



*San Marcos Area
League of Women Voters*

VOTERS GUIDE

Election November 9, 2009

The San Marcos Area League of Women Voters (LWV) *Voters Guide* lists City Council candidates who appear on the ballot in the November 3, 2009 General Election. It includes responses to a questionnaire sent to candidates. Candidates were asked to limit responses to each question to 100 words in length. Responses are printed as submitted. Candidates are listed in the same order that they will appear on the ballot, and since there is no party affiliation in city races, these affiliations are not listed.

The ballot will also list two special elections in the Dripping Springs area (see page 5), not covered by this *Voters Guide*. The propositions for amendments to the state Constitution will be on the ballot as well. The propositions are explained in the state *LWV Voters Guide* which is a separate publication. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization that promotes political responsibility through informed participation of all citizens in their government. The League does not support or oppose any political party or any candidate. The League does publish and distribute factual information to help prepare citizens to cast an informed vote and does take action on selected governmental issues that it has studied. You may bring this *Voters Guide* into the voting booth.

The San Marcos Area League of Women Voters prepares and places this local *Voters Guide* in city halls, public libraries and many other locations in San Marcos. The local *Voters Guides* are also inserted in the *San Marcos Daily Record*. The state *Voters Guide* about the state propositions for amendments to the state Constitution is placed at the same locations as the local Guide and further afield, around the county, by the San Marcos Area LWV. Both are available online at www.lwvtexas.org.

As a public service, both Newstreamz and San Marcos Mercury will film the LWV Candidates Debate in San Marcos (October 19, 7 p.m., San Marcos Activity Center) and will have the debate available on their websites free of charge, in the weeks after the debate. The night of the debate, Newstreamz.com will show the debate on their website live. See www.newstreamz.com and www.sanmarcosmercury.com.

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CITY COUNCIL, PLACE 5

List your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this position.	What can the city do to ensure that it has an adequate water supply to meet future demands?	Explain the city's role in the economic development process for the San Marcos area.
<p>Lisa Marie Coppoletta</p>		
<p>I have a proven track record of finding real solutions by working with our Mayor, City Council, and concerned citizens. In March I organized one of the most-attended City Council meetings ever to resolve a mandatory microchipping issue. I co-authored a presentation for the Texas Attorney General entitled "Gangs and Positive Outreach Methods for Community Leaders". Earlier this year I worked with CONA on a Crime Watch presentation by the San Marcos Police Department. I have twenty years of experience as a community volunteer, am a Professor in Speech Communication, and work as an Academic Advisor at Texas State University.</p>	<p>Over the past twenty years I have seen everything from droughts to floods. Part of the reason I settled in San Marcos is the beauty of the city and its waters. They are a source of both relaxation and significant tourism. We should do everything necessary to maintain this beautiful city and ensure future generations have an adequate water supply. We should revisit our drought plan and, if necessary, check into creating reserves from other aquifers to ensure stable water prices during droughts. We should also work with the County to ensure that our rivers remain clean and pure.</p>	<p>San Marcos deserves a councilwoman who believes that we must be mindful of excessive spending; someone who will ensure our dollars are spent wisely. I have extensive experience with budgeting working in higher education, on the Arts Commission, and as a former small-business owner. We need to look at projects on an individual basis to ensure solid, even, and consistent growth. I support smart growth that will lower traffic congestion, decrease pollution of our air and river, and encourage businesses to relocate to San Marcos.</p>
<p>Shaune C. Maycock</p>		
<p>Having lived all over the world and the U.S. I have seen many strategies that communities have implemented, so I can better understand what has, has not, can and will work for our community. Besides college, I am educated in the ways of San Marcos Government by seeing first hand as to what has been implemented, what has worked so far and what needs to be improved upon. Owning my own company and having employees, I am well suited for economic resolutions and looking at problems many different ways to find the best solution.</p>	<p>First, when you have a limited water supply the only things you can really do to extend its availability are to tighten up and enforce the laws and ordinances that restrict its use, more stringently protect the resources that produce it and find better ways to reuse it. If necessary we should strictly guard our resources from being sold to outside communities.</p>	<p>The role of city council for the economic development process is to follow a planned path starting with the economic development board and ending with council making decisions about the size and scope of possible incentives. Currently, economic development is funded from the General fund which all but about 10 million dollars is spent yearly. We need to create an economic development fund for funding incentives. Council should focus on the guidelines of the economic development plan to promote a more diverse local economy.</p>

