

The Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce
Legislative Affairs Committee presents

2026 Special Election Voters Guide



Place 8 Candidates

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Early Voting begins Wednesday, January 14, 2026

DALLAS COUNTY EARLY VOTING DAYS/TIMES

January 14—17 — 8 am—5 pm

January 20—23 — 8 am—5 pm

January 24 — 7am—7pm

January 25 — 12 pm—6 pm

January 26—27 — 7 am—7 pm

TARRANT COUNTY EARLY VOTING DAYS/TIMES

January 14—16 — 8 am—5 pm

January 20—23 — 8 am—5 pm

January 24 — 7am—7pm

January 25 — 10 am—4 pm

January 26—27 — 7 am—7 pm

ELLIS COUNTY EARLY VOTING DAYS/TIMES

January 14—16 — 8 am—5 pm

January 20—24 — 8 am—5 pm

January 26—27 — 8 am—5 pm

Election Day is Saturday, January 31, 2026

Early Voting

In Grand Prairie, early voting by personal appearance for Dallas, Tarrant, and Ellis County voters will be conducted at the following locations:

Dallas County Voters -

Betty Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Road (Empower Room)
Veterans Park Event Center, 925 Conover Drive (Azalea Room)
Crosswinds High School, 1100 N. Carrier Pkwy (Room 104)
Elections Training / Warehouse, 1460 Roundtable Drive, Dallas

Tarrant County Voters -

Tarrant County Elections Center, 2700 Premier St.
Anna May Daulton Elementary, 2607 N Grand Peninsula Drive
Asia Times Square, 2625 W. Pioneer Parkway (Main Building)

Ellis County Voters -

Grand Prairie Fire Station #11, 11005 Davis Rd. , Midlothian (Community Room)

We invited our candidates to provide a brief biography and to address a few issues. We have shared their responses on the following pages. The Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce did not edit for spelling, grammar or content.

City of Grand Prairie Place 8 Special Election

Ballot Position 1: Ana Coca



Ana Coca is a community leader, small business owner, and longtime advocate for civic engagement in Grand Prairie and across North Texas. Born in Ocotlán, Jalisco, Mexico, and raised in a large working-class family, Ana immigrated to the United States as a child and learned early the importance of resilience, service, and community. Ana has spent decades serving in key civic leadership roles at the local and county levels. She has served the City of Grand Prairie as a Commissioner on the Planning and Zoning Commission and currently serves on the Grand Prairie Board of Appeals, helping guide thoughtful growth and fair decision-making. She also serves on the Dallas County Citizens Elections Advisory Board, where she works to strengthen voter access, transparency, and trust in local elections. In addition to her civic

service, Ana is a longtime leader within LULAC, previously serving as National Vice President for Youth. She is also the immediate past president and current treasurer of Grand Prairie LULAC Council 22262, one of the most active councils in the region, with a focus on voter engagement, youth leadership development, and community advocacy. Ana is also a small business owner, giving her firsthand insight into the challenges facing local entrepreneurs and working families. Married for over three decades, she is the proud mother of four bilingual young adults and remains deeply committed to strengthening neighborhoods, protecting civil rights, and ensuring every resident has a voice in the future of Grand Prairie.

1. Describe your qualifications and experience for this city council seat, and explain your reasons for running? How would you be an asset to the business community?

I am running for Grand Prairie City Council because I believe thoughtful growth, community input, and strong local leadership are essential to the future of our city. I have served for three years on the City of Grand Prairie Planning and Zoning Commission and currently serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Through this work, I have gained hands-on experience with land use, zoning, development, and long-term planning, and I understand how critical it is to balance growth with the needs and voices of residents and business owners. Serving on these boards has taught me how city decisions directly impact small businesses, property owners, and economic development. I have seen firsthand how clear processes, fair policies, and open communication help businesses succeed while supporting responsible growth across Grand Prairie. My background includes a bachelor's degree in education and Spanish, a master's degree in leadership and educational policy and 32 hours toward a doctoral degree at the University of North Texas. I also served two years as President of the Texas Association for Bilingual Education, where I was responsible for statewide budgeting, planning, and organizational leadership. That role strengthened my experience in fiscal oversight and strategic planning. As a small business owner, I understand the challenges of entrepreneurship. I would be an asset to the business community by supporting smart development, transparent decision making, and policies that help businesses grow while keeping Grand Prairie a strong and welcoming place to invest.

