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## RISD settlement aimed toward 'equity in education'



















**Kristin** Kuhne Place 7 First elected: 2014 Term expires: 2020

Justin Bono\* Place 6 First elected: 2014 Term expires:





Karen Clardy Place 3 First elected: 2017 Term expires:

**Patterson** Place 4 First elected: 2016 Term expires: 2019

**Katie** 

First elected: 2015 Term expires:

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Place 5

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### 5 board seats shift to single-member districts

#### BY OLIVIA LUECKEMEYER

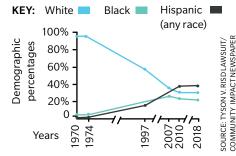
Residents will get a chance to comment on Richardson ISD's new electoral maps following the settlement of a lawsuit that accused the district of discriminatory practices.

At the heart of the suit was the claim that an all-white board representing a majority non-white district created educational disparities.

After a year of negotiations with plaintiff and former trustee David Tyson Jr., the district agreed that five of its school board members will be elected to represent single districts, while two will oversee the district as a whole.

The district announced it will postpone its May election to determine new single-member district boundaries. Maps for the districts are in draft form and expected

Since 1970, the district's demographics have shifted to majority nonwhite.



to be released on RISD's website the week of Jan. 21, Board President Justin Bono said.

"Those maps are coming soon, and we are mindful of the community's concerns regarding traditional neighborhood CONTINUED ON 14



## School finance reform at top of city's legislative agenda

#### BY OLIVIA LUECKEMEYER

At a legislative session where school finance is a top priority, stakeholders in Richardson ISD are committed to ensuring the district's needs are met.

The ideal outcome would be for the state to pony up 50 percent of RISD's budget, Chief Government Affairs Officer Liz Morse said. Roughly 30 percent of RISD's funding was provided by the state in 2018, and by 2023, that share will drop to 15 percent, according to district documents.

"We are determining our own fate by what we invest in public education," Morse said.

Leading up to the Jan. 8 launch of the session, officials

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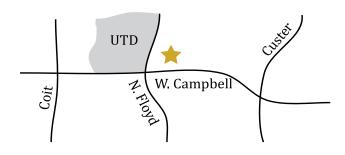
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#### New year, new Impacter

I have always loved the feeling of new beginnings that come with the new year, and at *Community Impact Newspaper* we have one of those to share.

We recently welcomed Valerie Wigglesworth as Dallas-Fort Worth managing editor and could not be happier to have her join us. You won't necessarily see her byline in your paper: Olivia Lueckemeyer is still the writer focused on Richardson, but you will feel Valerie's influence.

Her role is to oversee content for all six of our editions in the DFW region. She makes sure that the tone of the stories is in line with our style, that every word is free from bias and that our teams are answering all the questions you might want to know.

For years I encountered Valerie

professionally at various events as she covered Collin County for *The Dallas Morning News*. She was with the *DMN* for almost 20 years. Not only is Valerie clearly an exceptional writer with top-notch journalism chops, but in every interaction I found her to be truly friendly, smart and genuine—exactly what we look for in an Impacter.

I appreciate Richardson edition general manager Leanne Libby giving me the space this month to give Valerie a warm welcome. If you want to do the same, her email is vwigglesworth@community impact.com.

From all of us at *Community Impact Newspaper*, cheers to the new beginnings in your life big and small, and warm wishes for a thoroughly blessed 2019!





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Do you have a question about how local government works or something going on in town? Send it to ricfeedback@communityimpact.com.

#### Why Community Impact Newspaper?

People choose where they live for lots of different reasons. Sometimes they seek out certain schools. Others might be more interested in the proximity to their job or ease of commuting. Affordability likely plays a role. People are also often influenced by the overall quality of life and amenities a city offers.

Here at *Community Impact Newspaper* we believe all those factors are important for residents to know. They get at the heart of what we do, which is cover community news. People want to know what's happening down the street, in their schools and with their tax dollars.

I recently joined the staff here to follow my passion for local news, which is vital in this day and age. Keeping people informed improves communities.

That's why readers will find lots of useful information in this issue. Editor Olivia Lueckemeyer is highlighting the top issues in Richardson. From stories about the progress of the school district's bond projects to a preview of important issues for the ongoing legislative session, she's got you covered.

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#### Correction:

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The address listed for McGuiness Dermatology on Page 7 was incorrect. The correct address is 1920 N. Collins Blvd., Richardson.



