



VOTERS GUIDE

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PLANO CITY COUNCIL

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

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Plano City Council

4-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 establishes city policy through ordinances and resolutions.

Questions

Strategic: What actions should the City Council take to ensure a thriving community in the long-term?

Economy: What types of businesses would you like to attract to the city, if any, and what should be done to support existing businesses?

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

Diversity: What will you do to ensure that diverse populations feel welcome and safe in the city and have a voice in city government?

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

Pandemic: How should the City Council balance safety and the economy during the pandemic?

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

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Plano City Council, Place 4



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Strategic: Currently, 40% of Plano housing (homes/apartments) are rental units. Studies show that renters do not participate in the community at the same rate as homeowners as they don't have a stake in it's future. Instead of building high density apartments we should focus on revitalizing our neighborhoods. We should prioritize housing for our senior citizens so they can downsize, remain in the city near family and friends and keep the sense of community that Plano residents have come to love. This will open up homes so new families can move into our neighborhood and further spur economic development.

Economy: We should continue to attract large and small businesses that provide quality jobs for our residents, expand the tax base, and provide sales tax revenue. Plano is an attractive community for national companies, due to our great schools, parks and recreation facilities, and high quality of life. We should continue to fund and promote these amenities for resident employees of current and future businesses.

Finance: Due to increased home assessments, residents are being priced out of their homes. The council should continue to implement the no-new-revenue rate, which keeps city homeowner property taxes the same from last year and encourages economic development to fund new growth in government. This makes the growth of the city budget more controlled and predictable to reduce the need for excessive tax hikes.

Diversity: The diversity of our citizenry is one of the great assets of our city. I will be available to listen to their needs and advocate for them, to ensure that people remain invested and have a voice. Our police department is well trained and professional. They are the reason we are consistently ranked as one of the safest cities in the country. By supporting them and making sure they have the resources they need to do their job, we will make sure our residents feel safe and protected.

Services: I would love to see our water quality improved. There have been questions in the past regarding water quality, smell, and taste. Concerns have been raised regarding levels of chloramines each Spring. I think we should increase independent testing, examine alternate filtrations systems, and have greater oversight of our water system, to make sure it is up to the standards Plano residents want and expect.

Pandemic: As a small business owner, my heart breaks for so many local businesses that had to shut their doors forever due to this pandemic. Many are still hurting and I believe the City Council should allow the full reopening of the local economy. People can choose their comfort level in regard to the pandemic and what is right for them. That means voting with your wallet for retail establishments that do or don't see it your way. Personally, I err on the side of caution and wear a mask due to the high number of people I interact with but understand and respect people's differing opinions.

Other issues: In December, the city council passed campaign finance reform to reduce the undue influence of campaign donations on city council decisions. This measure requires members of the city council to recuse themselves from council votes that involve people or organizations that have donated over \$1,000 to their council campaigns, and have a financial interest before the council. While this is a good start, I believe this ordinance could be strengthened, and refined, to better serve its intended purpose.

Kayci Prince
Plano City Council, Place 4



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Strategic: The keys to a thriving Plano are safety, mobility, revitalization, economic development, and a strong sense of community. We must keep our community safe by providing the fire police departments with the necessary training and resources to provide a high-level of service. We need to investment in our aging road infrastructure and improve neighborhood streets and alleys. Reinvesting in mature parks, neighborhoods and our US-75 corridor will be a key factor in keeping Plano a place we all want to live. We will need to be pro-active to retain and attract businesses to provide job opportunities.

Economy: Trade, transportation and utilities comprise the largest sector of jobs at 22%. The smallest sector is information at 2%. We have an opportunity to increase the information sector with telecommunications, data processing and hosting jobs. The Pandemic has resulted in an increase in subscriptions to entertainment streaming services and these companies need new content and are expanding to new places to create it. With shifting consumer patterns, experiential type businesses are more important. We should support current businesses by reducing unnecessary regulations that hinder their growth.

Finance: We must provide the high quality of services our citizens have to come expect in Plano while maintaining a low tax rate. We must keep the financial policies in place that have kept Plano in the healthy financial position that it is today. Investing in our capital maintenance fund so that we can cash fund repair projects rather than incurring additional debt and paying

for water and sewer expenses as we incur them are wise policies to continue. Currently the city maintains 30 days of working capital, and I would like this to be increased so we are better prepared for an economic downturn.

Diversity: With 26% of our population in Plano being born outside of the US, we have an opportunity to improve our communications to be more inclusive of those whose English is not their first language. I would like to make it easier for non-English speaking residents to provide feedback to the Council and City and to gain access to the information they need through translation services, education, or possibly an appointed liaison. I also am passionate that having a diversity of viewpoints helps us solve problems better. I will continue to appoint a diverse group of citizens to boards and commissions.

Services: I have heard from citizens who are concerned about the increase in homelessness in Plano. Our council created a position for a homeless liaison last year, but I think that we will have to be more proactive in addressing this problem in the future. Other citizens are concerned about properties not being kept up in their neighborhoods. Programs like Love Where You Live implemented in our maturing neighborhoods by our Neighborhood Services Division will help to ensure Plano remains a desirable community for years to come. Many residents want to raise hens in their back yard, and I support this.