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Ryan Thomason		
Having lived in San Marcos almost my entire life I have a keen understanding of the community and the citizens that live here. I run my own business. I manage budgets well (which in construction isn’t easy). I am a respected/out spoken member of the planning and zoning commission, enough so to be elected Vice-Chair twice. I learn quickly and can make decisions that benefit the majority and perhaps most importantly; I am willing to listen.	Water conservation will be one of the keys to insuring an adequate water supply. We’ve seen municipalities in central Texas provide incentives to property owners to landscape in a manner that conserves water given the stress and demand that domestic irrigation puts on our water supply. Examples of this would be mulched and rocked areas instead of grass along with native drought resistant plants.	The two most important things the city can do to promote economic development is to help when help is needed (and justified) and get out of the way when help isn’t needed (or unjustified). We should carefully evaluate the short and long term advantages prior to committing to any particular effort. I firmly belief the role of local government should be to help “stimulate” economic development in contrast to wholly “subsidizing” it.

Early voting locations and dates, as well as election day polling locations are on the last three pages of this *Voters Guide*. Look on your voter registration card, next to your birth date, for your precinct number, or call the Hays County Elections Office.

For more information on voting or elections, call the Hays County Elections Administrator at 512-393-7310, or visit the website www.elections.co.hays.tx.us. See the website list of frequently asked questions for information about voting by mail, and many other subjects. Some answers are reprinted on page 7 and 8 of this *Voters Guide*. The Elections office is at 401C Broadway, San Marcos, Texas.

For additional voting information, see the website of the Secretary of State at www.sos.state.tx.us, or call their office in Austin at 1-800-252-8683.

CITY COUNCIL, PLACE 6

List your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this position.	What can the city do to ensure that it has an adequate water supply to meet future demands?	Explain the city’s role in the economic development process for the San Marcos area.
<p>John Thomaides</p> <p>I have served on the City Council since 2003. I was appointed by the council to the Economic Development board and the Austin-San Antonio Commuter Rail District. I’ve testified on behalf of the city at the Texas legislature, and successfully lobbied our Congressional delegation in Washington D.C. I have worked on 7 city budgets and helped the city weather tough economic times. I have a strong grasp of the issues that we face, now and in the future, such as transportation, downtown re-development, neighborhoods, growth, and the environment. I have also been a strong and independent voice on the council.</p>	<p>Recently, I voted in favor of the co-operative multi-city agreement that includes San Marcos, Kyle, and Buda, that insures the water demands of our city are met through 2060. This would utilize water from the Carizzo-Wilcox aquifer. I also favor establishing a more proactive water sustainability program that rewards and incentivizes water conservation through efficient appliances and other means. The more water we conserve now, the less money we need to spend on future supplies and water and wastewater treatment facilities. The smart meters I supported will also give our citizens real time feedback on their water usage.</p>	<p>As a member of the Economic Development board and having served on the committee that wrote our economic development master plan, I am deeply involved with this effort. The city must take the lead along with its partners in the university, county, and school district and together, accomplish our common goals of better jobs and opportunities for our citizens. Our efforts will include targeted industry recruitment, existing business expansion, downtown re-development and additional education opportunities for industry specific workforce development. Additional positive impact strategies will include promoting safe and clean neighborhoods, protected natural areas and a great parks system.</p>
<p>Anita Fuller</p> <p>I was trained at the Army Management Staff College to be a leader and a team player. My leadership abilities led to positions of directing and leading large culturally diverse workforces. My experience includes planning, budget formulation, justification, and execution of over \$450 million for infrastructure to operate a military village and over \$1 billion for construction projects. My experience includes development of long range (20 years) Vision Plans. I was given the responsibility of executing the near term (5 years) plan and was rewarded with the Superior Civilian Service Award and the Meritorious Civilian Service Award for my accomplishments.</p>	<p>The city should continue to move forward in projected sequence with funding of the capital improvement projects approved in the water supply master plan and allow flexibility to adjust this plan as new and viable water sources become available. Water conservation programs are ongoing and should be continued. Reclaimed, treated wastewater should continue to be used for industrial cooling water and as an expanded program for trading and/or purchasing existing groundwater permits. Work with HCPUA to expand our ground water supply and acquire additional water rights and permits. Expand surface water usage by exercising options to purchase/lease additional GBRA water.</p>	<p>To ensure economic development progress, the city should develop partnerships and cooperation between the public and private sector, and support a regional approach to target industries. Continue to work with TXST as a partner in economic development initiatives. Encourage economic diversification through implementation of programs and incentive policies that support small business owners as well as those that generate higher-wage jobs. Direct and reinforce marketing efforts to promote tourism, historic districts, downtown cultural/entertainment venues, and the airport. Secure financial resources to support long-term transportation and utility infrastructure improvements. Establish customized training facilities to support workforce development.</p>

