

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

FORT WORTH, TEXAS



This election: Mayor and City Council, Tarrant Regional Water District, School Board, Tarrant County College Board of Trustees

Find your district here: enter the address you used to register to vote.
<http://oneaddress.fortworthtexas.gov/>

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This guide contains any publicly available information about the candidates that was accessible at the time of printing. Additional information may become available as the campaigns progress - if you have any questions or concerns about a candidate's position on an issue you care about, you can always do additional research (a few resources are provided in this guide) or contact a campaign directly! Candidates welcome dialogue with voters and are generally happy to answer your questions.



On write-in candidates: a few races in this election include candidates who have launched “write-in” campaigns. This means that the candidate's name will not appear on the ballot, but the candidate is nevertheless campaigning for voters to vote for them using the write-in option. All ballots contain an option for a voter to write in a candidate of their choice if they do not wish to vote for any of the listed candidates. There are many reasons why candidates launch a write-in campaign - most commonly, it is because they are not eligible to appear on the ballot for procedural reasons, or an outside group is encouraging them to run. You can always reach out to the candidate/campaign directly for more information.

Ways to research candidates:

- Keep an eye on your local news - you may find interviews with candidates, information about issues being debated in the campaign, and advance notice of events like town halls.
- Use the candidate's online presence - we've provided these links whenever they're available. Browse through their website to see what issues they care about, check out their social media profiles, and if they've run for office before, search their name on Ballotpedia.org, a huge database of election information. The city government website, school board website, and/or Board of Elections website for your area should also have some information about candidates and incumbents. If you don't have access to the internet where you reside, your local library or community center can help you out.
- If a candidate has ever served (or is currently serving) in state or federal office, you can access their voting record by searching their name on VoteSmart.org.
- Contact the campaign directly - if a candidate has a website, they will usually have a campaign email address (and sometimes a campaign office phone number) as well. You can ask questions that way, send a message on social media, or attend a campaign event.



MAYOR OF FORT WORTH



The Mayor is a voting member of the City Council, presides over meetings of the City Council, and represents the Council to the public. The Mayor has all the same responsibilities as a Council member, but is also the city's representative to the state and country when necessary. The Mayor is elected for a term of two years. Some of their responsibilities include:

1. Serves as the ceremonial head of the city government;
2. Determines policy in the fields of planning, traffic, law and order, public works, finance, social services, and recreation;
3. Adopts the budget, levy taxes, collect revenues, and make appropriations;
4. Appoints and removes the leaders of many important departments and agencies
5. Responds to the concerns of citizens by appointing special committees to address various issues

You will select one (1) mayoral candidate from the list below. Candidates are listed in order of filing.

BETSY PRICE (Incumbent)

Betsy Price, a Fort Worth native, was elected in 2011 as the 44th mayor of the City of Fort Worth. In 2017, Price was re-elected for her fourth two-year term. Prior to her public service, she was a small business owner and very involved in the Fort Worth community, serving on numerous boards, commissions and professional associations, and as the PTA leader for Paschal High School. She identifies as a “strong conservative” and is a member of the Republican Party.

Her platform has four main priorities:

- Strengthening the workforce and Fort Worth's neighborhoods: support for public education, affordable childcare, good-paying jobs and small business growth, housing solutions, “safe, clean, and healthy neighborhoods”
- Expanding mobility options to promote opportunity and mitigate traffic congestion: safe roads, strong public transit system, accessibility, options for walkers and cyclists
- Reducing the tax burden and improving customer service: reduce budget inefficiencies, cut red tape
- Promoting a healthy, active, and engaged public

Find out more about Betsy:

Campaign website - betsypriceformayor.com

City government website - fortworthtexas.gov/mayor/bio

Facebook - “Betsy Price,” @BetsyPriceFW

Twitter - @MayorBetsyPrice



Instagram - @mayorbetsyprice

JAMES H McBRIDE

No information is available about this candidate at the time this guide was printed. Check your local news sources for updates as the campaign progresses.

