

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



City Council Place 6
Jason Abahti



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Questions.

1. What is your occupation?
I am the owner of a real estate investment company.
2. How long have you lived in Frisco?
I have lived in Frisco for the past 10 years.
3. Detail your volunteer experience for the City, and other volunteer work within the City of Frisco. Please list in bullet format.
 - Frisco ISD PTA member

- Frisco Soccer Association coach
- Frisco Fieldhouse youth soccer coach
- Frisco Baseball and Softball Association coach
- Frisco Football League coach
- Frisco Clean It and Green It volunteer

4. How many City Council meetings did you attend prior to filing for this election?
After living here for 10 years, I have attended more city council meetings than I can count prior to filing for this election.
5. What do you see as the role of a City Council member?
I believe the role of a city council member should be to represent the voices of the majority of the residents within his/her city.
6. How many hours do you believe a Council member needs to spend weekly, to adequately represent the residents?
I don't feel like you can put an exact time amount on the job of the council members to adequately represent the residents. Whatever time it takes to get the job done properly, is what's needed for the council members to provide.
7. Do you have work or other conflicts that would hamper your ability to serve?
As the owner of my company, my schedule allows me the flexibility to serve the residents of Frisco.
8. Did you apply/interview for organizational endorsements in this race? If so, which ones, and which if any, have you received?
I submitted answers to several questionnaires that were provided to me via various organizations. I also participated in a group interview with Frisco United.
9. In how many local elections have you voted?
I have voted in several local elections.
10. How do you feel Frisco's form of city government works or doesn't work for the city?
I feel that Frisco's form of city government works well for our city.
11. Explain your understanding of the relationship between City Council and City Staff?
During this time of rapid growth and development, I believe the City Council and City Staff have a good working relationship together here in Frisco.
12. Explain your opinion of the relationship between the City of Frisco and Frisco Independent School District?
The City of Frisco and Frisco ISD are completely independent of one another.

13. What is your vision for Frisco?

My vision for Frisco involves limiting the amount of high density development so that our city remains a family friendly, small town community for our residents to enjoy.

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

I believe Frisco's biggest success is bringing the National Soccer Hall of Fame to our city.

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

The most critical issue facing Frisco right now is its rapid growth and development, and the challenges that come along with that. I would like to help manage this expansion by making sure the decisions being made by the city represent the concerns of Frisco residents.

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

I support these programs.

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

I do not support public transportation coming to Frisco.

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

I feel that additional transportation options need to be provided to seniors over 65 years of age, so these residents have available access to necessary resources.

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

With the amount of growth Frisco is experiencing, I believe the City of Frisco is being operated efficiently at this time.

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

What would you change?

I don't think it would be right for me to offer my opinion about this type of question without the background knowledge and input of those who work on these issues daily.

20. What is your opinion on local control?

I support local control.

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

I support Senate Bill 2 because I do not feel the city should raise taxes without approval from the voters.

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

I would listen to the citizens of Frisco and represent their desires.

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

Frisco does not have enough current and planned parks to support our growing population. The council has already reduced the amount of parkland availability in relation to the amount of residents here. I feel that is wrong for our community.

24. Should we widen Main Street between the railroad crossing and North County Road? Why or why not?

I do not feel like Main Street should be widened through downtown Frisco because I feel that this location is the very foundation of our town, and I would prefer its character not be changed in a drastic way.

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

I do not think Frisco should build a performing arts hall at this time. There are currently plenty of venues to accommodate various forms of entertainment here.

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

I agree with the current board appointment process.

27. What is your favorite restaurant patio.

My favorite Frisco restaurant patio is that of Eddie Napoli's Italian Restaurant. This patio is convenient, comfortable, quiet, and offers customers an enjoyable dining experience yearlong.

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Brian Livingston



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Questions.

