



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF RICHARDSON**

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VOTER

CALENDAR		
April, 2015		
27-May 5		Early voting for May 9 election
30		Last day to apply for ballot by mail (received) for May 9 election
May, 2015		
1-5		Early voting for May 9 election
9	7am-7pm	Joint Election
9		Last day to receive ballot by mail
13	6pm	Annual Meeting for members; 6pm pot-luck; 7pm meeting; Watch your email for more details
25		Memorial Day



Ellen Steger, *President*

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

The fiscal year is winding down, but there's still lots to do!

May 9, 2015, is the joint election. Early voting is now through May 5. For what's on your ballot, as well as when and where to vote during early election and on election day, see

- Pages 9-10, if you live in Collin County
- Pages 11-12, if you live in Richardson, Dallas County

This information was in our April Special Edition VOTER, but it is important enough to repeat in this issue.

All LWV-Richardson members are invited to attend the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2015. This is when local program is adopted, officers and directors are elected, and next year's budget is adopted. Help direct your League as it plans for 2015-2016.

Our Finance Drive continues. If you haven't donated for next year, please consider doing so.

CHIP activities continue. Several bills are being introduced in the Texas Legislature. Be informed! (page 7)

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Finance Drive Is Underway!

Membership in the League is important, but so are donations.



When you join the League of Women Voters of Richardson for \$54,

- \$32 of your dues goes to the National League of Women Voters
- \$22 of your dues goes to the League of Women Voters of Texas

LWV-Richardson does not keep any funds from membership dues.

That's why your donations are so important! Without your support, the Richardson League could not function.

Many thanks to those who have already donated to LWV-Richardson's 2015 Finance Drive...And thanks to those who donated in April:

Susan Aten Brenda Boston Charles Burgess Gloria & Philip Gray
Elaine Johnson Mark Solomon Ellen Steger

It's never too late! Join your friends and neighbors in supporting your Richardson League.

- Checks written to **LWV-Texas Education Fund-Richardson** are tax-deductible. The League may only use these funds for educational activities.
- Checks written to **LWV-Richardson** are not tax deductible. The League may use these funds for any League activity.

Then mail your donation to:

League of Women Voters of Richardson
300 N. Coit Road, Suite 125
Richardson, TX 75080





Annual Meeting May 13, 2015

Per LWV-Richardson Bylaws: Article VII, **Section 2. Annual Meeting.**

An Annual Meeting shall be held between April 1 and May 15, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting shall:

- a. Adopt a local program for the ensuing year;
- b. Elect Officers, Directors, and members of the Nominating Committee;
- c. Adopt an adequate budget; and
- d. Transact such business as may properly come before it.

This year, the League of Women Voters of Richardson's Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2015. The Annual Meeting is for members only. Watch your email for the time and place.

Local Program

The League of Women Voters is best known by the public for its Voter Service activities, such as producing *VOTERS GUIDES* and candidate forums. However, another important part of the League's mission is to "influence public policy through education and advocacy." We take positions on issues and advocate for legislative change at the national, state, and local levels through our Program process.

On Wednesday, April 8, 2015, LWV-Richardson held its annual Local Program Planning Meeting (LPPM). It is at the LPPM that all local positions are reviewed and the LWV-R membership votes to recommend to the board to keep as is, to restudy, or to drop each position. The membership may propose topics for a new study, and may make suggestions for advocacy or education. See pages 4 and 5 for the recommendations of the April 8th LPPM.

The recommendations from the LPPM were reviewed by the board at its meeting on April 22, 2015. The board discussed each new topic for study and designated each as either "recommended" or "non-recommended."

All topics voted on by the members present at the Local Program Planning Meeting, whether recommended or non-recommended by the board, are then considered at the Annual Meeting.

Members, please join us at our Annual Meeting and help shape the Richardson League's planned activities for 2015-2016!





Local Program Planning Meeting April 22, 2015 *Recommendations*

PART A: REVIEW OF CURRENT PROGRAM POSITIONS

KEEP AS IS retains the position as it is currently written.

RE STUDY follows the same process as a new study: form a study committee to research the topic; publish a *Facts and Issues* document to inform members about the topic; and consensus or concurrence.

DROP deletes the entire position.

All proposed changes for this section will be presented to the Board, where they will be classified as Board Recommended or Board Not Recommended and presented to the full membership at the Annual Meeting. All current positions remain in effect until dropped or replaced by a new position reached through study and consensus.

I. CITY CHARTER; The League of Women Voters of Richardson believes that the Charter should provide a flexible and consistent framework to enable the city to function effectively and respond to the needs of its citizens.