DEBORAH PEOPLES

Deborah Peoples is the current chairperson of the Tarrant County Democratic Party, a position she has held since 2013. Before entering public service, she worked as a Vice-President at AT&T for over 30 years. A Texas native, one of her first jobs was at the Fort Worth Human Relations Commission.

In recent public appearances, she has identified the following priorities:

- Repairing trust between residents and the police department after recent controversies
- A commitment to openness, transparency, and accountability in government, especially on public works and infrastructure projects
- Increased cooperation between city government and the schools
- Economic development that benefits all residents
- Shifting the tax burden off residents and supporting small businesses

Find out more about Deborah:

Campaign website - peoples4mayor.com

Facebook - "Deborah Whitlock Peoples," @DeborahPeoplesForMayor

Twitter - @shonadeb

Announcement of write-in candidacy: **MICHAEL HAYNES**



FORT WORTH CITY COUNCIL



City Council members are your voice in local government, and their decisions influence almost every aspect of your public life, such as public transit, infrastructure, local taxes, social services, public schools, and local law enforcement. Here in Fort Worth, each Council member is elected by the people of their district for a term of two years. Some of their responsibilities include:

1. Determine policy in the fields of planning, traffic, law and order, public works, finance, social services, and recreation
2. Adopt the budget, set tax rates, collect revenues, and make appropriations;
3. Appoint and remove the leaders and officials of many departments, agencies and boards in city/town government
4. Passing legislation, or adopting ordinances/resolutions
5. Making land use and zoning decisions

You will select one (1) candidate from your district from the list below. Candidates are listed in order of filing.

DISTRICT 2

Carlos E Flores (Incumbent)

Carlos Flores was first elected to represent District 2 in 2017. He is a third-generation Fort Worth native who works as an aerospace and aeronautics engineer. He recently served as the Chairperson of the City Zoning Commission, and has also served as the President of the Northside Neighborhood Association, among many other commissions, committees, and boards. He has been endorsed by several community activists and neighborhood leaders.

He has identified the following priorities for his campaign:

- Continuing to reduce the tax burden on residents
- Attracting transit-based infrastructure to the district
- Supporting community policing programs
- Street safety improvements
- Supporting housing solutions and combating gentrification

Find out more about Carlos:

Campaign website - carlosfloresdist2fortworth.com

Mr. Flores is running unopposed in this election.



DISTRICT 3

Brian Byrd (Incumbent)

Dr. Brian Byrd was first elected to represent District 3 in 2017. He is a physician with a family practice in Fort Worth, and has also worked as a business executive. He serves as a volunteer pastor in various community ministries.

His campaign has identified the following priorities:

- Conservative budgeting - prioritizing essential services, investing in infrastructure while we have a surplus
- Forming community partnerships, such as with non-profits and religious groups, to address social issues such as abuse trafficking, and literacy rates
- Decreasing the tax burden
- Prudent city planning - healthy growth balanced with providing necessary services
- Pro-business policies
- “Timeless values” - supporting families and children

Find out more about Brian:

Campaign website - vote4byrd.org

Facebook - “Brian Byrd - Fort Worth City Council District 3”

Tanner Smith

Mr. Smith is an engineer. No further information is available about this candidate at the time this guide was printed. Check your local news sources for updates as the campaign progresses.

DISTRICT 4

Cary Moon (Incumbent)

Mr. Moon was first elected to represent District 4 in 2015. He has spent most of his career in the financial industry, as the CEO of Community Bank and the Chief Financial Officer of a medical company, and is currently the owner and President of Moon Financial, Inc. He grew up in nearby Burleson, and graduated from Texas A&M. During his time on City Council, he has served on several boards and commissions related to the city’s tax and financial systems. He is a member of the Republican Party.

