

# Voters Guide

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## LUBBOCK CITY & LUBBOCK ISD ELECTIONS

### About This Voters Guide

This printed *Voters Guide* lists candidates who are on the May 7, 2016, Lubbock City and Lubbock ISD ballots and provides their answers to questions posed by the League of Women Voters of Lubbock County.

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LUBBOCK COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE  
[www.VoteLubbock.org](http://www.VoteLubbock.org)

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- Personal identification card
- Concealed handgun license
- Election Identification Certificate

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- Passport
- Military identification card
- Citizenship certificate or naturalization certificate with photograph

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**Questions for Lubbock Mayoral and City Council Candidates**

**Training and Experience:** Describe the training, experience and characteristics that qualify you for this office. (300 characters, approximately 50 words)

**Use of City Buildings:** How will you approach the matter now under discussion regarding the plans for the use of the current police department building, the current city hall building, and the Omni building? (450 characters, approximately 75 words)

**Homelessness:** How can our community deal successfully with the complex issues involved with homelessness? (450 characters, approximately 75 words)

**Snow Storms:** How would you suggest improving the quality of services provided by the city during the December 2015 snow storm? (450 characters, approximately 75 words)

**Electric Services:** Regarding Lubbock’s long-term electricity needs, discuss your plans for providing electric services when the contract with Xcel Energy expires. (450 characters, approximately 75 words)

**Annexation:** As you work with the newly created Annexation and Growth Advisory Board, what is your approach to the continuing annexation of property into the city? Under what circumstances, if any, would you consider limiting annexation? (450 characters, approximately 75 words)

**LUBBOCK MAYOR (2-Year Term)**

**Ysidro Gutierrez**



**Training and Experience:** Served 4 years as Lubbock County Commissioner, Pct 3 from Jan 2005 to Dec 2008. Twenty (20) years of Military Service. Trained in Leadership, Management and most importantly in Team Dynamics and Teamwork. MBA degree prepared me in Finance, Economics, Accounting, Management and Strategic Planning.

**Use of City Buildings:** I disapprove of the plans for the Omni Building and another “Hand-me-down” police station. The “First” responsibility of Government is Public Safety. In the short-term, I propose a main station downtown and two substations: one in South the other in

West Lubbock. I propose long-term strategic planning for two substations: one in East, the other in North Lubbock. These permanent facilities should be in place before our population is 300,000.

**Homelessness:** Private citizens and faith-based communities in Lubbock are doing a marvelous job of caring for Homeless citizens. Multiple Churches have extensive ministries that serve Homeless families and individuals with food, shelter, clothing and medical care. UMC is organized as a “Hospital District” to provide care. I applaud their charitable work.

As Mayor I will support all efforts that contribute to the admirable work of the people of Lubbock.

**Snow Storms:** As a Disaster Team Captain for 5-years in the Lubbock American Red Cross. I was a certified trainer in disaster preparedness, mitigation and recovery (including 100-year floods, storms and blizzards). As Mayor of Lubbock I will utilize strategies that are known to work, preserve and protect “Public Safety” and are effective. I do not support post-blizzard strategies to buy equipment for the “next snow storm”. Tornadoes are the greater danger.

**Electric Services:** I support the plan that is being executed by the Electric Utility Board and the LP&L staff. I believe joining (or connecting to) ERCOT is the proper long-term strategy for Lubbock.

**Annexation:** All annexation, plans or proposals, should be finalized and posted on the City of Lubbock web-site at least six-months in advance of the first “Public Hearing”. As Mayor of Lubbock, I welcome growth. Lubbock is projected to grow at a rate of about 1.75 to 2 percent per year. Once Lubbock reaches 300,000 population; growth will accelerate Since growth is inevitable; we must assure all annexations are “Planned”.

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**Victor Hernandez**



**Training and Experience:** Attorney; formal education; councilmember - 16 years; small business owner -26 years; Army veteran - Operation Desert Storm (Captain); Advisory Committee on Retirement Matters (TMRS); Married - Aurora Chaides-Hernandez - 32 years - four children; St. Joseph Catholic Church; Knight - Holy Sepulchre

**Use of City Buildings:** I made the motion to have the Omni issue placed on the ballot for a public vote (failed). Additionally, the issuance of the necessary bond monies have already been approved. Therefore, ensuring maximum utilization of the Omni space and

decreasing the amounts paid by the City to lease other private facilities are priorities. Demolition of the current police department will be required. 15+ years of organizational growth can be accommodated.

**Homelessness:** An “out of sight, out of mind” mentality is not the answer. Running soup kitchens and shelters out of downtown is not the answer. Working with the non-profit/religious sectors in their efforts by partnering with them to provide a holistic approach to the underlying issues facing the homeless is the key. Augmenting federal funding with local funding will provide the necessary assets to further address the issue in a timely manner.

**Snow Storms:** By creating a Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) which will outline how to mitigate damages and losses to people, property and economy during emergency situations. Aimed at identifying hazards (i.e. snowstorms), the plan’s purpose would be to improve response and prevention. Promoting public awareness of identified hazards and conduct community-wide (i.e. tornado) drills would also be a critical component. The City of Smithville is a good example.

**Electric Services:** The management of LP&L and the City, along with both elected and appointed officials of each entity, have worked diligently for the past number of years in order to ensure a seamless transition from our current provider to a new provider/system. Current projections indicate a stable, reliable and less expensive alternative. Upgrading/expanding the current distribution system is continuing and the dual transmission system is being disassembled.

**Annexation:** Unfettered annexation is not the answer. A holistic approach to annexation is, taking into account the impact of the proposed annexation on essential services and, especially on major infrastructure associated with the delivery of essential services. For example, wastewater treatment plants, water and sewer lines, fire stations, and police substations. Personnel costs should also be factored in. Cost factors could limit the rate of annexations.

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### Todd R. Klein



**Training and Experience:** I was born and raised in Lubbock and I care deeply about the future of the city. I'm dedicated to public service and an advocate for all citizens in our community. Having served two terms on the City Council I have the necessary experience and results to get started working for you on Day One.

**Use of City Buildings:** We need open & accountable government. I've consistently stated that this decision should be put before the voters, and I called for this since it was first raised while still on the Council. I believe the growth of the City requires that we place our first responders closer to the citizens in their neighborhoods, so, like the Police Chief, I support sub-stations for the police department. If elected, I will take this issue up immediately.

**Homelessness:** I've long championed solutions for homelessness & led on this while on the Council. If elected, I will engage the Faith Community in a partnership with the city that will utilize the faith & civic communities we have in Lubbock to help with homelessness. The city's job is to take care of essential services. Strategic partnerships are essential for improving results. I will work for stronger collaborations & partnerships across the board.

