

Frisco Talk / Frisco Strong Voter Guide:
May 6, 2017 Election



City Council Place 5
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Questions.

1. What is your occupation? **Business Sales Specialist & Pastor**
2. How long have you lived in Frisco? **5 years (in September)**
3. Detail your volunteer experience for the City, and other volunteer work within the City of Frisco. Please list in bullet format.
I have served as Senior Pastor of Christ's Living Kingdom Church.

4. How many City Council meetings did you attend prior to filing for this election?
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5. What do you see as the role of a City Council member?
The role of the city council member is to be a representative voice of the citizens while setting policy and strategic direction for the city.
6. How many hours do you believe a Council member needs to spend weekly, to adequately represent the residents? **I believe this may vary per council member. I believe council members should spend enough time to be prepared for meetings and become knowledgeable of the issues. I also believe council members should spend enough time to continue to be engaged with their constituents.**
7. Do you have work or other conflicts that would hamper your ability to serve?
No.
8. Did you apply/interview for organizational endorsements in this race? If so, which ones, and which if any, have you received?
Applied for: Denton County Conservative Coalition, Frisco United, Collin County Conservative Republicans, Police & Firefighter Associations

Received: Collin County Conservative Republicans
9. In how many local elections have you voted?
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10. How do you feel Frisco's form of city government works or doesn't work for the city?
I believe the city's 'Council-Manager' form of government works for Frisco. Also, to date, all council members are at-large. This may have worked in the past. However, I do not feel that it has allowed us to have a true representation of our citizens. As Frisco grows, we may need to reassess this.
11. Explain your understanding of the relationship between City Council and City Staff?
City Council sets policy, direction and strategy for the city. City Staff, headed by the City Manager, executes on those policies and that direction.
12. Explain your opinion of the relationship between the City of Frisco and Frisco Independent School District?
While the City of Frisco is independent of the Frisco ISD, there should be a symbiotic relationship between the two. That is, there is a mutually benefitting partnership between the two. In the past, the relationship has shown some promise at times. However, there are areas where this relationship could be and should be improved.

13. What is your vision for Frisco?

My vision for Frisco is that it will be a melting pot of cultures centered around families. It will be an economic center with a diverse mix of small business and corporate presence. I see Frisco as an international model showing others how to effectively manage economic, population, infrastructure, and cultural growth.

14. What do you believe is Frisco's biggest success?

Frisco's biggest success are the communities that it has built centering around its families. It's become a place where families can grow as it grows. Its culture is the biggest success. Also, Frisco has done a great job in attracting companies and professional opportunities to the city.

15. What is the most critical issue facing Frisco, and how do you plan to solve for it if elected to City Council?

Frisco's biggest issue (outside of transition of leadership) is balancing its growth. It's pursuit towards urban living is set to put a major strain on our resources (human, financial, and natural) and our infrastructure as the population grows. Frisco's rising property taxes are also a big issue for its citizens. Again, this is also attributed to its growth.

16. What is your position on Frisco's 4A/4B programs?

I understand why Frisco's 4A/4B programs were needed in its earlier stages of development. However, if we are to maintain these programs (which I would be in favor of), we must re-evaluate their policies. I believe the incentives once given through these programs are no longer required to attract businesses and developers to Frisco.

17. a. What is your view on Frisco's transportation infrastructure, now and in the future?

Our transportation infrastructure does not look good, especially considering our future density plans. Currently, we are beginning to feel the effects of a strained transportation infrastructure. This is surely to get worse as we add another 200-250,000 people to the city.

b. What transportation improvements do you feel should be made, if any? Please include funding solutions for any new programming you recommend.

We should look to widen streets where appropriate. We should also look to alleviate current and increased congestion through Downtown Frisco with potential byways.

18. Do you believe the City of Frisco is being operated efficiently? Why, or why not? Specific examples are encouraged.

In many ways, yes. In others, no. For example, I think there are some inefficiencies in our budgeting processes that's placing an unnecessary strain on our citizens.

19. What is your opinion on the City of Frisco's public safety budgeting and departments?

What would you change?

