



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** October 14, 2019
SUBJECT: Approve Resolution No. 2019-042, nominating one or more individuals as a candidate for the Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors.
PRESENTER: Robert Myers, Budget Director

SUMMARY:

The City Council is asked to consider the nomination of one or more individuals as a candidate for the Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

North Richland Hills has been notified that the terms of service for the five members of the Tarrant Appraisal District (TAD) Board of Directors will expire on December 31, 2019. Later this year, there will be an election to select the next Board of Directors. For this election, North Richland Hills has been allocated 37 of the 5,000 total votes.

The first step in electing a new board is the nomination of candidates. Each voting unit may nominate one candidate for each of the five positions to be filled. The nominations must be made in an open meeting of the City Council and submitted to the Chief Appraiser in the form of a resolution by October 15, 2019. The nominations provided to the Chief Appraiser should include each nominee's name, address, and a current resume or curriculum vitae if available.

In order to be eligible to serve as a director, the nominees must meet the following criteria:

- An individual is ineligible to serve if they are an employee of a taxing unit, unless that employee is also an elected official of the governing body.
- An individual is ineligible to serve as a director if the individual has engaged in the business of appraising property for compensation, or is related to a person that engages in appraising property for compensation, and may be used in proceedings within the appraisal district.
- An individual is ineligible to serve if they represent property owners for compensation in proceedings in the appraisal district at any time during the preceding five years.
- An individual is ineligible to serve if they are employed by the appraisal district.



- An individual is ineligible to serve if they own property on which delinquent taxes have been owed to a taxing unit for more than 60 days after the individual should have known of the delinquency.
 - Unless the taxes are being paid under an installment agreement,
 - Or a suit to collect the delinquent taxes is deferred or abated.
- An individual is ineligible to serve if the individual, or a business in which the individual has a substantial interest, enters into a contract with the appraisal district, or enters into a contract with a taxing unit in the district, if that contract relates to the performance of an activity governed by Title 1 of the Texas Property Tax Code (for example, appraising property for tax purposes or determining eligibility for exemptions). A substantial interest exists where the individual and spouse have a combined ownership of at least 10% of the voting stock or shares of a business, or either of them is a partner, limited partner or an officer.

Once the nomination process is completed, the city will receive a ballot listing the nominees by October 30, 2019. The City Council will then have until December 15, 2019 to cast its 37 votes for the nominee(s) it has chosen. The five nominees receiving the highest vote total will be elected and take office for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2020.

Staff seeks direction from the City Council regarding any desired nominations to the Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2019-042, nominating one or more individuals as a candidate for the Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors, as discussed.