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TML Region 8 Officials,

Attached is your city's ballot for the regional director on the TML Board: REGION 8 CITY BALLOT. Completed ballots must be received by TML by November 5, 2026.

TML has 15 regions, and each has a seat on the Board. During even-numbered years, the even-numbered regions are up for election. Terms are two years, and new terms will begin on November 13, 2026, upon adjournment of the TML Annual Conference and end on November 3, 2028, upon adjournment of the TML Annual Conference.

If you have any questions, contact Rachael Pitts on the TML staff at rpitts@tml.org or 512-231-7472.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT

Texas Municipal League (TML) Region 8 Director Election

This is the official ballot for the election of the Region 8 director of the TML Board of Directors. You received this ballot because you are the city's primary contact person with TML. Each TML member city is entitled to one vote, which vote must be cast by a majority vote of the city's governing body. Please record your city's choice by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name or writing in the name of an eligible person in the space provided. You can only vote for one candidate.

The officials listed on this ballot have been nominated to serve a two-year term on the TML Board of Directors. A brief biography for each candidate is included after the ballot.

Ballots must reach the TML office by 5:00 p.m. Central Time on November 5, 2026. Ballots received after this date cannot be counted. **The ballot must be properly signed and mailed to: Rachael Pitts, Texas Municipal League, 1821 Rutherford Lane, Suite 400, Austin, TX 78754, or scanned and emailed to rpitts@tml.org. If the ballot is not signed, it will not be counted.**

Region 8 Director (select one)

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Mike Browning, Councilmember, Aubrey

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Mary Sarver, Mayor Pro Tem, Grandview (Incumbent)

Certificate

I certify that the vote cast above has been cast in accordance with the will of the majority of the governing body of the city named below.

Witness my hand, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Signature of Authorized Official

Title

Printed Name of Authorized Official

Printed Name of City

Region 8 Director Candidate Biographies (printed on both sides)



Mike Browning, Councilmember, Aubrey

Mike Browning serves on the Aubrey City Council, where he is passionate about responsible growth, transportation planning, economic development, and regional collaboration. With more than 25 years of executive leadership experience in manufacturing, technology, and entrepreneurship, he brings a practical, results-driven perspective to public service. Aubrey is experiencing firsthand the transformation occurring across North Texas. Rapid population growth brings tremendous opportunity but also difficult decisions about infrastructure, transportation, public safety, economic development, housing, and the cost of providing services. Browning believes communities can embrace growth while protecting their character, strengthening their financial position, and planning proactively for the future. He is actively involved in transportation initiatives affecting North

Texas, including improvements along US Highway 377 and key farm-to-market corridors, as well as long-range planning for the future East-West Outer Loop. He also participates in regional transportation initiatives and is pursuing his certified municipal official designation through the Texas Municipal League (TML). As founder and CEO of Symbios Additive LLC, he understands firsthand how infrastructure, transportation, workforce development, and a strong business environment influence economic growth and investment. Browning's municipal priorities include practical solutions, regional cooperation, responsible growth, and the preservation of local decision-making. His experience in Aubrey, one of North Texas' rapidly growing communities, has provided him with perspective on the opportunities and challenges associated with municipal growth. Through service with TML Region 8, he seeks to collaborate with municipal leaders, share ideas, address common challenges, and contribute to discussions affecting communities throughout the region.



Mary Sarver, Mayor Pro Tem, Grandview (Incumbent)

Mary Sarver serves as the mayor pro tem for the City of Grandview, where she has served on the City Council since June 2022. She is actively involved in municipal leadership at the local, regional, state, and national levels, with a strong focus on economic development, collaboration, and advocacy for cities. Since her election, Sarver has actively engaged in a wide array of trainings and conferences hosted by the Texas Municipal League (TML), demonstrating a strong commitment to her professional development and the advancement of municipal governance. Her participation in these events underscores her dedication to staying informed about best practices, emerging trends, and legislative changes affecting local governments. In addition to her personal involvement, Sarver takes a proactive approach in promoting the benefits of TML to her colleagues and elected officials in neighboring cities.