2. What are the priority issues facing the City of Grand Prairie, and how would you address them if elected?

Grand Prairie is at an important moment, and the issues we face require balanced and practical leadership. One of the top priorities is managing growth and economic development in a way that creates quality jobs for Grand Prairie residents while strengthening our local economy and supporting our school districts. Using SMART goals that are specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and timely, we can pursue growth that benefits the entire community.

Affordability is also critical. I will fight to lower the property tax burden and work to ensure seniors and families can continue to afford to live in Grand Prairie. My experience on the Planning and Zoning Commission and

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the Board of Appeals has shown me how city decisions directly affect housing costs and neighborhood stability, and I believe residents must be included in those decisions. Infrastructure and public safety are equally important. I will advocate for proactive maintenance of our streets and sidewalks to avoid costly and disruptive construction, while continuing to support our police and fire departments with proven policies that keep neighborhoods safe. Finally, I will work to expand access to essential services by attracting grocery stores, quality retail, and medical care so every neighborhood has the basics needed to thrive.

3. **As you consider the infrastructure in Grand Prairie, what do you think is the number one issue facing our city and what would you propose to address it?** The number one infrastructure issue facing Grand Prairie is the need for coordinated, long term planning that supports both existing neighborhoods and future growth. Too often, infrastructure decisions focus only on repairs instead of how streets, utilities, and services can also support economic opportunity, safety, and quality of life across the city. I would focus on proactive infrastructure planning that strengthens key corridors, especially on the north side of Grand Prairie, where there is a need for more economic development and better access to essential services. Infrastructure investments should support attracting grocery stores, quality retail, medical care, and other basic services so residents can meet every day needs closer to home. Well planned infrastructure also plays a role in reducing crime and increasing safety. Well-lit streets, maintained sidewalks, improved traffic flow, and active commercial areas help create safer environments for residents and businesses. Based on my experience on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Appeals, I believe infrastructure planning must be data driven and community informed. By aligning infrastructure investments with economic development and public safety goals, we can protect neighborhoods, support local businesses, expand access to basic services, and ensure that growth benefits all areas of Grand Prairie.
4. **Businesses live and die on the bottom line, what is your assessment of the City's financial position and what impact if any, would you like to have on it?** Grand Prairie is in a strong financial position, as evidenced by the city's continued growth, development, and ability to invest in infrastructure and public safety. From the outside, I have seen how thoughtful planning and responsible budgeting have helped Grand Prairie attract businesses, residents, and new opportunities. If elected, my goal would be to help maintain and strengthen that position through balanced, accountable decision making. Small businesses are the backbone of our city's economy, and City Council must play an active role in supporting them. I believe the city should continue to use targeted incentives such as tax abatements and development tools to attract and retain small business owners, while ensuring those incentives provide a clear return for residents. As a small business owner myself, I understand how costs, predictability, and clear processes directly affect the bottom line. My experience on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Appeals has given me insight into how city decisions impact development, operating costs, and long term financial stability. I support responsible growth that expands the tax base, reduces pressure on homeowners, and allows the city to fund priorities such as street maintenance, public safety, and access to basic services. As a councilmember, I would focus on transparency, fiscal responsibility, and policies that support continued growth while protecting the long term financial health of Grand Prairie.
5. **The Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce exists to support, strengthen, and empower businesses in Grand Prairie. What do you see as the Chamber's role in relation to the city, and how would you work with the Chamber to support economic growth and a thriving business community?** The Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce plays a key role in connecting businesses with the city and helping shape a strong local economy. The Chamber can elevate the voices of business owners, identify challenges, and work with the city to attract investment and create jobs. A strong partnership between the Chamber and City Council is essential to maintaining a business friendly environment. If elected, I would work closely with the Chamber to support economic growth across Grand Prairie, with a focus on small businesses and entrepreneurs. Small businesses are the backbone of our city, and they need clear communication, predictable policies, and access to resources that help them grow and succeed. As a small business owner, I understand these challenges and the value of collaboration between the public and private sectors. I also believe the Chamber should play a stronger role in

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Ana Coca

supporting diverse businesses and ensuring equal opportunities for all business owners. This includes expanding outreach and programming that reflects the diversity of Grand Prairie and connecting underrepresented businesses to city resources and incentives. By working together, the city and the Chamber can support responsible growth, expand access to basic services, and build a thriving business community that benefits every neighborhood.

