

DEPARTMENT MEMO

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office
FROM: Eric Oscarson, Deputy City Manager
MEETING: October 2, 2023

SUBJECT

Consider approval of a resolution nominating candidates for the election of members to the Johnson County Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. *(Staff Presenter: Eric Oscarson, Deputy City Manager)*

SUMMARY:

The term of service for the five members of the Johnson County Central Appraisal District's (JCCAD) Board of Directors are set to expire on December 31, 2023. The members of the Board are both nominated and appointed, by vote of the governing bodies of the taxing authorities within the county. Each taxing authority is provided the opportunity to submit up to five names for nomination, by resolution, to the Board, and nominations must be submitted to the Appraisal District on or before October 15, 2023. The Appraisal District will prepare a ballot listing the nominated candidates for consideration, and provide it back to each entity on or before October 30, 2023.

Each taxing authority is assigned a designated number of votes for the ballot, based on their percentage share of their portion of the tax levy within the district. Accordingly, the City of Burleson has been allocated 373 total votes for the Board of Directors election. Votes, by resolution, must be submitted to the Appraisal District on or before December 15, 2023. Votes may be apportioned amongst the nominees in any way as deemed appropriate by the taxing entities, however votes cast for someone not on the ballot will not be counted. The five candidates who receive the most votes will be elected to the Board of Directors. Board members serve two year terms, and the term for the newly elected members will run from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2026. To be eligible to serve, the nominee(s) must have resided within the district for the previous two years.

Please note this action is for nomination purposes only, and will determine who appears on the ballot for consideration to the Board of Directors. As a reminder, the role and responsibility of the Board is to govern the appraisal district, hire the Chief Appraiser, and to adopt the annual budget for the district. The Board of Directors do not appraise property or make decisions affecting appraisal records.

In 2021, City Council opted to re-nominate both Byron Black and Toby Ford for election to the JCCAD Board of Directors. Both Mr. Black and Mr. Ford represented the City of Burleson as members of the City Council, with Mr. Black serving as both a Councilmember (1992 – 1998) and Mayor (1998 – 2004), and Mr. Ford serving as a Councilmember (1997 – 2001). In addition, Mr. Black has served on the JCCAD Board of Directors since 2001, and Mr. Ford has served since 2013.

OPTIONS:

1. Nominate up to five individuals to appear on the ballot for election to the JCCAD Board of Directors
2. Take no action

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

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

November 11, 2019 – The City Council voted to apportion 189 votes to Byron Black and 188 votes to Toby Ford for election to the JCCAD Board of Directors.

No action was taken by the City Council to nominate candidates for the ballot for the JCCAD Board of Directors election 2019 – 2021 term.

Ocotber4, 2021 - City Council voted to nominate Byron Black and Toby Ford to the JCCAD Board of Directors.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

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