1. What is your occupation? I am the CEO of Celebrity Café & Bakery and Texadelphia – Frisco and Texadelphia – Plano. My wife and I are the owners of the company that own these restaurants.
2. How long have you lived in Frisco? I have lived in Frisco for 7 years since moving from NW Plano.
3. Detail your volunteer experience for the City, and other volunteer work within the City of Frisco. Please list in bullet format.

- Vice Chairman of the Frisco Board of Appeals and Construction Board of Adjustments.
 - Former Frisco Convention & Visitors Bureau board member.
 - I have hosted fundraisers and/or volunteered for the following:
 - Frisco Family Services
 - Frisco Fastpacs
 - Frisco Moms
 - America's Defenders – Fallen officer/veteran charity
 - Collin County Constable related events
 - Frisco Arts
 - Frisco Education Foundation
 - Frisco ISD / Carroll Elementary
 - Watch DOGS
 - Junior League of Collin County
4. How many City Council meetings did you attend prior to filing for this election? I have attended almost every City Council meeting over the last 2 years.
5. What do you see as the role of a City Council member? The primary role of a City Council member is to serve as a member of a 7 person team (6 Council members and the mayor) that set the strategic plan and vision for the city and work with the City Manager to make sure it is implemented. Additionally, I see every City Council member as someone that should be a leader of the community as a whole and help make our city better and stronger in every aspect.
6. How many hours do you believe a Council member needs to spend weekly, to adequately represent the residents? I believe a Council member should be committed to spend as much time as needed to serve the citizens of Frisco. This will vary greatly week to week but someone should plan to spend 20 + hours per week.
7. Do you have work or other conflicts that would hamper your ability to serve? As a small business owner with a great staff and supportive spouse as my partner, I don't have any conflicts that would hamper my ability to serve.
8. Did you apply/interview for organizational endorsements in this race? If so, which ones, and which if any, have you received?
- Greater Dallas Restaurant Association – Endorsed me.
 - Collin County Area Realtors – Interviewed, haven't endorsed in my race yet.
 - Frisco Police Officer Association – Applied, haven't interviewed yet.
 - Frisco Fire Fighters Association – Applied, haven't interviewed yet.
 - Denton County Conservative Coalition – Endorsed me.

- Collin County Conservative Republicans – Endorsed me.
- Empower Texans – Interviewed but did not endorse me.
- Frisco United – Interviewed but did not endorse me.

9. In how many local elections have you voted? I have voted in every election since 2014.

10. How do you feel Frisco's form of city government works or doesn't work for the city?

I believe that the Council – Manager form of government has clearly worked well for the city. We have been fortunate to have very strong Council members in the past who provide strengths in different areas and have allowed Frisco to benefit. I like the responsibility stopping with our elected officials.

11. Explain your understanding of the relationship between City Council and City Staff?

The City Council sets the strategic vision and goals for the City and then empowers the City Manager to carry that vision and those goals out. I believe that the Council and staff should have a good working relationship and be able to communicate effectively together. The City Manager should be comfortable with the communication between Council and Staff. This is very similar to respecting the organizational structure within a business environment.

12. Explain your opinion of the relationship between the City of Frisco and Frisco Independent School District?

I believe that a strong relationship between the City and FISD is important for the long term success of our City as a whole. The two must communicate so that both parties can plan accordingly for the long term.

13. What is your vision for Frisco?

Frisco is a great city and I believe that our most successful days are ahead of us. We are doing a lot right and are in great shape but we can be better. I want to improve traffic flow, stop rezoning for new apartments, lower taxes and enjoy the diversified tax base we have developed.

14. What do you believe is Frisco's biggest success? I believe Frisco's biggest success is being a great place to raise a family. We have great schools, smart involved citizens and decent entertainment/dining.

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

Traffic now and especially when we get the \$5 billion mile developed is the most critical issue facing Frisco. The upcoming congestion of our streets will kill our city if we don't address it. If elected I would make improving traffic congestion my #1 priority and I would tell staff and Planning & Zoning that I will not support any new rezoning for apartments.