City of Grand Prairie Place 8 Special Election
Ballot Position 2: Rodney Anderson



Born and raised in Grand Prairie, Rodney Anderson believes community is built through service, commitment, and being accessible. A graduate of Grand Prairie High School, Rodney has maintained a lifelong connection to local schools, most visibly as the public-address announcer for South Grand Prairie High School football home games, the Warrior Band, and the Cheyanne's. Rodney married Heather Jerden in 1991, and together they've raised three sons. As a family, they devoted countless volunteer hours to various charities and civic organizations including the Boy Scouts of America, where all three sons earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Rodney believes Scouting helped instill

leadership, service, and personal responsibility—values he carries into every aspect of his life. Professionally, he's spent more than three decades working in elected and leadership roles that require accountability, extensive knowledge of finance, attention to detail, and sound judgment. His career has included executive-level business experience, small business ownership, statewide association leadership, and years of public service that emphasized problem-solving and collaboration.

1. Describe your qualifications and experience for this city council seat, and explain your reasons for running? How would you be an asset to the business community?

I am running for Grand Prairie City Council, Place 8 At-Large, because I believe this city benefits most from steady leadership grounded in **experience, transparency, and service**. I am a lifelong Grand Prairie resident and graduate of GPISD, with more than three decades of professional experience in legislative service, business leadership, and community organizations. I previously served nearly a decade in the Texas Legislature, where I worked across party lines on budgets, infrastructure, public safety, and economic development—experience that directly translates to the responsibilities of city government. Professionally, I've spent my career in highly regulated industries, advising businesses on compliance, risk management, and growth. That background has required balancing accountability with practical solutions—skills essential for thoughtful policymaking at the local level. My service as past president of the Texas Land Title Association and the Grand Prairie Rotary Club, along with board roles with the Chamber of Commerce, in healthcare, education, and civic organizations, reflects a long-standing commitment to collaborative leadership and community stewardship. I would be an asset to the business community by bringing a clear understanding of how local decisions affect investment, job creation, and long-term stability. I support responsible growth, predictable regulations, and open communication between City Hall and employers—large and small. My goal is to ensure Grand Prairie remains competitive, business-friendly, and fiscally responsible, while preserving the quality of life that makes our city a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

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Rodney Anderson

2. What are the priority issues facing the City of Grand Prairie, and how would you address them if elected?

Grand Prairie's priority issues are **(1) public safety and staffing, (2) infrastructure and basic services, (3) growth management and housing quality, and (4) fiscal stewardship and tax burden.**

Public safety: Residents expect visible policing, fast response times, and strong fire/EMS readiness. I have always supported competitive pay and targeted recruitment and retention while using clear performance metrics and neighborhood-based deployment, so resources follow real calls for service. The City's own budget materials emphasize sustaining core services, including public safety.

Infrastructure & quality-of-life: Roads, drainage, parks, and downtown connectivity matter to homeowners and employers alike. I support a "fix-it-first" approach inside the Capital Improvement Program—prioritizing measurable condition improvements and on-time delivery of projects residents see and experience every day

Measured growth & housing standards: Grand Prairie is seeing major development activity—both downtown revitalization and new, large-scale new communities on the far north and south sections of the city. I would pair growth with **clear, enforceable design and compatibility standards**, including the City's updated multi-family/townhome standards that I argued for very vocally in front of council, so new projects strengthen—not strain—neighborhoods and infrastructure.

Fiscal responsibility: The City recently adopted a budget and tax rate that increases total property tax levy year-over-year. I would insist on plain-English transparency, disciplined prioritization, and continuous review of programs so we protect core services while respecting the pocketbooks of Grand Prairie taxpayers.

3. As you consider the infrastructure in Grand Prairie, what do you think is the number one issue facing our city and what would you propose to address it?

