

# WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?



## PLANO, TEXAS



This election: City Council, School Board, Collin County Community College Board of Trustees

Find your district here: find your residence on the map.

<https://www.plano.gov/DocumentCenter/View/426/Council-District-Map?bidId=>

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This guide contains a list of all candidates who qualified for the ballot as of February 15th (the filing deadline), and any links to their online presence that are available at the time of printing, so you can find out more information if you like. 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.



#### 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.



# PLANO CITY COUNCIL



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. In Irving, Council members (including the Mayor) are elected for four-year terms and are limited to no more than two consecutive terms. All members are elected at-large, meaning they serve the entire city and the entire city may vote for their preferred candidate in each place. Only places 1 through 4 must reside in their respective districts in order to run. Some of their responsibilities include:

1. Determine policy in the fields of planning, traffic, 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

This year, places 1, 3, 5, and 7 are up for election. If you are registered to vote in Plano, you may vote for your preferred candidate in all races.

You will select one (1) candidate for each place. All candidates are listed in order of filing.

## PLACE 1

**Daniel Long**

**Maria Tu**

Facebook: “Maria Tu For Plano, Place #1,” @mtuforplano

**Bill Lisle III**

Previously ran for Mayor in 2017.

## PLACE 3

**Colleen Aguilar-Epstein**

**Rick Grady** - Incumbent, elected 2015

Council member profile on city government website:



<https://plano.gov/2219/Council-Member-Rick-Grady>  
Campaign website: [gradyforplano.com](http://gradyforplano.com)  
Facebook: "Grady for Plano"  
Twitter: @RickGrady

## **PLACE 5**

### **Byron Abraham Bradford**

Previously ran for Collin County Commissioners Court in 2018.  
Collin County Democrats Candidate Profile (scroll down to 'County Commissioner Pct. 4):  
<https://www.collindemocrats.org/our-candidates/>  
Facebook: "Bradford4Plano"  
Twitter: @CountyCollin

### **Ron Kelley** - Incumbent, Mayor Pro Tem, elected 2015

Council member profile on city government website: <https://plano.gov/2220/Mayor-Pro-Tem-Ron-Kelley>  
Campaign website: [ronkelley.org](http://ronkelley.org)  
Facebook: "Ron Kelley for Plano City Council Place 5," @ronkellyforplano  
Twitter: @ronkelley4Plano

### **Shelby Williams**

Facebook: "Shelby for Plano"  
Twitter: @ShelbyForPlano

## **PLACE 7**

### **Lily Bao**

Previously ran for Mayor in 2017.  
Campaign website: [lily4plano.org](http://lily4plano.org)  
Facebook: "Lily For Plano City Council Place 7," @lilyforplano  
Twitter: @lilyforplano

### **Ann Bacchus**

Previously ran for Place 2 in 2017.  
Campaign website: [annforplano.com](http://annforplano.com)  
Facebook: "Ann Bacchus For Plano City Council, Place 7," @AnnforPlano  
Twitter: @Ann4Plano

### **LaShon Ross**

Facebook: "LaShon Ross for Plano City Council, Place 7," @rossforcouncil



# PLANO SCHOOL BOARDS



School boards are elected bodies that adopt 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 four-year term, and the posts are unpaid, which ensures candidates are committed to the job. While candidates run for specific places, each represents the Plano Independent School District at-large. The School Board makes important decisions that impact students, teachers, and parents, such as:

1. Hires and/or fires the superintendent;
2. Develops and adopts policies, curriculum, and the district budget;
3. Approves contracts for teachers and outside vendors;
4. Establishes a vision and strategic plan for the school district;
5. Expands the district or decide to close schools;
6. Approving a budget for the school district;
7. Approving the annual school calendar and school operating times; and
8. Determining school boundaries.

This year, Places 4, 5, 6 (unexpired term) and 7 are up for election. All voters may vote for their preferred candidate in all races. All candidates are listed in order of filing.

## PLACE 4

### Heather Wang

Facebook: "Heather4PISD"

### Katherine Chan Goodwin

Facebook: "Katherine Chan Goodwin for Plano ISD 4," @GoodwinForPISD4

### Lisa Kolodny

Facebook: "Lisa Kolodny for Place 4 Plano ISD School Board," @lisakolodnyfor-pisd

## PLACE 5

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**David Stolle** - Incumbent, elected 2011

Board member profile: <https://www.pisd.edu/Page/1506>

## **PLACE 6**

**Greyson M Dunn**

**Jeri Chambers** - Incumbent, appointed to fill unexpired term in 2018

Board member profile: <https://www.pisd.edu/Page/16802>

Facebook: "Jeri 4 Plano ISD," @jeri4planoisd

**Stephen Fioritto**

## **PLACE 7**

**Dylan Rafaty**

Campaign website: [voterafaty.org](http://voterafaty.org)

Facebook: "Dylan Rafaty For Plano ISD," @VoteRafaty

**Khalid Ishaq**

Facebook: "Khalid Ishaq for Plano ISD Place 7," @KhalidForPISD

**Cody Weaver**

Campaign website: [weaver4pisd.com](http://weaver4pisd.com)

Facebook: "Cody Weaver For Plano ISD," @WEAVER4PISD



# **COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



Parts of Plano are located in Collin County. Depending on your residential address, this election may appear on your ballot.

Collin College is led by a nine-member, elected Board of Trustees along with the district president. Members are elected by the voters of Collin County for a term of six years. 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.

This year, Places 2, 4, 5, and 6 are up for election. Place 2 is up for a special election to fill four years of an unexpired term; all others are up for regular six-year terms. All candidates are listed in order of filing.

To find out more about incumbent Board Members, go here:  
<https://www.collin.edu/leadership/meettheboard.html>

Other resources:

Candidate filing information - [://www.collin.edu/leadership/2019candidates.html](https://www.collin.edu/leadership/2019candidates.html)

Information on all Collin County local elections, including candidate profiles (coming soon) - [CollinCountyVotes.com](http://CollinCountyVotes.com)

## **PLACE 2**

### **Jay Saad**

Campaign website - [ElectJaySaad.com](http://ElectJaySaad.com)

Facebook - “Jay Saad for Collin College Trustee”

Jay Saad is running unopposed in this election.

## **PLACE 4**

### **Buzz Kolbe**

No public online presence. Check the above resources and your local news for more information.



## **Greg Gomel**

Campaign website - [collincollegetrustee.com](http://collincollegetrustee.com)

Twitter - @ggomel

### **PLACE 5**

**Dr. Raj Menon** - Incumbent, Treasurer of the Board, elected 2017

Campaign website - [rajmenon.com](http://rajmenon.com)

Facebook - "Dr. Raj Menon - Collin College Trustee," @CollinTrusteeRajMenon

Twitter - @Raj\_Menon

Raj Menon is running unopposed in this election.

### **PLACE 6**

## **Stacy Anne Arias**

Facebook - "Stacy Anne Arias For Collin College Board of Trustees," @Stacy-Arias4CollinTrustee

Twitter - @arias\_anne

## **Tim Chappell**

No public online presence. Check the above resources and your local news for more information.