds to complete this process as soon as possible.

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City of Dallas Special Charter Amendments

Proposition 1

"Shall Chapter XI of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended by adding Section 15 to: (1) prohibit the city from, directly or indirectly, using, lending, or transferring city money or property, or lending the city's credit, for the purpose of siting, financing, constructing, acquiring, leasing, or operating a hotel or other lodging facility; (2) prohibit the city from creating, authorizing, or sponsoring any special-purpose governmental entity or any nonprofit corporation (including a local government corporation or a public facility corporation), or authorizing the issuance of bonds, notes, or other debt instruments by such special-purpose governmental entity or nonprofit corporation, for the purpose of siting, financing, constructing, acquiring, leasing, or operating a hotel or other lodging facility; (3) require the city to assume the powers and duties of any existing local government corporation previously created or authorized by the city for the purpose of siting, financing, constructing, acquiring, leasing, or operating a hotel or other lodging facility; (4) require the city to alter the structure, organization, programs, and activities of any existing public facility corporation sponsored by the city and to prohibit such corporation from siting, financing, constructing, acquiring, leasing, or operating a hotel or other lodging facility; and (5) provide certain exceptions?"

Arguments for a YES vote (provided by Citizens Against the Taxpayer-Owned Hotel www.notaxpayerhotel.com):

When no private investor was willing to develop a convention center hotel, the City of Dallas decided taxpayers would own the building and the \$500 million mortgage. The City quickly conducted numerous closed door executive sessions regarding the hotel and launched an effort to begin construction as quickly as possible - without the consent of taxpayers.

More than 60,000 signatures were collected to place Proposition 1 on the May 9th ballot. The proposition narrowly prohibits the City from building a taxpayer-owned hotel, and specifically allows TIF districts and other financial incentives to be offered to developers for the construction of a privately-owned convention center hotel. The City's proposal is to finance the hotel with revenue bonds, and when the revenue is insufficient to pay the mortgage, taxpayers are forced to cover the losses.

Vote **YES** for lower taxes and safer streets - not hotel suites. Vote **YES** on Prop 1.

Arguments for a NO vote (provided by Vote NO Dallas! Campaign www.votenodallas.com):

The Dallas Convention Center is a \$1-billion asset for the City, an economic engine that generates millions of dollars in revenues to help fund roads, public safety and other city services. Dallas needs a Convention Center hotel to compete nationally and draw the largest U.S. conventions.

Without a hotel, the City is losing \$800 million in direct spending and \$3 billion in economic impact. Taxes from convention-center business generate nearly 10% of total sales tax receipts, saving every Dallas homeowner an average of \$1,000 annually! Building the hotel won't affect basic city services like public safety and street repairs since the hotel would be funded using low-interest bonds repaid by revenues from hotel guests. And, the new hotel will create 3,800 jobs.

All the major chambers, 28 hotels, 120 associations/companies and hundreds of business leaders including Ebby Halliday and Roger Staubach support the hotel.

VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 1.

Proposition 2

"Shall Chapter XI of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended by adding Section 16 to: (1) prohibit the city of Dallas (including any special-purpose governmental entity, nonprofit corporation, and any other entity created or controlled by the city) from providing more than a total of \$1,000,000 in financial assistance (including any grant of tax concessions or relief; any authorization of debt or debt instruments; any expenditure of public funds; and any exchange, grant, or below-market sale or lease of city-owned land) to any private development project (the primary purpose of which is to construct or aid in the construction, renovation, repair, alteration, or remodeling of any hotel, convention center, luxury residential condominium, or retail facility, or the infrastructure of any such facility), unless the city gives at least 65 days' public notice (including posting the notice on the city's website for the entire 65-day notice period) before approving the financial assistance and obtains voter approval for the financial assistance at a regular or special election when voter approval is required by a petition that is signed by at least 500 residents of the city and filed with the city secretary within 60 days after the public notice is posted; (2) exempt from the financial assistance restrictions any retail development of less than 50,000 square feet that serves a subsidized residential development; and (3) provide a severability clause?"

Arguments for a YES vote (provided by Dallas Right to Vote Executive Committee www.DallasRightToVote.org):

Proposition 2 is a pro-democracy initiative that allows for greater transparency in the subsidy process, puts more responsibility on elected officials to control wasteful or unnecessary spending, halts government encroachment into private enterprise and allows voters greater oversight of their taxpayer funds:

- If the City of Dallas plans to spend taxpayer funds in excess of one million dollars with private developers, then it must post a 65-day public notice.
- During this time, if 500 Dallas residents object to the large subsidy, then voters would have an opportunity to vote on this proposal during one of the regularly scheduled election dates.
- This amendment would only apply to "discretionary" spending on hotels, luxury condos, malls and convention centers. It would not affect funding for hospitals, public works or infrastructure developments.

Vote YES on Proposition 2 to bring true democratic empowerment home to Dallas taxpayers!

Arguments for a NO vote (provided by Vote NO Dallas! Campaign www.votnodallas.com):

Proposition 2 requires, that with just 500 signatures, the City must get voter approval every time \$1 million or more in financial incentives is offered to private developers of hotels, condominiums and retail facilities.

This over-arching charter amendment will create permanent, devastating change to Dallas' constitution and hamper economic growth, investment and job creation. Home values and tax revenues could decrease, and city services may be reduced.

If approved, Dallas citizens could be going to the polls at least twice a year to vote upon small financial decisions now routinely handled by the City Council many times every year. It will cause costly delays, controversy and frustration for developers, investors and the City. It will be a huge shot in the arm to Irving, Plano, Richardson, Austin, Houston ... because developers WON'T bother to invest in Dallas.

VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 2.