The single most important infrastructure issue facing Grand Prairie is **aging underground utilities paired with legacy roadways**, particularly in older neighborhoods where water, wastewater, and storm drainage systems were built for a much smaller city. When these systems fail, residents experience street deterioration, service interruptions, and escalating repair costs—often repeatedly in the same areas. The challenge is not simply that these systems are old; it's that they are out of sight and extraordinarily expensive, which makes them easy to defer until failures become highly disruptive and more costly. Replacing streets without addressing what's underneath only compounds the problem. If elected, I would advocate for a **long-term, utility-first infrastructure strategy** that does three things:

First, prioritize **data-driven asset management**. The City should continue expansion of condition assessments of underground utilities, so projects are ranked by risk, not age or political pressure. Taxpayer dollars should go where failure would be most damaging to homes, businesses, and emergency access.

Second, commit to **coordinated replacement**—water, sewer, storm drainage, and roadways rebuilt together. This approach reduces total cost, shortens disruption, and ensures taxpayers are not paying twice.

Third, align funding with reality. That means responsibly using existing revenue tools, federal grants, and regional partnerships where available, and being transparent with residents about timelines and tradeoffs. Infrastructure isn't glamorous, but it is foundational.

My goal would be to shift Grand Prairie from reactive repairs to **planned, predictable reinvestment**, protecting neighborhoods, stabilizing costs, and ensuring the city's infrastructure supports growth for decades to come.

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Rodney Anderson

4. Businesses live and die on the bottom line, what is your assessment of the City's financial position and what impact if any, would you like to have on it?

From a business perspective, Grand Prairie's financial position is **fundamentally stable but under growing pressure**. The city has managed finances responsibly over time, maintains reserves, and continues to invest in core services. That said, rising costs—public safety staffing, aging infrastructure, inflation, and the Texas Legislature—are putting sustained pressure on the budget, while residents and businesses feel the cumulative impact of higher property valuations. Like any organization, the city must distinguish between revenue growth (taxes) and cost discipline. Increasing revenues through valuation growth or tax rate adjustments should never substitute for ongoing scrutiny of spending, program effectiveness, and long-term obligations. Deferred infrastructure and recurring operating costs will only become more expensive if not addressed deliberately. If elected, the impact I would seek is not dramatic change, but increased **transparency and accountability**. That includes clear performance metrics tied to budget decisions for staff, regular review of programs to ensure taxpayers are getting measurable value, and prioritizing capital investments over permanent expansion of operating costs whenever possible. I would also push for a long-term financial lens—multi-year forecasting that honestly accounts for infrastructure replacement, pension and staffing obligations, and economic cycles—so decisions are made with tomorrow in mind, not just the next fiscal year. Businesses survive by planning ahead, controlling costs, and making disciplined investments. City Hall should do the same, with the goal of protecting taxpayers while preserving the services and infrastructure that keep Grand Prairie competitive and financially strong.

5. The Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce exists to support, strengthen, and empower businesses in Grand Prairie. What do you see as the Chamber's role in relation to the city, and how would you work with the Chamber to support economic growth and a thriving business community?

A strong, unified Chamber of Commerce is one of the most important assets a city like Grand Prairie can have. The Chamber's role should be to represent **all businesses—large and small, new and established—under one coordinated voice**, advocating for policies that support growth, workforce development, and a predictable business climate. When businesses speak together, City Hall listens more carefully and decisions are better informed. The Chamber should not function as an extension of city government, nor should it be fragmented by industry, size, or background. Its strength comes from being inclusive, collaborative, and focused on shared economic success. A unified Chamber creates alignment between employers, educators, developers, and city leadership, helping Grand Prairie compete regionally for jobs and investment. Having served on the Chamber board, being a current member, and having been recognized by NFIB as a champion of small business, I understand both the strategic role of the Chamber and the practical concerns of business owners. I also respect the contributions of those who have led or supported Chamber-related organizations in the past; these efforts have helped many entrepreneurs succeed. If elected, I would work closely with the Chamber by maintaining open communication, engaging early on policy and development issues that affect businesses, and support initiatives that improve workforce readiness, infrastructure reliability, and regulatory clarity. My goal would be to ensure the City treats the Chamber as a **trusted partner**, not a formality—because when businesses thrive, Grand Prairie wins.

City of Grand Prairie Place 8 Special Election

Ballot Position 3: Mary Dominguez-Santini



Mary Dominguez-Santini is a community advocate, business leader, and nonprofit founder committed to strengthening Grand Prairie through service, collaboration, and economic opportunity. She is the founder of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Grand Prairie and has spent years supporting small businesses, entrepreneurs, families, and youth across the city.

