

Diversity is a great source of strength for Farmers Branch. Part of my reason for running is that I can best address the needs of our diverse population based on my wide range of involvement in our city. My wife of 44 years, Lynn, and I support our community in areas affecting seniors, Hispanics, veterans, families, our church, women, and C-FBISD students. My opponents do not have this range of community involvement.

Farmers Branch is providing for residents of diverse backgrounds by our parks, Historical Park (including volunteer work done by our C-FBISD students and seniors), library facilities and programs, and many other avenues. I am a member of the Farmers Branch Chamber of Commerce, with its wide range of programs supporting our diverse population.

I, like many Farmers Branch residents, would like my son Andy to settle here. But, he does not find the amenities nor the housing that appeal to his age group. Singles want multi-use development. Couples want older houses that have been renovated. Farmers Branch needs to work to attract and keep the next generation of young adults. We need more shops and restaurants to appeal to the young adults.

Seniors would like safe and vibrant places so they can continue to live here. We shouldn't put all the shops and restaurants on the DART line. We have unused retail space on the west side. As a member of the Farmers Branch Chamber of Commerce running for councilmember of District 3, I am in a key position to work with the Chamber to bring in and keep new businesses and development.

As a councilmember I will focus on opening the Farmers Branch doors to all citizens. I have been doing this in the past with my history of involvement with organizations and citizens, and I will continue to do this in the future. As an attorney, it is my privilege and duty to deal on a daily basis with many forms of diversity: people who only speak Spanish, who have religious beliefs of all types, senior citizens, juveniles and young adults and people of every possible type. I will be a positive addition to the Farmers Branch council and represent our entire community.

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