

Voters Guide	November 3, 2020, General Election Fairview Town Council
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ABOUT THIS VOTERS GUIDE

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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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Fairview Town Council

2-year term, elected citywide. Must be at least 21 years old, a United States citizen, a qualified voter, and a resident of the city. The Town Council establishes city policy through ordinances and resolutions.

Questions

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?

Cynthia Brugge Fairview Town Council, Seat 2

No response received

Gregg Custer Fairview Town Council, Seat 2

No response received

Jeanette Grazioli Fairview Town Council, Seat 4



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Growth: Fairview needs to grow responsibly and within current zoning requirements as to maintain the balance of small town country living and values along with the potential for a thriving commercial district. Fairview has 2 great school districts which attract families to move here with the convenience and amenities a larger city while offering large acreage home sites in a country atmosphere.

Economy: Fairview currently has unoccupied commercial space in a perfect location to attract businesses to generate sales tax revenue.

Finance: Fairview needs to ensure Fire and Police are adequately funded to support its growing population. We need spend town funds responsibly and in the best interests of its residence. I believe this can be accomplished by being transparent with the residents and maintaining the careful balance of wants and needs. I feel it is vital to maintain the effective tax rate and have a thriving commercial district to help reduce the burden on taxpayers.

Trust: I want to have an open line of communication with Fairview residents. I will listen and communicate regularly residents to ensure transparency. I will openly share my email and phone number and have a 24 hour response time.

Services: Fairview is currently building a new fire station 1 to accommodate the needs of our growing population which will allow for future ambulance service. Fairview has almost completed a new water storage and water pump station to ensure residents have clean and safe water.

Other Issues: Fairview is a growing town, with a growing commercial district and residential properties this creates drainage issues due to the increase of impervious structures. Fairview has recently completed a drainage study to better understand and address these issues. After speaking with Fairview residents I also feel we need to address the challenges many residents face with high speed internet. We need to be able to bring residents choices in internet providers to address their needs especially given our current school and work environments.

Larry Little Fairview Town Council, Seat 4



Education: Marketing Degree from Texas A&M University

Experience: As a business owner for over 40 years I have lots of experience with fiscal

responsibility and making hard decisions. I have lived in the North Texas area for over 35 years

and Fairview for 18.

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Growth: Fairview is unique in that it has lots of large lot residential areas. It is important that future growth in Fairview fit in with the tranquil country atmosphere of our town.

Economy: I support attracting more businesses in the Commercial Development area of Fairview which is basically along Highway 75.

Finance: Fairview is in exceeding good financial shape. It is my goal to keep taxes low while providing the resources and services to keep our residents safe and happy.

Trust: Transparency. It is very important that Council members are very transparent in their decisions and provide with residents rationale for the reason they chose to vote one way or other. I will always vote with honesty and integrity.

Services: I supported Fire Station # 1 and want to ensure it gets built in a timely manner. **Other issues:** The impact of Covid-19. The Town will have to make some hard decisions as a result of the Covid-19.

Roland Feldman Fairview Town Council, Seat 6



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Growth: Growth within Collin county is an important issue that needs to be planned for, as it effects the quality of life for our existing residents. As the county and city grow, we need to plan for a gradual expansion to roads, water/sewer infrastructure and drainage plans, but this needs to be done in a responsible way so as to not adversely affect our current residents. I support development and growth; it just needs to be planned for and controlled. Support existing residents first, growth second.

Economy: Fairview is a small town surrounded by much larger cities. We have a very defined commercial district on the west side of town. We work closely with our developers on the type of commercial developments that would benefit the community and it's need. We have an EDC that works to attract business to our town.

Finance: Taxes in the State of Texas are on the rise. City taxes play a key role in what financial burden we put on our residents. We must be very frugal in our spend, so that we don't run our residents on fixed budgets out of the community. We have a large population of elderly residents, so we need to be mindful of them and their limited budgets. Police and Fire departments must be well funded. We do a good job of managing our budget and need to work with the town staff to keep budgets from growing without the addition of external funding.

