



President's Message

by Michael A. Shedd

Friends and Members of the East Fort Worth Business Association,

We missed you in February! Unfortunately, our seemingly annual Texas ice storm fell several days before our scheduled meeting and we had to cancel.

If you were looking forward to hearing from Chris Cassidy of the National Medal of Honor Museum, worry not, we've rescheduled him for the June meeting. On a personal note, I was stuck in a hotel in Austin during the ice storm and unable to make it home for two days. As I drove home that Thursday morning, I saw the tell-tale signs of traffic accidents all along I-35. Although I hated to cancel the meeting, I know we made the right choice.

For our March meeting, we have our new County Judge Tim O'Hare. As you'll recall, Judge Glen Whitley retired this past year and it opened up that seat for the first time in 26 years. In fact, there were several changes on the Commissioner's Court this past election cycle. We're looking forward to hearing from Judge O'Hare about his plans for Tarrant County and the direction of the new County Commissioners. Hopefully, they're all working together despite their differing opinions. I know our PAC board members are eager to hear from him and get a feel for his vision. Although they haven't endorsed any candidates in previous races, the PAC is eagerly making plans

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Guest Speaker: Tim O'Hare

Tarrant County
Commissioner's Court Judge

Tim O'Hare is the newly elected Tarrant County Commissioner's Court Judge.

A fifth-generation Texan and lifelong resident of the DFW area, Tim O'Hare has devoted his career to improving our community: advocating for the safety and economic growth of cities, mentoring local youth, helping elect leaders who stand for conservative principles, and building a strong future for Tarrant County and all of North Texas.

A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin with a BBA in Finance, Tim went on to earn his law degree from the SMU School of Law. In addition to his extensive community service, he has spent the last 25 years building a successful legal practice and real estate investment company. Tim founded his own law firm in 2001, serving clients across the DFW area. Since that time, he has been named an AV/Preeminent rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell, the nation's oldest and most respected attorney rating service. He has earned the title of "Texas Super Lawyer" nine consecutive years, and has been named one of the top lawyers in Texas Monthly numerous times.

Tim was elected Tarrant County Judge on November 8, 2022 and took the Oath of Office on January 1, 2023.

Learn more about the Commissioners Court:
<https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/commissioners-court.html>

— 2023 City Council Election News —

The eastside has been remapped for the 2023 elections. Many neighborhoods were moved into the newly formed districts.

Candidates across all 11 districts will vie for a seat at the dias May 6. Of the nine incumbents, five have filed for reelection so far.

Two districts — 10 and 11 — will be filled for the first time, after the City Council passed a redistricting map to establish them. The new map: <https://cfw.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html...>

The Fort Worth Report has profiled each candidate who is running for City Council Elections.

District 5 Candidates

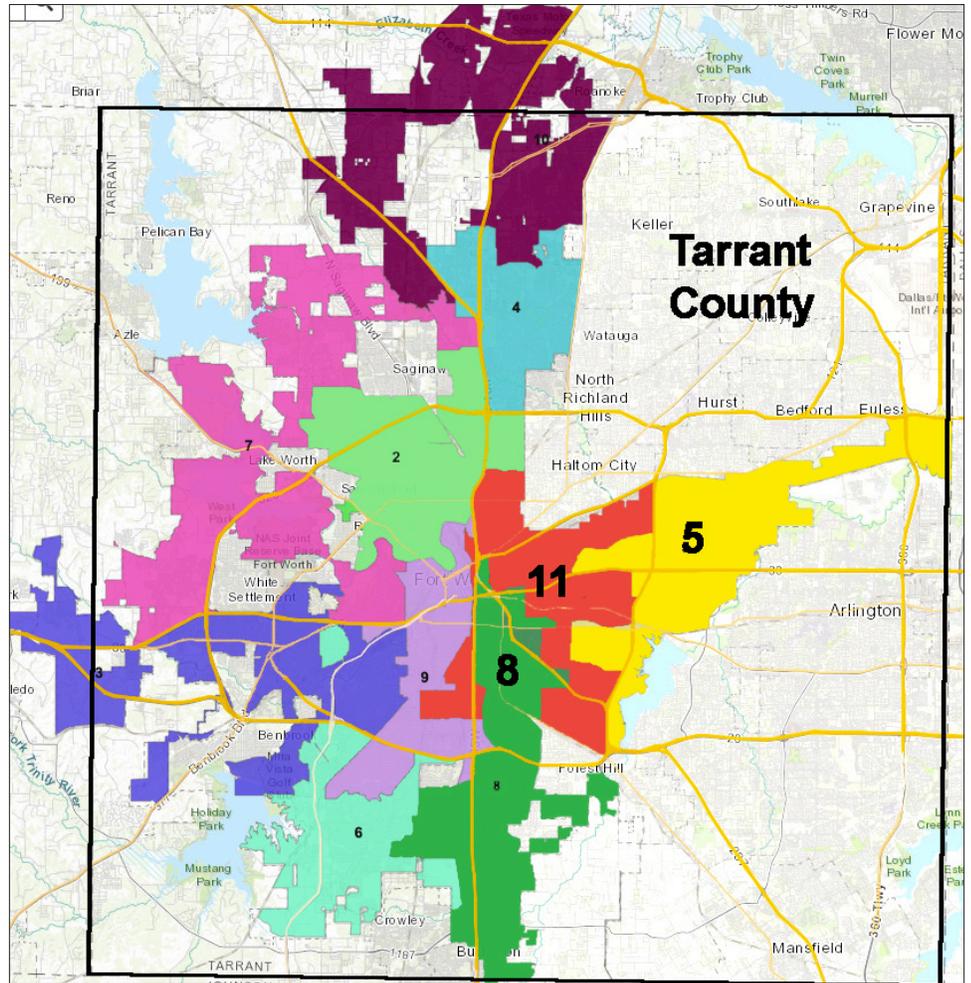
There are four candidates officially running for the D5 seat:

Gyna Bivens, Mayor Pro-Tem
Gerardo Sanchez Corona,
William McKinley Jackson,
and Bob Willoughby.