Keep as is ; Restudy _____; Drop _____;

II. ELECTION LAWS AND PROCEDURES:

Keep as is ; Restudy _____; Drop _____;

III. LAND USE AND URBAN DESIGN: We support: Policies and practices designed to achieve the optimum use of land in our city. We believe that good land use planning and zoning takes into account such factors as: integrity of neighborhoods, management of traffic, requirements for municipal services, environmental quality, open and green space, protection of flood plains, preservation of historic sites and rare or fragile ecosystems, potential for redevelopment, the need for a variety of types of housing, tax base, and the relationship of proposed development to the needs of the city as a whole.

Keep as is ; Restudy _____; Drop _____;

IV. CHILD CARE IN RICHARDSON; The League of Women Voters of Richardson believes that safe, reliable, affordable, quality child care should be available for every child in Richardson.

Keep as is ; Restudy _____; Drop _____;

V. PUBLIC HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN RICHARDSON: The League of Women Voters of Richardson believes that the City of Richardson and school districts serving Richardson residents should be involved in addressing local needs for health care services. We believe that mandated public health care services should be provided equitably, effectively, and efficiently. We support:

Keep as is ; Restudy _____; Drop _____;

VI. VIDEORECORDING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS: The League of Women Voters of Richardson supports video recording the Richardson City Council meetings and making them readily available to the public by television or other electronic means. **Recommendation: change 'Televising' to 'Videorecording' in title.**

Keep as is ; Restudy _____; Drop _____;

VII. RICHARDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Keep as is ; Restudy _____; Drop _____;

VIII. RISD AND SCHOOLS IN PISD THAT SERVE RICHARDSON STUDENTS:

Keep as is ; Restudy _____; Drop _____;

PART B: TOPICS PROPOSED FOR NEW STUDY

This is the only time and place in the LWV calendar year when topics for new local study can be brought up. They will be presented to the Board, where they will be classified as Board Recommended or Board Not Recommended. ALL topics proposed in this section will be presented to the full membership at the Annual Meeting. No topic can be brought up at the Annual Meeting for consideration for a 2015-2016 LWV-R local study unless it was first brought up at the Local Program Planning Meeting.

1. Is the City of Richardson's emergency response plan adequate?

PART C: SUGGESTIONS FOR ADVOCACY OR EDUCATION

1. Local Government Ethics rules
2. Pre-Kindergarten—the impact on our schools (This topic would depend on what the Legislature decides about whether to have Pre-K or not.)
3. Emergency Response of the City of Richardson
4. Election of Judges (Program done in 2010)
5. Voter ID/Voting rights

Board Notes

The League of Women Voters of Richardson Board met on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, in the PM Realty Board Room in Promenade. Below is a summary of that meeting.

- Authorized automatic payment of office rent beginning July, 2015
- Accepted the report from the Local Program Planning Meeting
 - Designated as 'non-recommended' the new topic for study: *Is the City of Richardson's emergency response plan adequate?*
- Reaffirmed that next year the Periodic Program Review Committee will research the Social Policy/Human Resources Position IV (*Child Care in Richardson*) and Position V (*Public Health Care Services in Richardson*).
- Noted that the video from the LWV-R Richardson Mayoral and City Council Forum held April 14 is on the web:
 - <http://lwvrichardson.org/may2015COR.html>
- Reported that the printed VOTERS GUIDE (4 questions) and the online VOTERS GUIDE (an additional 20 questions) are available online at <http://www.lwvrichardson.org/may2015CORvgs.html>. The printed VOTERS GUIDE is available at:
 - *Library*
 - *Senior Center*
 - *Heights Recreation Center*
 - *Huffhines Recreation Center*
 - *Dallas Chinese Community Center*
 - *Islamic Association of North Texas*
- Reported on the current status of the Finance Drive



Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)/Children's Medicaid

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There are a number of bills of interest to advocates of Child Health Care, some of which we can support. These bills are summarized in the latest Legislative Newsletter (Vol. 23, No. 6). Please refer to the Legislative Newsletter for details.

- **HB 839** (Naishtat) has been referred to Public Health. It allows each child under 19 leaving a state facility to have presumptive eligibility to access and apply for a health care plan (CHIP or Medicaid) and identifies the benefits and services that child will need. Reported favorably as substituted.

SUPPORT

- **HB 3035** (Martinez, "Mando") relates to a study on the savings to the state achieved by the expansion of Medicaid managed care in regard to the provision of prescription drugs and other pharmacy benefits. House committee report sent to Calendars. **SUPPORT**

- **HB 3036** (Martinez, "Mando") relates to a study on the savings to the state achieved by the expansion of Medicaid managed care in regard to the number of persons served and the scope of the services provided. Unfortunately, no bill to expand Medicaid has come up in Committee.

WATCH

In April, the Center for Public Policy Priorities published a policy page in their Weekly Legislative Recap titled "Waiting Periods for the Children's Health Insurance Program(CHIP)" by Melissa McChesney. It makes the case for eliminating any waiting period for covering children who are eligible for CHIP. You might find it quite interesting. Her email is mchesney@cphp.org.