TacQui, 744 S. Central Expressway, Richardson. The late-night restaurant offers build-your-own tacos as well as quesadillas, burritos, tortas, nachos, loaded fries and more. OMG Taco's flagship location is housed on North Plano Road and is open daily from 11 a.m.-3 a.m. 972-234-1345 (Plano Road location). www.omgtacos.com

#### **RELOCATIONS**

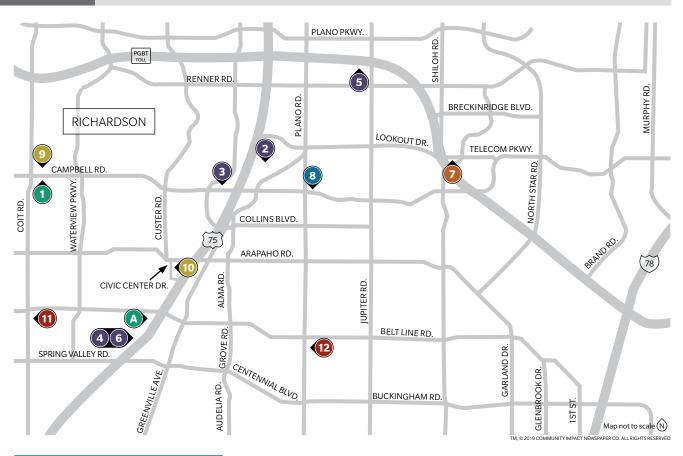
Baylor Scott & White Family Medical Center-North Garland, Murphy and Rockwall opened Sept. 17 at 7217 Telecom Parkway, Ste. 100, Garland. The center was formerly located at 5345 N. President George Bush Turnpike. Comprehensive services offered at the facility include acute and chronic disease management; preventive health care; immunizations; contraceptive options; and cosmetic procedures, such as Botox. 469-800-2100. www.fmccares.com

#### **EXPANSIONS**

8 Logic Escape Rooms, located at 1411 E. Campbell Road, Ste. 1500, Richardson, opened its second themed escape room, "The Invited," on Dec. 14. Escape rooms offer physical and mental adventure games that encourage participants to work as a team to decipher clues, open locks and solve riddles before time runs out. The first themed escape room, "The Night Rises," opened in September. Both rooms combine storylines with puzzles designed to engage all participants. 972-685-9833. www.logicescaperooms.com

#### RENOVATIONS

9 Earthwise Pet, located at 1310 W. Campbell Road, Ste. 128, Richardson, celebrated its grand reopening Dec. 15 after the store temporarily closed due to a change in ownership. The new owners, Kyle and Erica Sharp, have touched up the interior walls, updated the sign on the building's exterior and added a sliding



#### **NOW OPEN**

1 KB Studios, a kitchen and bathroom remodeling firm, opened a showroom Dec. 17 at 1377 W. Campbell Road, Richardson. At the showroom visitors can meet with a design consultant and browse a curated selection of cabinets, countertops and backsplash tiles. The business also offers 10 preselected collections of trendsetting designs by interior designer Kim Bailey. 972-677-9707. www.kbstudios.com

#### **COMING SOON**

Cue Galatyn Station Apartments are currently under construction at 2305 Plaza Boulevard, Richardson and will open this winter. The 373-unit complex will offer one to three bedroom apartments ranging from 490 square feet to 1,284 square

feet and will include amenities such as a resort-style pool, indoor and outdoor entertaining areas and a fitness center. www.cueluxury.com

3 Fitness Together will open a gym in February in the Canyon Creek Shopping Center, 208 W. Campbell Road, Richardson. Clients are paired with a personal trainer in a private setting and given a customized workout plan that includes cardio and strength training. A customized nutrition plan is also available. www.fitnesstogether.com/richardson

4 Hiccups Restaurant & Teahouse will be the first tenant to debut in the expanded Richardson Restaurant Park at the end of this year or early 2020, developer Kirk Hermansen said. The California-based restaurant offers Asian-fusion cuisine, boba and other specialty drinks. Housed within Hiccups will be its subsidiary, Churroholic, a dessert spot serving churros and flavored coffee drinks. Both businesses will be located at 744 S. Central Expressway, Richardson, where an expansion of the restaurant park is already underway. www.hiccupsteahouse.com, www.churroholic.com

5 Jersey Mike's Subs will open in mid-February at 2040 President George Bush Hwy., Ste. 130, Richardson. The shop, which serves Northeast American-style sub sandwiches on fresh-baked bread, is the first announced tenant in the 11,200-square-foot expansion of The Shire, a mixed-use development near the intersection of the President George Bush Turnpike and Jupiter Road. www.jerseymikes.com

6 OMG Tacos will open in late February or early March in the Richardson Restaurant Park space formerly occupied by

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barn door between the store and the selfpet wash station. New inventory includes additional pet food, toys and treats. 469-677-5005. www.earthwisepet.com/ dallas-richardson

10 Replacement of the Richardson Public Library roof began Jan. 14 at 900 Civic Center Drive, Richardson, Construction is expected to last between three and threeand-a-half weeks, according to the city. A portion of the south parking lot will be blocked off, and guests on the third floor may experience noise while repairs are ongoing. The new roof will be painted with a solar-reflective white coating, making it more energy-efficient, according to a city spokesperson. 972-755-4350.

