



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
OF RICHARDSON**

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# VOTER

Calendar	
Date	Event
Feb 5	Last day to register to vote in March primary
Feb 15	TX House District 102 candidate forum
Feb 20 – Mar 2	Early voting in person
Feb 23	Last day to receive applications for ballots by mail
Mar 6	Election Day – Primary

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## From the President

By Jean Richards

The main reason I got involved with the League of Women Voters of Richardson many years ago was because I found it so difficult to vote responsibly in Texas. I had come from a small state where judges were appointed rather than elected and ballots tended to be pretty short. On moving to Texas, I found that each Primary and General Election ballot had so many races and candidates on it that it was very hard to feel as though I were voting responsibly.

The best source of information back then about what was going to be on the ballot, what the candidates’ qualifications were, and where they stood on the issues was the League of Women Voters’ *VOTERS GUIDE*. Today, there are a lot more resources available online, but LWV *VOTERS GUIDES* (and [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org), which uses LWV *VOTERS GUIDE* content) are still a great source of information.

A few years ago, we moved from the Dallas County part of Richardson to the Collin County part. Just out of curiosity, I recently looked at sample ballots for the March 6 Primary Elections (links are on our [website](http://www.lwvrichardson.org)) to find out how many races would be on the ballot in each party’s primary, both in our new Collin County precinct and in our old Dallas County precinct. A rough count shows the following:

Collin Republican	Collin Democratic	Dallas Republican	Dallas Democratic
46 races	31 races	37 races	90 races
17 contested races	10 contested races	15 contested races	30 contested races
11 propositions	12 propositions	11 propositions	12 propositions

Most voters in Richardson and the RISD will find similar number of contested races on their Primary ballots as well. I urge you to take the time before you vote to learn as much as you can about the candidates, including viewing LWV *VOTERS GUIDE* content on paper, on our website, or on [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org). Let’s all resolve to try to vote responsibly in this and every election.

## LWV-Richardson Finance Drive

2017-18 marks the first full fiscal year in which LWV-R has held its annual Finance Drive in the fall, rather than in the spring. We are happy to report that we have met our fundraising goals for the year (although, of course, we will be happy to accept further donations!).



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## Primary Elections in Texas March 6, 2018



In Texas, if a political party's gubernatorial candidate received at least 20% of the vote in the last election, that political party may hold a primary election. A primary election is an election in which registered voters select a candidate that they believe should be a political party's candidate for elected office to run in the General Election in November.

The Texas Republican and Texas Democratic political parties will hold open primaries on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, to determine who will be on the ballot in the Mid-Term Election on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Registered Texas voters:

- may choose to vote in either the Republican Primary **or** the Democratic Primary. You may **NOT** vote in **BOTH** primary elections in the same election cycle.
- do **NOT** have to register with a party before voting in their primary election. However, if you vote in one party's Primary election, you may only vote in that same party's runoff election. If you did not vote in the Primary Election, you may vote in either party's Primary Runoff Election.

If a runoff is necessary, it will be held Tuesday, May 22, 2018.

A searchable list of all candidates who have filed to run in the Primary Elections can be found on the [Texas Secretary of State's website](#).

On the [League of Women Voters of Richardson's website](#), we have a page devoted to information about the March 6 Primary Elections. It contains information about what's on the ballot, forums, VOTERS GUIDES, voting locations, sample ballots, the wording of ballot propositions, and important dates. It will be updated frequently between now and the election, so be sure to check it often if you have questions.

## VOTERS GUIDES



All voters in Richardson, whether they live in Dallas County or Collin County, can access LWV *VOTERS GUIDE* content online at [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org). Currently, information on county-level races has been uploaded by local Leagues in our area. Information on statewide races will be available soon. VOTE411 shows you only races that will appear on your ballot, and allows you to compare candidates side-by-side.

The League of Women Voters of Dallas is producing a printed *VOTERS GUIDE*, which should be available before early voting in person begins on February 20, 2018. Copies of this printed *VOTERS GUIDE* will be available at the Richardson Library, Huffhines Recreation Center, Heights Recreation Center, Richardson's Senior Center, and the City of Dallas Branch Libraries (including Fretz Park, Audelia Road, and Forest Green).

The League of Women Voters of Collin County has produced several printable *VOTERS GUIDES* for Collin County races. They are available on the [LWV-Collin website](#).

## CANDIDATE FORUMS

LWV-Richardson and the RISD Council of PTAs are co-sponsoring a forum for Texas House District 102 (Linda Koop, incumbent) on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Details are on the next page.