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Monica Garcia		
United States Marine: Worked with \$25 - \$35 million accounts. Logistical specialist: handled deploying Marines needs for tactical equipment up arrival, departure, and duration of stay. Business owner with Mary Kay: Within six months quit two part time jobs, earned a free car, and made it to the top 2% of the company. Texas State University Graduate. Volunteered: my church, Sights and Sounds of Christmas; The Bethlehem Project, Southside Community Center –Youth Service Bureau, Texas Swing Dance Festival, Texas State Alumni, Cottage Kitchen, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Pet Fest, Bobcat Build, and most recently Leadership San Marcos.	We can continue to explore ways of retaining surface water. Encourage our neighboring areas to join our efforts in reaching out to other springs that can meet our growing demands. Working as one community would greatly decrease cost of new wells. I have the skills necessary to actively work toward solutions.	Our role is to bring sustainable jobs while preserving our natural assets and resources. We must ensure that our non-college citizens have as much of an opportunity to succeed as our graduating Texas State students. Our city can not be afraid of change and must ensure that smart jobs are being created to expand our tax base and strengthen our economy and community.

OTHER SPECIAL ELECTIONS WILL BE LISTED ON THE BALLOT FOR THE VOTERS IN THE DRIPPING SPRINGS AREA, INCLUDING:

Hays County Emergency Services District No. 6

Driftwood Economic Development Municipal Management District

ELEVEN STATE PROPOSITIONS FOR THE AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION WILL ALSO BE ON THE BALLOT.

The state *LWV Voters Guide* (with arguments listed for and against) the eleven state propositions will be placed by the San Marcos Area LWV at the same locations as the local *Voters Guide* in San Marcos, and also distributed at other locations around the county, such as city halls and public libraries. Both are available online at www.lwvtexas.org.

NOVEMBER 3, 2009 EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

Location, Dates & Hours of Main Early Voting Polling Places:

County Elections Administration Office, 401-C Broadway St., San Marcos

October 19, Monday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

October 20 through October 23, 2009, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

October 24, Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

October 26, Monday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

October 27 through October 30, 2009, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. except weekends & legal holidays.

In addition, temporary branch early polling places for early voting by personal appearance for the election are established at the following locations:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
San Marcos City Library	October 19-23	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Large Meeting Room	October 24	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
625 E. Hopkins	October 26-30	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
San Marcos, Texas		
Kyle City Hall	October 19	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
100 W. Center	October 24	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Kyle, Texas	October 26	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Dripping Springs ISD Office	October 20	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
510 W. Mercer Street	October 24	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Dripping Springs, Texas	October 27	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Texas State University-San Marcos	October 21 & 22	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
LBJ Student Center		
700 Student Center Drive		
San Marcos, Texas		
Wimberley Community Center	October 22	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
14068 Ranch Road 12	October 24	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wimberley, Texas	October 29	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Buda City Hall	October 23	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
121 N. Main Street	October 24	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Buda, Texas	October 30	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early voting by mail ballot is conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code. Early voting could really be termed convenience voting, since city registered voters can vote at any city early voting location, according to the Hays County Elections Administrator's Frequently Asked Questions, at www.elections.co.hays.tx.us.

