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## Tarrant County Values Voter Guide

### Bond Proposals / Special Elections

#### City of Bedford

##### Proposition A

The issuance of \$70,000,000 general obligation bonds for park and recreation facilities improvements (including ball field, aquatic center, and multi-purpose event facilities improvements and other related improvements)

#### City of Euless

##### Proposition A

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

#### City of Grapevine

##### Proposition A

The issuance of \$3,900,000 general obligation bonds for animal shelter facilities, and the levying of a tax in payment thereof.

##### Proposition B

The issuance of \$16,000,000 general obligation bonds for fire fighting facilities, and the levying of a tax in payment thereof.

##### Proposition C

The issuance of \$4,800,000 general obligation bonds for a multi-use facility and clubhouse at the Grapevine Municipal Golf Course, and the levying of a tax in payment thereof.

#### City of Lake Worth

##### Proposition A

The abolition of the local sales and use tax for the benefit of the Type B Economic Development Corporation within Lake Worth; the abolition of a local sales and use tax in Lake Worth for the maintenance and repair of municipal streets; and the adoption of a local sales and use tax in Lake Worth at the rate of one and three-fourths percent

#### City of Richland Hills

##### Proposition A

Shall the City of Richland Hills require by ordinance that all police officers and firefighters be paid no less than the average of all salary and benefits paid to equivalent positions in the Cities of Fort Worth, North Richland Hills, Hurst and Haltom City

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**Aledo ISD**

### **Proposition A**

The issuance of \$64,190,000 of bonds by the Aledo Independent School District for the construction, renovation, acquisition and equipment of school facilities in the district, including the acquisition of land therefor, to wit: a new middle school and renovating an existing intermediate school for use as an elementary school, and levying the tax in payment thereof

### **Proposition B**

The issuance of \$8,760,000 of bonds by the Aledo Independent School District for the construction, renovation, acquisition and equipment of school facilities in the district, including the acquisition of land therefor, to wit: the district's vocational agriculture classroom/shop building and the barn area, and levying the tax in payment thereof

**Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD**

### **Proposition A**

The issuance of \$524,755,000 of bonds by the Eagle Mountain - Saginaw Independent School District for school facilities and levying the tax in payment thereof

**Fort Worth ISD**

### **Proposition A**

Approving the ad valorem tax rate of \$1.3520 per \$100 valuation in Fort Worth Independent School District for the current year, a rate that is \$0.02 higher per \$100 valuation than the school district rollback tax rate, for the purpose of maintenance and operations

### **Proposition B**

The issuance of \$749,735,000 of bonds by the Fort Worth Independent School District for the construction, renovation, acquisition and equipment of school buildings and facilities and the purchase of the necessary sites for school buildings and facilities, including, but not limited to, a new relief elementary school, a new Leadership Academy, the relocation of an existing school facility, classroom additions, renovations to existing high schools, capital improvements, athletics and fine arts improvements, and technology improvements, and levying the tax in payment thereof

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## Tarrant 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/>*