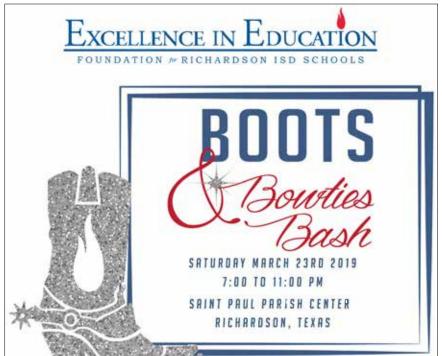
www.cor.net/departments/public-library

#### **CLOSINGS**

11 The HappyMe.com administrative offices and classroom located at 101 S. Coit Road, Ste. 212, Richardson, closed in December. As of Jan. 1, its court-man-Richardson edition • January 2019

dated alcohol and tobacco education classes are held at the Holiday Inn Express at 14960 Landmark Blvd., Addison. The administrative offices are now located at 6010 W. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano. The business cited a need for a newer, more modern facility as the reason for its relocation. 972-503-4803. www.happyme.com

12 Sears Holdings announced Dec. 28 the closures of dozens of Sears and Kmart storefronts across the nation, including a location at 201 S. Plano Road, Richardson. Liquidation sales are happening now, and at press time the Richardson store was scheduled to close March 24, a company representative confirmed. The closure of the Sears storefront will also include the accompanying Sears Auto Center. The recent rollout of closures comes as the latest in a long line of shuttered storefronts announced by the company, which filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in October. www.searsholdings.com

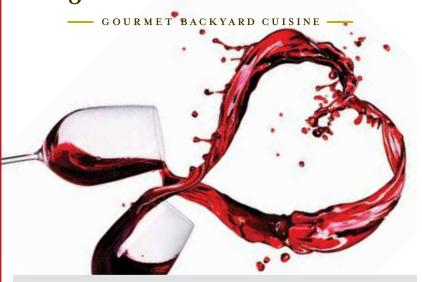


The RISD Excellence in Education Foundation presents Boots and Bowties Bash. The event will spotlight three exemplary RISD programs; Health Care, Architecture & Construction and STEM in interactive and engaging ways. It will be an evening of fun, food, music, entertainment and more that supports the district programs, scholarships, grants and so much more. Sponsorships, advertising opportunities and tickets are available. So, dust off your boots and join us at the Bash!

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#### **Apply for grant funding**

100 Women of Richardson accepts applications until Feb. 8 for its first 2019 grant cycle. The group meets three times a year to donate to a local nonprofit. The beneficiary will be announced at the group's Feb. 21 meeting. Location and time to be determined. Applications are available at www.100womenofrichardson.com.

FEB. 14-16

#### Standup comics talk love

"Seinfeld" writer Pat Hazell and comedian Dena Blizzard bring their standup special, "My Funny Valentine" to the Eisemann Center. Topics include relationships. dating, parenting and family life. 7:30 p.m. (Thu.-Fri.), 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Sat.). \$38-\$100, 2351 Performance Drive. 972-744-4650. www.eisemanncenter.com

FEB. 13

#### **Learn to arrange flowers**

Guests at this Valentine's Day workshop will leave with a unique, modern flower arrangement. Experts from the Creative Arts Guild of Wylie will help guide the process. Registration includes one appetizer and a cocktail from Tricky Fish. 6-8 p.m. \$45. CityLine Plaza, 1150 State St. www.citylinedfw.com/events

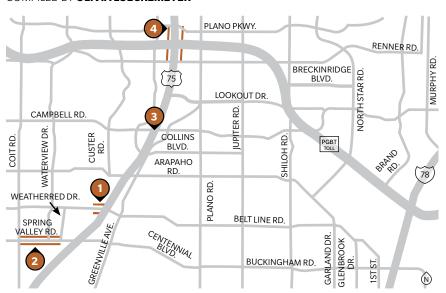
#### **Arlo Guthrie performs live**

Arlo Guthrie's tour honors the 50th anniversary of the film "Alice's Restaurant," the Woodstock Festival and 50 years of flower power. The set includes songs from each of Guthrie's studio albums. 7:30 p.m. \$48-\$62. The Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive. 972-744-4650. www.eisemanncenter.com

See a full list of events at communityimpact.com/events.

#### TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

#### **COMPILED BY OLIVIA LUECKEMEYER**



#### **RECENT UPDATES**

#### Belt Line Road construction

Crews working on Belt Line Road between US 75 and Inge Drive will extend the center turn lanes in both directions and close the median openings. Inge on the south side of Belt Line will be widened to add a traffic lane, which will provide a separate left-turn and through lane for traffic exiting north from the Richardson Heights Village Shopping Center. Additional projects include traffic signal improvements, new sidewalk ramps at the intersection of Belt Line and Inge, new streetlights in the median between Lindale Lane and US 75, and sidewalk improvements throughout the project area.

Timeline: November-May

Cost: \$740,089

Funding source: city of Richardson

#### 2 Rehabilitation of Spring Valley Road

Spring Valley Road work includes repairs of pavement and sidewalk, bridge replacements, signal upgrades, intersection improvements, street lighting upgrades, median closures and improved pedestrian crossings. The contractor is working on the final south half of the bridges over Hunt Branch and Cottonwood Creek and is installing a water line between Esperanza Road and Weatherred Drive. Work between Coit Road and Waterfall Way is complete except for streetlights and median work.