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

I support Frisco's 4A/4B programs and think the city has benefited greatly from choosing this over DART. However, I would like to see the EDC focus on getting jobs to Frisco and less on large real estate developments.

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

Right now we need to alleviate the traffic congestion we have before we substantially add to traffic as the \$5 billion mile is completed. Then we need to revisit all our road improvement and construction plans as a whole.

I am against DART, but have talked to private industry that has solutions that can be modified for certain needs to specific areas. I believe that partnering with a privately owned service provider will provide better, cheaper and more effective results to our citizens.

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

My #1 priority is to get traffic moving. We need to make upgrading our traffic light system and making the often discussed minor street improvements as soon as we can. We will need to prioritize this and move money around in the budget. In my opinion we do not have a choice other than fixing it.

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

Yes, I believe the City is being operated efficiently. Our city tax rate is very competitive and our services are superior to what others in our area receive. My main concern is keeping up with all the growth we are going to experience very soon and the apartments that are coming online.

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

I believe that we have great Fire and Police departments and that we are getting a great value for what we pay. I wouldn't change anything, but I also believe that both areas will need additional investment as we grow and change the scope and degree of services that

are provided. From my conversations, our Police are understaffed and to some degree under armed and under armored.

20. What is your opinion on local control?

I am a strong supporter of local control, but I define part of that as allowing citizens to vote on issues when appropriate.

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

I support the concept that Senate Bill 2 is based on but am not sure I agree with the 5% level that it uses. My preference would be to see the % limit be a calculation based on inflation and capital investment. It should be noted, that this bill only caps the tax increase on properties that were taxed last year so cities will still be able to fund services with growth.

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

Landowners have the right to develop the property as it is zoned and we can't legally deny them that right nor would I ever propose that. But, when the landowner needs something from the city in order to develop the property we need to negotiate with them and try to reduce density. We need to remember we are elected to represent our fellow citizens and not maximize land value for developers.

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

I believe we do from the meetings that I have attended, but I am open to listening to experts in this area and may change my view.

24. Should we widen Main Street between the railroad crossing and North County Road? Why or why not?

We need to make Main Street more walkable and easier to drive around. I would also like to see more diversified destination locations on Main Street. I would defer to civil engineers and the rest of our staff to present the best options for us to consider to achieve this goal.

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

The City of Frisco should not build a performing arts hall. The City should partner with a large "Frisco Arts Foundation" to provide assistance and help them achieve their goals,

but the majority of funding needs to be private. The bigger question, is how do we attract the larger art community to the area for both our current and future citizens.

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

I think our current process for making City of Frisco board appointments is sufficient but could be a lot better. I would like to see every qualified candidate who applies for a position to get interviewed by a council member and a member of the board they are applying for. For certain boards like EDC and P&Z, etc, I would like to see several council members interview them. We need to expand the circle of applicants we truly consider and take advantage of the huge talent pool that exists in our city. Finally, as part of tapping into this talent pool, I would like to see more diversity on all boards and commissions.

27. What is your favorite restaurant patio.

I may be a little biased, but I my favorite restaurant patio is Texadelphia Frisco and the view of The Star!

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Questions.

1. What is your occupation?
Civil Engineer
2. How long have you lived in Frisco?
4 years
3. Detail your volunteer experience for the City, and other volunteer work within the City of Frisco. Please list in bullet format.
 - Coach Frisco Youth Soccer for my daughter and son recreation teams
 - Speaker at FISS schools' career days
4. How many City Council meetings did you attend prior to filing for this election?
1 in person – several more online
5. What do you see as the role of a City Council member?
 - Represent Frisco's residents
 - Participate in creating and enforcing local ordinances
 - Participate in the budget process

- Participate in appointing the City Manager and other positions as they come up

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

Whatever it takes

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?

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?