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### Dan Pope



**Training and Experience:** I am a life-long Republican who believes that citizens should work to make their cities better. My wife and I built a company that eventually employed 70 people. As a nine-year Trustee for LISD, I worked to make the hard decisions that improved our schools across the city.

**Use of City Buildings:** The City is trying to make the best use of existing facilities while delivering top class services. I think that making a decision to stay in the downtown area supports the revitalization already occurring from private monies that are being spent downtown. A vibrant downtown is the mark of a thriving city. I believe that private money should re-build downtown.

**Homelessness:** Finding solutions to homelessness requires cooperation between all governmental and private sector agencies. I can bring the parties to the table for frank discussions that result in plans and strategies for this segment of our population. I commend the public and private agencies providing assistance now. The City should have action plans that work to improve life for our homeless citizens.

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## LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL

### Lubbock City Council District 1 (Unexpired Term ending 2018)

#### Juan A. Chads



**Training and Experience:** The last 10 years I served as safety director for MHMR clinic ensuring safety compliance. I have 18 years experience in refinery environmental compliance. I have supervisory skills working 10 years in television. My career has taught me the importance of safety, environment and communication.

**Use of City Buildings:** The Omni Building should be the central location of city government. The police department building should be sold to the highest bidder which would aid in the redevelopment of downtown. This would also increase our tax base.

**Homelessness:** Help programs are already in place to help the homeless, the agencies provide a great service to the targeted community. And I commend their efforts.

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**Snow Storms:** Surely a lot was learned at city hall, certainly the public learned a lot from the snow storm. In addition to the need for strategic planning it is critical to have contingency plans in place. When it comes to the worst possible scenarios, this is the bare minimum. We should expect nothing less from our government than that. That is why I have long called for a public vote on tornado sirens. Public safety is my top priority.

**Electric Services:** Ideally, city government wouldn't be in the electric business to begin with, but as it is I support the effort to move LP&L into the electric grid with the rest of Texas. While on the Council I pushed for a rate stability model, which after opposition & some serious issues we later finally got. As your mayor I will work tirelessly to continue my efforts to make sure your rates are the lowest possible and that the nonsense of the past is behind us

**Annexation:** I believe in smart growth. If elected, I will step in to make sure that property rights are not violated. There must be a balance between annexation and property rights, and a balance to insure that annexation doesn't work at cross-purposes with efforts to actually redevelop downtown; something a lot of your tax-dollars have already gone into. My focus will be the public interest, not special interests, or cronyism.

**Snow Storms:** The City needs a contingency plan (not an order for more snow plows) that has specific steps to be taken if another monumental snow storm paralyzes the City. The plan should have contact information for companies and individuals who own machinery that can be used to clear streets. In advance of the weather event, meeting with these companies and individuals can have them on stand-by for help.

**Electric Services:** The LP&L decision to join ERCOT (Energy Reliability Council of Texas) will provide stable, reliable and affordable energy for years to come. I support LP&L administration and believe their volunteer board is doing a good job.

**Annexation:** Creating the Advisory Board allows for better communication and more information to be studied before recommendations are made. As Mayor I will welcome open and forthright communication between every constituency. The City must annex areas of growth in order to provide basic services. Expanding the tax base brings money for the provision of those services. I would not support annexation of areas without citizen input and discussion.



### Frank Gutierrez



**Training and Experience:** BA Degree POLS, Texas Tech University. Retired, corporate management experience in services to customers, clients and the public. 8yr member Community Development & Services Board. Founding Charter Board Rise Academy 17 yrs, Fiestas Del Llano 20 yrs, Texas Tech Vietnam Archives Board 5yrs.

**Use of City Buildings:** Police department building must be determined that it is safe for upgrade or used to house other departments. The current City Hall building is sound enough to accommodate the LPD. A discussion also has to be held on when a new facility is to be considered and planned. The Omni building has received the go ahead to house city hall services and therefore support it with the caveat that new councils may amend the project altogether.

**Homelessness:** Veterans receive grant supported assistance from the VRCG (Veterans Resource Coordination Group), VetStar or South Plains Homeless Consortium. Grants make it possible to assist veterans and their families. A private project by a former Councilman is a step in the right direction. As a Community Development & Services Board member part of our overview is the administration of the Emergency Solutions Grant. Homeless by choice phenomenon exists.

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### Ben Medina



**Training and Experience:** I spent 13 years as a caseworker for the TX Health & Human Services Commission, In that capacity I interpreted and applied complex policy and procedures. In addition this position required interaction with every segment of the population as well as many government agencies.

**Use of City Buildings:** The Omni building is emblematic of the continued decline of the Downtown area & represents a conundrum for which there are no easy answers. In many ways this issue has the city over a barrel. Although we should seek every compensation & redress from the owners of the building we can not afford to allow the building to serve as a nexus for decline in an area that should be the pride of our city.

**Homelessness:** The city should approach this issue with compassion grounded in practicality. Given that the root causes of homelessness range from family violence, drug & alcohol addiction to bona fide mental illness the city should serve as a clearinghouse for the various charities and government agencies whose missions and purpose are to serve those suffering from whatever cause has brought them to the state of homelessness.

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### Tristan Ramirez



**Training and Experience:** This election you have an opportunity to elect a leader who will unite the diverse voices in District 1. I love serving the community and I know that my life experience, identity and work ethic give me what it takes to serve every resident in District 1.

**Use of City Buildings:** The Lubbock City Council should work to reduce costs wherever they can. If the Council decides to consolidate the police department and city hall into one building, then moving both into the Omni building may be the most cost effective option available to the taxpayer.

**Homelessness:** Our community should work to adequately provide for the Homeless through nonprofit charity and we should actively encourage residents to become involved in organizations that are currently assisting the Homeless.

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**Snow Storms:** Inter-local agreements for emergency preparedness at the time were lacking coordination or did not exist. All available publicly funded equipment for the future needs to be committed to alleviate the inconvenience to the public to the best of those responsible abilities. A contingency plan must also include contracting out to the private sector when and if necessary.

**Electric Services:** The City Council should participate with the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) in an effort to deliver power to the area’s taxpayers and residents at the lowest rates possible. Additionally, the ERCOT option outweighs the need to spend an estimated 350 million or more on power plant construction.

**Annexation:** Incorporating new land into Lubbock is a fiscal win-win situation for the city because of the additional tax revenues that can be garnered. If Lubbock doesn’t act than cities such as Wolfforth could reap the taxes that help to support the city’s infrastructure. Limits to growth also need to be established and should keep in mind that Central Lubbock areas also need infrastructure upgrades.