**Timeline:** April 15, 2018-April 2019

Cost: \$13 million

**Funding sources:** city of Richardson, Dallas County, city of Dallas, regional toll

#### **3** Campbell Road improvements

The North Central Texas Council of Governments is proposing several changes to a transportation improvement project near

the intersection of the US 75 access road and Campbell Road. Access road modifications include an extension of the southbound right-turn lane and the addition of a southbound left-turn lane. An additional auxiliary lane on Campbell from Alamo Road to Collins Boulevard is also proposed. To fund the modifications the council suggested an increase of the project's budget by \$739,030. The modifications were submitted for review by the Federal Highway Administration on Jan. 22, and the council expects approval from the FHA by early April.

**Timeline:** The project is currently in design. Construction is scheduled to begin in October and last 10 months.

Cost: \$1.9 million

**Funding sources:** NCTCOG and city of Richardson

## 4 Improvements to US 75 interchange with President George Bush Turnpike

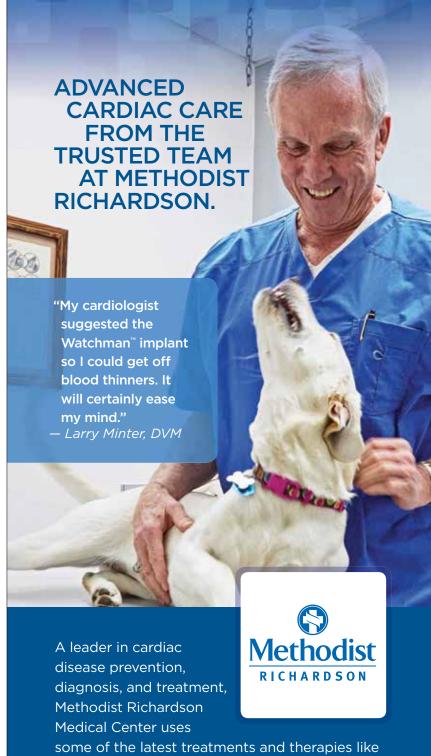
Once complete the Texas Department of Transportation project will add access ramps to and from the turnpike and additional lanes along US 75. Crews are working to rebuild the railroad bridge between the turnpike and Plano Parkway that had to be moved in order to add the additional lanes. Pavement installation in several areas is ongoing. Carpool lanes in each direction on US 75 will be reopened in the early part of 2019, weather permitting. The project is 84 percent complete, a TxDOT spokesperson estimated.

Timeline: May 2016-spring 2019

Cost: \$37 million

**Funding sources:** TxDOT and North Texas Toll Association funds

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## City Council rejects Eiland Coffee Roasters' plan for second location near Spring Valley and US 75

RICHARDSON It was standing room only at the Jan. 14 Richardson City Council meeting, where after nearly four hours of public testimony and deliberation, members voted to reject an application from Eiland Coffee Roasters for a second location off US 75.

Owner Clay Eiland pitched the facility as a "hip and cool destination" that would include coffee-roasting operations, a cafe, a restaurant and administrative offices.

Approval of three major modifications to the rules governing the site, known as the West Spring Valley planned development, were needed to get the project off the ground.

Over 20 percent of nearby property owners wrote letters of opposition, which triggered a mandatory supermajority vote by council for approval.

The biggest concerns voiced by owners of the adjacent Richardson

Restaurant Park were traffic congestion created by drive-thru service, minimized visibility of the restaurant park from passersby on US 75 and what they perceived as insufficient space for parking.

Lou Lebowitz, part-owner of the Richardson Restaurant Park, said since his development opened, several hopeful tenants have been turned away because of the rules that forbid a drive-thru.

"If we hadn't negotiated on that, you would have a Starbucks today," he said.

Eiland insisted the location's success hinged on offering drive-thru service.

Richardson Restaurant Park partowner Kirk Hermansen took umbrage at the fact the council might bend the rules, such as those that govern floorarea ratio, for Eiland's project.

"We could develop another 30,000

square feet [at the restaurant park site] if we were granted the same [ratio]," he said.

Eiland presented 90 letters in favor of the project and a petition with 228 signatures of support. Council Member Marta Gomez Frey said the majority of supporters were either not from Richardson or did not live near the site.

Council members Frey, Steve Mitchell, Scott Dunn and Bob Dubey said they admired the concept but did not agree it was right for this location. They also were unsettled by the fact that Eiland purchased the property knowing the restrictions that were in place.

"Mr. Eiland knowingly bought the property with these encumbrances," Mitchell said. "That's a struggle for me. We spent a lot of time working on this [planned development], and the property was still bought knowing what the limitations were."

But in an aging city such as Richardson, flexibility is key, Council Member Mabel Simpson argued.

"Flexible is what we have to be when



there is old development and turning over property to make it beneficial for the entire community," she said.

roaster operation.

Several motions were made, but eventually the application was denied "without prejudice," meaning Eiland could return with a revised plan for consideration.

"Someone asked if we would be interested in investing and helping you, and I promise you, yes, we would, so let's find out a way to make this work," Mayor Paul Voelker said.



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## Collin County takes steps to issue \$156.46 million worth of bonds approved by voters in November

COLLIN COUNTY The first round of Collin County bonds approved by voters in November will be issued in February. Of the \$750 million approved, \$156.46 million will be spent on various transportation projects.

