

Dallas council draws seven candidates

Itemizer-Observer staff report

DALLAS — Seven candidates are running for five open seats on the Dallas City Council. Mayor Brian Dalton will run for re-election unopposed.

During this election cycle, we sent each candidate a questionnaire asking why they are running and about issues facing the city.

Here are their responses:

NAME: Terry L. Crawford.

AGE: 65.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Retired after 33 years as agricultural teacher.

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science (1973) and Master of Science (1983) Agriculture Education at the University of Idaho.

PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT SERVICE: None.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU RESIDED IN THE AREA YOU WILL REPRESENT: More than six years.

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR OFFICE? I have been a lifelong volunteer. I was encouraged by the comments of Franklin Graham at the Capitol and a city councilor to convert my skills, abilities, attitudes, and discernment into an involvement in city government.



Crawford

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST SINGLE ISSUE FACING THE CITY OF DALLAS? HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT IF ELECTED? There is a perception among those that I have spoken to that city council needs to be more involved in the oversight functions of city government. That does not mean interference with those functions, but ensuring that the actions of government match up with the perceived needs of the citizens of Dallas. Beyond that, I believe that EMS and city growth issues will come to the forefront.

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS THE BEST OPTION FOR COVERING THE REVENUE SHORTFALL AT THE DALLAS AQUATIC CENTER? There are two ways of covering a shortfall — increase revenue or reduce costs. Revenue can be produced by user fees, budget shifts, increased attendance, or taxation. Cost-cutting measures include reduction of labor costs, overhead, short-term cost, or maintenance. The solution will require a combination of these approaches, hopefully, without sacrificing the Aquatic Center's current mission.

I do not believe in taxing the general population for the benefit of a specific user group. These questions need analysis: Will increased advertising justify its cost? Would a budget shift harm or slow other city goals? Will cost cutting measures reduce services?

NAME: Paul Trahan.
AGE: 69.
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Retired.
EDUCATION: The George Washington University — Bachelor of Science degree — 1974.

PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT SERVICE: Dallas Budget Committee, Dallas Charter Committee, Dallas Development Code Committee, Dallas School Bond Committee, currently on the Dallas Utility Rate Review Committee.

CAMPAIGN PHONE NUMBER: 503-383-5043.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU RESIDED IN THE AREA YOU WILL REPRESENT: 16 years.

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR OFFICE? I believe it's my civic duty. I bring a fresh vision with experience. Since 1992, I have worked with development in cities creating opportunities for new business while using constructive funding ideas to maintain services. I believe in a good relationship with the school district and improving quality of life.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST SINGLE ISSUE FACING THE CITY OF DALLAS? HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT IF ELECTED? We need to develop a plan that encourages new business to invest in Dallas. In order to develop a plan, we need to start by fixing some of the items that have turned business away from Dallas such as infrastructure. I would work with city staff



Trahan



in developing an expedited permitting process.

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS THE BEST OPTION FOR COVERING THE REVENUE SHORTFALL AT THE DALLAS AQUATIC CENTER? The Aquatic Center is one of Dallas's greatest assets and needs to remain available for our community to enjoy. If elected, I would explore different business plans for operating the Aquatic Center. A possible way of decreasing the revenue shortfall would be to consider leasing; not selling, the Aquatic Center to a private company that specializes in the operation of aquatic centers. Providing a long term lease of several years would encourage a company to invest in our facility. Such investment might include expansion of the facility to include indoor racquet ball and squash courts inviting more memberships.

ANYTHING ELSE YOU WISH TO NOTE ABOUT THE POSITION YOU ARE SEEKING? US Navy Veteran, Honorably Discharged; creative problem solver; experience working with development in Oregon cities since 1992; constructive funding ideas; believes in economic opportunities; Perrydale School Volunteer for over ten years; youth Sports coach.

NAME: Marsha Heeter.
AGE: 68.
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: First Christian Church, 7 years.

EDUCATION: High School — American School (Manila, Philippines), College — Oregon State 1966-69, University of Phoenix, Bachelor of Arts, 2002.

PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT SERVICE: As an employee (secretary): U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1973-1980; state of Oregon 1981-1983, city of Dallas 1983-2007; city of Falls City (interim City Recorder) 2010.

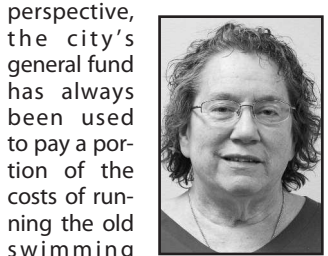
CAMPAIGN PHONE NUMBER: 503-409-5178.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU RESIDED IN THE AREA YOU WILL REPRESENT: 43 years.

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR OFFICE? I would like to help ensure that Dallas continues to be a well-run city that is a great place for people to live and work.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST SINGLE ISSUE FACING THE CITY OF DALLAS? HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT IF ELECTED? I think the biggest issues facing the city of Dallas are planning for the future and dealing with providing adequate services to our citizens as the population grows. The city's 2030 vision is a great start for that.

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS THE BEST OPTION FOR COVERING THE REVENUE SHORTFALL AT THE DALLAS AQUATIC CENTER? From a historical perspective, the city's general fund has always been used to pay a portion of the costs of running the old swimming pool and now the aquatic center. I think the city has worked hard at maximizing income from aquatic center users and minimizing expenses. Looking at other aquatic center budgets would be a way to see if there are other options.



Heeter

ANYTHING ELSE YOU WISH TO NOTE ABOUT THE POSITION YOU ARE SEEKING? My many years of experience should be of benefit to the Dallas City Council and the citizens of Dallas.

NAME: Jennie Rummell.
AGE: 32.
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Self-employed massage therapist since 2007.

EDUCATION: Astoria High School 2002. Western Oregon University 2006 — Bachelor of Science Health Education; Oregon School of Massage 2007 Certificate/Licensure.

PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT SERVICE: Parks citizen advisory board, current 2016.

CAMPAIGN PHONE NUMBER: 503-440-3360.

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE: www.facebook.com/JennieRummellDallasCityCouncil/.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU RESIDED IN THE AREA YOU WILL REPRESENT: Six years in Dallas.

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR OFFICE? I want to be more involved and get fellow citizens more involved. Having pride in the area you live is important. I love, and want to keep, the small-town feel, but also want to help Dallas flourish. I want downtown businesses filled and more people spending time in the community.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST SINGLE ISSUE FACING THE CITY OF DALLAS? HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT IF ELECTED? Economics. Our downtown is so vacant and businesses struggle. I think that if we found a niche for our town that really represents who we are we would be able to attract visitors, bring more jobs, create more revenue and flourish as a town. We need to utilize the systems we have in place, make sure our budget is within its limits and help all citizens feel included and happy within the community. We have a wide range of citizens in this area, and it is important that

everyone's needs are addressed.

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS THE BEST OPTION FOR COVERING THE REVENUE SHORTFALL AT THE DALLAS AQUATIC CENTER? I think we should add additional services; simple weights, treadmill, etc. Make it an optional pass program, and then look at other ways of utilizing it, by offering more class and instruction, plus room rentals. It needs to have another look at how it is funded and managed; where the funds come from and what section of the city it falls under.

ANYTHING ELSE YOU WISH TO NOTE ABOUT THE POSITION YOU ARE SEEKING? I am just your everyday, average citizen. I felt like it was time I get involved and help others become involved, either by pitching their ideas or being a go-to person on concerns or congrats for the city. There are so many different walks of life happening in Dallas and we need to support All of those. I would also like to see more businesses that are family friendly and appealing to all ages.

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CAMPAIGN PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL: 503-831-0892; email: gabliks-4dallas@gmail.com

HOW LONG HAVE YOU RESIDED IN THE AREA YOU WILL REPRESENT: Almost 20 years.