**Snow Storms:** In exceptional circumstances given ample warning the responsibility of providing for ones needs should fall to the citizenry where the citizenry is able to do so. The clearing of streets is obviously a need that falls to city government to meet. In that regard the city should have emergency funds available with which it could hire contractors in lieu of purchasing heavy equipment that would rarely be used.

**Electric Services:** LP&L has held us in good stead for many years. I believe they have the capacity to provide power for our city into the foreseeable future. That being said competition is always beneficial to the consumer and we should explore all avenues available to make our market reliable and competitive.

**Annexation:** Annexation should be considered in the light of the fact that unincorporated areas already benefit from city infrastructure with roads and streets being the most obvious. However growth should be managed and should be done if at all possible with out unduly increasing our debt.

**Snow Storms:** The City should make sure that it has developed inclement weather crisis plans, which can adequately and quickly respond to the removal of snow drifts from major streets, side streets, intersections, hospital entrances and other locations that keep citizens from safely moving about the city. Plus, the City should look to negotiate contracts with private vendors or TXDOT for the use of additional snow removal equipment during a crisis.

**Electric Services:** The City and Lubbock Power and Light (LP&L) should continue to pursue integration into the low cost Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) network. In the process of integrating with ERCOT, the City should explore all options available that will make this move affordable and financially advantageous to the taxpayer.

**Annexation:** Annexation is a tool that should be used sparingly and only after thorough deliberation about the long-term impacts of expanding the city should it be authorized. A major reevaluation of annexation should be made if the city becomes incapable of or neglects maintaining infrastructure throughout the entire city.

# Lubbock City Council District 2 (4-Year Term)

## Jared B. Hall



**Training and Experience:** I'm an attorney in private practice for over 10 years, helping a diverse range of clients, from individuals to corporations. I've been on board of directors for several non-profits such as the Legal Aid Society of Lubbock and the Nurturing Center.

**Use of City Buildings:** The purchase of the Omni building can--with proper and vigorous oversight--be a cost-effective path for updating city facilities. Each of these proposals should have the approval of the voters if it will add to the city debt. There must

be transparency and accountability at all times to ensure taxpayer money is not wasted.

**Homelessness:** Homelessness is largely a problem of mental illness and substance abuse. Until we effectively deal with those issues, we cannot deal successfully with homelessness.

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## Gordon Harris



**Training and Experience:** I have been a resident of Lubbock Texas for 52 years, 30 of which I have been a active resident of District 2. I attended public schools in District 2 graduating from Estacado High School, Class of 1981 which was a High School in District 2. I worked for LISD for 10 years and a Referee for 27 years.

**Use of City Buildings:** Renovate the buildings and development Resource and Learning Centers. The Omni building once renovated would be a perfect location for a Jr. College. I would speak to the residents regarding the buildings and gather their suggestions and ideas, format them and present them to the council and deciding boards.

**Homelessness:** Our first approach to homelessness needs to be identifying the cause on a case by case basis. I strongly believe that mental illness, drug and alcohol abuse are major issues linked to homelessness. Our Veterans, once out of the military need resources and plans of action to be reintroduced into civilian society on a productive and functioning level. The same is true for the many offenders that are released from jails and prisons.

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## Shelia Patterson Harris



**Training and Experience:** My professional experience includes work in mid-management within a governmental entity, monitoring funding, supervising staff and adhering to governmental standards. This afforded me to maintain training with regard to managerial practices and related skills. I have many years of community work.

**Use of City Buildings:** Moving forward with the project at this point is a benefit, and should begin to eliminate cost of leasing buildings and allow those funds to be used in other areas. The decision will have a huge impact on the city's focus for downtown. The approach for these projects would be to insure that the city will develop an appropriate maintenance process for the use of these building. Transparency for citizens should be a huge part of this project.

**Homelessness:** It is important that we educate the community with regard to homelessness and related issues, so that we understand the differences in situational and chronic homelessness, and ways to best address the two. When the community is educated, it allows them to connect, support and get involved It also helps the community to understand that these same individuals are also citizens of this city and due the same rights and assistance when needed.

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**Snow Storms:** We must keep in mind storms such as this are very rare. Having excessive snow plows sitting unused for most years is wasteful. However, there should have been a better plan to enlist the snow removal equipment of other, unaffected cities and counties earlier--rather than calling for help after the fact. Further, there should be a plan in place to hire those local citizens with equipment able to assist with snow removal.

**Electric Services:** As I understand it, the plan is already underway. Having LP&L join ERCOT should provide the city with access to additional electricity to meet our needs without the necessity of taking on additional debt. The option to have LP&L build additional power plants, and incur additional debt, is not a viable for a city with over \$1.2 billion in existing debt.

**Annexation:** Annexation should be limited to (1) those areas where the residents want to become part of the city and (2) where there is an economic benefit to the whole city--not just to increase the tax base, but to ensure city resources are not diverted when existing areas already within city limits remain underdeveloped. District 2 has significant tracts of land where development, whether business parks or residential, should be encouraged.

**Snow Storms:** The quality of service during the December 2015 snow storms could have only been improved with more City workers, which we did not have. Considering our staff during that time the service was excellent!

**Electric Services:** It is my plan to seek out other more economically sound companies to offer the best quality of service and rates possible for our city.

**Annexation:** Annexation is a critical topic in our city currently. As I follow the discussions for and against Annexation my passion for Economic Development and Rehabilitation of District 2 remains the same OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS DEVELOPMENT!! I am opposed to forcing Annexation upon citizens that clearly do not want it and I will continue to fight to "Right the Wrong that has been done to District 2. The FORGOTTEN DISTRICT!!

**Snow Storms:** My biggest concern with the handling of the 2015 storm was a huge lack in communication and ability to respond to the different needs of the citizens. The failed areas can be used to train and develop more efficient communication and obtain needed supplies and equipment that can be used in varying events. Networking with other cities and developing a process that would enable departments to respond not matter how large the event or emergency.

**Electric Services:** I agree with the request for LP&L to enter the ERCOT market, and feel it only makes since for Lubbock as a Texas city to enter a market that is more immediate, and allows for the use of energy that is created in our own backyard. Being able to obtain energy from another source without creating debt by building our own power source makes since. This move will allow for citizens to reap the cost breaks that are possible as a result.

**Annexation:** I am not opposed to annexation when it is not intrusive to citizens. I understand the push to continue to motivate growth for the city, but I am concerned with continued annexation without consideration of using other underutilized areas of the city. I would hope that as a council of Lubbock that every effort be made to insure that growth is promoted throughout this political sub-division, and that annexation take place after no other options.



## Christopher Stevone Moore



**Training and Experience:** Chris, the “Connector” has engaged in community work for the past 14 years to promote hope, community pride, and genuine access and opportunities for residents in district 2 to grow and succeed. As city council, I will continue working to bring people and resources together to Make a Difference.