Commissioners unanimously authorized the sale of these bonds to be used for highways, arterial roads, parks and open space during a meeting Jan. 15.

In November, Collin County voters approved the transportation-heavy bond, which included three propositions. More than 321,000 people weighed in, the majority in support.

Funding for other projects and later phases for projects included in the \$156.46 million will come from future bond sales, Collin County Director of Engineering Clarence Daugherty said. The majority of bonds will be used for nontolled freeways. The county plans to spend \$156.46 million on items, including:

- \$100.16 million for freeways, including right of way and the construction of some service roads for the Collin County Outer Loop; right of way for US 380 from the Denton County Line to Coit Road; schematics and environmental studies for Spur 399; and a location and alignment study to relieve Hwy. 78 from the turnpike to FM 6;
- \$8.5 million for thoroughfares, including the right of way for Park Boulevard from FM 2514 to Hwy.
   78; a corridor study along FM
   546/CR 400 from the McKinney National Airport to CR 458/US 380; and construction along Frontier Parkway from the Dallas North Tollway to Preston Road;
- \$2 million for parks and open space; and
- \$45.8 million in facility bonds from 2007 for an adult jail expansion.

# Portion of US 75 could be renamed for slain Officer David Sherrard

RICHARDSON A portion of US 75 in Richardson could soon be renamed to honor the city's first police officer killed in the line of duty.

State Rep. Jeff Leach introduced legislation Dec. 20 that would rename a segment of the road as the Officer David Sherrard Memorial Highway. Sherrard was fatally shot Feb. 7, 2018, while responding to a disturbance at an apartment.

The bill proposes the portion of the highway just south of the President George Bush Turnpike and north of the Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway would be named after Sherrard effective Sept. 1. A marker would be posted at each end of that stretch of highway, according to the bill.



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— STATE REP. JEFF LEACH, R-PLANO, ON LEGISLATION THAT WOULD RENAME A PORTION OF US 75 AFTER RICHARDSON'S SLAIN OFFICER

#### **CITY HIGHLIGHTS**

RICHARDSON Construction of a new fire station in the Canyon Creek neighborhood should begin this spring, according to a presentation made to City Council on Jan. 7 by Project Engineer Brad Bernhard. The 13,200-square-foot station at Lookout Drive and Custer Parkway will include three apparatus bays, nine sleep rooms and two officer suites.

RICHARDSON City Council members Scott Dunn, Place 3; Mabel Simpson, Place 4; and Marta Gomez Frey, Place 5 have announced they will not seek re-election in May. Dunn has served since 2011, while Frey and Simpson have served since 2015.

#### **MEETINGS**

#### **Richardson City Council**

Meets Jan. 28 and Feb. 2, 11 and 18 at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 411 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson. www.cor.net

#### Richardson ISD

Meets Feb. 4 and 18 at 6 p.m. at the district's Administration Building, 400 S. Greenville Ave., Richardson. www.risd.org

#### Plano ISD

Meets Feb. 5 and 19 at 7 p.m. at the Administration Center, 2700 W. 15th St., Plano. www.pisd.edu For Plano ISD meeting coverage, visit communityimpact.com/pln.



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### Richardson opens City Hall to Collin County voters

RICHARDSON Collin County residents will be able to cast ballots for City Council races at City Hall during early voting for May elections, City Secretary Aimee Nemer announced Jan. 7.

In previous years Collin County residents of Richardson would travel to one location to early vote for City Council and another for Plano ISD and Collin College races. The streamlined process will allow for county-specific stands to be set up at City Hall, creating a one-stop shop for all early voting.

Collin County residents will have to visit both stands if they wish to vote in

multiple races. The move will open City Hall to all Collin County residents, so there may be an uptick in early voter turnout, Nemer said.

Richardson residents in both Dallas and Collin counties are required to vote by precinct on election day; however, Nemer said a new polling location has been created for residents of Collin County precincts 78 and 110.

This year those voters can cast election day ballots in all races at the Richardson Church of the Nazarene, located at the corner of Renner and Jupiter roads, Nemer said.

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### **SmartLooks Window & Wall Decor**

Veteran of industry anchors Richardson's historic downtown

BY OLIVIA LUECKEMEYER

ince 1972 SmartLooks Window & Wall Decor has weathered storms caused by economic downturns, market saturation and industry shifts. But through every challenge the business has demonstrated a Darwinistic ability to adapt.

After nearly 10 years as Economy Carpets of Richardson, owners Norman and Lucy Morrow separated from their business partner. They opened a new location in 1980, rebranded and began selling window coverings, such as blinds, shutters and shades.

Norman even developed his own ready-made blinds, which were produced in bulk quantities and tailored to fit specific window dimensions. It was not long before industry giant Levolor took notice and paid a visit to the SmartLooks showroom.

"My parents shared their ready-made concept," daughter and store manager Valerie Kernan said. "They were very proud."

Levolor's entrance to the ready-made market meant the Morrows could no longer compete. Instead, they joined Levolor and became the No. 1 sellers nationwide of the brand's ready-made blinds.

