



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS<sup>®</sup> OF RICHARDSON

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| Calendar |  |
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| Date     | Event  |
| 4/6/17   | Last day to register to vote in May 6 Election |
| 4/12/17  | RISD Candidate Forum                           |
| 4/19/17  | Richardson City Council Candidate Forum        |
| 4/24/17  | First day of Early Voting                      |
| 4/10/17  | LWV-R Annual Meeting                           |
| 7/8/18   | Regional Leadership and Member Training        |

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT Jean Richards

T.S. Eliot wrote the words, “April is the cruelest month.” A literature teacher might tell us that Eliot was offering a juxtaposition between the beauty of spring and his own depression, but for me the quote comes to mind when I think about local politics.

This April, our local politics will be running at full steam. We have contested races in both the May Richardson City Council election and the Richardson ISD Board of Trustees election. The League of Women Voters of Richardson is sponsoring candidate forums for each of these elections. Other organizations around town will be holding forums and meetings with the candidates as well.

The “cruelty” that I think about in terms of local politics is what I have seen in recent years as some locals vent online, both in blogs and in local Facebook pages. It appears as though a very small number of local citizens feel free to use the Internet to tout accusations and conspiracy theories about candidates they oppose (and those candidates’ supporters) in ways that social norms would prevent them from doing in polite company.

In my experience, most men and women who seek local elected office do so because they want to serve their communities, bring about positive changes, and make things better for their families and other citizens. If we disagree with their policies and proposals, let’s do so in a dignified and civil manner, whether at forums, in print, or online. Cruelty should have no place in elections.

**NOTE TO LWV-R MEMBERS:** We will be electing new board members at our Annual Meeting in May. Please consider stepping up to take a leadership position in the coming year. Contact Membership Chair Brenda Boston ([membership@lwvrichardson.org](mailto:membership@lwvrichardson.org)) for more information.



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RICHARDSON ISD COUNCIL



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# Richardson ISD Board of Trustees Candidate Forum

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

7:00 pm

Richardson ISD Administration Building  
Auditorium

400 S. Greenville Avenue  
Richardson, TX 75081

*Candidates are listed in ballot order.*

### Place 3

Joseph Armstrong  
Ben Prado  
Karen Clardy  
Eric Eager

### Place 6

Justin Bono\*

### Place 7

Lynn Davenport  
Kristin Kuhne

\* Unopposed candidates will not participate in the question-and-answer part of the forum, but will be given the opportunity to make a closing statement.

Do you have a question you want the candidates to answer at the forum?

Email it to [voterservice@lwvrichardson.org](mailto:voterservice@lwvrichardson.org)

Questions that are emailed are given the same consideration as questions submitted at the forum.  
Questions will be screened according to *League of Women Voters of Texas Guide to Candidates Forums*.

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# Richardson Mayoral and City Council Candidate Forum

**Wednesday, April 19, 2017  
7:00 pm**

**Richardson Civic Center  
Grand Hall  
411 W. Arapaho Road  
Richardson, TX 75080**

*Candidates are listed in ballot order.*

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| <b>Place 1</b><br>Bob Dubey*                      | <b>Place 2</b><br>Mark J. Solomon* | <b>Place 3</b><br>Scott Dunn*                         | <b>Place 4</b><br>Cory Montfort<br>Mabel Simpson |
| <b>Place 5</b><br>Marta Gómez Frey<br>Kashif Riaz | <b>Place 6</b><br>Steve Mitchell*  | <b>Place 7, Mayor</b><br>Jared Weadon<br>Paul Voelker |  |

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## Election May 6, 2017 – What’s on my ballot?

If you live in the City of Richardson, **Dallas County**, you will vote on all 7 places for City Council. (Place 7 is for Mayor.)

If you live in the **Richardson ISD**, you will vote on Places 3, 6, and 7 for Board of Trustees.

If you live in the City of Richardson, **Collin County**, you will vote on

- All 7 places for the City of Richardson City Council. (Place 7 is for Mayor.)
- Places 1, 2, 3, and 5 on the Collin county Community College District Board of Trustees
- Collin County community College District bond
- Places 1, 2, 3, and 6 on the Plano Independent School District Board of Trustees

### Dallas County School Board

The race for Precinct 1 on the Dallas county School board is uncontested. The race will not appear on the ballot.