**Use of City Buildings:** I’ve worked on several restack projects as a facilities coordinator with the corporate office at Greyhound

Lines, Inc. We provided support services to three corporate offices. These projects required restructuring, relocating, and merging different groups for operation and economic measures. We would complete several analysis to determine the project feasibility. I will approach these projects in a similar fashion before making any decisions.

**Homelessness:** I have a working relationship with the South Plains Food Bank, Texas Hunger Initiative, Salvation Army, Hope Community of Shalom, South Plains Homeless Consortium, Bridge of Lubbock, and others who support this effort. We will continue to work with philanthropist, nonprofits, individuals, and organizations that are instrumental with giving a helping hand to provide a continuum of care. We will promote this effort.

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## Donald Ray “Tiger” Pratt



**Training and Experience:** My 15 years of experience as a Mortgage, Investment, Small Business, Commercial Lending Officer, and Vice President of a Bank & working with Builders, Developers, Small Business Owners, Churches, & Non-Profits will definitely aid me in bringing greater Economic & Community Development to District 2

**Use of City Buildings:** I would ensure that the plans of each building has made the following items of absolute priority in its design: the ease of use and access for all its citizens, the public safety for all its citizens and employees who will report there daily, that the functionality, synergy, and efficiency in its intended use, purpose, and design is captured; that the project will come within its stated and given budget without compromise in safety.

**Homelessness:** The city must make it a priority, the citizens must make it a priority, the churches must make it a priority - and plan accordingly...

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## Lubbock City Council District 4 (4-Year Term)

### Jim Gerlt



**Training and Experience:** Proven record leading non-profits for 45 years, Community Development & Services Board member for 5, 2 years as Chair, elected Councilman and chosen Mayor Pro Tem by peers. Independent thinker, influencer and problem solver. Recognized by TML as an advocate for cities. Knowledgeable of city issues.

**Use of City Buildings:** We will take a public safety hazard and turn it into our City Hall, stimulating downtown redevelopment.

We have conceptual drawings turning the Omni and old City Hall into viable space. The current police building needs to be razed and the lot sold for private development, getting it back on the tax roll. The projects can be done for about the same money as building a new police station enabling us to consolidate & save \$700,000 annually in rent.

**Homelessness:** The new police Homeless Outreach Taskforce will accomplish much of what needs to be done. This H.O.T. Unit will collaborate with other volunteer organizations to work for solutions. Carpenter’s Church has a housing project that will also help. We must rely on the Homeless Consortium to also provide positive leadership in tackling this problem. We really don’t need more tax dollars being spent on this issue.

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**Snow Storms:** I would suggest that the city of Lubbock make preparation to establish safeguards, announcements, and warnings once we hear that a storm like December 27th is coming. It is better to be safe than to take a chance and not prepare for a bad storm. We can also focus on making sure some of main corridors are clear that lead to emergency facilities, food, and other shelters.

**Electric Services:** Most of the electric service in Lubbock is a single certificated area which means that LP&L does not compete. Since, this is the case, it will be important that we make sure that the customers in Lubbock are paying a rate at fair market value and not being overcharged in this region. It would be good if there were more than one electric company to choose from to give consumers a choice.

**Annexation:** I’ve had a chance to seat in a couple of the annexation city hall meetings to hear the citizens’ comments that were going to be affected by the annex. I think it is important to view an annexation on a case by case situation. I would limit annexation based upon the thousand of acres of land that have not been developed within the city limits. There is plenty of land in Northeast, Southeast, and East Lubbock that is available for development.

**Snow Storms:** I would take a look at adapting new policies and procedures for pre-snow storm street treatments solely when threat is deemed extreme and severe, and would allocate funds to a weather winter threat account that would have enough to higher 10 qualified, licensed, bonded heavy equipment moving trucks from the private sector to clear roads if need be...

**Electric Services:** The role of local government is to ensure continual reliable energy to its citizens at sustainable predictable rates. I believe transitioning to ERCOT is the most sound, cost-effective, pragmatic decision for taxpayers. It allows us to diversify our energy portfolio, avoid having to build a \$340 million plant, we receive a 1.5% rate of return from ERCOT which goes towards paying off our capital improvement cost, upon payoff will lower our taxes.

**Annexation:** I believe local government should always protect the constitutional and state rights of its citizens. Which includes private property rights to ones homestead or business. Lubbock is growing and that growth has to be accommodated and in times requires the possible chance of annexation. I believe we should try to utilize all existing land within the city limits first; and if we have to annex give residents impacted maximum flexibility and equity.

**Snow Storms:** Better communication to prepare the citizens about what was coming; contracts with landscapers and other business that have equipment (which we are working on right now) to aid in snow removal. We also need a fuel truck to take fuel and repair services to the working equipment instead of making the equipment come to the fuel. We also need a truck that can lay down salt water in front of snows, making removal easier.

**Electric Services:** We are working to join E.R.C.O.T., which is definitely in the City’s best interests. I have been involved with the EUB for the past 4 years and understand the complexities of making this move. There are political land mines and the need for experienced leadership is great. I won’t need to be “brought up to speed” on this issue, I’m already full speed ahead.

**Annexation:** We must get ahead of the development along the outer route. I have an amendment that will limit the current proposed annexation and still allow the developers to move forward. Annexation must be balanced between the need for additional land to develop and the ability of the City to absorb the newly annexed areas. I do not support either massive land grabs or stopping annexation. I do support a balanced, reasonable approach to annexation.

### Steve Massengale



**Training and Experience:** I have been a small business owner for the past 30 years, and served this community on many boards and organizations . For 8 years I served on the LISD Board of Trustees and completed my time there as President. I currently serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Lubbock.

**Use of City Buildings:** I will approach the Omni and potential police building with caution. It doesn't make sense to go down the path of refurbishing the Omni without knowing the total cost and including voter input in the project. I'm very concerned that we have obligated our taxpayers to a very costly project. Once elected, I will work to make sure these projects are the best long term solution and don't waste taxpayer dollars.

**Homelessness:** Our community should work with the agencies like the Salvation Army, educational institutions and healthcare providers that have resources to support our homeless. This is not a government problem, but a community issue. We all have to work together and know that education is the key to breaking the poverty cycle. Making opportunities available to those in need begins the process.

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### Lubbock City Council District 6 (4-Year Term)

**Latrell Joy--Unopposed.** Voters will not cast a ballot for unopposed candidates. The ballot wording is as follows, "Unopposed Candidate Declared Elected."



**Training and Experience:** As a citizen of Lubbock for over fifty years, I have experienced the growth and issues of the city first hand. My legal training is very helpful in the matters that come before the City Council and is important in the review and analysis of the issues brought before the City Council.

