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VOTERS GUIDE

June 10, 2017
Local Runoff Election
Allen

Early voting: May 30 – June 6

Election Day: June 10 – Polls open 7 am to 7 pm

About This Voters Guide

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For Collin County voting locations, hours, and a sample ballot, visit http://www.collincountytx.gov/elections/election_information or call 972-547-1990 (McKinney).

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Allen City Council

3-year term, elected citywide. Must be at least 18 years old, a qualified voter, and a resident of the city. The City Council establishes city policy through ordinances and resolutions.

QUESTIONS

Infrastructure: What measures do you support to meet the city's infrastructure needs, including transportation and water, given the expected population changes?

Housing: What should the city council do, if anything, to ensure that appropriate housing is available for all demographics, including seniors and low income residents?

Budget: What concerns you the most about the city's finances, and what changes would you like to see in the budget?

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?

Allen City Council, Place 2

Tabassum "Munia" Ahmad, City Council, Place 2



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Education: Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Indiana University, South Bend

Experience: None provided.

Infrastructure: The City is currently widening the lanes of its major interstate thoroughfare I 75. As well the city has undertaken to create a sound wall to keep the noise level down for adjacent residents. The sound wall is aesthetically pleasing. If I am elected to the city council, I will pay very close attention to all activity, locally, regionally and statewide to ensure that we manage water rationing when necessary and provide the proper information of exactly what government is doing to inform the residents.

Housing: The city council must continue the planning and zoning of the City of Allen so that a diverse range of opportunities are available for all demographics including seniors and low income residents. It is a reality that some people cannot afford certain level of mortgages and that there must be an alternative available for all people. Affordable apartments in safe and attractive areas are necessary and the City must always keep in mind seniors and offer the amenities such as the senior center.

Budget: The City of Allen has a well balanced budget. The all-important future is what needs to be managed competently. If elected to the city council, we must continue to watch our expenditures so that they are managed and executed wisely. I have the experience as a degreed accountant and as an experienced entrepreneur to push forward and continue to keep the high quality of life in the city of Allen.

Other Issues: One of the most inevitable issue will be the issue with transportation; how to reduce traffic congestion. Another specific issue will be the development of the downtown (near City Hall and to the north). This will be an excellent opportunity for the City of Allen. The look and feel will be all important as well. Good strong, proper planning and design of the downtown area is imperative! This will also be an attraction for residents inside and outside of the city to come, enjoy and spend their time with their families.

Carl Clemencich, City Council, Place 2



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Education: (1) B.S. - Accounting (University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC), (2) M.B.A. - Corporate Finance (University of Dallas, Irving, TX), (3) M.S. - Accounting (University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX)

Experience: Elected / Appointed Positions: (1) Board Trustee - Allen ISD (2012 - Current), (2) Bd Member - Allen Economic Dev'l Corp (2004-2012), (3) Bd Member - Allen Parks & Recreation Board (2000-2004), (4) Bd Member - Allen Community Dev'l Corp (1996-2000)

Infrastructure: While many infrastructure issues can be addressed and resolved locally, items like Water and Transportation, are larger issues that must be addressed at a Regional or State level. Transportation. (1) From a City perspective, build & replace our City's Infrastructure as needed. (2) Regional planning related to major transportation arteries (SH 75, SRT 121). (3) Investigate potential mass transportation solutions for our residents through DART and Collin County. Water. Continue to work with member cities that comprise NTMWD in the provision of our water needs now and into the future

Housing: City Council should work collaboratively with City Staff and the community to ensure we continue to offer a wide range of housing products for our community. The City of Allen continues to attract new residents due to its excellent quality of life, great parks and schools and a safe environment for its residents. The housing available in Allen is a mix of new homes, existing homes in well maintained neighborhoods, multi-family housing options including Town Homes & Apartments, as well as Senior housing alternatives.

Budget: As a Council Member, I would look to utilize my strong financial background to help the City of Allen to continue its strong focus on fiscal management, which has led to a AAA Standard & Poor's credit rating and some 20 plus years of annual property tax rate decreases while maintaining or enhancing high quality services to its residents. As property values, and the total amount of annual property taxes paid by our residents, has risen sharply over the last couple of years, we need to constantly look for opportunities to return more back to the tax payers through lower rates, when appropriate.

Other Issues: I believe the most important issues that will be addressed by the Allen City Council over the next few years primarily center around growth. As discussed above, Transportation and Water will remain top issues that will require strong State and Regional collaboration. In addition, as we look to complete the build-out of our Community over the next 10 years, "Land Use" and "Economic Development" will also be key items of focus. With regards to "Economic Development", we need to continue to recruit and retain organizations within our Community, especially the land along SH 75 & SRT 121.

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