Trust: I work very closely with our residents. I was one of the only councilmen to add items to our council meeting agenda's, to address the residents needs. A lot of our agenda items come from our town staff, so driving community interests are my key goals on the council. I'm very community focused and meet with residents often to solve their individual needs.

Services: Fairview is a full-service town with 2 fire stations. In the last two years we have made many changes in the operation and support of the city services. Fire station 2 currently houses our ambulance service. We have recently approved a new fire truck and ambulance. The new fire station being built as a replacement for our current fire station. As Fairview grows, we will need to expand ambulance service to fire station 1 to support the commercial and residential growth. We have also provided an additional water storage and water pumping station to support clean and safe water to our residents.

Other issues: As Fairview grows and we add additional commercial and residential developments we have been experiencing storm drainage issues throughout the town. As we add more hardscape and rooftops, we shift the runoff from open field to neighboring properties, as we develop. These drainage issues are changing the quality of life to some our residents. As a town, we must support and address these drainage issues. We need to work with our state and federal leaders to fix the drainage basin in our region.

John Hubbard Fairview Town Council, Seat 6



Education: PhD, The University of Southern Mississippi BS, Abilene Christian University CEcD - Certified Economic Developer. IEDC EDFP - Economic Development Finance Professional, NDC PCED - Professional Community & Economic Developer, CDC

Experience: Former Asst. Town Administer, Fairview; Fairview Parks Board, Member; Texas Economic Development Council; Methodist Charlton Hospital Advisory Board; Past President, Vocal Majority Chorus; Member, New Heritage Fellowship Church

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Growth: According to the Texas Demographic Center, Collin County is set to have over 2.4 million residents by 2050. Town Officials in Fairview project the ultimate build-out of the Town will be about 17,000. The same amenities, services, and qualities that attracted current residents to the Town will certainly attract others to Fairview. It is important that Town Council take a pro-active position and plan for this growth by preparing to build the infrastructure needed to accommodate this growth and retain Fairview's qualities. I am a proponent of following the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

Economy: Yes. In order the accommodate the growth, the Town should proactively seek to attract more businesses. Not only will these businesses need places for their employees to live, they will contribute to the Town's tax base will help keep taxes low. Contrary to some opinions, more businesses could actually REDUCE congestion of the town by providing residents a local option to work and shop thereby lowering the number of cars driving through the Town. The

Comprehensive plan that was approved by the Town's residents will serve as a guide for the Town to manage its growth.

Finance: The current budget and taxation process is a good one. It encourages citizen input and is available for all of the Town's residents to review during the adoption of the budget and tax rate. If there is a change, I would like to encourage the Town's residents to be more involved by reviewing the proposed budgets and attending the public hearings prior to the adoption of the budget and tax rate.

Trust: A Gallop poll reported residents wanted their officials to lead with trust, compassion, stability, and hope. I will work hard to build that trust by doing what I said I would do and supporting the will of the people. Compassion comes from considering that every decision the Council makes impacts every resident. Stabilty means being consistent so residents and businesses can rely on what city government says it will do. A sign I saw at on the front lawn of a resident's home says it all, "Hope is not canceled". As a consensus builder, I will work to ensure we work together to provide that hope.

Services: Overall, I think the town's residents are happy with the Town's services. A recent study by the Parks Advisory Board revealed that the Town's residents would like to have more hike and bike trails through out the Town. The Town is in the process of making these changes by revising the Town's Park Comprehensive Plan. Once the draft is completed, the Park Board will provide residents time to review the proposed Plan by conducting public hearings and to allow for public input BEFORE being submitted to the Town Council for consideration and a vote to approve the new Plan.

Other issues: I have learned there are concerns about drainage in certain areas of the Town, economic development/commercial growth, new residential developments, and maintaining the Town's unique qualities. Knowledge is power. The Town Council must examine each of these issues to determine what action is warranted. Concerning economic development and the Town's growth, we must manage that growth by respecting the will of the residents while balancing a property owner's right to sell or develop their land. The Town's Comprehensive Plan should be the foundation to address these issues.

Town of Fairview Proposition A:

The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages.

Vote For or Against

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Your vote is your voice. Be heard.