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Voters Guide

May 11, 2013, Local Election
McKinney City Council

Early voting: April 29 – May 7

Election Day: May 11 – 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 Plano/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 McKinney City Council offices, as shown in the table of contents. McKinney Independent School District will not have an election this year, since none of its offices are contested.

This *Voters Guide* is available online at www.lwvcollin.org, along with separate guides for City Council and/or ISD in Allen, Frisco and Plano, and for Collin College. Candidate responses for all 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 will appear on the ballot for the McKinney City Council Election, even those who are uncontested. Candidate replies are printed without editing or verification. If a candidate did not respond by the deadline, "No response received" is printed. Responses were limited to 600 characters.

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 as they appear on the ballot.

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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 April 29 – May 7**, you may vote at any early voting location. Early voting is open to all voters, no excuses necessary. On **Election Day May 11**, 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).

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McKinney City Council


<p>Description 4-year term. Four council members are elected to single-member districts, and two Council members and the Mayor are elected at large.</p>
<p>Questions Budget: What are your priorities for the city’s budget? 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? Homelessness: Homelessness, including teenagers and families with children, continues to be a problem. What should the city do to address this issue? 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? Transportation: Do you see traffic congestion as a problem in this city? If so, what would you recommend to improve it? Health and Safety: What do you see as the primary health and safety concerns of this city and how would you 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?</p>

McKinney Mayor Candidates (2):

Brian Loughmiller – Candidate for McKinney Mayor
No response received

Derrick E. Johnson – Candidate for McKinney Mayor
Candidate has stepped down from the campaign, but name will appear on the ballot.

McKinney Council Member At-Large Candidates (3):

<p>Randall (Randy) P. Pogue – Candidate for McKinney Council Member At-Large</p>	
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<p>Education: Bachelor of Science Civil Engineering, Texas A & M University - College Station (1992) Experience: Business Owner, Pogue Engineering & Development Company, Inc. (1999-Present) Vice President - Pogue Construction (1997-1999) Project Manager - Pacheco Koch Consulting Engineers (1993-1997) Research Assistant - NASA Lunar Soil Simulant (1992-1993)</p>	

Randall (Randy) P. Pogue – Candidate for McKinney Council Member At-Large

Budget: My priority will include a fiscally responsible and financially sound government with a balanced budget. Currently, the major categories for budget revenues are 51% from ad valorem property taxes, 18% from sales and use taxes, and 14% from franchise taxes (these total 83%). The expenses consist of 47% for police and fire services, 11% each for both public works and parks and libraries, and an additional 15% for both development services and general government expenses (these total 84%). To reduce the burden that the home owners pay, we will need to focus on the commercial and sales tax uses.

Growth: Due to the continuing development that our city is experiencing, there will be a need for patience and wisdom to achieve the desired goal for a more balanced tax base. Currently this tax base ratio is approximately 70% residential to 30% commercial, while I desire to be closer to a 60%:40% ratio. Open space requirements are provided within both the multi-family and single family development criteria. Due to the cyclical nature of development, along with the supply and demand elements, the residential demand will continue. We need to offset this demand by preserving commercial corridors.

Homelessness: The Samaritan Inn, based in McKinney, provides a great service in this area. Additionally, there are other organizations that are also attempting to meet these needs and demands. The City should allow these entities to continue facilitating these needs and provide partnerships where applicable. Some of these roles could be in the provisions for zoning allowed uses in key areas, and working with these organizations as needed.

Water: The State Water Plan projects that by 2060 our population in this region will increase by 82%, while our water supply will decrease by 10%. This, along with our development demand, will require continued conservation efforts. We need to be proactive in negotiations and preparing for additional sources of water from various locations. This needs to be accomplished by enhancing our partnership with North Texas Municipal Water District to assure that these needs are being addressed.

Transportation: Yes, traffic is a problem, both for our residents and for our businesses. I propose that we continue efforts with the negotiations and coordination with our regional transportation provider in conjunction with Collin County Commissioners Court. Additionally, I would propose that we increase efforts with our adjoining cities for better cross connections with the Master Thoroughfare Plan. Finally, I would propose that we better use our resources and connections with Austin to negotiate with TxDOT to better plan and enhance our current road systems for our build-out population.

Health and Safety: The primary health and safety concerns are ample supplies of water, and adequate and safe roadways and infrastructure for our citizens and businesses. Both of the issues regarding water and traffic have been addressed within this questionnaire above. Regarding the infrastructure, we must continue to maintain our current water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and roadways to ensure their function, while expanding these to meet the demands of the development community.

Other Issues: The most challenging issues will deal with budget items, and the choice between good and best for the city, for both now and in the future. Further the choice for zoning uses and ordinances, as these impact the total dynamics, with regards to the future economic impact of the budget will be very important. Additionally, the issues regarding mobility and transportation will be key in the future economic success of our community. I am in support of looking at all of the facts, and my goal is to make the necessary decisions on what will be the best for the city as a whole and for the long term.

J. Martin Sanchez – Candidate for McKinney Council Member At-Large



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Experience: 19 years of experience in Community and Economic Development. Have worked for multiple Cities as a consultant and as a staff member. Worked for the State of Texas in Economic Development along the Texas-Mexico border.

J. Martin Sanchez – Candidate for McKinney Council Member At-Large

Budget: Continue a fiscally conservative approach that McKinney has established for many years. Assess the current budget for ways to reduce long term and operational expenses. Grow the commercial tax base through target programs that will streamline the development process and provide incentives to new development.

Growth: The major challenge with the pace of development is infrastructure - including roads, water and quality of life venues. I have proposed to shift some of the burden of building additional open spaces back to the developers by streamlining the process to reduce the costs to the City. With respect to affordable housing I have been a strong proponent, for over a decade, of affordability across the board. This means having a strata of housing choices and prices. We must offset this affordability issue with continued commercial development through incentives and the reduction of bureaucracy.

