

DEPARTMENT MEMO

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office
FROM: Janalea Hembree, Assistant to the City Manager
MEETING: September 23, 2024

SUBJECT

Consider approval of a resolution nominating candidates for the election of members to the Board of Directors for the Central Appraisal District of Johnson County. *(Staff Contact: Janalea Hembree, Assistant to the City Manager)*

SUMMARY:

The current terms of the five appointed members of the Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors will expire on December 31, 2024. The first step in appointing voting members for the term beginning January 1, 2025 is calculating the number of votes to which the taxing units are entitled. As required by Section 6.03 of the Property Tax Code, each county has calculated and provided the number of votes for each school district, city, and county entity that is entitled to participate in the appointment process. The next step is nomination of candidates. Taxing units are not required to submit any nominations but, if they choose to do so, the nominations may be made only by a resolution adopted by the governing body and the presiding officer of the governing body must submit the names of the nominees BEFORE October 15, 2024, which means the nominations must be received by the county no later than October 14, 2024.

To be eligible to serve as a voting member of the Board of Directors, an individual must have resided in Tarrant County for at least the two years immediately preceding January 1, 2025. An individual who is otherwise eligible is not ineligible because he or she is a member of the government body of a taxing unit. Texas law restricts eligibility and conduct of members of governmental bodies such as appraisal districts' board of directors. The Property Tax Code provides that the following are ineligible to serve as voting members of the Board of Directors:

- An individual who has been an employee of the Tarrant Appraisal District at any time during the preceding three years;
- An individual who has served as a voting member of the Board of Directors for all or part of five terms since January 1, 2022;
- An individual who is an employee of a taxing unit that participates in Tarrant Appraisal District unless the individual is also a member of the governing body or an elected official of a taxing unit that participates in the District;

- An individual who, directly or through a business entity in which he or she has a substantial interest, is a party to a contract with Tarrant Appraisal District or a taxing unit that participates in the District, if the contract relates to the performance of any activity governed by the Property Tax Code;
- An individual who has engaged in the business of appraising property for compensation for use in proceedings under the Property Tax Code at any time during the preceding three years;
- An individual who has engaged in the business of representing property owners for compensation in proceedings under the Property Tax Code in Tarrant County at any time during the preceding three years;
- An individual who is related by blood or marriage to an individual who is engaged in the business of appraising property for compensation for use in proceedings under the Property Tax Code or of representing property owners for compensation in proceedings under the Property Tax Code in Tarrant County, if the relationship is within the 1st or 2nd degrees on the following chart;

Degrees of Consanguinity and Affinity

1 st DEGREE	2 nd DEGREE	3 rd DEGREE
<p>By Consanguinity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents • Children <p>By Affinity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spouses of relatives listed under first degree consanguinity • Spouse • Spouse's parents • Spouse's children • Stepparents • Stepchildren 	<p>By Consanguinity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grandparents • Grandchildren • Brothers & sisters <p>By Affinity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spouses of relatives listed by second degree consanguinity • Spouse's grandparents • Spouse's grandchildren • Spouse's brothers & sisters 	<p>By Consanguinity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great grandparents • Great grandchildren • Nieces & nephews • Aunts & uncles <p>By Affinity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No prohibitions

- an individual who owns property on which delinquent taxes have been owed to a taxing unit for more than 60 days after the date the individual knew or should have known of the delinquency unless the delinquent taxes, penalty, and interest are being paid under an installment plan or a suit to collect the delinquent taxes is deferred or abated.

When submitting nominations, please include not only the full name of each candidate, but also his or her complete residence address and a current resume.

An election for Johnson County will be held this coming December to determine who will serve on the Board of Directors for the Central Appraisal District of Johnson County for the years 2025 and 2026. The board consists of nine members. Five nominated and voted by the taxing units, three members elected by popular vote, and the elected Tax Assessor/Collector.

In accordance with Section 6.03(d) of the Texas Property Tax Code, Johnson County has calculated the number of votes to which each taxing unit in our district is entitled. As indicated in the calculation, the City of Burleson is entitled to 403 votes for the election. Please submit the name(s) of any nominee(s) (up to five persons), by resolution adopted by your governing body, to me on or before October 15, 2024. Legislation prohibits nominations received after this date from appearing on the ballot.

OPTIONS:

1. Consider approval of a resolution nominating candidates for the election of members to the Tarrant County Central Appraisal District and Johnson County Central Appraisal District Board of

Directors. *(Staff Contact: Janalea Hembree, Assistant to the City Manager)*

2. Take no action

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

In October 2023 council apportioned all 5 votes to Gary Losada for Tarrant County. Council nominated Dauaine Goulding, John Wood, Paul Jones, and Amy Lingo for Johnson County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

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