



**Online VOTERS GUIDE responses for the
May 9, 2015, City of Richardson Mayoral and City Council election:**

*Biographies and question responses were supplied by the candidates.
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Place 3, ballot position 1: Scott Dunn

BIOGRAPHY: (175 word maximum)

Born the fourth of five children of a civil servant and career US Marine, Scott lived in California and North Carolina until his father retired to his state of Louisiana. He met his wife of 30 years in Calculus at LSU-Alexandria. They both went to LSU in Baton Rouge majoring in Computer Science until Lisa graduated in 1986 and took a job at E-Systems (now Raytheon) in Garland, Tx. Scott finished his degree at Amberton University in 1988.

Scott and Lisa raised their three children in Richardson. They moved to Tulane Drive in 1988 on the east side of Richardson when their eldest was just one month old and lived there for 10 years. The have lived on Waterview Drive on the West side of Richardson since 1998.

Scott's career started in the IT department at JC Penney in 1987. In 1999 he took a position at ACS, Inc. (now Xerox) and is currently a service delivery manager in IT Services. In 2011 he was elected to his first term on the Richardson City Council.

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Length of residency in Richardson: Richardson resident since 1988 (27 years)

- 2. **Why do you want to be a Richardson City Council member?**
Having served on City Council for the past four years, I believe there still more that needs to be done. We have rezoned several areas within the City with a goal to reenergize these areas for redevelopment and there are a few more areas still needing attention.

We currently have several initiatives that will span the new council term. A couple of the initiatives are reviewing the City Charter and formulating a Bond package. Both of these items will be presented to the Council for our consideration to let the voters decide in a November 2015 election.

I would like to use my experience to make sure these and other projects are completed.



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Questionnaire for Online VOTERS GUIDE (continued)

3. How many Richardson City Council board meetings have you attended?

Since 2009 (two years before getting elected to CoR Council) and since being elected to CoR Council, I have attending hundreds of Council meetings. I have only missed a few meetings due to family matters.

4. What other offices have you run for? When?

I ran and was elected in 2011 and currently serve on Richardson City Council Place 3

5. Have you served on any city boards or commissions? If so, which ones and when?

I have served as the Council liaison to the Animal Service Advisory Board since 2011. I have also served on the Retail, Education and Audit Committees while on Council.

6. What other civic responsibilities have you undertaken? Give specific examples of your civic involvement.

I was a charter member of Duck Creek HOA when we lived on the east side of Richardson and a founding member of Waterview Preservation Association now that we live on the west side of Richardson. I have served in several offices on the Waterview Preservation Association board.

My wife and I are active in the Richardson Symphony League. I've coached baseball and basketball through the YMCA and RSA. I have been a leader in Boy Scouts and YMCA Guides and Princesses and have been active in Arapaho, Richardson West and RHS PTAs. As the children moved into high school, I became active at Richardson High School, serving as Bald Eagle Leader on the RHS Eaglette Booster Club Board. My wife and I earned Golden Eagle Volunteer Awards from RHS PTA. I continue to serve as course chairman for the RHS/PHS Excellence in Education Annual 5K race.

7. Outside of regularly scheduled meetings and work sessions, how many hours per month do you think a Richardson City Council member should commit to the job?

Fifty to sixty hours and sometime more

8. What organizations do you belong to?

Currently, I am a member of the LSU Alumni Association, CoR Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, Leadership Richardson Alumni Association, Methodist Richardson Medical Foundation Board, Richardson East Rotary Club, Richardson Republican Women's Club, Dallas County North Republican Club and St. Paul Men's Club. In the recent past, I have been an active PTA member, Boy Scout Troop 728 leader, Knights of Columbus, and a member of COMMON, an IBM Mid-Range support group.



9. Is the City of Richardson getting value for inclusion in Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)? What changes, if any, are needed to get more value?

Yes, Richardson is getting great value out of DART. We have four DART stations in Richardson. DART's Redline is a major reason for State Farm to build one of its regional hubs at City Line.