**Use of City Buildings:** We must analyze the financial impact on the City and the advantages of bringing most of the City departments into one facility (Citizens Tower) taking into account security and convenience to the citizens of Lubbock. As it exists today, the current police department can not be used for another purpose without complete remediation of the structural issues that currently exist.

**Homelessness:** Since the first Homelessness Committee was appointed by the City Council, many private groups and public agencies have worked together to assist with homelessness. A focal point has been to identify homeless veterans who can be assisted. In addition, Carpenter's Church has undertaken significant steps to provide housing for the homeless as well as the South Plains Homelessness Consortium. LPD has a specific unit who works with the homeless.

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**Snow Storms:** I would have applied common sense to the issue. We knew the storm was coming and we know the City isn't equipped to handle this type of weather. I would have authorized City staff to hire local contractors with heavy equipment to clear the main streets as soon as possible. I would have established good communication to these same contractors to clear the way for emergency personnel.

**Electric Services:** The new council will negotiate the final agreement with ERCOT. I think partnering with ERCOT is the right direction to have a long term power source for Lubbock and prevent us from taking on unnecessary debt associated with building a new power plant. My goal as we complete this process will be to keep electric rates low now and for years to come.

**Annexation:** The Annexation and Growth Advisory Board will be very active over the next few years as growing cities must consider annexation to stay vibrant and provide new development opportunities. I want to see the City update the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Once this is done, citizens, developers and the City Council should work together to determine potential areas of growth.

**Snow Storms:** Communication must be improved with the public concerning the aftermath of the storm. The City had ample warning to obtain assistance from private contractors to assist with the snow removal from the streets. A plan to clear major east-west and north-south thoroughfares first must be implemented. Thank you to all of the private citizens who stepped up and assisted with transportation for health care personnel and the elderly.

**Electric Services:** The LP&L Board has specific plans including joining ERCOT to provide electric services for the City when the Xcel Energy contract expires. The Board has been very active and thorough in its approach to this issue.

**Annexation:** Currently, a plan to annex over 2000 acres of land extending to 146th Street has been proposed. Annexation serves several purposes: management of land use and providing City services ahead of City growth in a timely and financially wise manner. In the past, we have had areas voluntarily annexed into the City that had no sewer service or nearby water resources other than wells resulting in immediate and substantial City indebtedness.

## Upcoming Elections

**Democratic & Republican Primary Runoff Election, May 24th, 2016 (Early Voting May 16-20)**

**General Election, November 8, 2016 (Early Voting October 24-November 4, 2019)**

### VOTE411.org: The Interactive Voters Guide

An interactive version of this *Voters Guide* with additional candidate information and races is available online at [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org). Enter your address and zip code and view the races and candidates that appear on your ballot. You will be able to compare the candidates' responses to the questions side-by-side and create a printout of a ballot that you can take to the polls.



# CITY OF LUBBOCK MUNICIPAL JUDGE (4-Year Term)

**Training and Experience:** Describe the training, experience and characteristics that qualify you for this office. (300 characters, approximately 50 words)

**Mental Illness:** How would you handle persons with mental illness appearing in your court? (450 characters, approximately 75 words)

## Jorge E. Hernandez



**Training and Experience:** I have been practicing law for 33 years. I have been a Municipal Court Magistrate since 2002. Additionally, I have been the Municipal Court Associate Judge since 2011, handling juvenile cases, and jury and non-jury trials. In June 2015, I was named the Senior Associate Judge of Municipal Court.

**Mental Illness:** Judicially, if a person is found to be incompetent, we cannot proceed until we are sure they understand their rights and charges against them. Personally, being in a position to help, if the person does not rise to the level of incompetence (but still has mental health issues), we need to ensure that the court is able to refer that person to the appropriate mental health provider- be that either StarCare or a private mental health provider.

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## Phil Johnson



**Training and Experience:** I have been on both sides of the Municipal Court system as a 16 year Lubbock police officer as well as an attorney representing defendants in that court. I have a diverse background that will allow me to be a fair and impartial judge as well as an innovative administrator for the Court.

**Mental Illness:** The first thing would be to determine competency. Because a defendant is not entitled to appointed counsel in municipal court, it is incumbent on the judge to make sure that any mentally ill individual has the full protection of their

Constitutional rights and understands those rights and the process in which they are in. Admonishments are necessary and would be based on the individual's understanding as to their case and in their language.

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## Susan Rowley



**Training and Experience:** I have 19 years of experience in this area of the law. I am a true conservative with a passion for municipal law. I believe in fairness to everyone. In my court every citizen will understand what they are charged with and the possible consequences. I want to serve the Lubbock community.

**Mental Illness:** I have much experience with the mentally ill. Since the inception of the Private Defenders office I have represented the mental health clients and know how to communicate with them. I believe my background in psychology and education of mental illness' makes me uniquely qualified.

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**Pro Se Defendants:** How would you deal with a pro se ("on one's own behalf") defendant?

**Role of Municipal Judge:** What do you see as the role of Municipal Judge? If elected, how do you plan to carry out this role or improve it? (450 characters, approximately 75 words)

**Pro Se Defendants:** To be fair to pro se defendants and the City Prosecutor, I would like to implement a Plea Negotiation Conference to allow both parties the opportunity to review all the reports, photographs, and videos that the City Prosecutor would be introducing at trial. It also allows pro se defendant an opportunity to visit with the City Prosecutor to discuss (and try to resolve) their case prior to trial, thus making the Court more efficient.

**Role of Municipal Judge:** Lubbock citizens deserve a fair, impartial, and efficient judiciary. In every case as judge in Municipal Court, I have ensured that the citizens appearing have an opportunity to visit with the prosecutor. Most citizens appearing before me are not attorneys, so I sit with each citizen, explain how a trial works, and the procedures to follow. Win or lose, everyone who comes to court will have been treated with dignity, respect, and fairness.

**Pro Se Defendants:** A pro se defendant needs to know the full effect of going to trial or plea. That would include understanding the "collateral" effects of their charge. These collateral issues can substantially affect their lives, especially on state charges such as assault or minor in possession, and such a defendant will not have the same training as an attorney. Also, patience and empathy for their position is paramount to be an effective municipal judge.

**Role of Municipal Judge:** A municipal judge must have a broad skill set to deal with people from all walks of life, which I have proven I possess. As the court administrator, the judge has to innovate and determine ways to improve the system. The first course of action would be an overhaul of court's online website. This would reduce time expenditures for persons with citations and ultimately lower the budget for the court and its allocated tax burden.

**Pro Se Defendants:** Pro Se Defendants are the majority of the people that come through municipal court. The law does not require appointed attorneys at this level and most of the time hiring an attorney is not cost effective. I know how to communicate with "people", no lawyer talk, they understand me. I understand how terrifying it can be for someone to represent themselves. I'm easy to get.

