



VOTERS GUIDE

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WYLIE CITY COUNCIL

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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.

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Wylie 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 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?

Dave Strang
Wylie City Council, Place 2
Uncontested

No response received

Mary Harris
Wylie City Council, Place 4



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Experience: Successful career as an Insurance Account Executive and Digital Marketing Professional. I am a former CASA (Court Appointed Advocate for Abused Children) and serve as a leader on the City of Wylie Ethics Board

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Strategic: Maintaining a balanced budget is a top priority. It is equally important to increase city revenue to keep up with the growing population. Investing in infrastructure and city employees while maintaining quality is a top priority. I will promote funds to be re-invested into the community starting with city employees, from police officers and first responders down to public works employees. I will find creative solutions by re-evaluating and negotiating city spending and contracts, seek out eligible state and federal funding, and strive to establish a diverse economy that will increase the bud

Economy: It is important to establish a thriving downtown Wylie by creating a pedestrian-friendly atmosphere and recruit businesses that appeal to residents of all ages. It's essential to support and bring in businesses with sustainable business models and to promote the use of abandon or empty commercial sites. Wylie has a median age of 34 and an average household of 3 kids. Yet many residents leave the city for recreational activities. I would seek out businesses that will provide family and youth activities as well as recruit mid-to-upscale restaurants to accommodate all residents. Supporting art an

Finance: Wylie has done an outstanding job at maintaining a balanced budget which I plan to maintain. At the same time, I have experience in supporting cities across North Texas and know how to renegotiate contracts and get rid of wasteful and unnecessary spending. Accountability is key. Knowing where all the funds come from, how every dollar is spent, and sharing the data with the public keeps the city accountable. I would like to see less of a dependency on property tax, which can create inequality and burdens many residents, and focus on generating more commercial and sales tax revenue.

Diversity: As Wylie made national news for both gender and racial discrimination it's important for council to establish a Human Relations Committee. This committee will investigate community issues, needs, and harmful or illegal discrimination. Based on collected data and resident's feedback, the committee will establish commissions and ordinances as needed. Wylie has the potential to lead the nation by example and should not wait for tragedy to occur before taking community-protective measures. Being proactive in our resolve to provide a safe city for all will benefit resident's physical and emotional

Services: Wylie has done an amazing job keeping residents safe. As the city is rapidly growing and evolving, I want to ensure our first responders are not underpaid, under-trained, and over-worked. I will ensure city services maintain quality for health and that our city facilities, from sidewalks, ramps, street lamps to parks are operating effectively. With population increase, it is

important to make sure old country roads can safely support the traffic influx but also that we future-proof by establishing safe pedestrian and bicycle lanes and expand bus routes to ease traffic and lower emissions.

Pandemic: Leadership by example is essential during this pandemic. City Council should actively ensure all residents and businesses are aware of and following health and safety guidelines that are recommended by the CDC and health experts. Implementing safety protocols will help prevent businesses and schools from closure due to outbreaks and help maintain economic stability. The city should actively work to secure eligible state and federal pandemic-relief funding which then should be marketed and made aware to all eligible residents and businesses. Funds should always be dispersed responsibly and transpa

Other issues: With the fatal winter storm in February, it is important council prepares an emergency plan for future storms, including both extreme cold or hot temperatures, ice, snow, or excessive rain and flooding. It is essential to have a plan in place that will address community outreach and response, designate safe shelters/spaces, and plan to conduct resident well-checks, particularly for seniors. We need to ensure our infrastructure can handle extreme weather, making sure power grids and water pipes are weatherproofed and flood zoning/planning is considered with all development.

Raymond Perry
Wylie City Council, Place 4



Education: Graduate of Ennis High School class of 1978 Graduate of Navarro College School of Nursing 1988 Continued education with emphasis on Pastoral Care and Biblical Studies Lake Charles Bible Institute Ministerial License 2001 Ministerial Ordination 2005

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Strategic: : As we reach critical build out, I believe that City Council should work closely with the Wylie Economic Development Corporation, our School District, and with our City Manager in his staff to evaluate budget proposals to ensure wise stewardship both now and in the future. As we look to bring in new business, I feel it is important to scrutinize who we bring into the community why is it a good fit for Wylie, where these businesses will exist, and most importantly listen to the voices of our citizens. We should also continue to seek refinancing of our current debt to lower our interest rates

Economy: : I believe that the City Council should seek to bring in new businesses that will be revenue producing and will support our tax base so not put any additional burdens upon the citizens of Wylie. I also believe we should seek restaurants which do not depend upon lunch crowds, but those who would depend more so on dinner and weekend traffic for their success. In the four city areas which include Wylie, Sachse, Murphy, and Lavon there are approximately 100,000 residents. I feel and we should seek a partnership with a major hospital group to build a regional acute care hospital

Finance: I believe that the method that the city currently uses to evaluate the budget process is adequate, and that our taxation is composed of many variables. Considering this I can add no further additional changes at this time. The budget is available for review to all citizens, and citizens input is encouraged. I believe the City Council has the responsibility to listen to our citizens and to act accordingly.