Mary has served in numerous boards and commissions and has been recognized locally and regionally for her civic leadership, cultural advocacy, and commitment to education and community development. Her work includes launching workforce and business incubator programs, empowering women through education and entrepreneurship initiatives, and leading community projects that benefit thousands of families every year.

As a candidate for Grand Prairie City Council Place 8 At-Large Mary is running independently with a focus on public safety and city services, economic opportunity and affordability, transparency and collaboration, and responsible growth and development.

1. Describe your qualifications and experience for this city council seat, and explain your reasons for running? How would you be an asset to the business community?

Grand Prairie is at a pivotal moment where thoughtful leadership, strong partnerships, and responsible growth can create lasting opportunities for our residents and businesses. I bring a strong blend of leadership experience, community commitment, and proven record of service that qualify me to serve the citizens of my community. I have been actively involved in community initiatives and civic engagement, fostering relationships with non profits, government, small businesses and have demonstrated commitment to strategic planning, transparent decision making and responsible growth.

2. What are the priority issues facing the City of Grand Prairie, and how would you address them if elected?

In my opinion the challenges our city is facing are Public safety and strong economic development that benefits everyone. I will address the issues by focusing on practical solutions, measurable results, and strong collaboration partnerships.

3. As you consider the infrastructure in Grand Prairie, what do you think is the number one issue facing our city and what would you propose to address it?

If I had to name one, I would address the infrastructure issue - storm water - I would prioritize projects by risk and impact, accelerate preventive maintenance, invest in right sized fixes, pursue outside funding

4. Businesses live and die on the bottom line, what is your assessment of the City's financial position and what impact if any, would you like to have on it?

The impact I want to have is creating an environment where businesses can succeed while protecting taxpayers. That means making Grand Prairie the easiest city to do business with-reducing unnecessary delays, streamlining permitting and inspections, and ensuring clear, consistent communication. I want to help local businesses grow and attract new investment so we can expand the tax base, strengthen sales tax revenue, and reduce pressure on homeowners.

5. The Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce exists to support, strengthen, and empower businesses in Grand Prairie. What do you see as the Chamber's role in relation to the city, and how would you work with the Chamber to support economic growth and a thriving business community?

The city has two chambers of commerce and they are both equally important, they both exist to serve as a advocate and strong voice for the local businesses. Our policy with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Grand Prairie has always been to work in unity, professionalism and transparency with the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce and any business, organization or leader which result in economic growth and equal opportunities for all.

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Ballot Position 4: Amber Luckey



Amber Luckey is a longtime community advocate, facilities and project management professional at the largest Commercial Real Estate-Fortune 500 company in the world, and candidate for Grand Prairie City Council Place 8 At-Large. With more than 17 years of experience overseeing complex operations, construction projects, and multimillion-dollar budgets, she brings real-world business and infrastructure expertise to local leadership. Amber is a proud parent to an adult daughter who graduated from Stanford University (with dual degrees) and a young son with special needs, giving her a deep, personal understanding of how city decisions impact families and workers every day. She is committed to thoughtful growth that supports small businesses, attracts quality employers, and strengthens Grand Prairie's economic future. Her servant-leadership approach is rooted in long-standing community involvement. Amber volunteers with the Grand Prairie NAACP, serves on the

Grand Prairie Library Board, and is a Tarrant County Precinct Chair. She has worked behind the scenes supporting local City Council and School Board campaigns and is known for her collaborative, solutions-focused leadership style. Amber believes strong partnerships between the city and the Chamber of Commerce are essential to a thriving business community and is dedicated to listening, transparency, and responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

1. Describe your qualifications and experience for this city council seat, and explain your reasons for running? How would you be an asset to the business community?

