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VOTERS GUIDE

**June 13, 2015, Local Election
Wylie City Council**

Early voting: June 1 – June 9

Election Day: June 13 – 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 Wylie City Council in a Runoff Election, as shown in the table of contents. It is available online at www.LWVCollin.org. Candidate responses for all runoff races are also available at www.VOTE411.org. Users may enter a home address and review races specific to that address.

Questionnaires were sent to all candidates who appeared on the ballot for the May 9, 2015, election. This *Voters Guide* reprints the responses from candidates who will appear on the ballot for the June 13, 2015, Runoff Election. Those candidates were invited to edit responses or enter responses, if they had not done so previously.

Candidate replies were subject to a character limit and are printed without editing or verification. If a candidate did not respond by the print deadline, "No response received" is printed. Later responses may appear in

VOTE411. Candidates were asked to avoid references to their opponents. Photos are included for candidates who provided them.

This *Voters Guide* is organized by office, with candidates listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot.

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



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June 1-6: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June 8-9: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Election Day

June 13: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For voting locations and sample ballots, visit:
wylietexas.gov/city_government/city_secretary/elections.php
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Wylie City Council

3-year term, elected citywide. Must be a qualified voter of the city, and a resident of the city. The City Council establishes city policy through ordinances and resolutions.

QUESTIONS

Finances: The state legislature is considering proposals to limit growth in local property tax revenue through revenue caps or appraisal caps. Do you support revenue limits? How would they affect the city's finances?

Growth: What challenges will the continuing growth of your city present with respect to open space, commercial development and residential development, including affordable housing? How would you address them?

Homelessness: Homelessness, including teenagers and families with children, continues to be a problem. What should the city do to address this issue?

Infrastructure: What measures do you support to meet the growing infrastructure needs of your city, such as transportation and water?

Needs of Seniors: What measures do you support to meet the needs of seniors in your city, including transportation and affordable housing?

Payday Loans: Do you think that payday and auto title loans are a problem in your city? Why or why not? If they are a problem, what should be done to address them?

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?

Wylie City Council, Place 4 Candidates (2):

Bennie Jones – Candidate for Wylie City Council, Place 4



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Education: Lincoln High School
NCTI Technical School Graduate
of the police academy at
Eastfield College

Experience: Six years as councilman, 5 years on the Park & Recreation board and member of The Texas crime commission five years

Finances: I'm in favor of limiting growth in taxes. Collin county has one of the highest tax rates in Texas. I realize it will affect our overall budget but this is where we need to streamline and look at other avenues to support our budget.

Growth: A growing city is always a challenge. Our biggest challenge is Highway 78 and the new intermodal system but we could also benefit from bringing new revenue and businesses to Wylie, Texas. As far as affordable housing, I think Wylie is efficient enough. I would like to see more quality sit-down restaurants in Wylie, less fast-food restaurants.

Homelessness: I think the programs in Collin County address homeless issues, it's always in need of improvement but I don't see a problem in Wylie.

Infrastructure: Wylie's water conservation plan has helped the water department, which is not a part of the city of Wylie. We, as a city, have done great work with the infrastructure and growth starting with our streets and housing development. We continue to look at other avenues to support the growth of Wylie.

Needs of Seniors: I am proud to say that I supported a new senior center for seniors along with new affordable housing, currently being built as we speak. The seniors in Wylie have always been a priority for me as a council member and that will not change.

Payday Loans: At this point, I don't think that payday loans and title loans establishments are a problem in Wylie. I don't support establishments like this because I feel it preys on citizens that are down on their luck. This is why

we have to continually monitor new businesses wanting to come to Wylie. If is not going to benefit our citizens I don't want to here.

Other Issues: I feel one of the biggest issues that will be brought in front of council will be issues concerning families and our youth. I would like to see more entertainment venues

and sitdown restaurants for the families in Wylie. We have a lake in our backyard I feel that we can take advantage of if we work with Army Corps of Engineers. Outdoor swimming pool, amphitheater,skating ring and bowling alley would make Wylie a hot spot for more famlies looking to relocate.

Candy Arrington – Candidate for Wylie City Council, Place 4

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***Voters Guides* for Collin College, McKinney City Council, and Wylie City Council Runoff Elections are available on the League's website at www.lwvcollin.org and at www.VOTE411.org**

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