His campaign has the following priorities:

- Attracting development to the district
- Increasing efficiency and savings in the city’s budget, and seeking revenue outside of taxation



- Affordable housing initiatives
- Supporting small business
- Advocating for transparency in large development programs, such as Panther Island

Find out more about Cary:

Campaign website - carymoon.com

Facebook - "Cary Moon Fort Worth Council Member," @VoteCaryMoon

Twitter - @CaryMoon_FW

Max J Striker

Mr. Striker is an attorney. In 2017, he was a candidate for District 3 representative. He is also a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1990 to 1994. His campaign priorities are as follows:

- "Maximize the city" - upgrading infrastructure, supporting public schools, pedestrian and cyclist safety, promoting a business-friendly environment
- Focus on character - ensuring new developments add value to communities, promote the city's image, support neighborhood improvements
- Improve public safety - increase communication between the community and the police, enhance police training and staffing, improve outreach, promote 'new ideas' in crime prevention

Find out more about Max:

Ballotpedia candidate profile - https://ballotpedia.org/Max_Striker

DISTRICT 5

Gyna Bivens (Incumbent)

Gyna Bivens was first elected to represent District 5 in 2013. She currently serves as president and executive director of North Texas Leaders and Executives Advocating Diversity (LEAD), a consortium of major employers in North Texas whose chief executive officers seek to increase diversity in their managerial ranks. She began her professional career as a TV news reporter, and had the opportunity to interview every U.S. President beginning with Jimmy Carter. She has volunteered with and served on the boards of many community organizations, many of which are related to transportation, and has received several awards related to business and leadership.

Her campaign has identified the following priorities:

- Continuing to attract development to the district, with a focus on housing growth and restoration
- Eliminating bad zoning practices to attract developers



- Continuing Trinity Lakes development
- Revitalizing the CAVILE community
- Continue to strengthen the community’s relationship with police (hers was the first district to begin listening sessions between officers and residents)

Find out more about Gyna:

Campaign website - gynabivencitycouncil.com

Facebook - “Councilwoman Gyna M Bivens,” @CouncilwomanGynaB

Twitter - @GynaB

Thomas Brown

Thomas Brown is a landscape architect. No further information is available about this candidate at the time this guide was printed. Check your local news sources for updates as the campaign progresses.

Waymond Brown, Sr.

Waymond Brown is a retired resident of District 5. One of the focuses of his campaign is police accountability. No further information is available about this candidate at the time this guide was printed. Check your local news sources for updates as the campaign progresses.

Find out more about Waymond:

Facebook Live interview with the candidate -

<https://www.facebook.com/kerwin.erve/videos/10104213242210696/>

Tammy Pierce

Tammy Pierce is the owner of a marketing and public relations company. A longtime resident of Fort Worth, she is a graduate of Texas Wesleyan University. Her previous professional experience includes working in the IT department of an energy company. She began in public service as a college student working in a public housing community, and she has served as a precinct captain, alternate election judge, and state delegate to a national convention.

Her platform includes the following priorities:

- Job creation - pledges to work towards bringing a major manufacturer to the district to create jobs that will pay above minimum wage. Also believes employment opportunity is key to crime reduction.
- New construction - including grocery stores, commercial development and infrastructure
- Improved public transportation to connect residents to job opportunities
- Flood control and drainage



- Rebuilding trust between police and the community

Find out more about Tammy:

Campaign website - tammypiercedist5.com

Facebook - "Tammy Pierce District 5," @TammyPierceDistrict5

Declaration of write-in candidacy: **Bob Willoughby**

DISTRICT 6

Jungus Jordan (Incumbent)

Jungus Jordan was first elected to represent District 6 in 2005. He is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, and began a second career in business after retiring from the Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel. He has worked as a development officer and financial advisor. He serves on many local and regional boards and commissions. Throughout his tenure on City Council, his main focus has been on streamlining the city's budget and reducing the property tax burden.