She encourages her peers to leverage the extensive resources and networking opportunities provided by TML, recognizing the value these resources bring to effective municipal management and collaboration. Her efforts not only enhance her own capabilities but also foster a broader culture of informed and collaborative leadership across the region. Her TML leadership includes serving as Region 8 vice president in 2025, Region 8 president in 2026, a member of the TML Board of Directors in 2026, and a member of the 2026 TML Policy Summit Committee. At the national level, Sarver is actively involved with the National League of Cities (NLC). She served as vice chair of the Small Cities Council from 2024–2025 and as chair from 2025–2026. She has served in NLC's Community and Economic Development federal advocacy work since 2023, served on the Nominating Committee in 2024, and serves on the NLC Board of Directors for the 2025–2027 term. Sarver's commitment to economic development also includes service with the City of Grandview's Type A Economic Development organization since 2022 and as an Economic Development District Board member with the North Central Texas Council of Governments from 2024–2026. Sarver recognizes TML's

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From: Mary Sarver <msarver@cityofgrandview.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2026 6:14 PM
Subject: TML Region 8 BOD vote

Dear Region 8 Mayors and Council Members,

I hope your fall is off to a good start. As many of you know, our Region 8 Director, Jon McKenzie, was named TML President-Elect, which is a great thing for our region. When he moved into that role in August, I stepped into the Region 8 Director seat on the TML Board. The Director ballot will be coming before your council soon, and I'm asking for your vote so I can serve a full two-year term and give this position the time and attention it deserves.

For those I haven't had the chance to meet yet, I'm Mary Sarver, Mayor Pro Tem in City of Grandview. I've been on our council since 2022, and like a lot of you, I came into this job with plenty to learn. TML's trainings and the people I met through them made a real difference for me, and that's a big part of why I got involved in regional leadership in the first place.

Outside of city hall, I own a Commercial HVAC company here in Texas. Making relationships with general contractors and negotiating contracts at a high level for many projects certainly grooms one in how to work problems and find solutions. Our crews have done work in cities all over this region, so I know a lot of your communities from the ground up, not just from a meeting room.

One of the things I'm proudest of from my time on council is our PFAS ordinance. Our farmers and residents were worried about what was being spread on land near them, so I worked collectively with my council to put a policy in place, and Grandview became the first city in Texas to restrict the use of fertilizer containing PFAS. It took a lot of homework and a lot of conversations, and it showed me what a city our size can do when it decides to act.

I've worked my way up through Region 8, serving as Vice President in 2025 and President this year, along with a seat on the TML Policy Summit Committee. Leading the region as President is about as good a preparation for the Director role as there is. I've run our meetings, gotten to know the officials and issues across our cities, and seen how Region 8's priorities make it to the TML Board. Moving from President to Director is the natural next step, and I feel ready to take it on.

A big part of my time as President went into reaching out to cities and getting more of them involved. A regional organization is only as strong as the people who show up, and it has been encouraging to see more cities taking part in Region 8 than when I started. More voices at the table means better ideas and more weight when we speak up for our cities.

That participation has paid off in practical ways. I've worked to help officials get a better handle on the legislative and policy issues coming at us, learn how to go after funding, and share what's working in one city so the rest of us don't have to figure it out from scratch. I've also spent time in Austin speaking up for Region 8 cities when state decisions were being made that affect all of us.

On the national side, I sit on the National League of Cities Board and have chaired NLC's Small Cities Council, which has given me a good look at how decisions in Washington land on cities like ours. Serving as Chair for Small Cities nationwide I became passionate to share with all cities what TML's resources are and how to use them. Closer to home, I serve on Grandview's Type A economic development board and on the NCTCOG Economic Development District Board, where a lot of the conversation is about how North Texas handles growth, roads, and jobs.

With one of our own about to lead TML statewide, Region 8 has a real opportunity over the next two years, and I'd like to help make the most of it. Our region has fast-growing cities and small rural ones, and both deserve a director who already knows how TML works and can keep things moving without missing a step. The 2027 legislative session will be here in a few months, and local control will be under pressure again. I want to make sure Region 8 cities are heard in Austin, and that more of our council members, especially new ones, are using what TML has to offer and have someone they can call when they're stuck.

When the ballot comes up on your agenda, I'd be grateful for your support. If your city secretary or city manager hasn't scheduled it yet, it may be worth a quick check so your city's vote gets counted. And if there's something on your city's mind that you'd like me to carry forward, please reach out. I'd like to hear it.

Thank you for all you do for your community.

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