"We carried the major brands at that time and really grew our business," Kernan said.

Rather quickly the lucrative ready-made sector became overcrowded, Kernan said. Once again the

Morrows were faced with an ultimatum: adapt or quit. They chose the former.

"We had gone through the ready-made boom where blinds became like a commodity," she said. "So we went custom."

The business continued to carry Levolor's custom line until 2006 when it became an exclusive retailer of Hunter Douglas window coverings.

Kernan said her family chose Hunter Douglas because of its innovative products and business integrity. As a retailer SmartLooks is able to offer a limited lifetime warranty with all purchases.

Over 100 displays of blinds, shades and shutters adorn the SmartLooks showroom along with several walls' worth of fabric swatches for custom drapery, furniture and bed ensembles. Clients are welcome to stop by with their window dimensions for a free consultation or bring in inspiration from design magazines, which Kernan said the business can usually replicate at an affordable rate.

Today the store is run primarily by Kernan and her daughter, Tori, who can provide a level of service unmatched by big-box competitors, such as Lowe's and The Home Depot, Kernan said.

"You don't get more personal than dealing directly with three generations of family," she said.

## Cutting the cord

The federal government implemented its nationwide ban on the sale of cord-operated blinds Dec. 15. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 50 infant and toddler fatalities by window cord strangulation were reported between 2012 and 2017. For homes already equipped with cord-operated blinds, the CPSC recommends following these safety tips:

- 1 Move all cribs, beds and other furniture away from windows.
- 2 Pull cords as short as possible, or tuck the cord around the top of the blinds.

SOURCE: CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION/COMMUNITY

- 3 Limit the movement of cords between slats by installing cord locks.
- Any continuous-loop pull cords should be anchored to the wall or floor.

#### Little building on the corner

The SmartLooks building has sat at the corner of Green ville Avenue and Main Street since 1980.



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**DINING FEATURE** 



BY OLIVIA LUECKEMEYER

## **Dog Haus Biergarten Richardson**

'The absolute wurst' hot dogs in town feature eccentric flavor combos

og Haus Biergarten's tagline is "the absolute wurst," which is a far cry from the reputation it has earned since opening in August 2017. Its owner, Ron Ryan, has woven Dog Haus into the fabric of the local dining scene by serving gourmet hot dogs with a side of community service.

A 40-year industry veteran, Ryan has traversed the gamut, from owning restaurants to working for hospitality juggernaut Brinker International, parent company to Chili's Grill & Bar.

He said he chose Richardson Restaurant Park for Dog Haus because of its optimal visibility to motorists on US 75. And while the business does attract passersby, its bun-and-butter customers are young families and professionals living and working in Richardson.

"There is a real sense of civic pride [in Richardson]," he said. "If your intent is to be the fabric of the community, it's a really good thing because once you break through, there's a mutual admiration society."

Dog Haus elevates the traditional hot dog by using all-natural, vegetarian-fed, hormone- and antibiotic-free beef garnished with eccentric toppings and creative flavor combinations.

It also offers the Impossible Burger and Beyond Sausage on a plant-based menu tailored for vegans, vegetarians and "flexitarians," or vegetarians who sometimes eat meat.

Since Dog Haus' opening, Ryan has raised funds for nonprofits, such as Waterfall Academy and Richardson ISD. During the restaurant's grand

opening Ryan gave away free Haus Dogs with a minimum \$1 donation to Heroes for Children, a local organization benefiting children with cancer. On its first anniversary Ryan raised another \$1,100 for the organization. And as a gesture of gratitude, Ryan offers a 50 percent discount on food to all first responders.

As he forges his 2019 expansion with three more DFW locations, Ryan said he intends to always keep community service a part of his business plan.

"If you pull back the curtain, we are a franchise," he said. "But it's about your people and how you relate to the community. My little business may grow to between 1 and 20 restaurants, but every one of them will serve the community."

1: Owner Ron Ryan opened Dog Haus Biergarten in August 2017.

2: The business also serves gourmet burgers. The Mensch is garnished with white American cheese, pickles, pastrami, haus slaw and secret sauce. Glorified Onion Rings, topped with avocado, cheddar and bacon, is a secret



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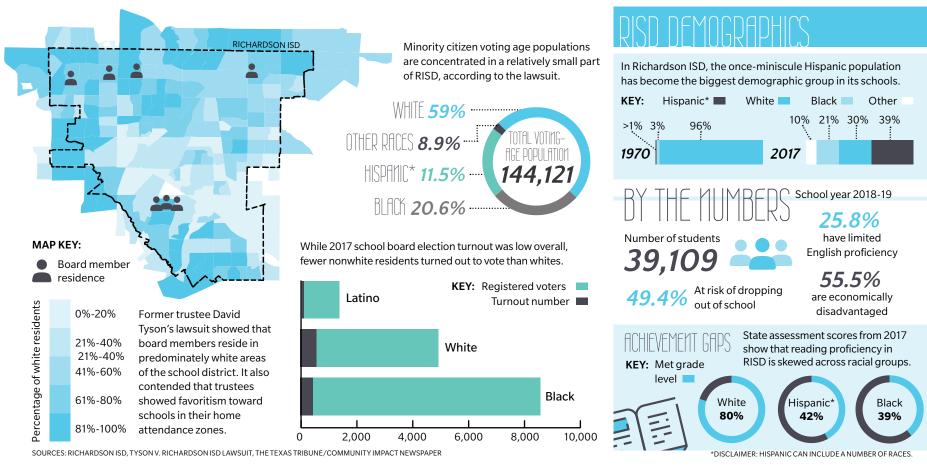




