



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF RICHARDSON**

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VOTER

CALENDAR		
Date	Time	Event
April, 2016		
7		Last day to register to vote in May 7 election
20	7:00 p.m.	Forum for Richardson ISD Board of Trustee candidates; Richardson ISD Administration Building auditorium - cancelled
25		Last day to register to vote in May 24 Primary Runoff
25-May 3		Early voting for May 7 election
26		Last day to apply for ballot by mail for May 7 election
May, 2016		
4	7:00 p.m.	LWV-R Annual Meeting; TBD
7		Last day to receive ballot by mail
7		Election Day (RISD Bond and Board of Trustees Places 3,4, 5) (PISD Bond)

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN



*Brenda Boston,
President*

A big **THANK YOU** goes to Jean Richards for organizing our recent program on Emergency Preparedness. The panelists did an outstanding job of educating the attendees about what to do in various types of emergencies. There were also many valuable handouts for the audience. If you missed it, the program was videotaped and will be available on our website soon.

The Nominating Committee met and has a recommended slate of officers that will be presented and voted on at the Annual Meeting on May 4. Also, a proposed budget for the 2016-2017 year will be presented for a vote. Please make plans to attend this important meeting. Look for an email as to the location for the meeting.

Brenda

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May 7, 2016 Election – Richardson ISD Election

Richardson ISD Board of Trustees Candidate Forum *Cancelled*

The League of Women Voters of Richardson (LWV-R) and the Richardson ISD Council of PTAs were planning to sponsor a forum for the Richardson ISD Board of Trustee candidates on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. Places 3, 4, and 5 will be on the ballot; however, the only contested race is for Place 3. In Place 3, George Clayton will be listed first on the ballot; Kris Oliver will be listed second on the ballot.

In recent years, LWV-R forums have followed the same format:

1. All candidates are invited to participate in the forum.
2. To allow more time for voters to get to know the candidates that they will be choosing among, the question-and-answer portion of the candidate forums are limited to those candidates who are opposed.
3. All candidates, whether opposed or not, are invited to give a closing statement.

A full explanation of the process the League of Women Voters of Richardson uses to conduct forums can be found [here](#).

George Clayton has declined the invitation to participate in the April 20, 2016, forum. According to the policies of the League of Women Voters, a candidate forum for a particular office cannot be held if only one candidate for that office appears. Without Mr. Clayton's participation, there would only be one candidate participating in the forum for each of places 3, 4, and 5. Therefore, we had no option but to cancel the scheduled forum.

May 7, 2016 Election – General Information

Important Dates

April	7	Last day to register to vote in this election
April	25	First day of early voting
April	26	Last day for election authorities to receive application for ballot by mail
May	3	Last day of early voting
May	7	Last day for election authorities to receive ballot by mail
May	7	Election Day

Election Results

After 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, May 7th, you can find election results at the website of your county Elections Departments ([Dallas](#) or [Collin](#)).



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May 7, 2016 Election – Richardson ISD Election

What's on the ballot?

All voters who live in the Richardson Independent School District (RISD) will vote on the **Board of Trustees** (Places 3, 4, and 5). Only Place 3 is contested.

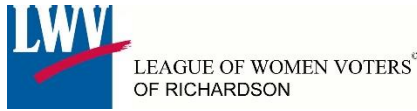
All voters who live in the Richardson Independent School District will also vote on the **RISD bond election**. Click here for information from the RISD on this [RISD bond election](#).

Three places (Districts 2, 3, and 4) on the **Dallas County Community College District Board of Trustees** are on up for election this year. However, if you live within the boundaries of the City of Richardson or the Richardson ISD, you live in District 1, which is **not on the ballot** this year. Click here to view a [map of the DCCCD Districts](#).

If you live in **Dallas County**, you can find out whether you are registered to vote, view your sample ballot, and find your Election Day polling place on the [Dallas County Elections Department website](#).

Voters Guides

The League of Women Voters of Richardson plans to publish a VOTERS GUIDE covering the RISD Board of Trustees election and a pro/con VOTERS GUIDE covering the RISD bond election. More information will be posted as it becomes available.



