



Early Voting - April 30 through May 8

May 12 - Election Day - Polls open 7am to 7pm

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION--ALL VOTERS

Texas voters can cast their ballot either **FOR** or **AGAINST** one amendment to the Texas Constitution:

“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years.”

BACKGROUND Currently under Texas law, homeowners who are 65 years of age or older, or who have a disability, are eligible to receive a ceiling on the amount of public school ad valorem taxes (school property taxes) they will owe on their residence homestead based on the amount they owed the year they qualified for the ceiling.

When the 79th Legislature passed school property tax cuts in their 3rd Called Session in 2006, those elderly and disabled Texans whose school property taxes were already frozen did not receive a corresponding reduction in their school property taxes. Therefore, in order for elderly and disabled Texans to receive a proportional reduction in school property

ARGUMENTS FOR:

- ◆ Since other taxpayers were granted this reduction in school taxes by the state legislature it's only fair that those over 65 and the disabled receive the same proportionate reduction.
- ◆ Many elderly and disabled citizens are on a low and/or fixed income and need lower taxes.

Background, *continued*

taxes, there must be an allowance for such a reduction in the Texas Constitution and a statutory change in law.

This Constitutional amendment would provide such a reduction for the 2006 and 2007 tax years.

This amendment will expire Jan 1, 2009, which means that school tax reductions after the 2007 tax year would require another constitutional amendment.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST:

- ◆ The intention of the 2006 bill was to reduce taxes for those Texans whose property values have had large hikes in recent years. Seniors and the disabled had their taxes frozen so that they did not experience the same rise in taxes as others and they should not receive another discount.
- ◆ Seniors and the disabled already get a significant tax break by having the amount of their school taxes frozen the year they qualify for this ceiling and therefore should not receive additional reductions on their school taxes.

Constitutional Amendment information is available in Spanish at lwwtexas.org.

ABOUT THIS VOTERS GUIDE

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The Voters Guide includes information on an amendment to the Texas Constitution, candidates for Lubbock City Council District 3; plus locations for early voting and election day. April 12 was the deadline to register to vote in the May 12 elections.

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LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 SPECIAL ELECTION--District 3* Voters Only

The Lubbock City Council has called a Special Election for May 12 to elect a new Council Member for District 3 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Gary Boren. Only those voters who reside in District 3 will vote in this Special Election. Questionnaires were sent to all candidates who filed for this election. Candidates are listed by ballot order and **their replies are printed without editing or verification.** Due to space restrictions, candidates were given strict word limits for replies and asked to confine their responses to the questions asked and avoid references to their opponents. Photos are included for candidates who provided them. .

Describe the background and experience that qualify you for office. (50 word limit)

What do you see as the role of a city council member under our city manager form of government as established by city charter? (75 word limit)

What is your vision for Lubbock? What do you plan to do during your term of office to make it happen? (75 word limit)

Do you favor conducting all council business in open session & eliminating executive sessions? Explain. (50 word limit)

RICHARD QUADE



The candidate has lived in Lubbock for 41+ years. He grew up in Dallas during a period of growth much like that in Lubbock today. The candidate has had extensive experience in the open and closed politics of TTU. He does have time for the time-consuming duties.

The role of Council member is to represent the collective best interests and to assist the vested self interests for the betterment of Lubbock in transition from a town-city to a mature city. On top of this, TTU/TTUHSC are major environmental and economic players which leads to the town and gown issues. In this context, the Council supplies leadership to the civil servants of City Government to make certain necessary things get done.

The candidate expects Lubbock to continue to grow population, student, and economic-wise. For us it is fundamental that water resources be kept on track. Old neighborhoods must maintain viability. Lubbock must accommodate students in a manner consistent with that of other major university cities. Residents of mature cities expect outstanding cultural and recreational activities. All of this requires insight, ingenuity, and industry from the successful candidate.

City Government is confusing to the voters. Stability and public confidence and trust require more business to be transacted in open session. At the same time, some things must be hammered out in closed session which makes it possible for Council Members to really get after it with each other.

DARREN BRONAUGH No Response Received

KEVIN GLASHEEN



I have a degree in Economics from Texas A&M and graduated from Texas Tech Law School. My wife Elaine and I have three children. I'm an attorney and in the real estate business. I've been on various community service boards and worked with the City Planning Department.

The Council acts as the legislative and governing body of the city; enacting ordinances and regulations. It appoints the city attorney, treasurer and secretary. It audits the books, records and accounts of the city and approves contracts. It should organize the administration of city affairs and departments and set salaries and wages of all officers and city employees. It should set policies and give guidance to the city manager on policy matters.

The City should prosper and grow in every good way. City government should be limited to providing essential city services such as streets, water, parks, utilities and public safety. We need to encourage redevelopment of downtown and revitalization of other business areas. The city should facilitate private investment by cleaning up utilities, developing attractive street-scapes, and improving park spaces and plazas. We need to preserve and protect our neighborhoods through code enforcement and zoning.

