



2019 Richardson Mayor (Place 7) and Places 1-6 City Council Candidates – Biographies of Candidates

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Place 7 (Mayor): Paul Voelker

Born, Ottumwa Iowa 1958. My wife, Kris and I attended William Penn University. We moved to the Dallas area where I began my career in Richardson in 1983. We have owned homes in Richardson for nearly thirty years. Kris and I have one son, Ryan. An accomplished sales and marketing executive with over 30 years of experience working with high tech companies from around the world like Hewlett-Packard Co., Ericsson Inc. and G2G3 Inc., a Capita plc Company. I am currently an independent business consultant helping companies achieve better business outcomes.

Elected to City Council in 2013, assumed the role of Mayor in 2015 and elected Mayor in 2017. I represent the city on the executive board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.



Place 1: Bob Dubey

Councilman Bob Dubey has served as the Chairman of the Charter Review Commission and Parks Board Chair. Bob has lived and worked in Richardson over 55 years, He is a Graduate of RISD and worked for RISD for 40 years. Bob was a teacher, coach, and the district's Athletic Director. Bob also served as District UIL Chairman, Regional Director for THSADA and President of THSADA. Awards are many: Health Teacher of the Year, NIAAA State Award of Merit, Metroplex Coach of the Year, Dallas Cowboys High School Coach of the Week, NFF Gridiron Club AD of the Year, THSADA AD of the Year, THSADA Hall of Honor induction. Graduate of Southern Arkansas University and Leadership Richardson. He and his wife, Tammy, have two children and three grandchildren.



Place 1: Jason Clarke

Jason has over a decade for foreign affairs experience as the director of Seek The Peace, a refugee advocacy organization. He also currently works with multiple countries and organizations on strategy while also representing several organizations at the United Nations. He has lived in Europe and China, and worked for extended periods of time in the Middle East. He has helped community leaders in advocacy and peacemaking while working closely with U.S. and Texas Members of Congress on refugee policy and strategy. Jason studied for an M.A. in International Affairs from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and a B.A. in Law and Society from Penn State University.



Place 2: Mark Solomon

I was elected to Council in 2009. I was on Parks and Recreation Commission for 6 years. I have served as president of the Berkner booster club and PTA, I have an honorary lifetime membership in the Texas PTA. I have BA from Southeastern Louisiana University, MEd from the University of Southern Mississippi. Lynn and I have 2 children and 6 grandchildren. I own Assurnet Insurance Agency. I am a member of PIA of Texas, Texas Association of Business and current member of the Texas Insurance Professional Services. I serve on the of the Governing Committee of the Texas Fair Plan Association. I belong to the Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society, Richardson Kiwanis Club and Yale Park HOA., the Chamber of Commerce and First United Methodist Church.



Place 3: Franklin Byrd

Franklin is a 30-year finance and accounting professional who currently works as the Chief Financial Officer for a manufacturing company. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and has bachelor's degrees from Texas A&M in Accounting and Finance and has an MBA. Franklin grew up in Richardson, married his high school sweetheart and they choose to raise their family in Richardson. Franklin has lived in Richardson Place 3 for almost 40 years.

Franklin has been active in the Richardson community for over 20 years and currently serves as the president of his neighborhood association and as a board member of the Richardson YMCA. What differentiates Franklin from the other candidates running is his deep finance and analysis skillset.



Place 3: Dan Barrios

Dan Barrios has served Richardson and North Texas through multiple leadership and volunteer positions, including Richardson YMCA Board, ACM PTA Board, and in a national leadership position with the American Red Cross. Dan works as a business development professional, representing national brands and managing accounts at regional and national retailers. Dan brings his business experience and heart of service to this campaign, with strong ideas on how to continue Richardson's economic growth, while assuring that we prioritize the interests of citizens and small business. Dan lives with his wife, Erin, and son, Leo, in Cottonwood Heights.



Place 3: Janet DePuy

Janet has loved Richardson for 30 years. She has worked to make Richardson better for 15 years including serving for 10 years as President of the Heights Park N.A. During her time on the HPNA board, she forged close relationships with surrounding neighborhoods and these neighborhoods now work effectively together. She served on the City Plan Commission for 10 years, presiding as vice chair in 2018. Through this appointment, she learned about proper land use, development and redevelopment. She's an alumna of Leadership Richardson, and she also serves on the Board of the Arts Incubator of Richardson (A.I.R). She was named a Richardson Real Hero in 2018 for her volunteerism. She is currently participating in the Citizen's Police Academy.



Place 4: Raymond De Guzman, Sr.

I am an immigrant from the Philippines. I have lived in Richardson for 30 years. I am a big supporter of giving back to the community. I am the Vice President of Richardson AnimaLuv, a non-profit organization that helps fund the Richardson Animal Shelter. I operate a small pet business in Richardson. I've heard from a lot of people that they want a diverse city council that reflects the races and ethnicities of the people. I am here to offer that diversity.