BALLOTS BY MAIL

You may apply for a ballot by mail if you:

1. will be away from Hays County on Election Day and during early voting;
2. are disabled;
3. are 65 years of age or older on Election Day; or
4. are confined in jail.

For more information or to download an Application for Ballot by Mail, go to www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/earlyvoting or you may call the Hays County Election Administration office at (512) 393-7310 for an application.

For specific information about special voting procedures available for members of the military and U.S. citizens overseas, go to: www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/militaryoverseas.

If you are a college student, and you have chosen to register in your hometown as your permanent residence, you may apply for a ballot by mail in your home county, if you will not be there on election day or during early voting.

Ballot applications and ballots voted by mail by those registered in Hays County may be sent to:

Hays County Elections Administrator
401C Broadway Street, San Marcos, TX 78666
Attention: Early Voting Clerk

All polling locations are handicapped accessible. The new eSlate voting system is fully accessible and has an audio feature which allows any voter to listen to the ballot. You are also entitled to receive assistance if you cannot read or write, or have a physical disability that prevents you from reading or marking the ballot.

Tell the election official that you need help to vote. You do not have to provide proof of your disability. You MAY be assisted by any person of your choice, OR one election worker during early voting, OR two election workers on Election Day. You may NOT be assisted by your employer, OR an agent of your employer, OR an officer or agent of your union.

The person assisting you must read you the entire ballot, unless you ask to have only parts of the ballot read. The person assisting you must take an oath that he or she will not try to influence your vote and will mark your ballot as you direct. If you choose to be assisted by polling place officials, a poll watcher and/or state election inspector present in the polling place may observe the voting process to be sure that the ballot has been marked as you wanted. If you ask to be assisted by a person of your choosing, no one else may watch you vote.

Interpreters at the polls: If you cannot speak English, or communicate only with sign language, you may use an interpreter to help you communicate with election officials. You may select any registered voter of your county to be your interpreter. If you cannot read the ballot, your interpreter may translate the ballot for you in the voting booth, after taking the Assistant Oath.

PRECINCT # ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES IN HAYS COUNTY

Polling places will be open on election day, November 3, 2009 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

110/113	Elections Ofc. 401-C Broadway, San Marcos
111/112	Dunbar Center, 801 MLK Drive, San Marcos
114	Allenwood Homes Auditorium, 1201 Thorpe Lane, San Marcos
116	Hernandez Intermediate School, 333 Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos
120	San Marcos Housing, Residents Ofc., 820 Sturgeon St., San Marcos
127	Tobias Elementary School, 1005 E. FM 150, Kyle
221/223/225/227	Kyle City Hall, 100 W. Center, Kyle
224/228	Buda City Hall, 121 N Main St., Buda
226/230	Hays Hills Baptist Church, 1401 N. FM1626, Buda
229/234	Goforth Water Supply, 8900 Niederwald Strasse, Niederwald
315	Doris Miller Jr. High School, 301 Foxtail Run, San Marcos
330	Lamar Central Office Annex, 500 W. Hutchison Street, San Marcos
331/336	Horizon Bay (formerly Merrill Gardens), 1720 RR 12, San Marcos
333/335/337	Wimberley Community Center, 14068 Ranch Road 12, Wimberley
332/334	Old Fish Hatchery Building, 201 C M Allen Parkway, San Marcos
440	Henley Baptist Church, 200 Henley Loop, Dripping Springs
441/449	DSISD Administration Ofc., 510 W. Mercer St., Dripping Springs
442/448	Driftwood Community Center 15100 W. FM 150, Driftwood
4443/444	Sunset Canyon Baptist Church, 4000 E. Hwy. 290, Dripping Springs
446/447	Travis Elementary School, 1437 Old Post Road, San Marcos

Look for your precinct number on your voter registration card, in the blank next to your birth date, or call Hays County Elections Administrator Joyce Cowan at 512-393-7310.

Curbside voting

If you are unable to physically enter the polling place, you may ask that an election officer bring an eSlate (electronic voting device) to you at the entrance to the polling place or to a car at curbside. After you vote on the eSlate, give it to the election officer who will re-connect it to the Judges Booth Controller and your vote will be counted. If you plan to go alone to vote curbside, it is wise to call ahead so election officials will expect you.