Closed meetings are authorized by law to discuss: purchasing real property; security issues; personnel matters; and, to consult with attorneys. Executive sessions are appropriate in such situations to protect the city's interests. I support the open meetings law.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

November 6, 2007--Additional Texas Constitutional Amendments (depends on action of the Texas Legislature)
2008 Primary Election--February or March 2008 (date depends on action of the Texas Legislature) for President, U.S.Senator, U.S. Representative, State Senator and Representatives, County officials
May 2008 Lubbock City Elections for Mayor, City Council Members (Districts 2, 4, 6)

Look for League of Women Voters nonpartisan *Voters Guides* in advance of each election at www.lwvlubbock.org or at libraries, public buildings and other locations.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3--Only District 3* Voters, *continued*

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TODD R. KLEIN



I'm a businessman and know what fiscal responsibility means. I'm a Lubbock native, graduate of Texas Tech, a husband and father. My home is within the District and my focus is solely on the needs of District 3. I will work to keep our District economically vibrant, safe, and secure.

Too many people have told me they don't think City Hall is listening. I'll provide a strong voice for District 3 and work with the other council members and the mayor to set priorities, establish policies, and ensure that city government operates effectively and responsively in providing essential services. I will hold the city manager accountable, demand the best use of your tax dollars and ensure that your priorities for District 3 are addressed.

Lubbock has a crucial decision to make quickly. Do we become an exceptional city that meets upcoming challenges? The future of Lubbock depends on our access to water, our dedication to public safety and a strong central Lubbock. We must also invest in Lubbockites, infrastructure, and build partnerships that foster economic growth and cost savings. Texas Tech will be an important partner and the county another; we must enhance partnerships to leverage existing local assets.

When not required by law, I expect and you deserve our government to be open and transparent. We must restore confidence in city government. Executive sessions cannot be totally eliminated because there are issues such as personnel matters and pending litigation that must be conducted in executive session.

FRANK SIKES

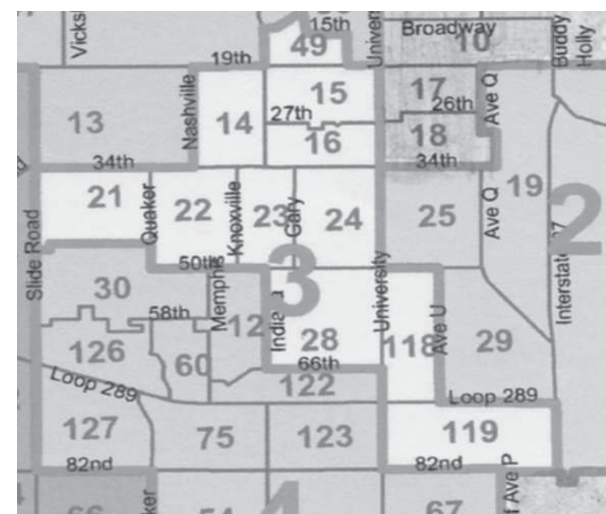


District 3 resident both as senior citizen for 8 years and Tech student for 2 years. A real estate appraiser, I understand property value and ordinance issues. Past owner of a 34th Street business. Previous leadership roles in small and large businesses, military and church.

A city council member serves as a part of an elected body responsible for making policy, voting appropriations, passing ordinances and directing the necessary actions to provide for the public safety and general welfare of the community. Responsible for the hiring and job performance evaluation of the city manager, who supervises the city staff. Works with the mayor, other council members, and city management.

Make Lubbock a safe, healthy, desirable community to live in. To provide Lubbock with the basic responsibilities of police and fire protection, street and infrastructure maintenance, sanitation and beautification, and public utilities including long range water planning. Code compliance to be consistently enforced to maintain property values. Keep taxes down. Work with council members, the mayor, and city management in a cooperative manner.

First, I believe in complying with what the law currently requires concerning open session meetings. I do believe in conducting council business in open session, especially in areas concerning budgetary matters. The public has a right to know how council members are voting on how to spend their money.



*DISTRICT 3 MAP

The boundaries and voting precincts of Lubbock City Council District 3 are shown in the map to the left. District 3 is the lighter portion. District 3 has irregular boundaries including some but not all of the City from 15th Street on the north to 82nd Street on the south, Interstate 27 on the east to Slide Road on the west. Included in the district are Precincts 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 49, 118, and 119. The complete map of all Lubbock City Council Districts can be found at <http://council.ci.lubbock.tx.us/Districtmaps/CityCouncilSm2006.pdf>.

Your precinct is indicated on your voter registration certificate, or you can call the Lubbock County Office of Elections at 775-1339 to find out your precinct.

☆☆☆ **EARLY VOTING--APRIL 30-MAY 8** ☆☆☆

During Early Voting you may vote at any early voting location. **Bring identification with you to the polls**

Lubbock County Elections Office Public Room, Crickets Ave, **Texas Tech University Student Recreation Center**: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.all early voting dates except Sunday, May 6, 1 p.m.-6 p.m.

United Supermarkets: 2630 Parkway Dr, 112 North University Ave, 4th & Slide, 50th & Ave Q, 29th Dr & Brownfield Hwy, 82nd & Boston Ave, 82nd & Frankford, 98th & Quaker, 8 a.m-8 p.m. all early voting dates except Sunday, May 6, 1 p.m.-6 p.m.