Diversity: As we talk about diversity, it is measured in many ways. I believe that we exist in a partisan society, not only in Wylie, but also in our country. I believe that partisan politics divide and not unite. I also believe that partisanism should have no place in our local city government when it affects all its citizens. Wylie has grown and its diversity and will continue to do so. I encourage our citizens when concerned, to participate in council meetings and let their voices be heard. I will listen attentively and use my voice to address those concerns and issues in any area.

Services: I believe that our current basic city services are adequate, such as water, gas, refuse collection, electricity, and gas. However, I do believe that we can improve in other areas. I believe that we can improve on egress and access into our city. I believe that this would involve partnering with our neighboring communities as well as Tx-Dot to develop new strategies and improve upon existing strategies that would benefit them as well. This would also involve some cost sharing responsibility. The other area that I feel that needs to be improve upon is street lighting especially on our major road

Pandemic: I believe that City Council should balance safety and the economy in the mist of this pandemic by following the science first, and by adhering to the CDC guidelines and national recommendations. I believe we should continue to practice social distancing, mask wearing in crowded places, good hand hygiene to consider our neighbors as well. I believe that it is an individual decision and everyone much remember that they are not only responsible for themselves but to others. I believe that the economy is on the rebound and will continue to improve if we make wise decisions.

Other issues: - no response -

Scott Williams
Wylie City Council, Place 4



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Strategic: I believe our city council's first and foremost responsibility to our citizens is the preservation and production of an infrastructure capable of sustaining existing and healthy growth. Recently "Stormagedian", (which came from excessive low temperatures along with sustained periods of lack of electricity), was not the result of city failures, but leadership's planned methodology and emergency response center was able to bring all managing departments together simultaneously to make up to the minute decisions, saving our water supply system - note: response limited per character requirement

Economy: As a local business owner of over 25 years, I understand the value of the word "Synergy". I envision us as a city finding a balance between our need for additional venues that will help foster not only a nightlife, but also help our day to day businesses sustain. Due to Wylie's size and current mix of business I believe this will take a unique blend of companies within a consolidated area near our already exciting business sector in order to create the synergy that is needed to propel Wylie to the next level. There is no reason why we should not be able to support such a venue.-limited by LWV

Finance: I would like to ensure that while we maintain a lower effective tax rate, we also focus on the much needed improvements to our infrastructure including not only our roads and utilities but also our police and fire personnel and equipment. - note: many answers have been shortened as a result of a 600 character limit per answer, please feel free to email: scott@williamsforwylie.com in order to receive a full explanation of each question without character limits.

Diversity: I feel part of what currently makes Wylie, Wylie is our ability as a community to love each other and want the best for each other, regardless of our differences. I firmly believe we are better together. It's that belief and love for others that guides my attitude and actions. I have spoken with several citizens about my love for different cultures. So much so that Judy

and I when on vacation out of the country will choose (even at risk) to have a taxi driver take us to their neighborhoods, schools, pharmacy's, favorite restaurant's, ect. in order to learn about their culture.-limited by LWV

Services: Previously, I acquired a position with the City of Plano in the Community Services department. While much of this position was working with 501-3c's like Habitat for Humanity, it also allowed me to "peek" behind the curtain of government and learn the in's and out's of CDBG funds (Community Development Block Grants). These are funds that City's (or entities) with the right criteria are able to acquire from the Federal Government (mainly HUD) and use for target specific locations and projects. I believe with the right guidance we can not only acquire these funds, but use them - limited by LWV

Pandemic: City Council, like all forms of authority, is subject to other forms of authority. In the case of City Council these include county, state and federal authorities. I believe the City Council's place is to ensure that both public safety and personal freedoms are preserved. I would like to see, when possible, businesses and individuals be allowed the ability to set their own restrictions that fall within supervisory requirements in order to ensure all businesses are able to operate at maximum capacity, and citizens are able to support those businesses as they wish safely. - limited by LWV

Other issues: We need to address several infrastructure shortages including the McMillian "S" curve, competitive pay structures, and east side road improvements. These along with preserving our commercial corridors and creating inclusive family environments, I believe, will foster the best outcome for our citizens, including my own children.

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