

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
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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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1. Should there be a limit on campaign contributions in the Mayor and Council races. Why or why not? Currently there is none.

I don't think there should be a limit on campaign contributions because I believe that if a candidate can rally strong financial support from residents or individuals, then I believe that they've earned those contributions. However, I do think that campaign contributions from big interests, dark money and PACs should be prohibited, especially on the local level where those funds can make an even greater impact. When corporations and shell corporations can potentially influence elections, and impact the future decisions of those elected, there is a potential conflict of interest for a city.

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

One of my favorite places in the city is Mallon Park. During the spring when the creek is full, which should be more often, and the trees have bloomed, it is one of the most peaceful places in the city. Whenever I need to get away for a little bit and clear my mind, I often go to Mallon Park to find that clarity and peace of mind.

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?

I think the Historical Park will play a big part in the revitalization of our Dart Station area. Ten years from now I could see the Historical Park being a place that has more than just community events. I believe that the Historical Park has the capability and potential to host regional events that will attract people to our city for extended stays for both business and

pleasure. It is my understanding that it will have a new event center / museum that draws people to the park daily. There is so much potential for the Historical Park that needs to be realized, and it's good to see our City Council making progress toward the growth and vision for the future. As mayor of our city, I would champion these same efforts to ensure this progress and vision are realized.