The next scheduled CHIP application session is in conjunction with the 10th Annual St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church Health Fair on August 22, 2015, from 9 am to noon. The Community Council of Greater Dallas has agreed to assist with our Spanish-speaking attendees and we are expecting a good turnout. Richardson ISD nurses are actively involved with planning, publicity, and activities on the 22nd.



Thank you for your continued support for CHIP. The time and effort you spend toward this advocacy is always appreciated by the families who are doing their best to provide for their children.

Famous Firsts by American Women



Diane Crump (born 1948) is an American [jockey](#) and [horse trainer](#).

On February 7, 1969, Crump **became the first woman to ride in a professional race in the United States**. Her participation in the event was so contested that she required a full police escort through the crowds at the [Hialeah Park Race Track](#). In a 2012 interview, Crump described what arriving at the race was like:

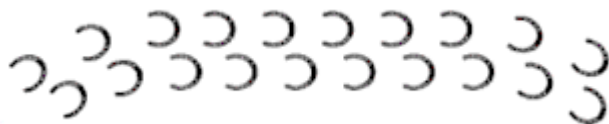
"The crowd was just swarming all over me. They were crazy, up in arms. The hecklers were yelling: 'Go back to the kitchen and cook dinner.' That was the mentality at the time. They thought I was going to be the downfall of the whole sport, which is such a medieval thought. I was like: 'Come on people, this is the 1960s!'"

Crump ultimately finished 10th in the 12-horse race.

In 1970, she became the **first female jockey to ride in the [Kentucky Derby](#)**. Crump and her horse, Fathom, came in 15th in a 17-horse race. By the time she ended her racing career in 1985, she had ridden to 235 wins.

On February 1, 1989, Crump suffered a broken leg, ankle and ribs from a riding accident and was hospitalized for ten days.

- Source: Wikipedia



Saturday, May 2, 2015
Post time: approximately 5:24pm (CDT)



Election Information

for the May 9, 2015 Joint Election

If you live in Richardson, **COLLIN COUNTY**



What's on my ballot?

Richardson residents in Collin County are eligible to vote for:

1. Richardson City Council Places 1-6 and for Mayor (Place 7). All Richardson residents are eligible to vote in all 7 places.
2. Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees Place 7, Place 8, and Place 9.
3. Plano Independent School District Board of Trustees Place 4, Place 5, and Place 7

Where do I vote?

EARLY VOTING April 27, 2015 – May 5, 2015

THERE ARE TWO STEPS TO VOTE EARLY IN ALL RACES:

Step 1: Vote at any Dallas County Early Voting Location for the City of Richardson races.

AND

Step 2: Vote at any Collin County Early Voting Location for the Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees and Plano ISD Board of Trustee elections.

The only Dallas County and Collin County SHARED EARLY VOTING location where you will be able to vote for races in both counties at the same time is: **Renner Frankford Library at 6400 Frankford Road in Dallas 75252.**

Hours for Early Voting and additional Early Voting locations may be found at the websites below:

COLLIN COUNTY EARLY VOTING INFORMATION: www.co.collin.tx.us/elections

DALLAS COUNTY EARLY VOTING INFORMATION: www.dallascountyvotes.org

ELECTION DAY VOTING May 9, 2015, 7am-7pm

THERE ARE TWO STEPS TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY IN ALL RACES:

Step 1: Vote at your designated precinct polling location for the City of Richardson Races. Your precinct number is on your voter registration card or visit www.co.collin.tx.us/elections.

City of Richardson Polling Locations

PCT	Location	Address	City	Zip
0048, 055	Aldridge Elem School	720 Pleasant Valley Ln	Richardson	75080
0078, 0110	Richardson Police Substation	2003 Renner Rd	Richardson	75082
0094, 0125	Miller Elem School	5651 Coventry Dr	Richardson	75082

AND

Step 2: Vote at any Collin County Vote Center for the Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees and Plano ISD Board of Trustee elections.

Closest Collin County Vote Centers to City of Richardson Residents

Location	Address	City	Zip
Aldridge Elem School	720 Pleasant Valley Ln	Richardson	75080
Miller Elem School	5651 Coventry Dr	Richardson	75082

NOTE: Residents of precincts 78 and 110 (*neighborhoods around Fairways of Sherrill Park, Sherrill Park, Crowley Park, and Clear Springs Place*) will need to go to two different locations to vote on Election Day. The Richardson Police Substation on Renner Road will not have ballots for the Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees nor the Plano ISD Board of Trustee elections.

For a complete list of Collin County Vote Centers or more Collin County Election information, visit the Collin County Elections website:

www.co.collin.tx.us/elections

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When do I vote?

