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# VOTERS GUIDE

June 16, 2018  
Local Runoff Election  
Prosper

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Early voting: June 4 - 12

Election Day Polls: June 16 – 7 am to 7 pm

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## Prosper 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.

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## Questions

**Growth:** How should the City Council best balance the growth of the city with the concerns of residents regarding congestion?

**Property taxes:** What adjustments should be made, if any, to property taxes?

**Demographics:** How are the city's demographics changing, and what adjustments are needed to city planning? What, if any, plans are needed for affordable housing?

**Vision:** What is your vision for the city in 10 years, and what steps are needed to get there?

**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?

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**Growth:** There are two key elements that answer this question. Number one is that we must do a great job of protecting and defending the core principles of The Town of Prosper Comprehensive Plan. This plan gives us solid direction for cultivating the kind of balance with reasonable residential density that will support positive commercial growth. The second key element we must support is an infrastructure program that is right-sized and properly focused on our true needs. We need projects that give us the best bang for our buck while causing the least disruption in the lives of our community.

**Property taxes:** Looking back at 2017, Prosper actually has a very competitive tax rate when you compare it to other high growth cities in Collin County when you look at it aside from county, community college district and ISD elements. So we have done a good job. Because of our growth, we have real and significant infrastructure and Town services needs that must be addressed. We can and will reduce our taxes long term, but we must invest in the proper areas now to make certain that we can get the commercial growth necessary to make that reduction possible.

**Demographics:** People are moving to Prosper from all over the country as well as from other parts of world. We have a great roadmap in our comprehensive plan that if followed, will make sure that our new residents have the same great experience in Prosper that our long time residents have had. We owe it to our new residents to stay the course while further refining and improving upon the plan. This will ensure that we can offer variety and quality residential options.

**Vision:** My vision for Prosper is for it to be a place which has managed growth in such a unique and innovative way that it is the most desirable place to live in all of North Texas and model community known throughout the country. Leadership is

the catalyst that will make that vision come to fruition. We must have leaders that understand Prosper's past and can connect that past to its future. We must have leaders who have actively held positions on our Town boards and commissions because leaders must have hands on experience to innovate and implement great plans for Prosper.

**Other Issues:** There is no doubt developmental density, infrastructure and city services will be issues that stay in front of Council. I have spent the last four and a half years addressing some of these issues in the posts I have held. There will also be external challenges. We must have a council person who has a record of working successfully with the ISD. We must have a council person who actively articulates the issues and captures our community's view point on those issues applying those ideas toward a solution. I am that person and would be humbled to serve Prosper once again!

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**Growth:** Infrastructure planning must be a constant focus for Prosper. Residents need to be kept informed to help alleviate concerns, answer questions and get feedback. Short, mid and long range plans should ensure that the right infrastructure investments are made at the right time and with the adequate funding to support them. Through my financial planning roles supporting large organizations, I have the experience needed to help guide these plans and decisions as we grow. I have a proven history of staying on top of current Town issues and communicating with residents to help them stay informed.

**Property taxes:** Part of the role of the Town Council is to make financial decisions that are strategic and in the best interest of the citizens of Prosper. Understanding

property taxes includes looking at the true tax burden on property owners and not just the property tax rate. Prosper is in a high growth mode which also means growth in new property tax values. I would take a serious look at the property tax burden placed on current residents each budget year to assess opportunities to reduce the impact through new tax revenue growth.

**Demographics:** Our long-range comprehensive plans provide for specific direction on economically diverse components of Prosper. Successful well-rounded communities make a commitment to this type of planning and we have done so. Our land use plans help focus and guide consistent and cohesive developments throughout the town.

**Vision:** I believe in Prosper. My vision is that we remain focused on families and the small town values that have drawn (and continues to draw) so many people here. We have great long-range plans in place that should guide our growth and development decisions. We should avoid short-term deals if they are not aligned with Prosper's vision. For over four years I have faithfully attended Town Council meetings including annual strategic planning sessions. I have a firm grasp of the issues that our town is facing and I know that I can offer strategic leadership to keep us on course into the future.

**Other Issues:** If elected I will ensure that Prosper Values continue to guide Council's decision-making process. I will maintain a Commitment To Safety by supporting our Police and Fire chiefs. Fiscal Responsibility will be at the forefront as we plan for infrastructure improvements/growth and other priorities needed to keep Prosper "a community focused on families, committed to small town ideals, and providing a quality living experience for all residents." My professional experience and commitment to Prosper combine to make me the best candidate for the open Place 2 seat on Prosper's Town Council.

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