I bring over 17 years of experience that directly aligns with the responsibilities of City Council, along with a deep personal commitment to Grand Prairie and the people who call it home. I've worked in facilities/project management, overseeing complex operations, construction, and multimillion-dollar budgets. My experience includes capital planning, infrastructure, fire and life-safety systems, planning and zoning, code compliance, and emergency response. I work closely with contractors, and vendors, and I understand how decisions made at City Hall impact safety, costs, timelines, and long-term outcomes. As a parent of 2, including raising a young son with special needs, I understand how important it is that city policies work for real families and businesses every day. I serve on the Library Board, am a Precinct Chair, volunteer with the NAACP with voter registration, and other organizations. I'm running because I love this city and believe its growth must be managed thoughtfully, in a way that protects neighborhoods, supports families, and strengthens our local economy. I would be an asset to the business community because I understand how businesses operate. I've managed contracts, budgets, compliance, and workforce issues, and I know that clarity, consistency, and communication matter. I support strengthening partnerships with the Chamber of Commerce, improving outreach to small businesses before challenges arise, and attracting employers that bring good-paying, sustainable jobs to our city. My approach is collaborative and solutions-focused. I believe economic development works best when the city, businesses, and residents move forward together; with transparency, accountability, and mutual respect.

2. What are the priority issues facing the City of Grand Prairie, and how would you address them if elected?

Grand Prairie is experiencing rapid growth and managing that growth responsibly is one of our top priorities. Growth brings opportunity, but it also puts pressure on housing, infrastructure, healthcare, and neighborhood quality. If elected, I would focus on thoughtful planning, transparent decision-making, and strong community engagement to ensure growth strengthens, not strains, our city. Affordable housing is another critical issue. As home prices rise, families, city workers, and seniors are feeling the pressure. I support expanding housing options

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Amber Luckey

through responsible, mixed-use development while protecting existing neighborhoods and preventing displacement. Housing policy should be balanced, intentional, and tied to infrastructure, transportation, and access to services. Access to healthcare resources is another priority, including the need for a hospital, along with mental health services, therapy, childcare, and respite care for families and caregivers. As a parent raising a young son with special needs, I understand how essential accessible healthcare is to family stability and quality of life. I would advocate for partnerships and planning strategies that bring these critical services to Grand Prairie. Infrastructure remains a foundational issue. Sidewalk repairs and extensions, along with street and transportation improvements, are about safety, accessibility, and equity. I would prioritize investments that serve families, seniors, people with disabilities, and growing neighborhoods, guided by data, community input, and responsible budgeting. With my background in project management, infrastructure oversight, and emergency response, I'm prepared to help Grand Prairie address these priorities with experience, accountability, collaboration, and a focus on long-term community well-being.

3. As you consider the infrastructure in Grand Prairie, what do you think is the number one issue facing our city and what would you propose to address it?

The number one infrastructure issue facing Grand Prairie is balancing investment in our older neighborhoods while managing new growth. As the city expands, we must ensure that existing infrastructure, streets, sidewalks, drainage, utilities, and public facilities, does not fall behind or get overlooked. I would advocate for a more strategic and equitable approach to budget distribution, focusing on areas with the greatest infrastructure needs while maintaining the integrity of new development. Growth should not come at the expense of long-established neighborhoods, and infrastructure planning must be data-driven and community-informed. From my experience, I know that cost does not always equal quality. The highest bid is not always the best solution. I support responsible procurement practices that prioritize value, performance, and long-term durability, not just price. Being good stewards of taxpayer dollars means carefully reviewing contract bids, timelines, and outcomes to ensure we are getting the best return on investment. Smart planning and budgeting are essential. I believe in setting clear, measurable goals and aligning capital improvement plans with long-term maintenance strategies. When we invest wisely and plan intentionally, we can stretch every dollar further and build infrastructure that serves Grand Prairie reliably for years to come.

4. Businesses live and die on the bottom line, what is your assessment of the City's financial position and what impact if any, would you like to have on it?

The City of Grand Prairie is in a solid financial position, and that's something we should protect. Strong fiscal management allows the city to maintain services, invest in infrastructure, and plan responsibly for the future. With that being said, I believe there are opportunities to be more efficient, particularly when it comes to the ongoing upkeep and operating costs of city-owned buildings and facilities. From my professional experience managing facilities and budgets, I know that deferred maintenance and inefficient systems can quietly drain resources over time. Reviewing these costs and investing strategically in long-term efficiencies can help reduce expenses and protect taxpayer dollars. Collaboration will be key. I would work with the City Manager and the Council's Finance and Government Committee to ensure financial decisions are data-driven, transparent, and aligned with long-term goals. My focus would be on responsible budgeting, cost containment, and smart investments that maintain a healthy surplus while supporting economic growth and essential services. Being fiscally responsible isn't about cutting corners, it's about being good stewards of public funds so Grand Prairie remains financially strong, stable, and competitive for businesses and families alike.