For information about other League-sponsored forums, visit the [LWV-Dallas website](#) or the [LWV-Collin website](#).





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RICHARDSON ISD COUNCIL



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# Candidate Forum

For

## Texas House District 102

### Republican Candidates\*

Thursday, February 15, 2018

7:00 pm

Richardson ISD Administration Building  
Auditorium

400 S Greenville Avenue  
Richardson, TX 75080

\*The Democratic Party race in District 102 is uncontested,  
so no forum is needed for Democratic candidates.

*Candidates' names are listed as they appear on the Texas Secretary of State's website.*

**Chad Carnahan**

**Linda Koop**

**Scott Kilgore**

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*.

**Visit [www.lwvrichardson.org](http://www.lwvrichardson.org) for election information.**

**Follow the League on Twitter @LWVRichardson**



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## March 6, 2018, Primary Election *Early Voting In-Person – When and Where?*

In-person Early Voting in Texas is February 20<sup>th</sup> through March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Early Voting by personal appearance is conducted by your County Elections Department. All registered voters may vote in person during the Early Voting period. You may vote at any Early Voting location in your county (Dallas or Collin).

Note: When you vote early in person in the Primary Election or if you vote on Election Day, you must choose to vote in either the Republican Primary or the Democratic Primary.

- You may **NOT** vote in BOTH primary elections in the same election cycle.
  - If you vote in a political party's Primary Election, you may only vote in that same political party's Runoff Election (on May 22, 2018)
  - If you do not vote in the Primary Election, you may vote in either party's Primary Runoff Election (on May 22, 2018)
- You do **NOT** have to register with a political party before voting in their primary election

### Dallas County



Hours of Early Voting In-Person in Dallas County	
February 20-23 (Tuesday – Friday)	8am – 5pm
February 24 (Saturday)	7am – 7pm
February 25 (Sunday)	1pm – 6pm
February 26 – March 2 (Monday – Friday)	7am – 7pm

The only In-Person Early Voting Location for Dallas County residents within the City of Richardson is at the Richardson Civic Center at 411 W Arapaho Road. However, during Early Voting, you may vote at any Early Voting Location in Dallas County.

The Dallas County Elections Department has not yet published a complete list of **Dallas County** Early Voting locations, dates, and times. When they do, it will be available on their [website](#).

### Collin County



Hours of Early Voting In-Person in Collin County	
February 20-23 (Tuesday – Friday)	8am – 5pm
February 24 (Saturday)	7am – 7pm
February 25 (Sunday)	1pm – 6pm
February 26 – March 2 (Monday – Friday)	7am – 7pm

For a complete list of **Collin County** Early Voting polling locations, dates and times, [click here](#).



## What are the requirements to be registered?

In order to register to vote, you must be

- a U.S. citizen.
- a resident of the Texas county in which application for registration is made.
- at least 18 years old on Election Day
- not finally convicted of a felony, or, if so convicted, must have
  - (1) fully discharged the sentence, including any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision, or completed a period of probation ordered by any court; **or**
  - (2) been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote;
- **and** not determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be
  - (1) totally mentally incapacitated; or
  - (2) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

Contact LWV-Richardson at  
[voterservice@lwvrichardson.org](mailto:voterservice@lwvrichardson.org)  
if you want to register to vote.

To vote in the March 6, 2018, primary, you must be registered by  
**Monday, February 5, 2018**

# I am registered to vote, but I have moved. What do I need to do?



If you moved within the same county in Texas where you are currently registered, you must file the new address information

- ❖ in writing with your county voter registrar (see *below*) or
- online at <https://txapps.texas.gov/tolapp/sos/SOSACManager>

If you moved to a new county in Texas, you must re-register in your new county of residence.

<p><b><u>For Collin County:</u></b>          Registrar of Voters          2010 Redbud Blvd, Suite 102          McKinney, TX 75069</p> <p>972-547-1990 Phone          972-547-1995 FAX</p> <p><a href="http://www.collincountytexas.gov/elections">www.collincountytexas.gov/elections</a> web page</p>	<p><b><u>For Dallas County:</u></b>          Elections Administrator          2377 North Stemmons Fwy, Suite 820          Dallas 75207</p> <p>(214) 819-6300 Phone          (214) 819-6301 FAX</p> <p><a href="http://www.dallascountyvotes.org">www.dallascountyvotes.org</a> web page</p>
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**Monday, February 5, 2018**





By Martha Dorris

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After considerable delay, Congress has voted to fund CHIP for the next 6 years and President Trump has signed the bill into law. This is great news for the 400,000 children in Texas who are receiving benefits through this program. I am convinced that the passage of this piece of legislation is due to the concerted efforts of dedicated CHIP advocates that kept the importance of the issue front and center in the minds of our legislators – meaning all of you who have been diligent in emailing, calling, and writing. Thank you. If you have the time and the inclination, please tell Senators Cruz and Cornyn and Representatives Sessions and Johnson that you appreciate their votes in favor of the funding. All of them voted “yea.”