**Role of Municipal Judge:** Municipal Court Judge is the one to interpret city laws, traffic violations as well as Class C Misdemeanors. This is the true judge of the people. In baseball terms the judge is like the umpire, we call the balls, strikes and make situational decisions. We all want an open minded, fair, and experienced umpire who knows the job. I am that person for Municipal Court.

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**LISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES (4-Year Term)**

**Training and Experience:** Describe the training, experience and characteristics that qualify you for this office. (300 characters, approximately 50 words)

**School Programs:** Most school programs face decreased funding. Which program(s) would you propose be cut back and which program(s) would you emphasize? (450 characters, approximately 75 words)

**Safety:** What particular programs or approaches do you favor to increase the safety and security of students and teachers in our schools? (450 characters, approximately 75 words)

**Physical Education and Health:** What can be done to improve physical education and health programs to motivate students toward a more active and healthy lifestyle? (450 characters, approximately 75 words)

**Bullying:** What particular programs or approaches do you favor to address the issues of bullying and cyber bullying? (450 characters, approximately 75 words)

**Athletic and Extracurricular Programs:** Discuss the role of athletic and extracurricular programs in our public schools. (450 characters, approximately 75 words)

**LISD Board of Trustees District 1****Lala Chavez**

**Training and Experience:** I have taught at all socioeconomic levels having taught in elementary and middle school with at risk students and students with special needs. I've been on several boards, one such as the Lubbock high booster club and as president we achieved a goal of \$25,000 at the South plains Fair.

**School Programs:** I will not cut any programs. I will promote and better manage the programs we have. I will place an emphasis on fine arts, and physical education. We need to build the minds and

bodies of our kids.

**Safety:** We have to maintain safety at all times. Currently LISD has effective drills and security measures, but I am going to work with Lubbock police and LISD police to have more involvement and more presence.

**Physical Education and Health:** Childhood obesity is a nationwide epidemic and I feel that physical education (P.E.) is an essential part of a student's instruction. We need "fit bit students" and "calorie counters". I will promote programs such as the color walk, bringing back jump rope for heart and other alternative P.E. programs such as ballet folklorico, zumba for the heart and marching band.

**Bullying:** I will get the message out that "bullying is not cool". Bullying is an issue that affects all walks of life. LISD currently has programs such as Trust line and Digital citizenship that we can use to bring the message to students that "bullying is not cool". As a trustee I will make sure I stand behind these programs and evaluate their effectiveness. This issue is getting worse. I will promote after school programs in addition to the current ones

**Athletic and Extracurricular Programs:** The role of our extracurricular activities and sports is building well rounded individuals. I will ensure that our students have the extracurricular programs such as chess club, robotics, and social platforming that they need to be well rounded individuals with social skills. All of these programs teach how to communicate. I will promote A and E activities because they build character and result in future opportunities such as scholarships.

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**Mario Ybarra**

**Training and Experience:** I was elected and have served as District 1 Trustee for 3 terms, have been a member of the Texas Board of the Year 2012, currently serve as Vice President for the Mexican American School Board Association for Texas, have worked to pass the 2010 Bond for school improvement on schedule and on budget.

**School Programs:** While schools have faced decreased funding in Texas, such has not been the case for Lubbock ISD! Through excellent financial management, strategic allocation of resources, and an administration and school board focused on an "every child, every day" philosophy, Lubbock ISD has been recognized by the state for fiscal management. If cuts have to be made in the future, they will be done to central services in order to leave schools untouched.

**Safety:** We have been proactive on the LISD Board by installing cameras and electronic access doors in our schools. This has made schools safer by restricting access to unidentified persons. We are examining additional alert systems from the classroom to the main office and to emergency personnel to alert police immediately to decrease response times. We must continue to leverage technological resources to keep our schools safe in uncertain times.

**Physical Education and Health:** We have a district committee working on recommendations to increase recess times in addition to existing time for P.E., which will be given full consideration. We have formed a committee to work with our food services to ensure that students are receiving healthy and appealing meals. We need to work with parents to encourage students to get at least 8 hours of sleep each night so they are ready to learn!

**Bullying:** LISD takes a strong stance on bullying through the Student Code of Conduct. We have initiated an anonymous tip line for students to report bullying and other concerns. LISD must continue to educate parents about cyberbullying, since it usually begins outside of school. We find parents may not know that a student is engaging in cyberbullying. The more administrators and parents work together, the better our chance of defeating cyberbullying.

**Athletic and Extracurricular Programs:** Athletic and extracurricular programs help build the "whole" child. Both programs teach teamwork, leadership, perseverance and skills that support students throughout life in college and careers. These programs also divert students' attention to productive pursuits. Athletic and extracurricular programs help student explore their future ambitions, and I firmly believe that LISD programs are very strong in supporting our students.

**Student Voters**

Students may use either their parents' address or their college address for voter registration, whichever they consider to be their permanent address.

Students cannot be registered at both places. The general rule of thumb is that wherever students claim residency is the place where they should be

registered to vote. Students who will be away from their address on Election Day and during early voting may request ballots by mail. Student IDs are not adequate photo IDs for voting and will not be accepted at the polls.

## LISD Board of Trustees District 2

### Tena Gonzales



**Training and Experience:** I have been on the PTA boards of Dunbar and Estacado for the past 11 years. I have also served on the C-POC committees for both campuses. I have been involved in focus groups for LISD Central administration regarding the last bond election, the transfer policy change and the STAAR test changes.

**School Programs:** In order to increase interest and exposure to the arts and more academic extra curricular activities, I would decrease the funding to the most popular sports and increase funding to fine arts programs and academic decathlon teams for all high school campuses. Programs that promote college and career readiness would also receive additional funding to increase graduation rates and career paths that lead to license professionals upon graduation.

**Safety:** I am in favor of ID badges, enclosed entry ways to campus and random locker checks to increase the safety of our students and teachers. Secured entry into the campus allows for administrators to monitor the non-student/faculty traffic on campus.

Random locker checks can decrease students from bringing illegal items on campus.

An incentive program that provides compensation for information regarding unsafe behavior is a program I would support.

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## LaCarl Richardson--No response received by the print deadline

### Bill Stubblefield



**Training and Experience:** I have been actively involved within the school system for more than 20 years. I currently serve the community of District 2 as the Lead Community Accountability Partner for the East Lubbock Promise Neighborhood program of Texas Tech University.

**School Programs:** An emphasis should be placed on all core programs, and elective programs contributing to high academic achievement. Elective programs, especially those with low enrollment, would be proposed in the event that cutbacks become

necessary.