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5. The Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce exists to support, strengthen, and empower businesses in Grand Prairie. What do you see as the Chamber's role in relation to the city, and how would you work with the Chamber to support economic growth and a thriving business community?

I see the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce as a vital partner to the city and a top priority when it comes to economic growth. Our businesses, especially small and locally owned businesses, are essential to maintaining a strong, resilient local economy. I believe the Chamber plays a key role in connecting businesses to city leadership, resources, and opportunities. If elected, I would work collaboratively with the Chamber to ensure businesses have access to training, tools, and support that help them succeed long-term. That includes strengthening awareness and participation in entrepreneurial programs that offer valuable resources such as financial planning, budgeting, and business preparedness, helping businesses stay competitive and protect their bottom line. Communication is also critical. I would support creating more consistent, two-way communication between the city and the business community, so concerns are identified early and successes are celebrated. One idea I support is highlighting local businesses during town hall meetings in the districts where they operate, giving them visibility and reinforcing the city's commitment to their success. By working closely with the Chamber, city leadership can better align policy, resources, and economic development efforts. Strong collaboration leads to stronger businesses, more jobs, and a thriving Grand Prairie community.

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Ballot Position 5: Michelle Madden



A dedicated resident of Grand Prairie since 1998, I have built a career in commercial construction and real estate, with hands-on experience in project management, strategic planning, and business leadership. My commitment to community service is reflected in over six years as President and CEO of the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce, where I worked closely with local businesses and residents to foster economic growth and build relationships across the city. I have also served on multiple boards and commissions, including the City's Planning & Zoning Commission, Building Advisory & Appeals Board, and the Grand Prairie ISD Career and Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Board. Beyond these roles, I co-chair Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful, serve on the Grand Prairie Family YMCA board (past chair), contribute to the Lakewood HOA Board, and serve on the board of

Children First Counseling Center. I have also held leadership positions in local PTA and other neighborhood organizations. These experiences reflect my lifelong commitment to building strong, vibrant communities. I bring a combination of professional expertise, leadership, and local knowledge, grounded in understanding the needs of residents, businesses, and neighborhoods. Whether in construction, commerce, or community service, my goal has always been the same: to strengthen Grand Prairie, connect people, and ensure the city remains a thriving, welcoming, and resilient place for all.

Describe your qualifications and experience for this city council seat, and explain your reasons for running?
How would you be an asset to the business community?

I have lived in Grand Prairie since 1998 and have dedicated a good deal of my personal life to serving our comm-

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Michelle Madden

community. Professionally, I bring experience in commercial construction and real estate, along with leadership in strategic planning, project management, and business development. For over six years, I served as President and CEO of the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce, working closely with local businesses and residents to foster economic growth and build strong relationships across the city. I have also served on multiple city boards and commissions, including Planning & Zoning, the Building Advisory & Appeals Board, and the Grand Prairie ISD Career and Technical Education Advisory Board, giving me firsthand knowledge of city operations and decision-making. Beyond my professional experience, I have been deeply involved in civic life, including leadership roles with the YMCA, Lakewood HOA, Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful, Children First Counseling Center, and local PTAs. These roles reflect my commitment to strengthening neighborhoods, supporting families, and connecting people. I am running for City Council to ensure that Grand Prairie continues to grow thoughtfully, balancing economic opportunity with quality of life for all residents. My experience bridging business and community uniquely positions me to advocate for policies that support local businesses, attract new investment, and create jobs while maintaining the city's character and sense of place. I will be a strong voice for collaboration, responsible growth, protecting residents, and fostering a thriving business community.