He lists the following priorities:

- Continue working to reduce the tax rate and streamline the city's budget
- Improve traffic flow
- Improve neighborhood code enforcement and infrastructure
- Maintain public safety
- Eliminate wasteful spending and increase government accountability

Find out more about Jungus:

Campaign website - jungusjordan.com

Ballotpedia candidate profile - https://ballotpedia.org/Jungus_Jordan

Biography (from city government website) - <http://fortworthtexas.gov/district6/bio/>

Facebook - "Jungus Jordan - Fort Worth City Council District 6," @FortWorthDistrict6

Twitter - @JungusJordan_FW

Daryl R Davis II

Daryl Davis is a pastor an educator. No further information is available about this candidate at the time this guide was printed. Check your local news sources and the candidate's social media account (below) for updates as the campaign progresses.

Twitter - @DarylDavisFW

Roderick "Rod" Smith

Rod Smith is a caseworker and community outreach professional.



His experience includes work at the Red Cross, Mission Granbury, and as a Court-Appointed Advocate of Tarrant County. He previously ran for this seat in 2017.

He is focused on the following issues:

- Homelessness - working to discover the root causes of homelessness and ensuring that agencies serving Fort Worth's homeless population are adequately funded
- Public safety - supporting community policing initiatives to increase community engagement and improve public safety
- Economic development - partnering with neighboring cities to tap into undeveloped areas and bring jobs to the district

Find out more about Rod:

Ballotpedia candidate profile - https://ballotpedia.org/Roderick_Smith

DISTRICT 7

Dennis Shingleton (Incumbent)

Dennis Shingleton was first elected to represent District 7 in 2011, and has served as the Mayor Pro Tem in 2016. He is retired from his position as Senior Associate Dean at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is also a U.S. Army veteran, serving 32 years and retiring as a colonel.

He is focused on the following issues:

- Traffic mobility improvements
- Addressing flooding problems
- Upgrading neighborhood parks and recreational areas
- Constructing new police and fire facilities, and ensuring timely emergency services
- Maintaining low property taxes

Find out more about Dennis:

Facebook - "Dennis Shingleton for City Council"

Ballotpedia candidate profile - https://ballotpedia.org/Dennis_Shingleton

David Hawthorne

No information is available about this candidate at the time this guide was printed. Check your local news sources for updates as the campaign progresses.

Michael Matos

Michael Matos is a sales representative, and previously ran for this seat in 2017. He has lived in Fort Worth for over twenty years and holds a Masters in Mass Communications from Texas Tech University.



His campaign is focused on the following issues:

- Addressing human trafficking and other public safety issues
- Improving infrastructure, traffic, road conditions, and public transportation
- Addressing flooding in the Arlington Heights area
- Continuing to call for transparency in the Panther Island project
- Increased funding for public schools
- Advocating for Fort Worth's Hispanic community

Find out more about Michael:

Campaign website - votematos.com

Facebook - "Michael Matos for City Council," @VoteMatos

Twitter - @VoteMatos

DISTRICT 8

Kelly Allen Gray (Incumbent)

A native of District 8, Kelly Allen Gray was first elected to the Council in 2012. Her focus has been affordable housing, expanding access to first-time buyers and renters, and reducing homelessness. She is a graduate of Polytechnic High School and Texas A&M-Commerce. Before entering public service, she was the Executive Director of the Riverside United Rebuilding Corporation, an organization devoted to assisting homeowners and first-time buyers.

Her campaign is focused on the following priorities:

- Continuing efforts to expand access to affordable housing and reduce homelessness
- Improved city services for the district
- Park and public space renovations for the district
- Increased neighborhood and community participation in government

Find out more about Kelly:

Campaign website - kellyallengraycampaign.com

Facebook - "Kelly Allen Gray - City Council District 8," @KellyAllenGray

Twitter - @KellyAllenGray

Instagram - @kellyallengray

Dr. Brian J Dixon

Dr. Dixon is a psychiatrist and the owner of Progressive Psychiatry, the private practice he founded in Fort Worth. He is also an entrepreneur who has founded several small business and nonprofit initiatives. He has been featured in Fort Worth Magazine's 40 Under 40, and named a Top Doctor by multiple city publications. He is the



author of “Forget Obama, Trump Ignored: Healthcare,” which is focused on solutions for the nation’s healthcare system that lower costs and appeal across party lines.