Currently 50% of our city's budget goes to public safety. I believe that public safety should continue to be a large percentage of our budget. Our emergency staff need to be adequately trained and equipped for us to continue to maintain a safe environment. However, our pursuit toward urban density will require more resources being put toward public safety.

20. What is your opinion on local control?

I am a supporter of local control. I believe the most qualified people to govern the people, are the people.

21. Do you support Senate Bill 2, why or why not?

No. I am not in favor of Senate Bill 2. First, as a supporter of local control, I do believe that we should be able to be fiscally responsible to where we can offer our citizens property tax relief.

22. As a Council member, how would you balance the rights of local landowners vs. the public's desire for certain zoning?

I understand that certain areas have already been zoned for multifamily. But those areas that are not, I would like to maintain as much single family development as we can as I believe it supports Frisco's culture.

23. Does the City have enough current and planned parks to support our growing population? No.

24. Should we widen Main Street between the railroad crossing and North County Road? Why or why not? We should examine all options. At first glance, I am not an initial supporter of this because it would be devastating to many of the existing businesses on Main Street. However, I believe we should look at alternatives to this strategy to ease traffic congestion.

25. Should the City of Frisco build a performing arts hall? Please explain your position.

Yes. I believe the arts are a vital part to bridging the gap to Frisco's diverse population. Also, a performing arts hall would be a great asset to our community. However, we must do so in a fiscally responsible manner. For example, through a private partnership.

26. What is your opinion on the current process for City of Frisco board appointments, and what (if any) changes would you make?

I believe we should create more opportunities to have a diverse and true representation of our citizens on the boards.

27. What is your favorite restaurant patio.

So far, Gloria's has the best restaurant patio. I love the view of the water.

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Questions.

1. What is your occupation?
REALTOR®, Real Estate Investments and Military Officer in the United States Army Reserve (28 Years).
2. How long have you lived in Frisco?
18 Years.
3. Detail your volunteer experience for the City, and other volunteer work within the City of Frisco. Please list in bullet format.
 - Deputy Mayor Pro Tem: 2016-Present
 - Frisco City Council Member: 2011-Present
 - Budget and Audit Committee in 2011 and 2013-Present
 - Frisco Charter Review Committee: 2009

- Congressional Veteran Commendation Selection Board Member, Third District of Texas: 2011-Present
- NCTCOG Regional Emergency Preparedness Planning Council: 2016-Present
- Commander (2016-Present) and member of VFW Post 8273: 2004-Present
- Member American Legion Post 178” 2014-Present
- Assistant Scoutmaster and Merit Badge Counselor for Boy Scout Troop 298: 2014-Present
- Cubmaster (2010-2011), Den Leader (2008-2010), Pinewood Derby Emcee (2013-2016) for Cub Scout Pack 282
- Heritage Association of Frisco, Lifetime Member: 2008-Present
- Hillcrest Lebanon HOA Board Member: 2010-2012
- Smith Elementary School (FISD) Technology Committee: 2010-2011
- Volunteer at Frisco ISD schools and programs to include: Independent Study & Mentorship Program (ISM), Career Day, Watch D.O.G.S. and PTA: 2008-Present
- Friends of the Frisco Public Library: 2013-Present
- Frisco Sunrise Rotary Club, Paddy Dash Master of Ceremonies: 2013
- Member of the Frisco Chamber of Commerce (Individually or Part of a Company): 2004-Present
- Member of several Republican organizations: 2008-Present
- Many more...

4. How many City Council meetings did you attend prior to filing for this election?
Over 200.

5. What do you see as the role of a City Council member?

The role of a City Council member is to serve the residents of Frisco as their elected representative. City Council members are NOT city employees and should always remember who they report to: the citizens of Frisco! As a City Council member, one should be listening more than speaking, should be attending community events and meeting with residents and business. One should ensure that they're staying educated on the issues of the day and ensuring they have the pulse of the community.