Frisco's form of city government encourages citizens to get involved in policy making and future planning. We need to get the citizens more engaged at all levels and encourage their participation in civic involvement

11. Explain your understanding of the relationship between City Council and City Staff?

This relationship is built on trust and mutual respect. The City Council sets policies for the city and overall direction. There should be a close relationship between the council and the staff but there should never be an undue influence on the staff to enact and enforce policies. There should be accountability for the Staff's actions. Both the Council and the Staff should understand their roles and responsibilities. They both need each other to achieve a common goal of community service.

12. Explain your opinion of the relationship between the City of Frisco and Frisco Independent School District?

Quality education for existing and new Frisco residents is a top priority. A good ISD is one of the main reasons people want to live in Frisco. A strong trusting relationship is necessary to achieve this goal. Although Fisd is an Independent School District, the City of Frisco should support Fisd's responsible policies and long term future plans. The City and the ISD should try to align their goals and be involved in planning.

13. What is your vision for Frisco?

My vision for Frisco is to make Frisco a vibrant community where everyone feels welcome to live, work and play. A much more than a "bedroom community"

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

Frisco's biggest success is a good school district, safety and affordable housing.

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

Rapid population growth and not keeping up with infrastructure and services. If elected I will strive to set responsible policies to keep up with population growth while focusing on the long term planning

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

I would like to see the revenue go more towards infrastructure and transportation as opposed to big corporations and developers.

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

While most of Frisco's infrastructure is relatively new, rapid growth is putting a lot of pressure on it. Traffic congestion is getting worse by the day. We need to stay ahead of the curve if we want Frisco to remain a desirable place to live. A lot of existing streets are poorly laid out. We need to plan better and build future infrastructure for generations to

come. Most of the infrastructure will need to be repaired/reconstructed in the next 15-20 years, so maintenance will be an issue for the City.

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

There is a lot that can be done to improve traffic flow on existing roads and highways such as adding lanes, improving turn lanes, adjusting signal timings etc.

We need to widen major throughways such as Eldorado Pkwy, Preston, US380, Legacy etc.

I support public transportation system for everyone.

I support rail service for Frisco

We need to explore all funding options to pay for any new programs such as Federal and State grants, public private partnerships, bonds, taxes etc.

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

City of Frisco has a responsible government. But no entity is perfect. Some of the things that can cut cost and make it more efficient, in my opinion, are below;

- 2 Assistant City Managers and a Deputy City Manager are redundant. 1 of these positions should be eliminated.
- Development Services the Engineering Services should be brought under Public Works.

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

Frisco PD and Frisco FD is understaffed. They need modern equipment to fight crime, respond to emergencies and keep our beautiful city safe. I would make sure that they get state of the art equipment, more FTEs and all the resources they need.

20. What is your opinion on local control?

I support responsible local control with transparency and proper checks and balances.

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

I oppose this bill for the following reasons

- It favors the wealthy
- It could affect Frisco's ability to hire and retain best police officers, firefighters and other city workers

- It could affect Frisco's ability to spend money on parks and recreation, infrastructure and essential city services
- Since Texas does not have state income tax, the state should not dictate how local entities collect and assess taxes

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

I am in favor of the rights of local landowners but if we want to keep making progress, we must take public's desire for certain zoning into account. The key is to find the right balance and to be fair throughout the process. Effective communication is very important.

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

There are some very nice current parks available and there are more planned. We can always do more to support building more parks to keep up with growth

24. Should we widen Main Street between the railroad crossing and North County Road? Why or why not?

Yes, we should. We need to make improvements to this section of Main Street if we want a vibrant and inviting downtown. However, we need to make sure that we work with property owners and businesses along this corridor to get their input and feedback.

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

Yes. A performing arts hall will be a welcome addition to our beautiful city. It will provide a venue for performances and will also attract future creative residents.