### City of Richardson (Collin and Dallas Counties)

The City of Richardson will hold an election for City Council. The Richardson City Council consists of the Mayor (Place 7), two at-large seats (Places 5 & 6) and four place, or district, seats (Places 1 through 4). Council Members representing Places 1 - 4 must reside in those areas. [See the city’s quadrant map and current Council members.](#) All members of Richardson City Council (Places 1-7) are elected at-large by all registered voters living in the City of Richardson. Council members serve two-year terms.



The following candidates will be on the ballot. They are listed in ballot order.

- Place 1: Bob Dubey
- Place 2: Mark Solomon (incumbent)
- Place 3: Scott Dunn (incumbent)
- Place 4: Cory Montfort
- Place 4: Mabel Simpson (incumbent)
- Place 5: Marta Gómez Frey (incumbent)
- Place 5: Kashif Riaz
- Place 6: Steve Mitchell (incumbent)
- Place 7, Mayor: Jared Weadon
- Place 7, Mayor: Paul Voelker (incumbent)

## Richardson Independent School District

The Richardson ISD will hold an election for Board of Trustees. Trustees serve staggered 3-year terms. This year, the election is for Places 6 & 7. All members of the Richardson ISD Board of Trustees are elected at-large by all registered voters living in the Richardson ISD. A special election to fill the remaining 2 years of the term of Place 3 will also be held. Voters will see no difference between the regular election for Places 6 & 7 and the special election for Place 3.



The following candidates will be on the ballot and are listed in ballot order.

- Place 3: Joseph Armstrong
- Place 3: Ben Prado
- Place 3: Karen Clardy
- Place 3: Eric Eager

The following candidates will be on the ballot and are listed in ballot order:

- Place 6: Justin Bono (incumbent)
- Place 7: Lynn Davenport
- Place 7: Kristin Kuhne (incumbent)



## Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees

The Collin County Community College District will hold an election for Board of Trustees. Trustees serve staggered 6-year terms. All members of the Collin County Community College District (CCCCD) Board of Trustees are elected at-large by all registered voters living in the CCCCCD. This year, the election is for Places 1, 2, and 3. An appointment was made to fill a vacancy in Place 5 until the May 6, 2017, election, when a candidate will be elected to fill the final 2 years of the term in Place 5

The following candidates will be on the ballot. They are listed in ballot order.

- Place 1: Greg Gomel
- Place 1: Fred Moses
- Place 2: Nancy Wurzman (currently the incumbent in Place 1)
- Place 2: Jeri Landfair Chambers
- Place 3: Dr. Stacey Donald
- Place 3: Larry Wainwright (incumbent)
- Place 5: Dr. Raj Menon (incumbent)



## Collin County Community College District Bond

At their February 8, 2017, board meeting, the Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees approved a \$600 million bond referendum. The referendum will be on the May 6, 2017, ballot for those living in the Collin College district. For more information, [click here](#).

## Plano Independent School District



*Plano Independent School District*

The Plano ISD will hold an election for Board of Trustees. Trustees serve staggered 4-year terms. This year, the election is for Places 1, 2, 3, and 6. All members of the Plano ISD Board of Trustees are elected at-large by all registered voters living in the Plano ISD.

The following candidates will be on the ballot. They are listed in ballot order.

- Place 1: Tammy Richards (incumbent)
- Place 1: Carissa Picard
  
- Place 2: Jack Liu
- Place 2: Angela Powell
- Place 2: Sreedhar "Sree" Yedavalli
- Place 2: Amanda Jackson
  
- Place 3: Nancy C. Humphrey (incumbent)
- Place 3: Yvette Jackson
- Place 3: Nathan Rylander
  
- Place 6: Marilyn Hinton (incumbent)
- Place 6: Greg Myer
- Place 6: Trish Patterson

<http://brilliantmaps.com/did-not-vote/>

# If “Did Not Vote” Had Been A Candidate In The 2016 US Presidential Election

