

Pflugerville Council of Neighborhood Associations

City Council Candidate Forum

April 9th, 2009

ELECTION DATE: Saturday, May 9th – 7 am to 7 pm

Polling Locations:

http://www.co.travis.tx.us/county_clerk/election/20090509/polls.asp

EARLY VOTING: Monday, April 27th to Tuesday, May 5th

Locations: http://www.co.travis.tx.us/county_clerk/election/20090509/early.asp

AGENDA

- 1 – Welcome/Introductions
- 2 - Candidate Opening Statements/Introductions
- 3 - Facilitator Questions
- 4 - Citizen Questions
- 5 - Closing Statements

CANDIDATE BIOS

Darelle White – Place 3

Darelle White grew up in Rockdale, Texas and settled in Pflugerville in 1993 with his wife Donna and their two sons, Jason and Nathan.

Mr. White has an Associate in Arts Degree from Blinn College, a BBA from Sam Houston State University in Marketing and an MBA from the University of Houston. Moreover, he also holds the Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC) and Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) professional designations.

Since 1992, Darelle has been with The National Alliance for Insurance Education & Research in Austin, TX and currently holds the titles of Academic Director and Educational Consultant. The National Alliance is focused on providing exceptional education and research to the Insurance and Risk Management community and has over 125,000 participants.

Prior to joining The National Alliance, for 15 years, Mr. White held various underwriting, marketing, and management positions with the Commercial Insurance Division of Aetna Life and Casualty. These responsibilities included the geographic areas of Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Before leaving Aetna in 1992 to return to Central Texas, Darelle was the Marketing Manager for six years in the Commercial Insurance Division Branch Office in Tulsa, OK.

Locally, Darelle serves on the Pflugerville Community Development Corporation Board, is a Past President of Pflugerville Pfamilies Pfirst and is a member of the First Baptist Church in Pflugerville.

Victor Gonzales – Place 5

Biographical Information:

- Graduated University of Texas at Austin - BA Sociology/Social Work
- Life-long resident of Pflugerville
- Married 25 years to Carla Gonzales
- Member of Pflugerville Baptist Church
- 37 years Professional Experience: Human Resources, Public Administration, Sales Management, Small Business Owner.

Experience & Memberships:

- 3 years as City Council Member, Elected Mayor Pro Tem by his peers.
- Downtown Planning Committee – Vice Chair
- Pflugerville Education Foundation – Director
- Lower Colorado River Authority Regional Council
- Greater Pflugerville Chamber of Commerce
- Rotary Club

Goals:

- Make Pflugerville the best place to Live, Work, and Shop through planned economic, housing, and commercial initiatives.
- Continue to lower property tax rates
- Improve city wide recycling initiatives.
- Complete street and connectivity projects.

Erica Grignon – Place 5

I have lived in Texas most of my life and in Pflugerville for the past four years. My husband Robert and I have been married for 15 years and we have three wonderful children (Frank, Elizabeth, & Madalyne.)

I graduated from High School in Necedah Wisconsin and went to college at the University of Wisconsin in Stevens Point.

After college I worked in the financial industry as a loan servicing specialist, where I audited mortgage loans. I know work as an Accounts Receivable Specialist, auditing property manager accounts, for Arbor Property Management and have done so for the past eight years.

In October of 2007 I founded and organize a local group called the Pflugerville Liberty Lovers. We are a non-partisan group working to promote freedom, low taxes, government accountability, and secure elections. In August of 2008, I was elected to the Steering Committee for PAC Texans for Accountable Government.

Public Service and charity is very important me. I am a meal's on wheels volunteer and deliver meals to the homebound elderly every Thursday afternoon.

My family has attended Calvary Austin (now located in Pflugerville) since 2001. Serving in the Children's ministry has been fun and rewarding.