## A HISTORIC SHIFT

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The basis of the Voting Rights Act lawsuit rested on evidence that while school board representation has remained the same, the district's demographics have shifted significantly over the years. The once predominately white RISD school district is now made up of mostly nonwhite students.



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alliances and alignment," Bono said in the release.

An opportunity to comment on the maps is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Jan. 29 at the district's administration building in Richardson. The school board is scheduled to vote on the boundaries at its Feb. 4 meeting. Each single-member district will have about 40,000 residents, according to RISD's news release.

#### RISD SETTLES OUT OF COURT

The settlement announcement came Jan. 17 after a closed-door meeting with the board and its attorneys.

Bono described the settlement as "a win for equity in education."

"From the outset of this lawsuit, our board has said we support more diverse colleagues joining our board," Bono said. "We are hopeful that a change in this system will be one less obstacle to having minority representation on the board. Diverse points of view are important, which is why we support [more representation]."

RISD trustees have historically been elected at-large, meaning all residents can cast votes for each member. Tyson—the first and only person of color to serve on the RISD board—claimed this

practice creates a system that not only favors white candidates but also discourages minority candidates from seeking election.

The move to single-member districts means RISD will seek approval from the federal court judge who oversaw the lawsuit to reschedule its May school board election to November. Incumbent seats held by Karen Clardy, Place 3; Katie Patterson, Place 4; and Eron Linn, Place 5, are set to appear on the ballot. If the move does not happen in time for a November election, Bono said implementation will begin in May 2020.

#### **DRAWING THE DISTRICTS**

The restructured system should better serve "voters of color, communities, schools and all RISD students," Tyson said in a release.

Two of the five new single-member districts will be made up of a majority of eligible minority voters, both Hispanic and black, according Tyson's lawyer, William A. Brewer III.

"We feel good that this will provide an opportunity for those who have been disenfranchised to participate in the electoral process in a meaningful way," he said.

The board is responsible for deciding where new districts are drawn, Bono

said, but decisions about which districts will move to single-member and which will remain at-large will not be determined until an order for election is called, which for a November election would be in August.

The process to roll out the changes will happen as trustee seats come up for re-election and will therefore be fully implemented in 2021, Bono said.

#### A HISTORIC SHIFT

At the heart of the voting rights lawsuit is RISD's student demographics, which have shifted to majority nonwhite as the makeup of the school board has remained the same, data shows.

In lawsuit filings, RISD denied allegations that its electoral system neglected the needs of minority students or favored schools on the basis of race.

Several national and Dallas-area school districts, including Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD, have switched to single-member districts after reckoning with the "inherent representational flaws" that come with at-large election systems, according to the lawsuit.

"There is no legitimate reason to continue along this path," the lawsuit stated. "The time is long overdue for RISD to adopt a system that ensures that the African-American. Latino.

Asian, and other communities have meaningful opportunity for full and fair participation in the election process."

#### RISD'S DEMOGRAPHICS

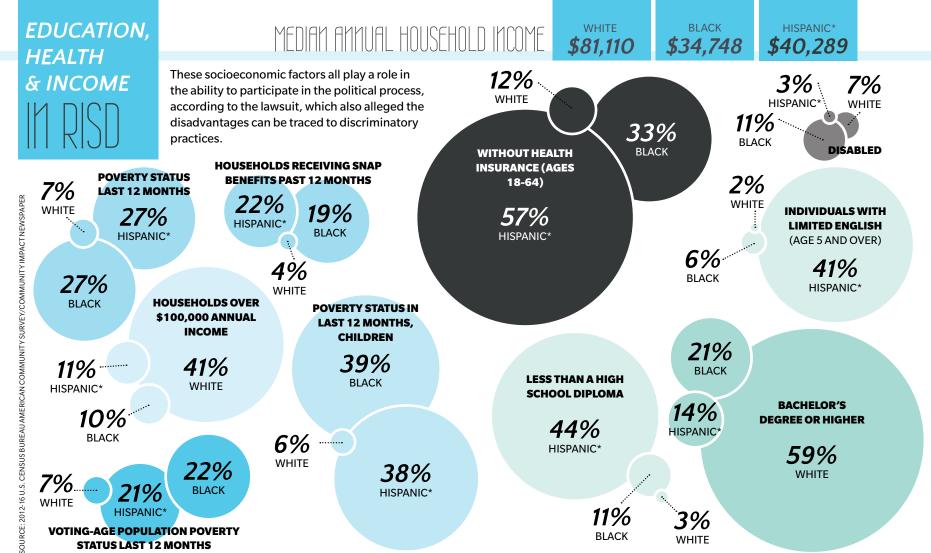
At the start of RISD's federal desegregation order—in place from 1970 to 2013—95 percent of students were white. Today, more than 70 percent of the district's nearly 40,000 students are nonwhite, according to the lawsuit.