We need to continue to look for ways to get the Cotton Belt line built before DART's projected plan of 2030. An east / west route will help move workers and residents into and out of Richardson and may help reduce some of the traffic on our streets.

10. The City Council has adopted Reinvestment Strategies for both the West Spring Valley Corridor and the Main Street/Central Expressway Enhancement/Redevelopment. What changes, if any, would you make to these strategies?

A lot of work was put into the plan by the stakeholders (city staff, the council, residents and business and property owners). So, at this time I do not believe there are any changes needed.

11. What changes, if any, would you make to the 2009 Comprehensive Plan?

The 2009 Comprehensive Plan has been a good plan to set the direction of Richardson's future. As the years go by there may be a need to make minor adjustments to the plan, but at this time I do not believe there is a need.

12. Is the city doing enough to attract businesses to the city? Why or why not? Should the city focus on attracting particular types of businesses? Why or why not?

I feel the City along with the Richardson Economic Development Partnership has done an excellent job working together to bring quality businesses to Richardson. We can never rest on our success as other states and cities are attempting to lure our businesses to their cities. The City and its partnerships have done a brilliant job to diversify the type of businesses to help when the economy has its next downturn.

13. With more congestion at the Campbell Road/Central Expressway intersection, do you support reexamining plans for an underpass at that location? Why or why not?

I am always open to reexamining the streets in Richardson to help traffic progress through our city, but since TxDOT is reevaluating US75 and other major thoroughfares in North Texas, I would delay spending tax dollars until that study is complete.



14. How can the city take advantage of the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) as a resource?

University of Texas at Dallas "IN RICHARDSON" as we like to refer to it as is a major asset for Richardson in so many ways. First, it is a major employer in Richardson. Second, UTD produces an educated workforce for other quality employers in and around Richardson. Third, UTD has created an atmosphere for technical incubators to start high tech research businesses within Richardson. Fourth, UTD and Richardson have partnered to promote the Arts. We will continue to look for ways to take advantage of what UTD in Richardson has to offer.

15. As a member of City Council, what would you do to increase services (e.g., grocery stores, recreation centers, etc.) to Northeast Richardson (including the panhandle)?

Serving on the Retail Committee we work to make sure all areas of Richardson have some basic services. Several new restaurants have opened on East Renner. As for a Rec Center we have looked at ways and will continue to review options to get something built in the panhandle.

16. The City of Richardson earned Platinum status in the State Comptroller's Leadership Circle Awards for financial transparency. Can too much transparency be harmful to local government?

The City excels at transparency as evidenced by the award above. Citizens have every right to know what is happening at City Hall. Too much transparency can be harmful when common sense is not used and when resources are wasted with excessive FOIA requests.

17. Do Richardson and North Texas benefit from regional cooperation among cities? Should this cooperation be expanded? Why or why not?

Yes, regional cooperation is extremely important. Richardson is not its own island; we are part of a much larger region working to solve and plan for regional issues like transportation and water conservation. It takes major teamwork working with all the regional cities and organizations. While Richardson has a very active role in most of these regional alliances/coalitions, I would like to see our leadership increase.

18. Are there any issues concerning Richardson that the current City Council has been reluctant to address publicly? If so, what are they and how do you think they should be addressed?

There are no issues the City Council is not willing to address.



19. Is the current charter review process meaningful and comprehensive? Does it ensure that we are moving into the future with the best government for the City of Richardson?

Yes, the current charter review is meaningful. The commission will be clearing up the conflicts between it and the State Constitution. It will also be cleaning up a few discrepancies created in the last change.

20. More and more people who do not live here are commuting to work through the Richardson city limits. What steps does the City Council need to take to balance the needs of commuters with the comfort and safety of residents?

The City has done a good job working with TxDOT and other transportation groups to help increase the safety and comfort for Richardson residents with the acceleration and deceleration lanes on major streets. We have added additional turning lanes to help the traffic move. We will continue to work with these groups to study, to manage and to develop the transportation needs.