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Place 4: Johnny Lanzillo



Johnny Lanzillo's family has roots in Richardson that date back to the 1950s. During his final year of law school, Johnny decided that Richardson is where he wanted to be. It is where he and his wife, Holly, are raising their son, JJ. Johnny is the managing partner of his law firm and a criminal defense attorney. In addition to hired cases, he also provides indigent representation to accused citizens in Dallas County. In 2018, Johnny was a judicial candidate who was deemed qualified by the Committee for a Qualified Judiciary. As the only attorney running for city council, he brings a unique skill set that no other candidate has. Johnny is running to serve his community and represent each and every citizen of Richardson.

Place 4: Kyle Kepner



I was born and raised in Richardson and have called it home for the better part of 49 years. I have been married to my wonderful wife Jazz for almost 14 years and have two amazing children, Kole (12) and Kendall Grace (9). They attend the same schools I went to as a child. I am the only person running in place 4 who has created a thriving brick and mortar business in Richardson. I am very proud of the city that Richardson has become. We are a shining star among all the cities in the USA. I want to help Richardson continue on the path of fiscal responsibility and economic growth. As your councilperson I want to be the champion for new and existing small businesses, helping anyone looking to start or grow a business in our great city.

Place 5: Mauri Long



Before moving to Richardson, Mauri Long was a civic lobbyist and advocate for the Brady Campaign in Austin, Washington and Dallas. She moved to Richardson 17 years ago and became involved with the RISD schools through activities of her 4 children. She was a Crime Watch Chairperson for the WT White area for 7 yrs. and worked closely with the Dallas Police Department in crime reduction and grant funding. Mauri strongly believes that we all must work within our communities to create an atmosphere that benefits all its citizens as well as the business community. Her mission is to represent the majority of citizens in Richardson that have not had a voice on the Council and help to create a more transparent government.

Place 5: Ken Hutchenrider



Ken Hutchenrider is President of Methodist Richardson Medical Center with 30 years of executive experience and results in a transparent and ethical fashion. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Texas A&M University, a Masters of Healthcare Administration from the University of Houston, Clear Lake. Ken served as the Chairman of the Richardson Chamber of Commerce, City of Richardson TIF Board and President of the Plano Independent School District Foundation and RISD Health Science Advisory Council, Regent for the American College of Healthcare Executives, Chairman of Saint Joseph Catholic Church Pastoral Council and Ushers. Ken and his wife Melinda have been married for 26 years and have two daughters, 19 and 16 years old.

Place 6: Steve Mitchell



Steve Mitchell was elected to the City Council in May 2005, and served as Mayor from 2007 - 2009. Prior to that, he served on the Sign Control Board and the City Plan Commission. Steve has been a Richardson Rotary Club member, and is a Leadership Richardson, Citizens Police Academy, and Citizen Fire Academy graduate. He has served as VP of the Greenwood Hills Neighborhood Association. Steve represents Richardson on the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition and RTC. He served on the Commission on State Emergency Communications and on the UNT System Board of Regents. Steve graduated from UNT with his BS and MS degrees in accounting. He is a senior tax project manager and his wife Karen is a nurse. They are the proud parents of 5 children.

The job of a Richardson City Council Member:

The Richardson City Council consists of the Mayor, two at-large seats and four places elected at large with residency requirements. All terms are two years, with elections in May of odd-numbered years. Terms are limited to 6 terms, or 12 consecutive years.

Council members are responsible for:

- hiring the City Manager,
- appointing the City Attorney, City Secretary, Municipal Court Judges, City Health Officer and citizens to the City's boards and commissions,
- passing city ordinances,
- planning for capital improvements,
- issuing and selling municipal bonds,
- purchasing and selling property,
- establishing city departments,
- determining city services,
- approving the annual budget, and
- setting the city's tax rate.

Moderator: Lanet Greenhaw



Lanet Greenhaw is the Vice President of Education & Workforce at the Dallas Regional Chamber, leading early childhood and public education initiatives and policy. She served on the Richardson ISD Board of Trustees for 18 years and as Vice Chair of the Texas Long-Range Plan for Public Education. She serves on the Leadership ISD Board of Directors, Early Matters Policy Council, Commit Educator Effectiveness Task Force, Dallas ISD P-TECH Impact Board, Urban Teachers Leadership Council, and UTD Teacher Development Advisory Council. She is a graduate of Leadership TASB, Leadership Richardson, a Master Trustee and a Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church elder. She was awarded the National PTA Life Achievement Award, Texas PTA Life Membership Award, RISD PTA Council Extended Service Award, and named the 2017 Richardson Altrusa Outstanding Woman of Today. She has worked in media relations, crisis communications, and education non-profit. She and her husband Bill have 3 adult daughters and 2 grandchildren.