

City Council Election

District 5 Candidate

Tony Shotwell
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Occupation: Machinist and Certified
Pharmacy Tech.

If elected, my top three areas of focus will be:

“continuing the forward momentum in District 5 by providing results with honesty, fairness and compassion. Keeping Grand Prairie the best place to live, work and play.”

If elected, I will impact businesses by:

“keeping the improvement in old downtown going. Keeping the tax rate stable and again, just being honest with everyone.”

I am qualified for the office because:

“lots of prior civic service, providing results for our city and one more time – honesty and integrity!”

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Marcial Trejo
2214 Fishburn Street 972-642-1720
Grand Prairie TX 75050
Occupation: Entrepreneur and Business
Successful Owner

If elected, my top three areas of focus will be:

“Safety, Health, Education, Transportation”

If elected, I will impact businesses by:

“Bring more business, Welcome new investors, Create more jobs, Opportunity for all, Make Grand Prairie a friendly business for all”

I am qualified for the office because:

“Law abiding citizen, lived in District 5 for 16 years, EX-ZBA, Lifetime of decent hard worker, Entrepreneur, Married 29 years, Family man, 3 sons college graduated”

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**Grand Prairie
Chamber of Commerce**
Government & Legislative
Committee
900 Conover Drive
Grand Prairie TX 75051
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School Board Election

Place 5 Candidate

Bebe Bingham
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If elected, my top three goals for improving the educational system are:

“(1) Improve test scores in GPISD (2) Devise plan to accommodate the projected increase in enrollment in GPISD (3) Decrease the drop-out rate”

If elected, I will impact businesses by:

“Graduating students who are better prepared for the work force through higher test scores, good vocational programs, technology abilities, and language skills.”

I am qualified for the office because:

“Education: Bachelors & Masters in Education; 20 years employed by GPISD as teacher, Asst. Principal, Dean of Instruction & Principal; 7 years Board Trustee; Certified Master School Board Trustee; 30 yr Tax Consultant; Mother of 2 alumni & Grandmother of 4.”

My position on school start date or the calendar is:

“I have looked closely at the teacher/parent/community surveys on the school calendars and have voted with the survey majority that favored an early start date.”

School Board Election

Place 5 Candidate

Branten Rose
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Firefighter/Paramedic

If elected, my top three goals for improving the educational system are:

“Reduce class sizes/ Keep our schools safe. Improve morale/ Keep Trimesters/ Support our teachers better. Improved test scores/ Keep and attract talented educators.”

If elected, I will impact businesses by:

“Improving the quality of education in Grand Prairie/ Attract new families, which in turn would help our local economy. Be proactive instead of reactive an set in our ways.”

I am qualified for the office because:

“I have two awesome children attending GPISD schools. There is no greater motivation for me than doing the best job possible for my children and each and every GP student.”

My position on school start date or the calendar is:

“Absolutely not the way it was handled this year. Every board member should have voted to support calendar “D” which is overwhelmingly the choice of the Teachers and Parents.”

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Place 5 Candidate

Wendell Davidson
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Home Depot & Self Employed

If elected, my top three goals for improving the educational system are:

“Build a third high school / bond election, reduce number of special ed students by half, keep trimester and offer more electives such as Bible, D.I.”

If elected, I will impact businesses by:

“I would like to see GPISD purchase all of their goods and services in GP such as construction, materials, office supplies and machines and landscape materials”

I am qualified for the office because:

“I was born in GP and attend GPISD, and I have four children in GP schools”

My position on school start date or the calendar is:

“I would vote the will of the voters. I wanted calendar D, just like the community, students and teachers.”

School Board Election

Place 6 Candidate

Heather D’Amico
4414 Cabot Drive 972-264-3732 (office)
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If elected, my top three goals for improving the educational system are:

I would see that the fine arts programs are supported both by the community and administration. I would seek out innovative ways to get more family involvement. I would listen and be a voice for both children and educators.

If elected, I will impact businesses by:

Seeking support of the business community for educational programs. I would see how our students could best serve businesses. I would seek to ensure that students behave properly when frequenting a local business.

I am qualified for the office because:

I have seen the world from many sides, as a television journalist, a business woman and a mother. I bring much to the table in experience and compassion.