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

I would like to see the City increase its effort to encourage public participation. There must be a better process for our citizens to find out when the openings become available. The council must make every effort to appoint the best candidates after going through applications and a rigorous interview process.

27. What is your favorite restaurant?

Fifth Street Patio & Café

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City Council Place 6
Bobby Roberti



1. What is your occupation?

Financial Advisor

2. How long have you lived in Frisco?

9 years

3. Detail your volunteer experience for the City, and other volunteer work within the City of Frisco. Please list in bullet format.

- 2012 - Present; Frisco Planning and Zoning Commission, appointed by City Council.
- Elected Chairman of P&Z in 2016
- 2017 Neighborhood Design Strategy Advisory Committee
- 2013 Charter Review Commission, appointed by City Council
- Capital Improvement Advisory Committee
- Preston Trail Church, Technical Director of Children's Programming

- Frisco Soccer Association, Coach. 5 years.
- Metroplex Christian Hockey Association. 9 years. Captain, Stingers Hockey Club.

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

100+

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

To collaboratively function as the governance board for the City of Frisco, the equivalent of a board of directors in a corporation who advise the CEO (our City Manager). I believe Council should also be the voice of the residents into the process and into the city's strategic direction. I also see it as our City Council's specific responsibility to avoid getting "down into the weeds" on day-to-day operations issues, for which we have talented employees already on the job.

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

As many as it takes. I'm fortunate to manage my own schedule, as a financial advisor, and am already familiar with some of the time demands required of our city officials by residents and stakeholders thanks to my five years on Planning & Zoning.

7. Do you have work or other conflicts that would hamper your ability to serve?

None, see above.

8. Did you apply/interview for organizational endorsements in this race? If so, which ones, and which if any, have you received?

I applied only with the trade associations (Realtors, Public Safety), none of which have been announced yet. I did not apply for any of the political/partisan endorsements (Empower Texans, Frisco United, DCCC, CCCR, Patriot Texas, etc.).

9. In how many local elections have you voted?

I vote in all elections, whether local, state or federal. I missed a couple of local ballots in 2008 or 2009, but have been 100% since then.

10. How do you feel Frisco's form of city government works or doesn't work for the city?

I believe that our Council-Manager structure works well for Frisco. I also support our continued use of at-large Council seats rather than single-member districts. We have a great asset in the strength of our board appointment pool; many of our neighboring cities struggle to fill their public boards and commissions, whereas Frisco has dozens of applicants, more than can even be

appointed. We must continue to cultivate this culture of voluntarism, which also improves transparency at City Hall.

11. Explain your understanding of the relationship between City Council and City Staff?

In Frisco, our city staff report to their department heads and ultimately to the City Manager's office. The relationship between Council and staff should be cordial yet mindful of the organizational chart. Council should not attempt to administer or become involved in the day-to-day business of city departments.

12. Explain your opinion of the relationship between the City of Frisco and Frisco Independent School District?

I believe that the relationship between our Council and the Fisd Board of Trustees is a strong one, and that the two organizations have a symbiotic relationship. In many cases, we serve the same taxpayer, and should be working together more often to ensure that strategic decisions made by one do not hinder the other. I also believe it worth noting that within Frisco city limits are also portions of Lewisville ISD, Little Elm ISD and Prosper ISD, and it benefits us as a Council to build similarly strong working relationships with all those partners.

13. What is your vision for Frisco?

I want to see Frisco remain a destination for families, employers, homeowners, tourists, and professionals. We don't want to become the next Dallas, simply because it's not why people moved here. We need to understand and remember that residents come here because they want to raise their families here, and we must not lose sight of that core constituency in order to focus exclusively on the needs of other demographics.

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

That we have been able to invest to create world-class public safety departments, parks and community facilities, while keeping tax rates low. This is a singular success story, one that other cities are trying to emulate. People come to Frisco from all over the world to see our programs like FFD Safety Town, The Star in Frisco, and more. I believe that Frisco will be a case study in municipal planning textbooks when it comes to how well we deliver on excellent amenities without putting those costs onto the homeowner.