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR OFFICE? It's important to give back to your community. Serving on the council allows me to do that. My goal is to work to ensure our tax dollars are spent responsibly, laws passed are necessary and fair, and that Dallas continues to be a great place to live, work and play.

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WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS THE BEST OPTION FOR COVERING THE REVENUE SHORTFALL AT THE DALLAS AQUATIC CENTER? The best option, one that is fair and will not fall disproportionately on any one group of Dallas citizens, is a combination of actions that should assist in closing the revenue shortfall without jeopardizing the future of the Aquatic Center. These include: (1) a modest fee increase; (2) revitalization of the "Friends of the Aquatic Center" volunteer group; (3) continued application/use of grant monies to ensure the Aquatic Center is operated in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible; and (4) continued/Increased promotion of Aquatic Center use opportunities (parties, swim meets, rehabilitation, recreation) to persons both inside and outside Dallas.

NAME: LaVonne Wilson.
AGE: 79.
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Retired.

EDUCATION: Lincoln High School, Seattle Wash.; Lewis & Clark College; Oregon School Business Officials classes certificate.

PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT SERVICE: Dallas City Council, 1984-present; Dallas School District finance committee.

CAMPAIGN PHONE NUMBER: 503-623-8647.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU RESIDED IN THE AREA YOU WILL REPRESENT: 45 years.

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR OFFICE? I believe the city of Dallas is a very wonderful place to live and want to assist in maintaining and enhancing the livability of our community. I continue to serve on many boards in our community, which gives me an understanding of the needs and concerns of our residents.

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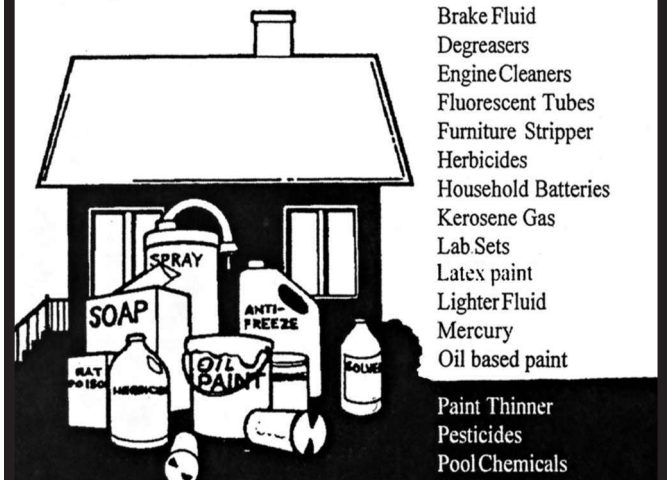
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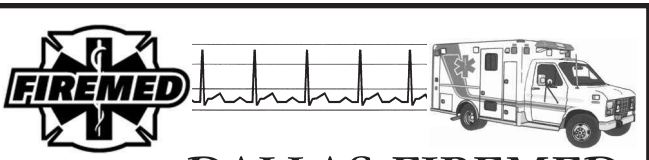
IMPORTANT:

- Keep products in original containers if possible.
- Do not mix any products.
- Keep away from passengers while transporting.

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Everyone is aware of the catastrophic effects on Europe, Africa and Asia produced by the World Wars... But **how did the World Wars impact Polk County?** What was the war like here at the "Home Front"? This is a part of Polk County history that is little known today, forgotten as the population has aged.

How did we deal with the local effects of the war: rationing, labor shortage, blackouts, fear of invasion, the disruptions caused by the establishment of Camp Adair, the concerns for loved ones who were in the Services and the new pressures on women who had to deal with life in the absence of their men gone into the war effort?

How did Polk County change?

These are the topics that we wish to examine. A joint effort of the *Itemizer-Observer* and the Polk County History Museum is soliciting input from anyone who wishes to participate. Are you old enough to remember those times (at least WWII), do you have old letters, newspapers, photos, family history or diaries? We are open to almost anything that could give us an idea of "... how it was..." back then.

I welcome your contributions...I can be contacted at: davidm3123@aol.com.