Pandemic: Under the Governor's current order cities do not have the authority to limit a business's ability to open or their capacity. The city also cannot impose any mask mandates with penalties. All City employees are still required to wear a mask, and I believe the City is doing a good job of recommending masks throughout the City. I am personally choosing to still wear a mask. In regards to vaccines, the City has partnered with local vaccine distributors and is providing space at the Sam Johnson Recreation Center to help make it easier for citizens to get shots closer to home.

Other issues: Plano's aging roadways are a big challenge. Roads in poor condition slow people down, leading to congestion and unwanted car repairs. The City will need to evaluate alternative methods for repair and replacement of our roads that can help decrease the costs of repairs and lengthen the life span of our roads. Utilizing thin asphalt overlays and using advanced software and tracking mechanisms that can better help identify and prioritize the most needed areas of road work will help us maintain the high quality of roads our citizens have come to expect in Plano.

Julie Holmer
Plano City Council, Place 7 (Unexpired Term)



Education: Bachelor of Social Work, Stephen F. Austin, State University, Leadership Plano, Class 30, Citizens Police Academy, Class 56, Citizens Fire Academy, Class 42

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Strategic: We need to maintain a friendly attitude that keeps Plano an attractive place for people and businesses to move to. We must keep Plano safe and fund our first responders as a top priority. We need to make sure we continue to invest in our infrastructure, which includes maintaining our roads, parks, trails, and facilities in a financially responsible manner. To keep Plano strong, we have to keep Plano's culture thriving. We must continue to be a professionally managed city that invests in our arts, our education, and into ensuring that Plano is an accepting and inclusive city for all.

Economy: We need to continue to attract companies who will hire from our well educated and diverse population. We also have a responsibility to make sure that Plano businesses embrace inclusion and promote diversity. Ideally, we'll attract innovative companies that would bring business travelers to Plano to contribute to our hospitality industry, which will also increase our hotel occupancy taxes.

Finance: Plano is among the cities with the lowest property tax rates in our metroplex. I think our city staff consistently does an excellent job of proposing a budget that is fair and fiscally responsible. I am concerned that by maintaining a "No New Revenue" policy, Plano's infrastructure will start to crumble because the city's budget is no longer being adjusted for inflation and cannot keep up with needed repairs.

Diversity: Plano's boards and commissions should look like our population and reflect the rich tapestry that people of various backgrounds have brought to our city.

Services: If I were in office today, I would have supported the City of Plano, like Allen and Frisco, having its own vaccination service, but that will be in the past by the time my election is

done. Plano currently has an aging population, we need to ensure that senior services expand with the needs our population. And our city needs to work to attract and retain younger people so that families continue to make Plano their home.

Pandemic: I believe that the lack of a face mask ordinance hurts small businesses who can't afford to alienate customers, yet need to keep employees safe. As a former restaurant owner, I experienced a similar situation when there was no ordinance against vaping indoors. I had some patrons who wanted to vape and others who complained. I was put in a position where I had to choose who to alienate. It helps businesses to have an ordinance to absorb customer irritation, rather than having to make that choice themselves.

Other issues: I think the completion of the Collin Creek Mall Redevelopment is important and will help to revitalize the downtown area and eastern side of Plano. I'd like to be a liaison on this project and keep the community informed of progress as this is of great interest to so many residents. The finalization of the new comprehensive plan is also top of mind.

Chris Robertson
Plano City Council, Place 7 (Unexpired Term)



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Strategic: Strategic: Plano is continuously ranked as one of the best places to live in our country and is a destination of choice for newcomers. Plano City Council needs to look at long-term planning and truly understanding the effects of the pandemic while still focusing on the needs of the city today. I am confident if we all work together, Plano will remain a vibrant city where we love to live, work and raise our families.

Economy: Economy: I am pro-business and strongly believe that Plano should always be looking to attract new local businesses. I strongly believe in fair incentives for small and large

businesses. Businesses help contribute to the local tax base and help keep taxes low. On a personal level, I would love to see more veteran owned businesses in Plano.

Finance: Finance: The city of Plano should continue to be fiscally conservative in terms of the budget. I will work to review the budget to eliminate any waste and duplication. Until we truly understand the long-term economic impact of the pandemic, we must remain prudent in our budget, while not forgoing the quality of life and city services the residents of Plano enjoy. I will always support our first responders with the tools and resources they need to keep Plano safe.

Diversity: Diversity: It is important that all Plano residents feel safe, welcome and represented. I have served our country stateside and abroad, including Somalia, Afghanistan, and two years in Korea. This time abroad taught me how to work together towards meaningful and fair outcomes. I will be a voice for all Plano residents and make sure they know why and what decisions are being made.

Services: Services: I think the city of Plano is currently doing a great job and delivers exceptional services while continue to keep our tax rate low. I would like to see more resources on finding innovative solutions to traffic and congestion as our city continues to grow.

Pandemic: Pandemic: Our city has shown its true resilience and grit this past year. Parents have had to become teachers while working full time, teachers have had to teach students in person and virtually at the same time, children have had to adapt to a different way of learning and daily life and businesses have had to adapt how they operate. What this past year has shown us is how as a city we can get through difficult times and adapt as necessary. I am not sure life will ever look exactly the same as it did pre-pandemic but I can say is that I am proud of how we have united as one community.

Other issues: Other Issues: As our population continues to grow, we need to ensure our police and fire departments are fully staffed and supported. We need to be continuing to improve our aging infrastructure, helping with congestion.

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