City of Lubbock, First Floor: 8 a.m.-5 p.m April 30, May 2, May 4 & May 7; 8 a.m.-8 p.m. May 1 & May 8 (Closed Saturday & Sunday)

Abernathy City Hall, Shallowater City Hall: 8 a.m-5 p.m. April 30-May 4, May 7-8 (Closed Saturday & Sunday)

Frenship ISD Administration Building, Idalou ISD Administration Building, Lubbock-Cooper North Elementary, Lubbock-Cooper ISD Administration Building: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. April 30-May 4, May 7-8 (Closed Saturday & Sunday)

Slaton ISD Administration Office: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. April 30-May 3, May 7-8; 8 a.m.-4:30 May 4 (Closed Saturday & Sunday)

Temporary Branch Locations: April 30, 3-8 p.m *Crestview Elementary School, Willow Bend Elementary School*; May 1, 9-11 a.m. *Lakeside Rehabilitation Center*, 3-8 p.m. *Frenship Middle School, Westwind Elementary School*; May 2, 9 a.m.-Noon, *Wedgewood South*, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., *University Medical Center*; May 3, 9-11 a.m., *Cottage Village*, 3-8 p.m. *North Ridge Elementary*, 3-10 p.m. *Terra Vista Middle School*; May 5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., *Carillon Senior Living*; May 7, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. *Covenant Medical Center*, 3-10 p.m. *Frenship High School, Bennet Elementary School*; May 8, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. *Covenant Lakeside*, 3-10 p.m. *Frenship High School*.

☆☆ **ELECTION DAY - Saturday May 12 - Polls Open 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.** ☆☆

On Election Day you must vote at the polling location for your precinct. Many precincts have been consolidated and will vote at a common polling place for this election. Check your voter registration card for you precinct number or call the Lubbock County Office of Elections, 775-1339. **Bring identification with you to the polls.**

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| 1 Wolfforth Elementary,
3202 Erskine | 16 Hutchison Middle
School, 2807 25th St | 33, 56 Lubbock-Cooper
Admin Bldg, 16302 Loop 493 | 58, 63, 72 Northridge El-
ementary, 6302 111th Street |
| 2 Arnett Elemntary, 701 E
Queens | 17, 18, 19 Byron Martin
ATC, 3201 Ave Q | 34, 35, 39, 51 Roosevelt
Clubhouse, 1400 CR 3300 | 62, 124, 125, 128 Calvary
Baptist Church, 5301 82nd St |
| 3 McWhorter Elementary,
2711 1st St | 20 Mae Simmons Commu-
nity Center, 402 23rd & Oak | 35, 39 Buffalo Springs City
Hall, 99-B Pony Express Trail | 66 Lakeridge Methodist
Church Family Ministry Center,
4601 83rd St |
| 4, 5 Guadalupe Elementary,
101 North Ave P | 21 Lou Stubbs Headstart,
3516 Toledo | 36, 38 Slaton ISD Adminis-
tration Bldg, 140 E Panhandle | 57, 127 Security State Bank,
7801 Quaker |
| 6, 40 Alderson Middle
School, 219 Walnut | 22 Maedgen Elementary,
4401 Nashville | 41, 65 Idalou Clubhouse,
202 Walnut St | 78, 111 Bettenbough
Homes, 6305 82nd St |
| 7 Bowie Elementary, 2902
Chicago | 23 Monterey High School,
3211 47th St | 43, 44, 64, 69 New Deal ISD
Administration, 401 S Auburn | 104, 112, 115, 129
Crestview Elementary, 6020 81st St |
| 8, 10 St Paul's Episcopal,
1510 Ave X | 24 Wheelock Elementary,
3008 42nd St | 43, 45 Abernathy City Hall,
811 Avenue D | 109, 110, 133, 134 Church
on the Rock, 10503 Slide Rd |
| 9 Rush Elemntary, 4702
15th St. | 25, 28, 12 Parsons Elemen-
tary, 2811 58th St | 46, 102 Shallowater Com-
munity Center, 803 Avenue H | 113, 114 Broadway Baptist
Church, 1302 N Frankford |
| 12, 30 Haynes Elemntary,
3802 60th St | 26 Harwell Elementary,
4101 Ave D | 47, 59 MacKenzie Middle
School, 5402 12th St | 118 Bayless Elementary,
2115 58th St |
| 13 Smylie Wilson Middle
School, 4402 31st St | 27, 60, 126 Nat Williams
Elementary, 4812 58th St | 52, 67 Lubbock-Cooper
North Elementary, 3302 108th St | 119 Home Plate Diner, 7615
University |
| 14 Overton Elementary,
2902 Louisville | 29 Atkins Middle School,
5401 Ave U | 53 Westwind Elementary,
6401 43rd St | 120, 121 Frenship Middle
School, 500 Main St |
| 15, 49, 50 Roscoe Wilson
Elementary, 2807 25th St | 31, 57, 76, 92, 117 Reese
Education Center, 9412 4th St | 54 Honey Elementary, 3615
86th St | 123 Waters Elementary,
3006 78th St |

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