2. What are the priority issues facing the City of Grand Prairie, and how would you address them if elected?

Grand Prairie is growing and changing rapidly, which brings both opportunity and responsibility. One of the top priorities is managing growth in a way that keeps neighborhoods strong and connected. The southern part of the city is expanding, and we need to guide that growth thoughtfully, ensuring infrastructure, city services, and amenities keep pace while maintaining the character and identity of established areas. Water and infrastructure safety are also critical. Long-term groundwater contamination near the former Delfasco Forge site and the 2024 back-flow incident highlight the need for proactive maintenance, testing, and oversight. Residents deserve transparency and accountability as well as confidence that our water and other infrastructure systems are safe and reliable. Fiscal responsibility is another priority. Reviewing the 2025–26 budget shows some programs operate at a big loss. Before spending on non-critical initiatives, we should ensure basic services such as roads, public safety, and utilities are fully funded. For large public event expenditures like Main Street Fest, I would support creating a citizen panel to provide input, increasing transparency and resident engagement. Finally, supporting a thriving business environment, maintaining public safety, and investing in parks, cultural activities, and community engagement all contribute to the city's long-term success. If elected, I would focus on planning growth responsibly, safeguarding infrastructure, maintaining financial accountability, and listening to residents. By prioritizing essentials while fostering opportunity, Grand Prairie can continue to grow as a safe, vibrant, and connected community for everyone.

3. As you consider the infrastructure in Grand Prairie, what do you think is the number one issue facing our city and what would you propose to address it?

One of the most important infrastructure issues facing Grand Prairie is protecting the safety and reliability of our water systems. Recent experiences have made it clear that residents expect and deserve strong oversight and accountability in this area. The long-term groundwater contamination near the former Delfasco Forge site, while not affecting the city's drinking water, has directly impacted nearby neighborhoods. The City must continue to advocate for residents, hold state and federal partners accountable for cleanup progress, and ensure clear, ongoing communication so families know what is being done and why it matters. In 2024, the incident involving fire-

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fighting foam entering the water system highlighted the critical importance of backflow prevention. While the response was quick, it reinforced the need for consistent testing, maintenance, and enforcement to prevent these situations from occurring in the first place. Residents should be confident that safeguards are in place and being followed. Moving forward, I believe the City must prioritize proactive maintenance, regular inspections, and transparency. When issues arise, residents deserve timely, accurate information and clear answers. Protecting our water infrastructure isn't optional. It's foundational to public health, trust, and responsible growth. By learning from these challenges and committing to strong oversight and communication, Grand Prairie can strengthen its infrastructure while maintaining the confidence of the people it serves.

4. Businesses live and die on the bottom line, what is your assessment of the City's financial position and what impact if any, would you like to have on it?

When I look at the City's finances, it's clear that, like any organization, we need to make sure we're getting the most value for every dollar spent. Reviewing the 2025–26 budget, I noticed that some city programs consistently operate at a loss. While investing in community initiatives is important, I believe our first focus should be on ensuring residents have strong basics; roads, public safety, utilities, and essential services before allocating large sums to non-critical projects. If elected, I would advocate for careful prioritization, asking questions like: Are programs delivering real benefits? Are they cost-effective? Could adjustments improve efficiency without reducing quality? Transparency is key. Residents should know how their tax dollars are being spent and have a voice in the process. My approach would be to support fiscally responsible decisions that keep the City on stable financial footing while making sure essential services meet the community's needs.

5. The Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce exists to support, strengthen, and empower businesses in Grand Prairie. What do you see as the Chamber's role in relation to the city, and how would you work with the Chamber to support economic growth and a thriving business community?

The Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce serves as a vital bridge between the business community and city government, advocating for policies that foster growth, supporting local businesses, and connecting entrepreneurs, residents, and civic leaders. The Chamber strengthens the city by creating a business-friendly environment, facilitating collaboration, and promoting Grand Prairie as a place to live, work, and invest. Having served as President and CEO of the Chamber for over six years, I know the value of its expertise and programs. The city doesn't need to reinvent the wheel; initiatives that support small businesses, workforce development, and related programs are best managed by the Chamber, where they already have experience, resources, and relationships to make them successful. As a City Council member, I would work closely with the Chamber to retain and grow local businesses, attract new investment, and create opportunities for entrepreneurs. I would engage the Chamber in strategic planning, encourage public-private collaboration, and ensure that policies reflect the realities and needs of the business community. My background in construction, real estate, and community leadership, combined with deep ties to Grand Prairie, equips me to act as an effective liaison between the city and the Chamber. Together, we can strengthen the local economy, support existing businesses, and ensure Grand Prairie remains a thriving, vibrant community for residents and entrepreneurs alike.

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by those who participate.**

***Our freedom to raise our voices to speak out
about the type of community in which we
want to live came at a high price.***

***It is our privilege, our right and our
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