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Voters Guide

June 15, 2013, Runoff Election
Plano City Council

Early voting: June 3–11

Election Day: June 15 – 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 candidates for Plano City Council in a Runoff Election, as shown in the table of contents.

This *Voters Guide* is available online at www.lwvcollin.org, along with a separate guide for the Collin College Runoff Election. Candidate responses for all runoff races are also available at www.VOTE411.org, including an "On Your Ballot" feature that allows voters to enter an address and review races specific to that address.

Questionnaires were sent to all candidates who appeared on the ballot for the May 11, 2013, Plano City Council Election. This *Voters Guide* reprints the responses from candidates who will appear on the ballot for the June 15, 2013, Runoff Election.

Candidate replies are printed without editing or verification. Responses were limited to 600 characters. Candidates were asked to avoid references to their opponents.

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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.

Where to Vote

During **early voting June 3–11**, you may vote at any early voting location. Early voting is open to all voters, no excuses necessary. On **Election Day June 15**, you must vote in the precinct in which you reside. Your precinct is listed on your voter registration card.

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).

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




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Plano City Council

<p>Description</p> <p>4-year term, elected city wide. Candidates for Places 1-4 must live in their respective districts. The City Council does strategic planning, approves annual budget, sets policy, enacts ordinances establishing municipal law, regulates zoning and development and appoints board and commission members.</p>
<p>Questions</p> <p>Budget: What are your priorities for the city’s budget?</p> <p>Growth: What challenges will the continuing growth of this city present, and how would you address them with respect to open space, commercial development and residential development, including affordable housing?</p> <p>Homelessness: Homelessness, including teenagers and families with children, continues to be a problem. What should the city do to address this issue?</p> <p>Water: Since the proposed state water plan emphasizes conserving water supplies, should this city do more to encourage conservation? If so, what specific measures would you support?</p> <p>Transportation: Do you see traffic congestion as a problem in this city? If so, what would you recommend to improve it?</p> <p>Health and Safety: What do you see as the primary health and safety concerns of this city and how would you address them?</p> <p>Other Issues: What are the most important issues you think will come before the City Council in the next few years? What are your views on these issues?</p>

Plano Council Member, Place No. 8 Candidates (2):

<p>Sally Magnuson – Candidate for Plano Council Member, Place No. 8</p>	
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<p>Education: Pearce Business School, Boston MA Experience: Municipal Marketing Manager for first BFI, which then became Allied Waste and is now Republic Waste</p> <p>Budget: Police, Fire, Infrastructure repair and replacement, Economic Development</p> <p>Growth: We have infrastructure in some areas of the city that is 40 to 50 years old. Unless we are able to update these systems, we will face potentially catastrophic failures. Recently, three water mains broke at approximately the same time. If we had been faced with a major fire, PFD could have been forced to deal with insufficient water pressure. We must address these needs in the near future. Additionally, we must find ways to rehabilitate aging neighborhoods and underutilized retail centers to address residential and commercial needs.</p> <p>Homelessness: We should continue to support the Samaritan Inn, City House and Hope's Door, all of which address these needs. We should also remain open to exploration of future proposals/options and potential public/private partnerships to address critical needs.</p> <p>Water: Plano is an area leader with water conservation and recycling programs and water saving landscape plans. We need to continue education efforts to reach residents who aren't participating in these programs. We should also continue efforts to work with the North Texas Municipal Water District to conserve and educate our citizens.</p>	

Sally Magnuson – Candidate for Plano Council Member, Place No. 8

Transportation: Traffic congestion is time-specific. Our traffic department is constantly revising and adjusting our signals to mitigate congestion in specific areas. It would be impossible to build enough roads to address these issues. By managing current resources and exploring new ways of traffic management, we will continue to make improvements as conditions warrant.

Health and Safety: I don't see anything major at this time. The city health department is active in dealing with the potential threat of West Nile and closely monitors the situation. The city has an emergency plan in place to deal with a potential major epidemic or emergency. Continued cooperation with area hospitals, the Red Cross and county agencies are essential. Public safety is continually being assessed, evaluated and updated.

Other Issues: Public safety, economic development and aging infrastructure. All are critical to our future development to maintain our current quality of life. We are the safest city in the country and must continue to be so. Our police and fire departments are highly certified and recognized nationally. They continually work to improve the levels of service they provide to all citizens, residential and commercial. Economic development is critical to our tax base. Repair and replacement of roads, water mains and sewers are essential. Council must support all critical areas of city services.

David Downs – Candidate for Plano Council Member, Place No. 8



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Education: Bachelor of Science in Finance **Experience:** Board & Volunteer Service with City House, CASA, Collin County Healthcare Foundation, Collin College Education Foundation, Leadership Plano, Plano Youth Leadership, Parks and Recreation Board, Planning & Zoning Commission, HomeAid, CAC, Plano Chamber

Budget: Economic Development, Revitalization, Efficiencies in Service Delivery, Infrastructure

Growth: Our growth moving forward will essentially be all commercial or high density housing as part of a mixed use development. Our remaining open space must be retained for increasing our business tax base which allows us to maintain our low tax rates. We are fortunate to have a diversity of housing options in the city. In addition, our access to DART allows for commuters to have additional options for housing beyond that available in the community. The value of the land within our boundaries makes it very difficult for a builder to recognize sufficient margins in constructing low cost housing.

Homelessness: We are fortunate to live in a very caring community. Dozens of agencies and religious organizations exist in Plano to help those in need including the Homeless. As a member of the Collin County Homeless Coalition and having participated in the annual count I've seen the unfortunate and listened to their plea for help. As a long time Board member of City House I've witnessed the sad stories of hundreds of children with no place to go. We must continue to support the efforts of these agencies and organizations as well as look for new ways to insure that families and children have advocates.

Water: I believe our water supply is indeed a significant issue and will likely become more pressing in the future as our population grows and the potential for warmer, drier weather persists. As part of new development we should encourage landscaping that is much more drought tolerant and requires less water on a regular basis. In addition, as part of our revitalization efforts, older sprinkler systems should be upgraded and include features which will monitor moisture to determine the need for watering. Our usage rates far exceed our neighboring communities and can be adjusted.

Transportation: Traffic will continue to be an issue for our community into the future. We are bounded on 4 sides by major highways and have 4 or 5 major north-south thoroughfares through our city. State laws essentially prohibit using a Traffic Analysis to determine the viability of a new development so additional cars will be added to our streets as we develop our remaining land and the areas around us grow. The staff is continually evaluating methods for increasing flow through the city while maintaining safety standards.

David Downs – Candidate for Plano Council Member, Place No. 8

Expansion of bike routes and mass transit bus routes may offer some relief.

Health and Safety: Our community is aging and so is the age of its residents. We find that the median age of our population is increasing as those that moved here years ago continue to enjoy the quality of life offered by Plano. We are fortunate to have 4 excellent medical hospitals in the city to provide care and one of the nations best public safety departments. As technology continues its implementation into our everyday lives I hope we can find a way to improve our methods of response to those in need of care. I know the city's Safety Departments are continually exploring opportunities to improve service

Other Issues: I believe the city will face hard choices in areas related to redevelopment, regional transit and water usage. The difficulty for council is keeping in mind that although there are day to day pressures on specific issues, each member and the council as a whole should keep their eye on a vision for the future and work toward creating that vision through implementation of ordinances & policies that are the framework for success. If we keep our eyes focused on where we are rather than where we might be headed, we will likely miss opprtunities to keep our city as THE place to live in North Texas

Your vote is your voice. Be heard.