His campaign is focused on the following priorities:

- Socially-conscious development for the district, including the Mindful complex in Glenwood Park (billed as “the nation’s first mental health business park”)
- Programs supporting waste reduction and healthy eating, such as a composting pilot program
- Increased transparency in city government, coupled with civic engagement efforts
- Turning Fort Worth into a leader in mental health care, advocacy, and policy
- Leading the conversation on health and education finance reform and income inequality

Find out more about Brian:

Campaign website - dixonftw.com

Personal/business website - drbriandixon.com

Facebook - “Brian J. Dixon MD,” @brianjdixon.md

Twitter - @DrDixonFtW

Kevin “KL” Johnson

Kevin Johnson is a minister and social worker. He previously ran for this seat in 2017. At the time of the 2017 election, he was the owner of the family advocacy organization Unite With Us Not Against Us.

His campaign is focused on the following priorities:

- Increased development in the district
- Accountability for the city’s police force and increased transparency
- More technology in the city’s libraries
- Increased support for the school district - higher funding and a larger role for the Council in decision-making

Find out more about Kevin:

Interview from his 2017 campaign - <https://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/community/fort-worth/article141838449.html>

Chris Nettles

Chris Nettles is a minister. He previously ran for Mayor in 2017. At the time of his 2017 campaign, he was an administrative clerk for Tarrant County, and also operated a childcare center and afterschool program. He studied at Dallas Baptist University.

No information is available about his 2019 campaign priorities. His 2017 mayoral campaign focused on the following priorities:



- Equal access to education for all students, especially for early childhood/Headstart programs
- Addressing homelessness
- Fiscal responsibility and supporting small business
- Improved public transportation
- Public safety and quality of life - supporting health and wellness programs, maintaining and enhancing parks and recreational areas, forming a Citizens Review Board to increase accountability for the police department
- Increased transparency in government

Find out more about Chris:

Ballotpedia candidate profile - https://ballotpedia.org/Chris_Nettles

DISTRICT 9

Ann Zadeh (Incumbent)

Ann Zadeh was first elected to represent District 9 in 2014. She works as a city planning consultant. Before serving on the Council, she was active in the Bluebonnet Hills neighborhood association (where she has lived for almost 30 years), and served on the city's Zoning Commission, as well as several other development and planning commissions.

Her campaign is focused on the following priorities:

- Protect, improve and maintain strong neighborhoods
- Promoting active resident involvement in all aspects of public life
- Encourage public input, and thoughtful responses from government
- Assist residents in learning about and accessing services and opportunities

Find out more about Ann:

Campaign website - annzadeh.com

Facebook - "Ann Zadeh- City Council District 9," [@annzadehcampaign](https://www.facebook.com/annzadehcampaign)

Twitter - [@AnnZadeh](https://twitter.com/AnnZadeh)

LinkedIn profile - <https://www.linkedin.com/in/ann-zadeh-3541859/v>



TARRANT COUNTY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT (TRWD)



The TRWD is responsible for maintaining the safety and cleanliness standards in the water supply, planning and implementing flood protection measures, and providing recreation opportunities. The TRWD board has five (5) members, each serving a 4-year term. This year, two seats are up for election. Both seats are at-large, meaning the top two vote-getters in the election will win the seats.

MAJOR ISSUE: The primary issue in this election is the Panther Island project. The project's management was called into question after it failed to secure a federal appropriation needed to complete it for three years in a row. A comprehensive review will be launched soon.

Candidates are listed below. Visit the Board's Election website for further information, and reach out directly if you have any questions about issues you care about. You will only be eligible to vote in this race if you reside in a taxable district - you can find that information at this website as well.

