



VOTERS GUIDE

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NOVEMBER 3, 2020, GENERAL ELECTION
CELINA CITY COUNCIL

Early voting: October 13-30

Election Day Polls: November 3 – 7 am to 7 pm

ABOUT THIS VOTERS GUIDE

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This guide is available online at www.LWVCollin.org, along with guides for other offices that include all or part of Collin County. Candidate responses for all races are also available at www.VOTE411.org, where you can enter an address and view a personalized ballot with races specific to that address.

Questionnaires were sent to all candidates for each office, whether or not the race is contested. Candidate replies were subject to a character limit and are printed without editing or verification. If a candidate did not respond by the deadline, "No response received" is printed. Candidates were asked to avoid references to their opponents. Photos are included for candidates who provided them.

This Voters Guide is organized by office sought, with candidates listed in alphabetical order.

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Celina Mayor and City Council

3-year term, elected citywide. Must be at least 18 years old, a United States citizen, a qualified voter, and a resident of the city. The City Council adopts all ordinances and resolutions and determines the general goals and policies.

Question (Uncontested Races)

Priorities: Even though your race is not contested, please share your priorities for the next term and how you will address them.

Questions (Contested Races)

Growth: Collin County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state. What should the City Council do, if anything, to address population growth?

Economy: Should the City Council try to attract more businesses? Why or why not?

Finance: What would you like to change, if anything, about the city budget and taxation?

Trust: How will you work with residents to earn their trust in city government?

Services: What changes should be made, if any, to city services? What would it take to make these changes?

Other issues: What other important issues are facing the City Council, and how would you address them?

**Sean Terry
Celina Mayor
Uncontested**



Education: BS Economics Texas A&M University

Experience: Served on Council Since 2009 and Became Mayor in 2016. Past President of North Texas Mayor Association. Currently Serve on North Texas Commission Board.

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Priorities: Over the next 3 years for the City of Celina it is crucial to continue working on a couple of items. First we need to continue upgrading infrastructure that meet the demands for one of the fastest growing cities in Texas. Secondly we need to continue to grow our public safety sector. We have established one of the best Fire and Police departments around and we need to continue adding personal and facilities to stay up with the growth. Lastly we need to continue working with our schools and education systems. People move to Celina because we have great schools and we are a safe community.

**Ben Hangartner
Celina City Council, Place 4**

No response received

**Carmen Roberts
Celina City Council, Place 4**

No response received

**Wendie Wigginton
Celina City Council, Place 4**



Education: BS Business Administration, Juris Doctor (JD) – Specialization in International Legal Studies

Experience: An over 20 year career in law focused on compliance, contracts and foreign trade and responsible for managing large projects and budgets to completion. My professional experience coupled with my desire to serve make me qualified for this role

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Growth: The City Council must manage to grow the city better while growing it bigger. The goal should be to improve the quality of life for current and future residents by investing in parks, roads, community centers and schools. Establish a 2 to 20 year plan that takes a measured approach to growth that puts in place the right businesses and mix-use development to bring tax revenues into the city that doesn't unduly burden existing resources and infrastructure in a way that makes residents lives better, their children's education better, and does that while improving commute times and home values.

Economy: Absolutely. Economic development is important to the growth of a city. Attracting the right businesses will help residents create a sense of "home" that will attract larger businesses and investors that will drive further growth. By creating a strong downtown area you bring residents together and create an environment that attracts tourists and other businesses to invest in the city. New businesses will create an additional job base, keep money in the community, support local charities and events, and with the right focus can assist in fixing problems and driving change when needed.

Finance: I think the budget should be evaluated to make sure that land developers are paying the appropriate share of the costs associated with the infrastructure required to support their projects / developments so that the burden does not fall to current and future residents to shoulder those costs. Just like we are currently doing with the high water bills. In addition I would look at ways to incentivize businesses to bring more business to Celina that keeps more residents shopping local resulting in increased tax money in the budget.

Trust: The key to building trust is engaging openly and honestly with citizens and where you can involve them in the decision making process. I will make sure we celebrate the wins and be honest and open when issues arise and ask lots of questions. I will own mistakes and work

together to create collaborative solutions. I will make engagement in the process more accessible to residents and make it easier for citizens to submit ideas to the council for projects or issues that can effect change and are important to them. Finally, I will incorporate new and diverse voices into government committees.

Services: The city of Celina needs to evaluate how water / sewer charges are being calculated and provide residences with a better understanding of how those costs are determined and what is driving the increase. That information needs to be clearly communicated to residents either through the City website, the mayor updates, or in an open City Council meeting to give residents confidence that they are not carrying the burden now for future city requirements.

Other Issues: The City Council continues to be faced with Covid related issues that impact its citizens, services it provides, and long term viability of businesses in the City. We need to work closely with our federal, state and local government organizations to get the resources to take care of our citizens. We need to work with the school district and educators to make sure they have what they need. Finally, we need to maintain open communication with our citizens and give them the information they need to be informed decision makers for the wellbeing of their families and ultimately their community

Mindy Koehne
Celina City Council, Place 5

No response received

Lanford Rodgers
Celina City Council, Place 5

No response received

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