**Safety:** LISD is an outstanding school district, which has experienced tremendous growth. It also has an outstanding police department; however, it is understaffed. The number of officers hired should be proportionate to the growth experienced by the district. I would also partner JROTC cadets with LISD police and officers from the Lubbock Police Department in a weekly Student Officer in Training Peer Safety Program.

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## LISD Board of Trustees District 5

### Scot Mayfield



**Training and Experience:** I am a graduate of LISD, the child of LISD educators, the husband of an LISD teacher and the involved parent of three LISD students. I have served and currently serve on a number of community boards: Young Life Committee, VP of Lubbock High Football Boosters, and MOB Basketball.

**School Programs:** While I don't anticipate any budget shortfalls, if we have to cut, we need to keep in mind that the classroom is the key; it is the reason this entity exists, and I would be unwilling to cut teachers or classes. If we had to cut, I would first look to Central Office and rather than laying people off I would hope that we could adjust some salaries, so that everyone could keep their jobs.

**Safety:** I am in full support of the recent changes to improve student safety. Controlled access, security cameras, limited entry points, intercoms, ID badges, and on campus lunch are all great ideas that have been implemented by LISD. We need to make sure we stay vigilant with these and continue to have an active LISD police presence on our campuses

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**Physical Education and Health:** The creation of physical activities that can be performed at home and with family that are fun and low cost can promote healthy, active lifestyles. Partnering with community health and wellness programs to provide healthy cooking classes with incentives based on participation can promote family involvement which will result in changes at home.

**Bullying:** Providing confidential methods of disclosure are needed to promote the disclosure of bullying activity. Providing real life examples of bullying and cyber bullying will assist students, faculty and parents with information regarding signs of bullying activity that will hopefully lead to early interventions that will eliminate tragic results.

**Athletic and Extracurricular Programs:** Athletic and extracurricular programs provide students the opportunity to experience different types of sports and activities which promote active and healthy lifestyles. These programs allow students to discover talents not previously known and expand their horizons. Extracurricular activities are also incentives for students to be diligent in their academic classes in order to be eligible to participate in the programs.

**Physical Education and Health:** The East Lubbock Promise Neighborhood Program has partnered with the College of Health Exercise and Sports Sciences and the College of Human Development and Family Studies, both of Texas Tech University, to promote physical health and overall wellness. These programs serve as a model which we could replicate district wide.

**Bullying:** The current policies in the LISD Student Code of Conduct adequately address bullying concerns. Regular training could be offered as part of normal campus development, to keep faculty and staff aware of new trends in bullying. Also regular promotion of the Student Help Line would be a great deterrent to bullying.

**Athletic and Extracurricular Programs:** Athletic programs offer students an opportunity to improve their overall physical health and lifestyle through competitive sports. Extracurricular programs provide students with an opportunity to cultivate talents outside of the athletic arena. Both programs help students to take pride in their schools.



## Melissa McDougal



**Training and Experience:** Graduate of Texas Tech University, BBA Finance, 13 years at GuideStone Financial Resources, finishing tenure as Mutual Funds Manager

**School Programs:** We need to organize pressure to state reps & indicate the need for public schools to be funded properly. Education will be more expensive than in the past & it shouldn't be the first line item that law makers cut. If anything, it would be on testing. I understand the reasoning for the testing, but I think we need

to let teachers do what they are called to do, that is teach, If they are doing their job their children will show progress to move on

**Safety:** This is not an area where we can cut & achieve the safety of students. Threats to students & school employees are greater than before & cost will be greater to keep up with the diverse set of safety requirements. We must put safety standards in place at each school so that when dropped off, parents, teachers and students alike feel safe in school. We need better secure entrances to all schools, going straight to the office, not hallways.

**Physical Education and Health:** We need to push a reset button. With the increase in children spending more time behind a screen & less time playing outside, children need to have opportunities to move & know how to take care of their bodies. Education is great but participation is the key. Make it fun, different, creative. But we have to give them the tools to share with parents at home to see a true difference.

**Bullying:** Unfortunately bullying isn't something new. We must as parents teach our kids about bullying and how to handle it if they have to. This must be taught at home. Unfortunately, the school isn't at fault, it's just the location in which it's happening. Social pressures must be brought against those guilty of bullying to get it to stop.

**Athletic and Extracurricular Programs:** I'm thankful that we have so many different programs for our children to be involved in and use their talents and gifts. It's a wonderful way for youth to learn to work as a team, seek wisdom from a coach/mentor and work hard to achieve a goal. These activities prepare our youth for a future job and boss. I appreciate the opportunity for our children to grow, learn and be molded to be successful in the world.

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**LISD Board of Trustees Member-at-Large -- Unopposed.** Voters will not cast a ballot for unopposed candidates. The ballot wording is as follows, "Unopposed Candidate Declared Elected."

## Photo ID Details & Exceptions

See "What to Take to the Polls" on the front page for a list of accepted photo IDs. This section provides additional information about the photo ID requirements.

- The photo ID needs to be current or have expired no more than 60 days before voting (citizenship and naturalization certificates have no expiration date).
- The name on the photo ID should match the voter registration card. If names don't match, a voter may be accepted if names are "substantially similar." If names match, addresses don't need to match.
  - *If the names don't match exactly, the voter can be accepted if names are substantially similar; poll workers will look at address, date of birth, and the photo. If names are substantially similar, the voter will initial a box for similar name when signing in to vote.*
  - *To avoid confusion, you can change the name on your voter registration to match that on your photo ID at least 30 days prior to the election.*
- Voters with a documented disability from Social Security or Veterans Affairs can apply for a voter registration certificate exempting them from the photo ID requirement.
- Voters without acceptable ID can obtain an Election Identification Certificate (EIC) from Texas DPS at no cost by providing proof of citizenship and identity and registering to vote at DPS or showing a voter registration card. Requirements for the EIC can be found at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/electionID.htm>. There is no charge for the EIC but the necessary documentation may have a cost.
- Photo ID is not required to vote by mail. Voters may apply for a mail ballot if 65 or older, ill or disabled, or absent from their county during early voting and on Election Day. Note: Photo ID will be required of first time voters if a driver license or Social Security number was not included with the voter registration application.
- Voters who do not show an acceptable ID at the polls can vote a provisional ballot and have six days to show the required photo ID.
- Those who lack a photo ID because of a religious objection to being photographed or because of a natural disaster declared by the president will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot and complete an affidavit within six days of the election.

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## What is Provisional Voting?

The Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 provides for provisional voting if a voter's name does not appear on the list of registered voters due to an administrative error. If your name is not on the rolls of registered voters in your precinct, but you believe you are registered, the election judge will attempt to determine if you are registered somewhere in your county. If your registration cannot be found, you may cast a provisional vote by filling out an affidavit and a paper ballot. This ballot is kept separate from the regular ballots, and the case will be reviewed by the provisional voting ballot board. The ballot will be counted only if the voter is determined to be a registered voter in that precinct. Provisional voters will receive a notice in the mail by the tenth day after the local canvass advising them if their provisional ballots were counted and, if they were not counted, the reason why.

