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District 2, Ballot Position 1: Eron Linn



Eron Linn is a long-time Richardson resident and homeowner, living in the Yale Park neighborhood since 2007. He and his wife, Alyson, have three children who attend RISD schools. Before being elected in 2015 and 2016 as a Trustee for RISD, Linn served his community through his appointments to several leadership and civic boards including the Zoning Board of Adjustment, City Planning Commission, Richardson Chamber of Commerce Advisory Board. He also served two years on the Board of Directors for the Richardson YMCA. Linn is a graduate of Inside RISD (2011) and Leadership Richardson (Class XXVII). Linn serves as a Youth Sports Coach at the Richardson YMCA. The Linn's attend First United Methodist Church of Richardson. Linn graduated from Naaman Forest High School in 1993. Mr. Linn attended Richland College and transferred to Texas Tech University where he graduated in 1998 with a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science. Linn is an Eagle Scout, alumnus of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity and a member of the Richardson Masonic Lodge.

District 2, Ballot Position 2: Vanessa Pacheco



Vanessa Pacheco grew up in the bi-national community of El Paso, TX & is a proud student of public-school education. She was taught that no industry/field of study is out of reach, tolerance, and diplomacy at an early age. She earned a global leadership MBA from the UT Dallas, received scholar with distinction award & was inducted to the PKP honor society. She has an undergraduate in management information systems from DBU. Vanessa worked two jobs during undergrad & fulltime during her graduate studies (plus kids and husband). Vanessa understands what it takes to make dreams into realities. It has not been an easy path, but it has been rewarding. Vanessa is a passionate, firm believer that education improves our socio-economic condition, increasing with each generation. Her experience as a professional translator has allowed her to have a unique understanding of the needs of language learners. With fiscal responsibility, transparency & engaging our community; we can prepare our students with a 360 approach to support and uplift them.

Moderator: Steve Mitchell (No character limit)



Steve Mitchell has served on the Richardson City Council since 2005 and was re-elected in May 2019 to a final two-year term. He served as mayor during the 2007-09 term. Prior to his City Council tenure, Mr. Mitchell served on the City Plan Commission for four years and on the Sign Control Board for ten years.