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

Right now the most critical issue is our rapid growth, without a doubt. We are feeling it at all corners of the city, and it is not a flat, easy problem to solve. Handling issues of congestion, traffic, crime, road conditions, strain on city services, water supply, ongoing construction, and

the way these all impact not only our residents but our business community, will be a multi-faceted and complicated task. As a Council candidate, this is where there is no comparison, to my 5 years of already working closely with city leaders, city staff, developers and homeowners to address these matters. If elected, I will continue to be willing to push back on projects and programs that sound good today but not for Frisco in 2037, or which yield great revenue today but will be a financial drain on the city eventually.

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

First, I definitely support them. Our 4A/4B corporations were enacted by the voters of Frisco, and have proven to be unique assets for our municipal development. Our Economic Development Corporation is a great draw for employers and must be supported in its programs to recruit commercial tax base - but I believe Council must also be willing to push the EDC to stretch and improve its strategies. We cannot grow our commercial tax base when we are losing blue-chip employers to Plano, Allen, McKinney, and Dallas. I believe that the Frisco CDC should be looking to balance its cash on hand and debt obligations, with the need to bank land for future city amenities and park spaces.

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

During the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Commission process, I was vocal that we must be planning today for road conditions 20 years from now. I do believe that city staff are building these issues into their projections and budgeting. The challenge here is balancing the costs. If we begin spending excessive money today on roads and infrastructure for people who don't live here yet, we are not fairly distributing the costs and maintaining a fiscally responsible approach to infrastructure. This is where responsible use of debt is crucial. The City of Frisco has done exceptionally well in my opinion at monitoring market conditions, maintaining our bond ratings and credit for optimal outcomes, and paying down debt in general. As a financial planner, I understand this juggling act and look forward to being part of the team that collaborates to get things done.

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

My immediate priorities would be to develop a plan for the southern part of Legacy Drive once the current engineering study is complete -- one that preserves the look and feel of one of our premiere city gateways; and to understand what technology and innovations are being utilized successfully in other "driver-heavy" communities that are trying to incorporate more walkability.

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

As a resident, there aren't many areas of complaint that I can think of. Frisco delivers services to residents in many forms, from strategic pieces like planning to tactical transactions like trash pickup and water. I do believe that under the leadership of George Purefoy and the fiscally responsible eye of City Council, our departments consistently look for ways to "do more with less." Where I think I will be able to assist in this manner going forward is by being an experienced and informed official who knows what to look for as Council helps make hiring decisions. Many of our most tenured city staff are beginning to talk about retiring, and we must be mindful of recruiting new leadership that can prioritize smart municipal services delivered with fiscal responsibility. I also understand that I have not seen the City of Frisco through the lens of a public employee. I would like to work with city departments to learn more about how we can improve Frisco as a workplace.

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

I read the city budget each year, and I'm aware that one of the City's biggest expenses is the cost of keeping public safety well-equipped and manned. It would be easy in tight times to begin looking at ways to cut police and fire -- but people need to understand that the minute that happens, our safety ratings will go down and insurance rates will go up. And there is always a recession around the corner; no one knows what is coming based on the national economic cycle (although I think that as a financial advisor, I have a better idea than most).

I also think that we need to be always looking for ways to improve and grow the departments as long as the city is in rapid growth mode. There are always places in the budget that elected officials can scrutinize and manage expenses in order to keep public safety well-funded. We can also do this by constantly improving efficiency in other departments.

I feel like in the immediate future, our biggest public safety issue is traffic injuries and fatalities. We are responsible not only for the moving of our own residents but also for the thousands of people who commute through our city daily to Dallas, and who visit here to work and shop. I can be a long-term aid to that issue because of my experience with and record for being tough on high-density development.