May 7, 2016 Election – Richardson ISD Election

Voting Times, Dates, and Places for Dallas County

EARLY VOTING - in person – Dallas County..... April 25 – May 3, 2016

Early Voting Times for Richardson ISD Election		
Monday through Friday	April 25-29	8am – 5pm
Saturday	April 30	8am – 5pm
Sunday	May 1	1pm – 6pm
Monday through Tuesday	May 2-3	7am – 7pm



During early voting, registered voters in the Richardson ISD, may vote at any early voting location within Dallas County. The Richardson Civic Center (as well as other early voting locations in Dallas County) will be open all days/times of early voting as listed above.

In addition, there will be Mobile Voting for the Richardson ISD Election on certain dates at certain times, as listed below:

Mobile Voting Dates and Times for Richardson ISD Election			
Monday	April 25	JJ Pearce High School Moss Haven Elementary Westwood Junior High School	4:00pm – 9:00pm 2:30pm – 6:30pm 3:00pm – 7:00pm
Tuesday	April 26	Lake Highlands Junior High School	3:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday	April 27	Lake Highlands High School Mohawk Elementary	4:00pm – 9:00pm 2:30pm – 6:30pm
Thursday	April 28	Apollo Junior High School Berkner High School Parkhill Junior High School	3:00pm – 7:00pm 4:00pm – 9:00pm 3:00pm – 7:00pm
Tuesday	May 3	Richardson High School	3:00pm – 7:00pm

For a complete listing of early voting locations in Dallas County, go to www.dallascountyvotes.org/wp-content/uploads/EVLocations.pdf

ELECTION DAY VOTING - Dallas County May 7, 7am-7pm



On Election Day, registered voters in the Richardson ISD, must vote in their designated precinct polling place. Find your precinct number on your Voter Registration Card or visit www.dallascountyvotes.org/voter-lookup.

For a complete list of Dallas County election day polling places, go to www.dallascountyvotes.org/wp-content/uploads/DayLocations.pdf

May 7, 2016 Election – Plano ISD Election

What's on the ballot?

All voters who live in the Collin County portions of the City of Richardson will vote in the Plano Independent School District (PISD) **bond election**. Click here for information from the PISD on this [PISD bond election](#).

There is no Plano ISD Board of Trustees election this year. The next election for PISD trustees will be in May 2017, and will include Places 1, 2, 3, and 6.

There is no Collin College Board of Trustees election this year.

If you live in **Collin County**, you can find out whether you are registered to vote in the [Collin County Elections Department website](#). Sample ballots are not yet available.

Voters Guides

The League of Women Voters of Collin County will publish its VOTERS GUIDE in early April on its [website](#).

Voting Times, Dates, and Places for Collin County

As it becomes available, information will be posted on the web:

- LWV-Richardson website: www.lwvrichardson.org
- Collin County Elections Department website: www.collincountytx.gov/elections

Finance Drive



Join those who have already contributed to LWV-Richardson's 2016 Finance Drive:

Nancy Barlow
Charles Burgess
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Susan & Ed Curran
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Richardson, TX 75080

Thank you for your support!

Famous Firsts by Women

World's First Hispanic Female Astronaut

Ellen Ochoa was born in Los Angeles, California on May 10, 1958. She graduated from Grossmont High School in La Mesa, California, in 1975. After high school, she went to San Diego State University and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics in 1980. She then went on to attend Stanford University, where she received a Master of Science degree and a Doctorate in Electrical Engineering.



Ellen was selected by NASA in 1990 and became the world's first Hispanic female astronaut in 1991. Ochoa is a mission specialist and flight engineer and is a veteran of four space flights. She has logged more than 950 hours in space. Her technical assignments have included flight software and computer hardware development and robotics development, testing and training. She has served as Assistant for Space Station to the Chief of the Astronaut Office, lead spacecraft communicator in Mission Control and Acting Deputy of the Astronaut Office. She currently serves as Director of Flight Crew Operations at Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

Ochoa's numerous awards include NASA's Exceptional Service Medal (1997), Outstanding Leadership Medal (1995) and Space Flight Medals (2002, 1999, 1994, 1993). Besides being an astronaut, researcher, and engineer, Ochoa is a classical flutist. She lives in Texas with her husband, Coe Fulmer Miles, and their two children.