

Friends,

I don't send out many campaign emails, but I have important information to share about the upcoming 2024 Bond Election. I hope you'll give me a minute to share some thoughts with you before you vote.

A bond is a way to finance capital projects for the city by taking out debt. It will be repaid with interest from your property taxes. The bond election has 10 propositions and you can vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" each proposition, depending on if you agree and want the city to finance that item through debt.

Against a lot of pressure, I'm taking a stand to share with you concerns about the 2024 bond financing.

If you don't want to know the details, and just want to hear my recommendations, they are:

AGAINST: Props C & H (as in "city" and "hall")

FOR: Props A, B, F, & J

VOTER OPTION: All the others. It just depends on how much debt you want to finance for these items.

So maybe you're wondering, why are you against C and H? And what are C and H? And why are you supporting A, B, F, and J?



I wrote two op ed pieces, one published in the Dallas Morning News, the other in Candy's Dirt blog. The Dallas Morning News article is more of a general reasoning, the Candy's Dirt one is more about how it will impact you financially and the financial health of the city.

You can read the op eds here:

DMN op ed article is posted here: www.carafordallas.com

Candy's Dirt op ed is posted here: <https://candysdirt.com/2024/04/15/dallas-2024-bond-what-is-the-real-cost/>

Also, I sat for an interview with CBS's Jack Fink and you can watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1NwHBmDiQ4I>

More than anything, I ask you to consider each proposition carefully. After all, the city debt belongs to you and your property taxes will be raised to pay for it, as indicated in the voter information on the city secretary's website here: http://citysecretary2.dallascityhall.com/pdf/Elections/2024/Voter_Information.pdf Unlike the example used in the voter information, my guess is your home is valued at much more than \$100k, and each proposition is cumulative. Remember, the \$1.25 billion cost for all bonds combined doesn't include interest. That would bring the bond to \$1.76 billion. And all projects are allowed to go 25% over the estimated price without your approval, bringing the bond to potentially exceed \$2 billion. We really can't afford that much debt.

Voting - Early voting begins Monday and continues through April 30. You can early vote at any location within the county where you live. For District 12, the closest locations are: Dallas County - Fretz Park Library, Collin County - Renner Frankford Library, and Denton County - Timberglen Rec Center.

Election Day is Saturday, May 4th, and polls are open 7am-7pm with several additional locations.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this important bond election and each proposition carefully. The people of Dallas are what make the city so fantastic. There is opportunity all around us and if we can align city hall with the impressive activities in the private and non-profit community, our city would be unstoppable. I hope you will join me in making the important investments in streets, parks, public safety and technology that keep us on the right path, while also thoughtfully rejecting unnecessary debt that holds us back.

Thank you for the honor of representing District 12 and serving the residents of Dallas.

Sincerely,

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ps- If you aren't subscribed to the District 12 enews and you'd like to be added, go to www.tinyurl.com/D12enews.

pss- If you would like to make a donation to my re-election campaign, your support would be greatly appreciated. Donate at www.carafordallas.com.

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FOR DALLAS CITY COUNCIL

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