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Voters Guide

November 5, 2013

Plano ISD

Tax Ratification Election

Early voting: Oct. 21 – Nov. 1

Election Day: Nov. 5 – Polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

About This Voters Guide

This *Voters Guide* is published by the League of Women Voters of Collin County to help citizens prepare to cast an informed vote. The League of Women Voters encourages informed and active participation in government. The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

This guide lists the Tax Ratification Election proposition for Plano Independent School District to be presented to voters at the General Election November 5, 2013.

This *Voters Guide* is available online at www.lwvcollin.org and www.VOTE411.org. These websites also have the *LWV Texas 2013 Constitutional Amendment Voters Guide* in both English and Spanish, which provides the official ballot language, explanation and arguments for and against each of the nine proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution that will be on the November 5 ballot.

To enter your address and see all races for that address visit www.VOTE411.org.



Where to Vote

During **early voting and on Election Day**, you may vote at any voting location. Early voting is open to all voters, no excuses necessary.

For polling locations and sample ballots, visit www.co.collin.tx.us/elections/index.jsp or call the Collin County Elections Office at 800-687-8546 (toll-free).

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Texas Requires Voters to Show Photo ID

Texas now requires voters to show an acceptable photo ID at the polls. The only acceptable photo IDs are:

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) issued photo IDs

- Driver's license
- Personal identification card
- Concealed handgun license
- Election Identification Certificate

United States government issued photo IDs

- Passport
- Military identification card
- Citizenship certificate or naturalization certificate with photograph

Only the above photo IDs can be accepted at the polls. Other photo IDs including student IDs and employer IDs cannot be accepted.

- ✓ The Photo ID needs to be *current or have expired no more than 60 days* before voting (citizenship and naturalization certificates have no expiration date).
- ✓ The *name on the photo ID should match* the voter registration card. If names don't match, a voter may be accepted if names are "substantially similar." *Addresses need not match.*
- ✓ Voters with a *documented disability* from Social Security or Veterans Affairs can apply for a voter registration certificate exempting them from the photo ID requirement.

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Photo ID (continued)

- ✓ Voters without acceptable ID can obtain an *Election Identification Certificate (EIC)* from Texas DPS at no cost by providing proof of citizenship and identity, and either registering to vote at DPS or showing a voter registration card. Requirements for the EIC can be found at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/electionID.htm>. There is no charge for the EIC but the necessary documentation may have a cost.
- ✓ *Photo ID is not required to vote by mail.* Voters may apply for a mail ballot if 65 or older, ill or disabled, or absent from their county during early voting and on Election Day.
- ✓ Voters who do not show an acceptable ID at the polls can vote a *provisional ballot* and have six days to show the required photo ID.

- ✓ Those who lack a photo ID because of a religious objection to being photographed or because of a natural disaster declared by the president will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot and complete an affidavit within six days of the election.

Qualifications for Voting

To vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, registered to vote, a resident of the county, and at least 18 years old on Election Day. You must not have been declared mentally incapacitated by a court of law. If you have been convicted of a felony, you may register to vote only after you have completed the punishment phase of your conviction, including any terms of incarceration, parole, supervision, or period of probation ordered by the court.

Plano ISD Tax Ratification Election

Approving the ad valorem tax rate of \$1.453 per \$100 valuation in the Plano Independent School District for the current year, a rate that is \$0.13 higher per \$100 valuation than the school district rollback rate.

- For**
- Against**

Your vote is your voice. Be heard.