May 9, 2015 Joint Election – Early voting and voting by mail		
Last day to register to vote:	April 9	(Thurs.)
In-person early voting period:	April 27 – April 29	(Mon. – Wed.)
	April 30	(Thurs.)
	May 1-2	(Fri. - Sat.)
	May 3	(Sun.)
	May 4 – May 5	(Mon. - Tues.)
		8am - 5pm
		8am - 7pm
		8am - 5pm
		Not open
		7am - 7pm
Last day to receive application for Ballot by Mail:	April 30	(Thurs.)
See first page for information on what's on the ballot and where to Early Vote.		

Joint Election – Election Day		
May 9, 2015		
Election Day:	May 9	(Sat.)
		7am - 7pm
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What's on my ballot?

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Note: The Richardson Independent School District's Board of Trustees Election has been cancelled due to unopposed candidates.

Where do I vote?

EARLY VOTING..... April 27, 2015 – May 5, 2015

During early voting, registered voters in the City of Richardson may vote at any early voting location within Dallas County. The only early voting location within the City of Richardson is:

Richardson Civic Center , 411 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX 75080

Hours for Early Voting and additional Early Voting locations can be located by visiting the Dallas County Elections Department Website at www.DallasCountyVotes.org

ELECTION DAY VOTING May 9, 2015, 7am-7pm

On Election Day, registered voters in the City of Richardson must vote in their designated precinct polling place.

You may find your precinct number on your Voter Registration Card or visit

www.dallascounty.org/voters-information/precinct-lookup.

Election Day Polling Places for the City of Richardson

PRECINCT	LOCATION	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP
1500	Dover Elem School	700 Dover Dr	Richardson	75080
1501	Professional Development Ctr-RISD	701 W Belt Line Road	Richardson	75080
1502	Math Science Tech. Magnet-Risd	450 Abrams Road	Richardson	75081
1503, 1504	Richland Elem School	550 Park Bend Dr	Richardson	75081
2500	Greenwood Hills Elem School	1313 West Shore Dr	Richardson	75080
2501	Canyon Creek Elem School	2100 Copper Ridge Dr	Richardson	75080
2502	Prairie Creek Elem School	2120 E Prairie Creek Dr	Richardson	75080
2503	Mohawk Elem School	1500 Mimosa Dr	Richardson	75080
2504	Richardson North Jr. High School	1820 N Floyd Road	Richardson	75080
2505	Northrich Elem School	1301 Custer Rd	Richardson	75080
2506	Arapaho Classical Magnet School	1300 Cypress Dr	Richardson	75080
2507	Richardson Heights Elem School	101 N Floyd Rd	Richardson	75080
2508	Richardson Terrance Elem School	300 N Dorothy Dr	Richardson	75081
2509	Richardson East Church of Christ	1504 E Campbell Road	Richardson	75081
2510	Yale Elem School	1900 E Collins Blvd	Richardson	75081
2511, 2512	Dartmouth Elem School	417 Dartmouth Ln	Richardson	75081
2513	Springridge Elem School	1801 E Spring Valley	Richardson	75081
2514	Jess Harben Elem School	600 S Glenville Dr	Richardson	75081
2701	Big Springs Elem School	3301 W Campbell Rd	Garland	75044
2702	Spring Creek Elem School	1510 Spring Creek Dr	Garland	75040

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Expected Richardson Mayoral Vacancy

Background

On April 2, 2015, Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka announced by way of a post on her Facebook page that she would decline the office of mayor following the May 9, 2015 election. The full text of her announcement read:

There have been questions about my role as mayor for the City of Richardson for the next term. After much prayer and conversations with my family, I have made the decision that I will not serve as mayor for the 2015-2017 term and intend to submit a declination of such office at the city council meeting at which the election canvass will be conducted. My focus will be on my family, my health and professional career. I'm proud of what we as a community have accomplished. I am confident that Richardson will continue to be a successful community to live, work, play and invest.

Because Ms. Maczka is the only candidate on the ballot for Place 7 (mayor), she will be elected to office.

City of Richardson Response

The City of Richardson posted a news item on its [website](#) outlining the process that will be followed to fill the vacancy created if Ms. Maczka declines the office to which she is elected. This process is dictated by provisions of the City Charter.

The city web page referenced in the previous paragraph describes the somewhat complicated process thoroughly. As a result of this process, the newly-elected council members will have chosen one of their members to serve as mayor for 2015-2017 (which will leave a council seat vacant) and another member to serve as mayor pro tem for 2015-2017. City Council will then determine when to act to fill the vacant council seat.

Richardson City Charter

[Article 3](#) of the Richardson City Charter governs the City Council.

Section 3.03 outlines the process for choosing the mayor pro tem.

Section 3.07 outlines the process to be followed in the event of vacancies on the council.

The full text of the City Charter is [here](#).