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## Denton County Values Voter Guide Bond Proposals / Special Elections

**Aubrey ISD**

### **Proposition A**

The issuance of \$51,000,000 of school building bonds for the purpose of construction, acquisition, and equipment of school buildings in the district, including the purchase of the necessary sites for school buildings, and the levying of a tax in payment thereof and to pay the costs of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds.

**Little Elm ISD**

### **Proposition A**

The issuance of \$235,000,000 of school building bonds for the purpose of construction, improvement, renovation and equipment of school buildings in the District and acquiring real property therefor, and the purchase of new buses, and the levying of a tax in payment thereof and to pay the costs of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds

### **Proposition B**

The issuance of \$4,500,000 of bonds for the purpose of refunding all or any portion of the District's outstanding Maintenance Tax Notes, Series 2014 payable from the District's maintenance tax, and the levying of a tax in payment thereof.

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City of Dallas

### Proposition A

The issuance of \$533,981,000 general obligation bonds for street and transportation improvements, the estimated amount of repayment, including principal and interest based on current market conditions being \$724,650,750

### Proposition B

The issuance of \$261,807,000 general obligation bonds for parks and recreation facilities and improvements, the estimated amount of repayment, including principal and interest based on current market conditions being \$355,610,250

### Proposition C

The issuance of \$50,000,000 general obligation bonds for fair park improvements, the estimated amount of repayment, including principal and interest based on current market conditions being \$67,781,500

### Proposition D

The issuance of \$48,750,000 general obligation bonds for flood protection and storm drainage improvements, the estimated amount of repayment, including principal and interest based on current market conditions being \$66,088,750

### Proposition E

The issuance of \$15,589,000 general obligation bonds for library facilities and improvements, the estimated amount of repayment, including principal and interest based on current market conditions being \$21,124,500.

### Proposition F

The issuance of \$14,235,000 general obligation bonds for cultural and performing arts facilities and improvements, the estimated amount of repayment, including principal and interest based on current market conditions being \$19,294,500

### Proposition G

The issuance of \$32,081,000 general obligation bonds for public safety facilities and improvements, the estimated amount of repayment, including principal and interest based on current market conditions being \$43,491,250

### Proposition H

The issuance of \$18,157,000 general obligation bonds for repairs and improvements to city hall and to various city service and administrative facilities, the estimated amount of repayment, including principal and interest based on current market conditions being \$24,608,750

### Proposition I

The issuance of \$55,400,000 general obligation bonds for funding the city's economic development program, the estimated amount of repayment, including principal and interest based on current market conditions being \$75,109,500.

### Proposition J

The issuance of \$20,000,000 general obligation bonds for permanent, supportive and transitional housing facilities for the homeless, the estimated amount of repayment, including principal and interest based on current market conditions being \$27,115,750

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### City of Denton

#### Proposition A

Shall Section 2.02 of the City Charter be amended to clarify that councilmember residency qualifications apply to the councilmember's domicile (principal residence), where the councilmember must have resided for at least one year prior to the election?

#### Proposition B

Shall Section 4.13 of the City Charter be amended to increase the percentage of petitioners required to trigger a Recall Election from twenty-five percent (25%) to thirty-five percent (35%)?

#### Proposition C

Shall Section 6.04 of the City Charter be amended to clarify that the Internal City Auditor shall be a permanent, full-time position and clarify the responsibilities?

#### Proposition D

Shall Sections 14.04 and 14.05 of the City Charter be repealed and replaced with a provision requiring the adoption of an Ethics Ordinance by the City Council in accordance with Texas law and adheres to certain minimum standards?

#### Proposition E

Shall a section be added to the City Charter providing for councilmembers to receive an initial monthly stipend of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) and the Mayor to receive an initial monthly stipend of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) during their respective terms of office and providing for restrictions on subsequent increases to the stipend amount?

### City of Highland Village

#### Proposition A

Shall the issuance of \$2,860,000 general obligation bonds for street improvements be approved?

#### Proposition B

Shall the issuance of \$4,290,000 general obligation bonds for park and recreation improvements be approved?

### City of Lewisville

#### Proposition A

Should the charter be amended to provide that if, prior to January 1, 2023, the city makes an annexation that increases the geographic size of the city by at least eight percent, the city will convert to an election system using residential election districts—i.e., candidates will be required to live in a specified district but will continue to be elected by the vote of the entire city

#### Proposition B

Should the charter be amended to provide that city council vacancies for which the unexpired term is twelve months or less shall be filled within thirty days of the occurrence of the vacancy by appointment of a majority vote of the remaining city council members, while vacancies for which the unexpired term is for more than twelve months shall be filled by a majority of the qualified voters voting in a special election; provided that all vacancies filled by appointment or election shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term of the office so filled.