Gyna Bivens, president of North Texas Lead and incumbent council member in District 5. Bivens has served on the Fort Worth City Council since 2013. She is mayor pro tem on the council. Bivens has served on the Regional Transportation Council since August 2021, and was elected vice-chair of the Regional Transportation Council in 2022.

Gerardo Sanchez Corona has filed to run in District 5 on Fort Worth's City Council. Corona does not have a campaign website, and details of his platform were not available at the time of publication.

Bob Willoughby, a frequent speaker at city meetings, has previously run for District 5 multiple times. He is a sharp critic of the current mayor and council and has accused various city officials of lying and corruption.



William McKinley Jackson, is a pastor at Samaria Baptist Church. Jackson has a degree in Biblical Studies from Dallas Baptist University, a master of theology degree from Houston Graduate School of Theology, and has his doctorate degree from Memphis Theological Seminary.

District 8 Candidate
Chris Nettles, is a pastor with Purpose Driven Ministries. Nettles, the incumbent, is the only person running for the seat as of Jan. 23. Nettles was first elected in 2021. He has owned and operated Haven of Purpose Childcare Center since 2014. As part of his campaign platform, Nettles is

advocating for a citizen review board of police. A proposal to create just that, introduced by Nettles, was shot down in a 5-4 vote in November.

District 11 Candidates

The new district was formed, in part, to create another City Council district with a Hispanic majority.

Running for office: Christopher Johnson, entrepreneur; Jeanette Martinez, administrator; Ricardo Avitia, neighborhood activist; Rick Herring, neighborhood advocate and retirement adviser; and Tara Maldonado-Wilson, an emergency room nurse and small business owner.

Cristal Galvan, a consultant, withdrew, and announced her support for Jeanette Martinez.

Rick Herring has spent 30 years volunteering as an advocate for the Riverside neighborhood in east Fort Worth. Herring previously served on several Fort Worth boards and commissions, including the city's zoning commission and planning commission. He is currently president of the Carter Riverside Neighborhood Association. Herring is a past president of the Oakhurst Neighborhood Association, former moderator of the Riverside Alliance and a graduate of Leadership Fort Worth.

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to be active in the upcoming City Council and Fort Worth ISD races. If you want to be involved and help us identify candidates that represent your interests the best, please speak with your PAC President, Bill Schwensen.

At our Board Meeting this past week, we were already making plans for our annual banquet. We settled on the date for November 9th, 2023. If you haven't done so already, mark your calendars.

Director Gary Cumbie already reached out to a potential keynote speaker for that event, and we'll have more information as the date approaches.

We also voted to increase the number of scholarships awarded this year. We are increasing our total annual giving to \$10,500 with the addition of this 7th scholarship.



As part of this change we are naming one of the scholarships for **Malcolm Wentworth** and dedicate that scholarship to

the outstanding graduate from Texas CAN Academy.

Malcolm was instrumental to the success of our annual banquet and we want to honor his memory with this scholarship. This additional scholarship allowed us to change one of them to a "wild card".

We will still award the top graduates at each of our tier schools, while also having a scholarship to award an additional exceptional scholar from one of those schools.

We are working on some other changes to enhance this experience for our graduates by reaching out to one of our local colleges about a partnership. All in all, it's shaping up to be a great program.

Education is Good Business.

Thank you all for your continued support and involvement in our organization.

Don't forget to hit the RSVP button when the invite hits your inbox. I look forward to seeing you all on March 2 for a great discussion and fellowship.

Also, Treasurer Angela Baker needs to know who VISA card ending in #5514 belongs to. (You used it to pay for lunch.)

If you paid for Feb. lunch, it will count for this month's lunch, we have the list, just RSVP for March.

Thursday, MARCH 2

**@ Meadowbrook-Poly United
Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall**

**3900 Meadowbrook Drive
Fort Worth 76103**

*Building on North side of church, closest to Meadowbrook
Overflow Parking on West side of street*

Doors Open 11:30

Lunch 11:45 – 1:00 pm

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Meals

\$15.⁰⁰ Members • \$20.⁰⁰ Non-Members

or email RSVP@efwba.org

— On ZOOM —

We've created a recurring Zoom for the EFWBA 2022 meetings.

Link to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87252883314?pwd=cjVsQnJwNzJTS3Fta0N5VIZJQ1hWdz09>

Passcode: EFWBA

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Christopher Johnson, an entrepreneur, previously ran in District 8 in 2021. He is vice president of the Poly Heights Neighborhood Association.

Jeanette Martinez, an executive administrator for County Commissioner Roy Brooks and holds leadership positions in several local nonprofits including Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains Inc., Pathfinders and is state treasurer for the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas.

Tara Maldonado-Wilson, is an emergency room nurse and small business owner. She serves as an executive board member for LGBTQ Saves and Texas Latina List. Tara is also a fellow of several leadership organizations, including Leadership Fort Worth's 2022 LeadingEdge program.

Dates to remember:

April 6: Last day to register

April 24 – May 2: Early voting

May 6: Election Day.

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