



Newsletter, March, 2023

City Council District 11 Candidate Forum



On March 28, NDNA hosted a forum for the candidates vying for the District 11 seat on the City Council. Jaynie Schultz, the incumbent and Candace “Candy” Evans came to answer questions submitted by area residents. Approximately 150 residents attended the forum, held at the Dallas Bible Church. Ken Malcolmson, the President and CEO of the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce (NDCC) served as the moderator.

The candidates responded to queries regarding their top three priorities for the district and for the city.

Did anyone note their answers (I was focused on microphone issues); so please fill in the gap for me.

Another key concerns residents had was about redevelopment activities that would

increase density in areas such as Pepper Square, and the ramifications such development brings for the area such as traffic and the infrastructure in general.

- Council Member Schultz stated she had never supported a development effort to which residents objected. She cited an area adjacent to LBJ where developers wanted apartments and, after objections from area residents, she refused to support that point.
- Candidate Evans stated that she did not see the benefit of adding more density, i.e. apartments in the area; there was already enough traffic congestion in the area.



Another issue raised was where the candidates stood on Short Term Rentals.

- Candidate Evans stated that she supported a ban on STRs in residential neighborhoods.

- Council Member Schultz said she wanted STRs regulated and did not feel they belonged in residentially zoned neighborhoods.

I need your input to fill in the blanks on the other questions and responses.

NDNA received over 100 questions for the candidates. Given the number of outstanding questions that were not addressed during the forum, please check our www.NDNA.us website for the contact information both candidates provided. If you did not get an answer to your question, please use the contact information provided to reach out to the candidates.

Key Election Dates

Early voting commences on **April 24** and concludes on **May 2**.

Election Day is **May 6**.

Short Term Rentals (STRs)

On **April 4**, the Quality of Life Committee will brief the City Council on STRs. It is critical that as many residents as possible attend that briefing to demonstrate 1) whether they support the KISS solution, that would identify STRs as lodging uses, and as such they should not be allowed in residential zoned areas or 2) whether they want to allow STRs to continue to operate in residential areas.

On **April 12**, the City Council is scheduled to vote on whether to accept the City Planning Commission's recommendation that STRs are lodging and as such should only operate in commercially zoned areas, as hotels

currently do. Again, it is critical that residents be there to show their support or objection to the KISS solution.

Do we have any other items we need to include? Anything on membership, sidewalk legal perspective, budget or bond package, other?