Over the last six years I've done exactly that. I've engaged the community at hundreds of events, meetings, phone calls, and emails. I've educated myself through countless Texas Municipal League courses and seminars and used this education in conjunction with interactions with our city stakeholders, to make important and sometimes courageous decisions that affect our city's future.

6. How many hours do you believe a Council member needs to spend weekly, to adequately represent the residents?

Depends on the week. On average 15-20 hours per week.

7. Do you have work or other conflicts that would hamper your ability to serve?
Nothing of significance.
8. Did you apply/interview for organizational endorsements in this race? If so, which ones, and which if any, have you received? I have applied/interviewed for the following endorsements: Frisco Fire Fighters Association, Frisco Police Officers Association, TREPAC/Texas Association of REALTORS®, Dallas Builders Association and Collin County Conservative Republicans.

I received endorsements from:

Frisco Fire Fighters Association, Frisco Police Officers Association, TREPAC/Texas Association of REALTORS®, and the Dallas Builders Association.

9. In how many local elections have you voted?
I believe I've voted in every local election over the last 10+ years.
10. How do you feel Frisco's form of city government works or doesn't work for the city?
Frisco's Council-Manager form of government is a good match for our city. It allows elected volunteers (mayor and council members), to serve as a board of directors for our city. The board then gives direction to the City Manager who, with his staff, executes the intent of the City Council.

This model ensures that the council members and the mayor focus on the needs of the residents and not the running of the city. Additionally, city staff is insulated from the will of any individual council member or the mayor and only report to/through their leadership/management chain.

11. Explain your understanding of the relationship between City Council and City Staff?
City Council and City Staff have a collaborative working relationship and mutual respect. It is not the role of any council member to give staff specific instructions or undue influence.

Council is to provide vision, intent and instructions to the City Staff through the City Manager. The City Manager is responsible for ensuring that City Staff executes the instructions given to him by the City Council.

12. Explain your opinion of the relationship between the City of Frisco and Frisco Independent School District?
The City of Frisco and Frisco Independent School District have a very collaborative relationship built on mutual respect and need. Both do better when the other is a healthy organization that serves their constituents well and do so in a fiscally conservative way.

Although the two organizations have a healthy relationship, they act independently and make decisions through their own, respective decision making processes with mutual benefit always a goal.

13. What is your vision for Frisco?

My vision of Frisco is a city that is a leader among peers. Neighboring cities will look to Frisco for solutions to problems and ideas that will make them better places to live. Frisco will be a city that is not afraid to be courageous and take calculated decisions for the betterment of her residents and businesses that may go against conventional wisdom, challenge the status quo, and buck the “way we’ve always done things” mentality.

14. What do you believe is Frisco’s biggest success?

There are so many wonderful successes that the city celebrates. First and foremost, we celebrate its people, the residents, business owners, and city staff. Our city has attracted people from all over the country and all over the world. Frisco is becoming more of a cultural center than ever before.

Frisco celebrates a safe, clean city with a highly-educated workforce. We celebrate residents that love their community and get involved by volunteering tens of thousands of hours to the city, school districts, and other local organizations. Frisco is a friendly city where neighbors greet and help their neighbors.

Frisco also has an incredible amount of economic success! It all began with the Stonebriar Centre and has culminated recently with The Star. Frisco’s \$5B Mile will continue to be celebrated as city successes, but nothing is more important than our people.

15. What is the most critical issue facing Frisco, and how do you plan to solve for it if elected to City Council?

Clearly traffic, infrastructure, and density are the issues du jour. These will remain issues into the foreseeable future. I believe that the council is aligned with the residents’ needs and will continue to push for lower density, improved traffic flow, and building infrastructure just before it is needed.

The biggest issue the next council will face will be the hiring of a new city manager. The City of Frisco has had only one city manager and replacing him will be difficult and will require a national search. Hiring the wrong city manager will be detrimental to the city. This puts incredible pressure on the city council to find just the right match for what Frisco is today and what it will be in the future.

16. What is your position on Frisco’s 4A/4B programs?

I am a strong advocate for our EDC and economic incentives, when used within reason. I see no reason to throw money away, but do believe there is a place for 4A/4B economic

incentives for businesses that would add increased value to our community that would have located elsewhere without the incentives.