20. What is your opinion on local control?

No one likes it when the federal government interferes with our lives, and it's not really much different when the state government tries to overstep its role. I would like to see the Texas Legislature work more on the issues that are in its core responsibilities, and leave local jurisdictions to lead as their voters see fit.

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

While I definitely think that there should be changes made to how county appraisal districts operate, I don't see this bill as sustainable or workable for cities. It punishes cities when local ISDs are usually the top taxing entity, so it's relief in name only. Further, it would seriously destabilize the city's ability to budget and plan based on the October fiscal year. I applaud the notion of property tax reform but don't think this is the right solution.

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

If a landowner has zoning rights afforded by law, then I will uphold those rights and support them; the government should not be able to take away the legal rights of a private citizen or entity. I would do the same for the property rights of any homeowner or business owner.

Where the balance comes in is being able and willing to build the relationships with those stakeholders, so that what they are zoned for vs. what they end up developing, are mutually beneficial to the community and their own business interests. We have tools and mechanisms through which we can motivate developers to create high-quality projects that are befitting Frisco's distinctive and upscale nature. After all, the developer wants to be here in the first place because of what we already are today; it is City Council's job to maintain that quality of life that attracts the investors as well as residents.

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

Not at this time, but I say that with the belief that City Council, city staff and appointed officials are all looking for ways to increase our green space and parkland. Once again, the challenge is the budget and the cost. Land in Frisco is only going to get more expensive; but to have spent money on banking cheaper land for park space back during the recession while we were withholding staff raises, personnel backfills, and equipment updates and upgrades, would have been fiscally irresponsible. We must utilize our soaring sales tax revenue (not property taxes) to acquire land now before prices go higher.

Relationships with our landowners and developers will also be crucial here; we have had great success in getting developers to assist in contributing to parklands, but this is about balancing their commercial interest with our community development interest.

24. Should we widen Main Street between the railroad crossing and North County Road? Why or why not?

I do not support widening Main Street through the old downtown zone. The free market is demonstrating that this area is desirable as a shopping/pedestrian/lifestyle district, and we should not discourage that by tearing the roads up again or increasing traffic and vehicle speeds. I do believe we can increase parking in the area, and that we can improve efficiency by fixing existing road surfaces and flow.

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

I do think we are not staying competitive with our neighboring cities in providing arts spaces for our community. Publicly, the focus is heavily on Frisco as a “sports-centric community”, due to the presence of so many major teams’ headquarters and operations. But I also think that taxpayers have a right to expect that we do as good or better a job at finding private investors to partner on an arts facility project, as we have with the sports venues. City of Frisco’s contribution to the Star in Frisco is going to end up being less than 10% of the entire taxable value, and it is also already proving to be an enormous positive impact to local sales tax and economic development. While I don’t expect we would be able to replicate that success fully, I do believe that we must look for projects that are much closer to a 10% public investment than 100%.

In 2015, Frisco voters approved a \$10 million bond for an arts facility, bringing the total to \$13 million including funds already authorized. I look forward to seeing a proposal that would utilize those public funds responsibly, with private money carrying the bulk of the capital investment, maintenance and operations.

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 that the process had become a little disorderly for a while due to political pressure, but that Council in the last couple of years has really made good strides to get it right. We are fortunate to have many engaged residents who want to participate, and I think that they are all afforded a fair opportunity to share their skills and interest level with Council in the hopes of being appointed.

Once again, this is indicative of a healthy free-market environment: when lots of qualified engaged people participate, qualified engaged people will end up on our boards and commissions. Those who are making the time to attend board meetings, meet with board members, and meet with Council will know more about city workings -- which is also a skill to be considered fairly. The complaints I have heard about our board appointment process seem mostly centered around “Why didn’t I get the position I wanted when I personally applied?” and I’m not sure that’s actually even a policy issue for Council to address.

27. What is your favorite restaurant patio.

Blue Goose. Lots of shade, room for the kids, and always a favorite after soccer games and events.