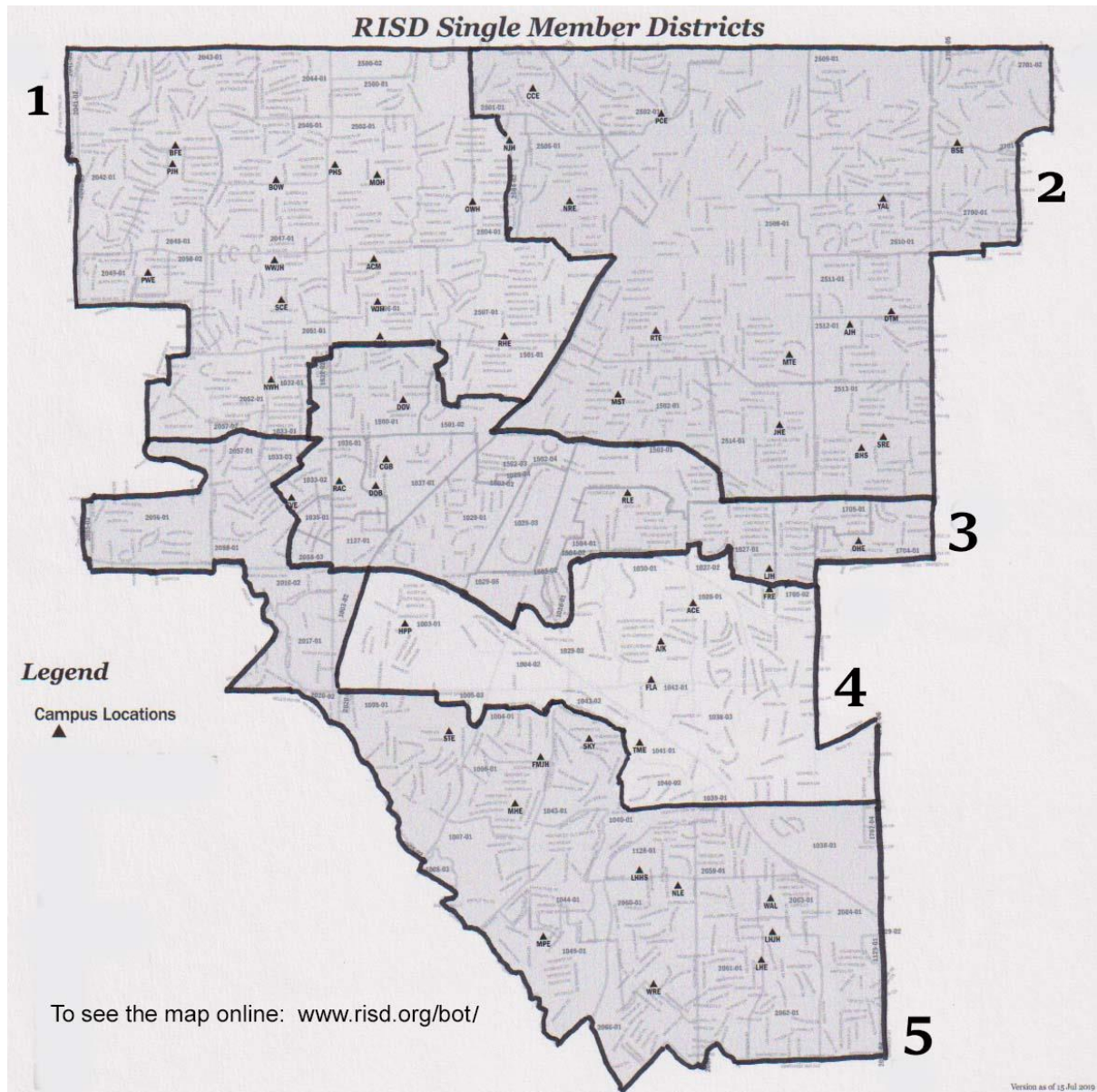
Mr. Mitchell has served as the Richardson representative and chair of the DRMC, the Richardson/Addison representative on the RTC, and as a Metroplex Mayors Association member. He was a gubernatorial appointee to the UNT System Board of Regents and the Commission on State Emergency Communications. Mr. Mitchell is a graduate of Leadership North Texas, InsideRISD, Leadership Richardson, Citizen Police Academy, and Citizen Fire Academy. He has been a member of Richardson Rotary Club, where he served in a number of leadership roles.

Mr. Mitchell works as a senior tax project manager for a multinational mass media and information company. His wife, Karen, is a nurse at a major medical center in Dallas. They are the parents of two boys and three girls.

Why is the Richardson ISD Board of Trustees Election in November?

On February 11, 2019, a U.S. District Court granted the Richardson ISD permission to postpone its 2019 Board of Trustees Election, scheduled for May 4, 2019, until the November 5, 2019, General Election. This gave the board time to complete a transition from the former system of electing all seven trustees at large to a 5-2 system: 5 single-member districts and 2 at-large districts

Newly-created single-member Districts 2, 4, and 5 will be on the ballot on November 5th. This means that only voters who live in each district may vote for the trustee who will represent them. Tonight's forum is for newly-created District 2. Last night was a forum for newly-created District 4. Karen Clardy, incumbent, is running unopposed in newly-created District 5.



Duties of a Richardson ISD Trustee

The Board of Trustees members serve 3-year staggered terms without compensation. The Board has the executive power and duty to govern and oversee the management of RISD. Some of the Board's general responsibilities include:

- Setting district policies and supporting administrators and teachers in the execution of those policies
- Employing and evaluating the superintendent
- Adopting the annual budget
- Levying/collecting taxes and issuing bonds
- Performing specific duties imposed by the state