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Little Elm voters to decide on three Council positions

LITTLE ELM (January 20, 2015) Residents of Little Elm will go to the polls on Saturday, May 9 and make selections for Mayor and Council members for Places 3 and 5, says Town Secretary Kathy Phillips.

“This election cycle will see three positions up for a vote,” she said. “The Mayor’s spot, which is an at-large seat, and Places 3 and 5, which are designated for specific geographic sections of Town.”

At-large positions on the Council which, in addition to the Mayor’s seat, include two Council seats, may be filled with candidates who reside in any part of Little Elm. Council Places 2, 3, 4 and 5 can only be filled by candidates who reside in specific districts within Little Elm.

Any qualified registered voter who resides in Little Elm may vote for at-large candidates, but only qualified registered voters who reside in specific districts may vote for candidates to represent that particular district.

The incumbent Mayor is David Hillock and the Council representatives for Place 3 and 5 are Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Cornelious and Council member Katie Gipson, respectively. Mayor Pro Tem Cornelious is prohibited from running for reelection to Place 3 because he has fulfilled the maximum terms allowed.

Specific boundaries for districts appear on the Town website www.littleelm.org. In addition, the district number in which the voter resides appears on individual voter registration cards.

To declare as a candidate for a specific district office, candidates must reside in that district. They must also be a qualified voter of the Town, be at least 21 years of age on the date of election, and have been a fulltime resident of Little Elm for no less than 12 months immediately preceding election day.

Candidates must also meet all of the requirements of the Texas Election Code.

“The terms of office are for three years,” said Phillips. “And, the Town Charter states that the maximum number of terms for the Mayor and all Council members is two consecutive terms.”

Filing for a place on the ballot begins on Wednesday, Jan. 28 and ends on Friday, Feb. 27. Packets containing the appropriate forms and other relevant materials may be obtained from the Town Secretary, Second Floor, Town Hall, 100 West Eldorado Parkway in Little Elm.

Registration to vote in the May 9 election must be completed by April 9. Voter registration materials can be downloaded from the Texas Secretary of State website www.votetexas.gov. The Denton County Elections Office will soon publish the Early Voting and Election Day voting times and locations.

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ABOUT LITTLE ELM – Little Elm is one of the state’s fastest growing communities. Nestled on the shores of Lake Lewisville, the Town was incorporated in 1966, adopting the Council/Manager form of government. The population increased dramatically over the last several years, growing from under 4,000 in 2000 to over 30,000 today. Little Elm’s population exceeds the state average in education and income, and is increasingly trending younger and technologically proficient. The Town’s footprint is just over 14 square miles and boasts some 66 linear miles of shoreline within its boundaries.