My position on school start date or the calendar is:

I will support the start date that best serves our students needs period. I would like very much to review studies that indicate one way or another what is best for the children and I will support the study that makes the most sense for the *children*

School Board Election

Place 6 Candidate

Karen Wiegman
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Freelance Wife/Mother

If elected, my top three goals for improving the educational system are:

“Financial accountability in taxing, spending, and fraud prevention; Local Control-resist government intrusiveness, address unhealthy testing pressure; Improve student scores while assisting and encouraging parents”

If elected, I will impact businesses by:

“Promoting: Excellent student citizenship, our best economic asset; GPISD customer satisfaction, interfacing with Chamber interests; Family, faith, and school collaboration for strong community; prospective future”

I am qualified for the office because:

“Wholly committed to serving people of Grand Prairie, listening, preparing, showing up for meetings. Right Brained. Teaching home. Four children, honor laden Grand Prairie graduates”

My position on school start date or the calendar is:

“Starting August 21 (or later) until end of May; March Spring Break accommodating UIL competitions, state, and AP testing dates; national days off each month.”

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Place 6 Candidate

Mike Skinner
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Attorney

If elected, my top three goals for improving the educational system are:

“Greater community involvement, optimal utilization of our resources, and maintaining and environment conducive to learning.”

If elected, I will impact businesses by:

“Producing competent graduates for college and for the workforce; and ultimately, achieving a district rating and reputation that attracts new residents and businesses.”

I am qualified for the office because:

“I have a vested interest as a GPISD graduate, a parent with children attending GPISD schools, a homeowner and business property owner. GPISD Education Foundation, City of GP Parks Board, and Children First Counseling Center”

My position on school start date or the calendar is:

“I am not convinced that school needs to start the first week of August. Utility costs, alone, are one consideration. We can find a workable solution – one that meets the state attendance requirements and maintains multiple breaks.”

School Board Election

Place 7 Candidate

Paul Martinez
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VP Information Technology Consultant,
Capgemini U.S., LLC

If elected, my top three goals for improving the educational system are:

“(1) Improving student performance on standardized tests (2) Proactively addressing continued growth in our student population (3) Maximizing the compensation for teachers and administrators”

If elected, I will impact businesses by:

“Raising the level of education and expanding our Career and Technology program producing educated, skilled students to continue their education or enter the workforce”

I am qualified for the office because:

“I am a lifelong resident of Grand Prairie, graduate of SGPHS and UTA, with 7 years of school board experience, possessing a strong business acumen.”

My position on school start date or the calendar is:

“I support a calendar that is educationally sound and developed exercising local government control while providing the best compromise among all the involved stakeholders.”

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Place 7 Candidate

Max Flowers
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Grand Prairie, TX 75052
Vote4max@comcast.net
www.vote4max.org
Senior Staff Electro-Optical Engineer

If elected, my top three goals for improving the educational system are:

“Working as a team toward:

- A unified focus
- A strong curriculum in all areas
- A superior working environment for teachers/administrators/support staff”

If elected, I will impact businesses by:

“We must provide the graduates of Grand Prairie with a solid education that will enable them to be excellent additions to the work force.”

I am qualified for the office because:

“I have a lot of experience in leadership positions in my career, and have developed consensus-building skills through service at work, and for outside organizations.”

My position on school start date or the calendar is:

“Gather input from all groups outlining their priorities, then set a calendar using that input as a guideline, rather than voting on specific calendars.”

Voting Schedule

Early Voting by personal appearance

(Dallas County voters only):
Grand Prairie Development Center
206 W. Church St.
Garner Elementary School - 145 Polo Road
(Tarrant County voters only)
Starrett Elementary School 2675 Fairmont Drive

Dates & Times Early Voting for Dallas County
Monday, May 1 – Friday May 5 8 am – 5 pm
Saturday, May 6 8 am – 5 pm
Sunday, May 7 1 pm – 6 pm
Monday, May 8, Tuesday May 9 7 am – 7 pm

Dates & Times Early Voting for Tarrant County
Monday, May 1 – Friday May 5 8 am – 5 pm
Saturday, May 6 7 am – 7 pm
Sunday, May 7 11 am – 4 pm
Monday, May 8, Tuesday May 9 7 am – 7 pm

Voting by Mail Ballots

Application for early voting mail ballots by voters qualified to vote by mail shall be made to the City Secretary, P.O. Box 534045, Grand Prairie TX 75053; or, Dallas County voters may make application for mail ballots directly to Dallas County Elections Administrator, 2377 N. Stemmons Freeway, Suite 820, Dallas TX 75207.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 5, 2006.

Last day to register to vote in the May 13, 2006 election is April 13, 2006

Election Day Voting, Saturday, May 13

Voting on Election Day must be at local precinct
Locations can be found at www.gptx.org