17. a. What is your view on Frisco's transportation infrastructure, now and in the future?

It is impossible to place enough concrete on the ground to meet Frisco's transportation needs. We must think about traffic, mobility, and infrastructure in new ways. The City must engage technology to ensure efficiency. Timing of traffic lights, predictive traffic flows associated with regularly scheduled and special events, reversible lanes, roundabouts, and communication between vehicles and the infrastructure are all ways we can improve.

Frisco will be a leader in mobility by planning better, multi-use, multi-destination developments and engaging technology.

- b. What transportation improvements do you feel should be made, if any? Please include funding solutions for any new programming you recommend.

Frisco's is far from completing construction on the roads planned for in the thoroughfare plan. We should expedite construction where we can and work with regional partners, where possible, to ensure desired projects are completed in as timely a manner possible.

18. Do you believe the City of Frisco is being operated efficiently? Why, or why not? Specific examples are encouraged.

The City of Frisco's city manager's office is one that demands operational efficiency from the city's departments. This is expected by Frisco's residents and is fundamental to the way the City does business. Of course, there are always ways to do better and our staff challenges themselves regularly to do so.

Annually the city departments provide budgets to our finance office. Our finance team then challenges the departments requests based on needs and benefits to the residents of Frisco. A budget is then determined and above and below the line requests are sent forward to council for review. The council then makes reviews and questions the assumptions and requests and makes a final determination based on needs of the community, impact to tax rate, etc.

19. What is your opinion on the City of Frisco's public safety budgeting and departments? What would you change?

Frisco's public safety (fire and police) are second to none. Although expenditures for these departments add up to approximately 50% of the city's annual budget, it is well worth the investment. Resident satisfaction of the city's public safety is very high and response times are low. Frisco has low levels of crime and has earned an ISO 1 rating.

As our city changes our public safety departments will have to invest in additional training. Policing and firefighting along the \$5B Mile will be considerably different than

that within our single-family home communities. Investing in our first responders training and equipment will reap huge rewards for our citizens.

20. What is your opinion on local control?

Local control is the where

21. Do you support Senate Bill 2, why or why not?

I do not support Senate Bill 2. Senate Bill 2 does virtually nothing to address the true tax burden which is associated with school finance. Law makers in Austin have shown cowardice in solving this problem and in turn failed local tax payers.

22. As a Council member, how would you balance the rights of local landowners vs. the public's desire for certain zoning?

We are a nation and a state built on laws. We will continue to honor the rights of landowners. However, there are plenty of opportunities to work with landowners and developers to ensure that there is return on their investment what ensuring the best use of the property meets the needs of the citizens.

23. Does the City have enough current and planned parks to support our growing population?

The city regularly evaluates its park space to ensure that there is enough, and enough of the right types of parks to meet its citizens' needs. In partnership with the CDC, we will not disappoint our residents and sure that the PLAY in Live, Work, Play is not short changed.

24. Should we widen Main Street between the railroad crossing and North County Road?

Why or why not?

I have very detailed ideas regarding Main Street that includes reversible lanes, off street parking and wider sidewalks and patios that will make Main Street and its businesses a destination of choice!

25. Should the City of Frisco build a performing arts hall? Please explain your position.

The time is absolutely right for a performing arts hall. However, we must have clarity on the audience that it will serve and identify partners that can share the financial burden of such a hall. A performing arts hall would be an asset to our city!

26. What is your opinion on the current process for City of Frisco board appointments, and what (if any) changes would you make?

The city council has made significant improvements since I've been on the council. Before the current process of dialoging about potential appointments, Council used to "race to the microphone" in order to appoint board members. This led to cronyism and political favors. The current process allows for a collaborative approach in which potential appointees can be vetted by the entire council with a consensus being reached.

I think we can still improve the process by using weighted balloting or other ways to understand council preferences, applicant skills and desires, and board needs.

27. What is your favorite restaurant patio.

Gotta love Stan's! Great food, music, and people!