<https://www.trwd.com/about-trwd/trwd-board/board-election/>

You will select two (2) candidates if you live in a taxable district from the list below. Candidates are listed in order of filing.

- **Mary Kelleher**, former board member 2013-2017
- **Jim Lane** (Incumbent - Board Director, first elected in 2006)
- **Martha "Marty" Leonard** (Incumbent - Board Vice President, first elected in 2006)
- **Gary Moates**, Attorney
- **Charles "CB" Team**, Real Estate Broker



FORT WORTH SCHOOL BOARD



Texas Independent School Boards are elected bodies that adopts policy for the daily operation of schools and sees that school laws are properly explained, enforced and observed. The City is divided into voting districts, and School Board Members are elected from each district. Each member is elected to a 4-year term, and the posts are unpaid, which ensures candidates are committed to the job. The School Board has important responsibilities that impact students, teachers, and parents, such as:

1. to govern and oversee the management of the school district
2. to levy and collect taxes
3. to set the policies for the FWISD
4. to develop and improve the educational system
5. to secure adequate financing
6. to select the superintendent of schools
7. to foster good community relations

This year, Districts 2, 3, 5, and 6 are up for election. Candidates by district are listed below, with links for further research if the candidate has a website or social media presence. More information about candidates will become available as the campaign progresses. For information about incumbents and how to contact the Board with your questions, check out the ISD website below. You will only be eligible to vote in this race if you live in District 2, 3, 5 or 6 - you can find that information at the ISD website as well.

<https://www.fwisd.org/domain/148>

You will select one (1) candidate if you live in District 2, 3, 5, or 6 from the list below. Candidates are listed in order of filing.

DISTRICT 2

Tobi Jackson (Incumbent, Board President)
Board member profile - <https://www.fwisd.org/Page/355>

Chad E McCarty

DISTRICT 3

Cleveland Harris

Quinton “Q” Phillips
Facebook - “Quinton ‘Q’ Phillips for FWISD,” @Q4FWISD



DISTRICT 5

Carin “CJ” Evans

Campaign website - cjevansforfwisd.com

Facebook - “CJ Evans for FWISD”

Carla Morton

Campaign website - votemortontx.com

Facebook - “Dr. Carla Morton for Fort Worth ISD School Board,” @VoteMortonTX

DISTRICT 6

Ann Darr

Campaign website - darrforschools.godaddysites.com

Facebook - “Ann Darr for Fort Worth School Board,” @DarrforFWISD

Endorsement from retiring board member Ann Sutherland - <http://www.sutherlandforschools.org/Blog.html?entry=anne-darr-for-school-board>

Linda Saucedo

Sandra A Shelton

Facebook - “Elect Sandra Shelton for Better Schools - FWISD District 6,”

@electSandraShelton

TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



The Board of Trustees is the governing body for Tarrant County College. It is comprised of 7 members who are elected by the voters of Tarrant County. It provides final approval for District policies, budget, faculty and staff appointments, construction, and for all other matters of District development and operation. It also has the power to levy taxes for the construction of physical facilities and for District operation within the authority granted to it by state law and the voters of the District. Each member is elected for a 6-year term.

This year, seats representing Districts 6 and 7 are up for election. You will only be eligible to vote in this race if you live in one of these districts. Candidates by district are listed below, with links for further research if the candidate has a website or social media presence. More information about candidates will become available as the campaign progresses. For information about incumbents and how to contact the Board with your questions, check out the Board website below.

<https://www.tccd.edu/about/administration/board-of-trustees/members-of-the-board/>

You will select one (1) candidate if you live in District 6 or 7 from the list below. Candidates are listed in order of filing.

DISTRICT 6

Gwendolyn Morrison, PhD - Incumbent, serving since 1976

Dr. Morrison is running unopposed.

DISTRICT 7

Kenneth Barr

Hunter Crow

Previously a candidate for Arlington ISD

Facebook - "Hunter Crow for Tarrant County College District # 7 Board Trustee,"

@voteHuntermcrow2019