We have participated in a Health Fair at Dover Elementary School on Jan. 18 where 10 families received information about CHIP/Children's Medicaid and were encouraged to follow up with on-line applications at Network, the Spring Valley WIC Clinic, or at our help session at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church (St. B) on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>. On Jan. 18 we attended the open house/PTA meeting at Berkner High School also. Those who visited already had insurance, but the chocolate chip cookies as an incentive to stop and visit were a hit.

We are invited to be with the attendees at RISD Academy for their Health and Fitness night on Jan. 25 from 5:30 to 7 pm and we will have application help sessions at St. B on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to noon. If you would like to volunteer or join us to meet our families at any of these events, just let me know. Routinely we have help from the Community Council of Greater Dallas and Network. The RISD Council of PTAs provides publicity for our efforts and the WIC Clinic distributes flyers also. The RISD nursing staff supports our advocacy. Thank all of you for your help.



The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) will be holding hearings on transportation issues this month, including a hearing in Richardson on February 13<sup>th</sup>.



## PRESENTATIONS

### Work Program Modifications

The UPWP for regional transportation planning provides a summary of the transportation and related air quality planning tasks to be conducted by the metropolitan planning organization. Proposed modifications to the FY 2018 and FY 2019 UPWP will be presented.

### Policy Foundation for Mobility 2045 Recommendations

Mobility 2045 is the region's long-range transportation master plan guiding the expenditure of federal and state funds. Staff will discuss the underlying policies used to develop the plan's recommendations. More information, [www.nctcog.org/mobility2045](http://www.nctcog.org/mobility2045).

### Funding Program: Sustainable Development Phase 4

The 2017-2018 CMAQ/STBG: Sustainable Development Phase 4 Program awards federal funding to projects that include the transfer of control of roadways from TxDOT to local agencies, context-sensitive design and/or transit-oriented development elements. Staff will provide details on the program and the projects being proposed for funding.

### Access North Texas

Access North Texas documents the transportation needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities and individuals with lower incomes in North Central Texas. Staff will provide strategies identified to better serve these vulnerable populations with public transportation.

## RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

- Modifications to List of Funded Projects
- AirCheckTexas: [www.airchecktexas.org](http://www.airchecktexas.org)

The Arlington meeting will be live streamed at [www.nctcog.org/video](http://www.nctcog.org/video) (click on the "live" tab). A video recording of this meeting will also be posted online at [www.nctcog.org/input](http://www.nctcog.org/input).



NCTCOGtrans



North Central Texas  
Council of Governments

**MONDAY, FEB. 5, 2018**  
**2:30 PM**

North Central Texas  
Council of Governments  
616 Six Flags Drive  
Arlington, TX 76011

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7, 2018**  
**6:00 PM**

Haltom City Public Library  
4809 Haltom Road  
Haltom City, TX 76117

**TUESDAY, FEB. 13, 2018**  
**6:00 PM**

Richardson Civic Center  
411 W. Arapaho Road  
Richardson, TX 75083

For special accommodations due to a disability or language translation, contact Carli Baylor at 817-608-2365 or [cbaylor@nctcog.org](mailto:cbaylor@nctcog.org) at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made. *Para ajustes especiales por discapacidad o para interpretación de idiomas, llame al 817-608-2365 o por email: [cbaylor@nctcog.org](mailto:cbaylor@nctcog.org) con 72 horas (mínimo) previas a la junta. Se harán las adaptaciones razonables.*

To request a free, roundtrip ride between NCTCOG and the Trinity Railway Express CentrePort/DFW Airport Station, contact Carli Baylor at least 72 hours prior to the Feb. 5 meeting: 817-608-2365 or [cbaylor@nctcog.org](mailto:cbaylor@nctcog.org).

**TRE** CentrePort/DFW Airport Station  
Arrival Options Feb. 5

Eastbound Train 1:49 pm

Westbound Train 1:31 pm