Homelessness: We need to continue to support agencies like the Samaritan Inn and the McKinney Housing Authority. We must also continue to work with developers to provide a variety of housing options to create a path out from homelessness. We must also continue to support entities like Holy Family School which provides quality pre-school experience at affordable prices.

Water: Absolutely. We must explore technical nuances like "low flow shower heads", "hot water on demand" systems, and tankless water heater systems to encourage conservation. We should also be implementing a city-wide "grey water" system to allow for the reuse of non-potable water for irrigation purposes. Other communities like El Paso, Phoenix and Las Vegas are years ahead in the use of conservation technology and policies. As a member city of NTMWD, we should encourage the sharing of best practices with communities that are being successful.

Transportation: Yes. The answer is not "more lanes". The answer involves focusing on a jobs-housing balance and being strategic about the local collector roads. Many people load onto US 75 to go from South McKinney to North McKinney as a convenience. However, this local traffic adds to the congestion of the highway which is intended for traffic going from Austin to Chicago. The Master Thoroughfare Plan needs to reflect more local major arterials like Preston, Plano Parkway, and beltline. Additionally, McKinney must undergo a signal timing study to synchronize the intersection controls to manage traffic

Health and Safety: McKinney is blessed with a rich long history. This long history comes with a number of concerns like inadequate roads, drainage systems and a lack of fire prevention. Over the last ten years, McKinney has reinvested in the east-side to improve some of these inadequacies. We must continue to improve the accessibility for emergency personnel and vehicles in these older areas. With poor drainage, we are subject to West Nile virus outbreaks and should be vigilant about the public health aspect.

Other Issues: By far, water supply will be the prevailing issue for City Council to monitor and address. We must start implementing changes now while we still have time before a critical tipping point arises. Continuing to grow the commercial tax base is also of paramount importance. We as City Council must be aggressive with our economic development approaches. Lastly, the continued disenfranchisement of citizens in general and our youth in specific will be an important item. We must continue the Mayor's current approach and vision to continuously reach out to citizens and engage them in the process.

Jeremiah J. Hammer – Candidate for McKinney Council Member At-Large



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Education: Stephen F. Austin Major; International Business Minor; MIS **Experience:** I have worked with numerous city and community organizations such as Kiwanis Club, Leadership McKinney, as Chairman of the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Commission, and with the McKinney Community Garden Association to name a few.

Budget: My priority is to continuously assess and adjust the city budget to ensure that we are good stewards of our taxpayer's money. Managing the budget is more than just generating revenue or cutting cost. It's about value creation, and that's something that as your councilman, I will help our city do. It doesn't make

Jeremiah J. Hammer – Candidate for McKinney Council Member At-Large

sense to arbitrarily cut the budget to save money any more than it make sense to spend money simply because it's available to spend. With that said, my priorities are... Continue reading here:

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Growth: Given that property taxes are the primary component of how our city generates revenue, we need to continue to offset the burden placed on residential development with commercial development. However, that does not mean simply building more box buildings in the hope that someone will fill them. That only benefits the commercial developers, and not the support businesses we have in McKinney. Our development efforts... Continue reading here: http://www.ifwehadahammer.com/?page_id=117%2F#q2

Homelessness: We can start by acknowledging that homelessness exists. One of our greatest shortcomings as a city is our unwillingness to recognize the problems we have. With so many great things going for us, it is easy to forget that there people struggling right now, some severely worse than others. As a city, we are only as strong as our weakest link. We need to direct our economic development efforts not just on bringing businesses here, but also on workforce development, providing support to companies that... Continue reading here: http://www.ifwehadahammer.com/?page_id=117%2F#q3

Water: Absolutely! Water is a major issue facing this growing city, and keeping up with demand goes well beyond conservation efforts. We need to shift our perspective on how we view water. Some things we can do.... Continue reading here: http://www.ifwehadahammer.com/?page_id=117%2F#q4

Transportation: Traffic congestion is a problem all over the county and state, which includes our city. We simply cannot build our way out of it with more roads. We need to shift in our attention to public transportation and other alternatives. I will champion the establishment of a transportation committee to work with residents and businesses to create a solution that accommodates multiple modes of transportation around our city and to neighboring communities. http://www.ifwehadahammer.com/?page_id=117%2F#q5

Health and Safety: We have several. We have a drug problem that we treat as a criminal problem. We have a largely ignored vandalism problem on the west side of our city. The first step to recovery is acknowledgement, and that starts with us, the citizens doing just that and treating them both appropriately. Healthwise, I anticipate our water supply to become an issue as we continue to attract industrial companies to our city. One of the unintended consequences of our "favorable business climate" is that there are few mechanisms... Continue reading here: http://www.ifwehadahammer.com/?page_id=117%2F#q6

Other Issues: All issues facing the city are tied economic development and quality of life, putting McKinney in an exciting, enviable position. But we have a lot of work to ensure that our future growth is sustainable. We can start with basic things such as evaluating and revising to our codes and ordinances accommodate the scope of our current and future needs. We need to revisit our comprehensive plan. That needs to happen every 4-5 years. We need to ensure that home ownership is within reach of all full-time wage earners.... Continue reading here: http://www.ifwehadahammer.com/?page_id=117%2F#q7

**McKinney Council Member, District No. 1
Candidates (1):**

Don J. Day – Candidate for McKinney Council Member, District No. 1

No response received

**McKinney Council Member, District No. 3
Candidates (1):**

Travis L. Ussery, Jr. – Candidate for McKinney Council Member, District No. 3

No response received

Your vote is your voice. Be heard.