

## 2017 Branch Forum Candidate Questionnaire

Please return this questionnaire with you Name, Office for which you're running and the answers to no later than April 12, 2017 to  
cld@orionrealty.com and poetschke@gmail.com

Branch Forum will publish your unedited answers on our website shortly after we receive all the questionnaires. We thank you for your willingness to serve the citizens of Farmers Branch,

Branch Forum Board of Directors

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Marc Traynor  
Candidate for Mayor of Farmers Branch, Texas

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1. Should there be a limit on campaign contributions in the Mayor and Council races. Why or why not?

*Currently there are no limits in the Farmers Branch for campaign contributions. For my campaign, I have signed the voluntary pledge to not spend over \$500.*

*Thankfully, local politics, in Texas, are nonpartisan and without major party influences. The Supreme Court have ruled that campaign contributions are protected by the First Amendment, as free speech. After all, in a representative government, it is my duty to follow the rules as they currently are and attempt to influence changes that our citizens believe are improper.*

2. What's your favorite place to take a visiting friend or relative in Farmers Branch?

*Waffle House. No question. Their pancakes are fantastic and my twins love it!*

*My favorite place to bring friends is the Farmers Branch Historical Park, for concerts, events, and fireworks! I have very fond memories of caroling through the Park with my high school choral group. And today I have made great memories with my children there, as well.*

*My Son is planning his wedding at the Farmers Branch Rose Gardens. I am sure this will become one of my fondest memories of friends and family in our City. My family have enjoyed the City Hall for years and I would enjoy an office there! The parks are gorgeous and you can catch some beautiful scenery or fish, go down a twisty-slide or explore what my children call "the Forest".*

3. Farmers Branch was the first white settlement in North Texas. The Gilbert House at the Historical Park is the oldest house in North Texas on its original foundation. The Park celebrated its 30th birthday last year. What do you envision the Park will look like 10 years from now and what role will it play in our city?

*We are the City in the Park and should continue growing the traditions the community have started. Just as represented by the Gilbert House's foundation, so too is our community's strength will endure. The Historical Park is our common space bringing citizens and neighbors together. Whether it be the Halloween in the Park, the spectacular Christmas Lights or the Fourth of July festival, my desire is that we continue to expand these current and create new events (i.e. folk festival, gardens, etc.) to foster the Farmers Branch spirit.*

*My hope is that in ten years from now, the Park will continue to be the heart of Farmers Branch. The Historical Park will be the place where we all feel safe to share, be seen, and come together. I see the Park connected by better trails to City Hall, to Brookhaven, to DCC, to our parks, our neighbors, our schools and our DART Station. I see these Trails connecting our city's citizens - for runners, bikers, sight-seers, and will connect the Historical Park and our City for easy access & less traffic.*