# LUBBOCK COUNTY CITIES AND SCHOOLS ELECTIONS **EARLY VOTING DATES: APRIL 25TH – MAY 3RD, 2016**

During early voting, Lubbock County voters can cast their ballot at any polling location. Photo ID is required to cast a regular ballot, see page 1 for acceptable IDs.

**April 25th — May 3rd, 8:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.; EXCEPT Sunday,**

**May 1st, 1:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.**

Main Polling Place--Lubbock County Elections Office Public Room,  
1308 Crickets Ave.

United Supermarkets Locations:

2630 Parkway Dr  
112 North University Ave  
4th & Slide  
50th & Ave Q  
19th & Quaker Ave Market Street  
82nd & Boston Ave  
82nd & Frankford Ave  
98th & Quaker Ave Market Street

Texas Tech University Student Recreation Center, Hartford Ave & Main St

Slaton ISD Administration Office, 140 E Panhandle, Slaton

**April 25th — May 3rd, 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. (Closed Saturday & Sunday)**

Roosevelt Clubhouse, 1400 CR 3300

Idalou Clubhouse, 202 W 7th St, Idalou

Shallowater Community Center, 902 Avenue H, Shallowater

**April 25th — May 3rd, 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M., except Tuesday April 26th & Tuesday May 3, 8:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M (Closed Saturday & Sunday)**

City of Lubbock, First Floor

City of Abernathy, 811 Avenue D, Abernathy

**April 25th — May 3rd, 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (Closed Saturday & Sunday)**

Lubbock ISD Administration Building, 1628 19th St, Lubbock

Casey Administration Building, 501 7th St, Wolfforth

Lubbock-Cooper Performing Arts Center (PAC), Woodrow Rd & Hwy 87

New Deal Community Clubhouse, 309 S Monroe Ave, New Deal

## **TEMPORARY EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS**

**Monday, April 25**

Brookdale Remington, 5301 66th St, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Ventura Place, 3026 54th St, 2:00 — 6:00 p.m.

Lubbock-Cooper High School, 16302 Loop 493, 3:00 — 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 26**

Covenant Women's and Children's Garden Room (Lobby), 4000 24th St, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Laura Bush Middle School, 3425 118th St, 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Lubbock-Cooper South Elementary School, 16302 Loop 493, 3:00-7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 27**

Ransom Canyon City Hall, 24 Lee Kitchens Dr, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Lubbock Community Services for the Deaf (LCSD), 2414 34th St 10:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.

Lubbock-Cooper Middle School, 16302 Loop 493, 3:00-7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, April 28**

Covenant Medical Center – Lobby, 3615 19th St, 8:00 a.m. -- 8:00 p.m.

Life/Run Center for Independent Living, 8240 Boston Ave, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lubbock-Cooper Central Elementary School, 4020 135th St., 3:00-7:00 p.m.

**Friday, April 29**

University Medical Center (UMC), 602 Indiana Ave, 8:00 a.m. -- 8:00 p.m.

Raider Ranch, 6548 43rd St, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Windmill Village Rehabilitation & Healthcare, 507 MLK Blvd, 2:00 — 5:00 p.m.

**Saturday, April 30**

Carillon Senior Living Campus, 1717 Norfolk Ave, 10:00 a.m. -- 4:00 p.m.

**Monday, May 2**

Covenant Specialty Hospital, 3815 20th St, 9:00 a.m. -- 2:00 p.m.

Lubbock-Cooper North Elementary School, 3202 108th St, 3:00 — 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 3**

Lubbock-Cooper West Elementary School, 10101 Fulton Ave, 3:00 — 7:00 p.m.

## **ELECTION DAY VOTE CENTER LOCATIONS**

**Saturday, May 7, 2016 -- Polls Open 7 A.M. to 7 P.M.**

On Election Day Lubbock County voter can cast their ballot at any polling location. Photo ID is required to cast a regular ballot, see page 1 for acceptable IDs.

\*\*\*American Sign Language Interpreters available.

**Abernathy City Hall** – 811 Avenue D, Abernathy

**Broadview Baptist Church** – 1302 N Frankford Ave

**Byron Martin ATC** – 3201 Avenue Q\*\*\*

**Calvary Baptist Church** – 5301 82nd St\*\*\*

**Casey Administration Building** – 501 7th St, Wolfforth

**Catholic Diocese of Lubbock** – 4620 4th St

**Cavazos Middle School** – 210 N University Ave

**Celebration Christian Center** – 8001 Upland Ave

**Church on the Rock**—10503 Slide Rd

**Elks Lodge No. 1348** – 3409 Milwaukee Ave

**First Assembly of God Church** – 3801 98th St

**Green Lawn Church of Christ** – 5701 19th St

**Harwell Elementary School** – 4101 Avenue D

**Hodges Community Center** – 4011 University Ave

**Idalou Clubhouse** – 202 W 7th St, Idalou

**Lone Star State Bank** – 6220 Milwaukee Ave

**Lubbock-Cooper North Elementary School** – 3202 108th St

**Lubbock-Cooper Performing Arts Center (PAC)** – Woodrow Rd & Hwy 87

(on Woodrow Rd West of Lubbock-Cooper High School)

**Mae Simmons Community Center** – 2004 Oak Avenue

**Mattress Firm** – 6707 Slide Rd

**New Deal Community Clubhouse** – 309 S Monroe Ave, New Deal

**Parsons Elementary**—2811 58th St

**Patterson Library** – 1836 Parkway Ave

**Plains Capital Bank, Governor's Room**--5010 University Avenue

**Ramirez Charter School** – 702 Avenue T

**Ransom Canyon City Hall** — 24 Lee Kitchens Dr, Ransom Canyon

**Roberts Elementary School** – 7901 Avenue P

**Roosevelt Clubhouse** – 1400 CR 3300

**Roscoe Wilson Elementary School** – 2807 25th St

**Shallowater Community Center** – 902 Avenue H, Shallowater

**Slaton ISD Administration Office** – 140 E Panhandle, Slaton

**South Plains Church of Christ** – 6802 Elkhart Ave

**St Joseph Catholic Church** – 102 N Avenue P

**Sunset Church of Christ, The Well** – 3651 34th St

**Sutherlands** – 3701 50th St

**Terra Vista Middle School** – 1111 Upland Ave

**Texas Tech University Library** – 18th St & Boston Ave, TTU Campus

**Wright Elementary School** – 1302 Adrian St