### City of Pilot Point

#### Proposition A

The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption only.

### Denton County Municipal Utility District No. 4

#### Proposition A

Authorization of Denton County Municipal Utility District No. 4 (the "District") to improve, operate, or maintain any macadamized, graveled, or paved roads in existence within the district on September 1, 2017, or any improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads

### Denton County Municipal Utility District No. 5

#### Proposition A

Authorization of Denton County Municipal Utility District No. 5 (the "District") to improve, operate, or maintain any macadamized, graveled, or paved roads in existence within the district on September 1, 2017, or any improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads

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## Denton County Values Voter Guide Constitutional Amendment Election

### State of Texas Proposition 1

#### Ballot Language

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution.

#### Legislative Background

Interested parties contend that the circumstances under which a partially disabled veteran is entitled to a property tax exemption of part of the market value of a residence homestead donated to the veteran by a charitable organization are too narrow in scope and should be expanded to ensure that these veterans are not faced with serious financial strain or a tax burden. H.J.R. 21 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution to provide for the expansion of this exemption with respect to the circumstances under which the residence homestead was donated.

### State of Texas Proposition 2

#### Ballot Language

The constitutional amendment to establish a lower amount for expenses that can be charged to a borrower and removing certain financing expense limitations for a home equity loan, establishing certain authorized lenders to make a home equity loan, changing certain options for the refinancing of home equity loans, changing the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, and allowing home equity loans on agricultural homesteads

#### Legislative Background

Interested parties contend that certain changes should be made to the home equity borrowing system in Texas to ensure that home equity financing is available for both large and small home equity loans. S.J.R. 60 seeks to increase the accessibility of home equity loans and maintain the stability of home equity lending in Texas by proposing a constitutional amendment to implement such changes.

### State of Texas Proposition 3

#### Ballot Language

The constitutional amendment limiting the service of certain officeholders appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate after the expiration of the person's term of office.

#### Legislative Background

Concerns have been raised that a provision of the Texas Constitution allowing for certain state officers to continue to perform the duties of their offices until their successors are duly qualified has been used as an undue extension of a particular officer's term of office. S.J.R. 34 seeks to address these concerns by limiting the service of certain officers appointed by the governor after the expiration of the officer's term of office.

### State of Texas Proposition 4

#### Ballot Language

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional.

#### Legislative Background

Interested parties cite a recent court ruling suggesting that a state statute can be declared unconstitutional by a court without the state, through the attorney general, having the opportunity to appear and defend the constitutionality of the statute in question. S.J.R. 6 seeks to present this issue to Texas voters by proposing an amendment authorizing the legislature to require an applicable court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional.

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### State of Texas Proposition 5

#### Ballot Language

The constitutional amendment on professional sports team charitable foundations conducting charitable raffles.

#### Legislative Background

Interested parties note that the Charitable Raffle Enabling Act authorizes a qualified nonprofit organization to conduct charitable raffles in which prizes other than money are offered or awarded and all of the proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets are allocated for use for the organization's charitable purposes. The parties have expressed a need to expand the use of such raffles so that a charitable foundation that is associated with a professional sports team can highlight its philanthropic activities, bring awareness to community needs, and encourage sports fans to contribute to worthy causes. H.J.R. 100 proposes a constitutional amendment relating to such charitable raffles.

### State of Texas Proposition 6

#### Ballot Language

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.

#### Legislative Background

Interested parties note the recent tragic deaths of first responders across the state and contend that one way to honor these individuals is to lessen the financial burden on their families. S.J.R. 1 seeks to do so by providing for a property tax exemption for a qualifying surviving spouse of a first responder killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.

### State of Texas Proposition 7

#### Ballot Language

The constitutional amendment relating to legislative authority to permit credit unions and other financial institutions to award prizes by lot to promote savings.

#### Legislative Background

Interested parties contend that Texas should follow the example of other states that have authorized banks and credit unions to institute programs encouraging citizens to save by offering them certain prizes for depositing funds into their savings accounts. H.J.R. 37 seeks to incentivize saving among Texans by proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize financial institutions and credit unions to offer prize-linked savings programs with legislative permission.

*\*Legislative Background from Texas State Legislature Analysis - <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>*