Additionally, enrollment data from school year 2018-19 shows 55.5 percent of the district's students are economically disadvantaged, a standard that is measured by the number of students who qualify for free or reduced lunch.

But even as RISD's student body has diversified, remnants of segregation remain, a claim that can be backed by the success of a small fragment of high-performing, affluent and predominantly white schools, Tyson alleged.

"The story of RISD is a tale of two school districts where a greater than 60 percentage point achievement gap exists between campuses at opposite ends of the academic spectrum," the suit stated. "Such disparity between schools in the same district is not inevitable."

State assessment scores from 2017 are evidence of inequitable distribution



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of resources between white and non-white schools, the suit claimed. It cited eight elementary schools in RISD where 70 percent or more of the students received grades deemed passable by the state on two or more assessment subjects. Those campuses, which include the affluent Prairie Creek Elementary School, are more than two-thirds white and less than 20 percent economically disadvantaged.

At Carolyn Bukhair Elementary School, which enrolls mostly Hispanic, low-income and bilingual students, only 21 percent of students met the same standard, the suit stated.

"Clearly the present board is failing the children of RISD," Tyson's lawsuit stated. "Now more than ever, the district needs a board which reflects the composition of the community it serves."

The lawsuit also contended trustees favor attendance zones where they reside. Five of seven trustees live in affluent, predominantly white school attendance zones. The remaining two live in areas where white residents make up nearly 50 percent of the population.

"This power structure leaves large swaths of the district politically voiceless," the suit stated.

#### **EXPERT ARGUMENTS**

If Tyson's lawsuit had made it to court, expert witnesses were on hand to back his claim that RISD's election system is unfair.

David Ely, founder of Compass Demographics, found that in two areas the combined Hispanic and black voting-age populations were substantial enough to constitute a majority vote, according to court filings.

Tyson also asked for the opinion of Kenneth Mayer, a political science professor at the University of Wisconsin and expert witness in several votingrights cases.

Mayer cited several reasons why RISD's electoral system discourages minorities from seeking office. For one, school board races in RISD have historically been uncontested, and in the off chance that an incumbent faces an opponent, the race is often not competitive, Mayer said in court filings.

"The lack of competitiveness means that incumbents are, for all practical purposes, unbeatable," he wrote. "... As a rule, the only way newcomers are elected to the board is to run for an open seat."

Tyson's election in 2004 is evidence of this trend. He has maintained that his victory was clinched only after a white incumbent retired, according to a Texas Tribune article.

When seats are contested, the result is "almost always a landslide," Mayer wrote. In May 2017, three white candidates and one Hispanic candidate ran for school board Place 3. Incumbent Karen Clardy emerged victorious with 55 percent of the vote, while Hispanic candidate Ben Prado garnered only 10 percent, data in the suit stated.

#### OPEN MEETINGS SUIT

The settlement also addressed another lawsuit filed by Tyson that claimed the board violated the Texas Open Meetings Act by deliberating matters behind the scenes rather than in public. As a result, trustees agreed to participate in training that reiterates the rules surrounding board deliberations, something that the board is already required to do annually.

Brewer is confident that training will now be more effective. For one, the settlement stipulates that he and Tyson will designate the person or group responsible for administering the training.

"You can be trained to develop skills in the art of avoiding your obligation ... or you can get training that explains to you the heavy importance of the process when it works directly," he said.

The lawsuit claimed trustees not only met in secret to debate over matters up for discussion during public board meetings but also ensured that a paper trail of those conversations would never be found.

"The board's flagrant and persistent violations of [the Texas Open Meetings Act] have denied the public the opportunity to participate in the democratic process," the lawsuit stated.

The board treated public meetings as a "rubber-stamp formality," the law-suit claimed. Prior to meeting in public, Tyson claimed board members convened in small groups to reach a "back-room consensus."

"The public can no longer trust that these elected officials are open and honest, let alone trust that they will operate in the best interests of the citizens of Richardson," the suit stated.

The district said Tyson's allegations were without merit and had surpassed the statute of limitations, rendering the lawsuit null and void.

The settlement agreement means an end to the litigation as well as mounting legal fees, Bono said.

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## PROPERTY BREAKDOWN

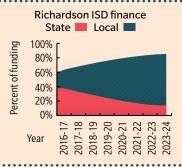
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The city of Richardson, Richardson Chamber of Commerce, Richardson ISD and UT Dallas published lists of priorities for local representatives to keep in mind heading into the 86th legislative session. This list is not comprehensive.

SUBJECT HISTORY DESIRED OUTCOMES KEY SUPPORT ☑ OPPOSE ☑



**PUBLIC** EDUCATION



- As rising property values cause increased property taxes, state funding for schools has decreased.
- There is no allowance in school funding formulas for inflationary cost increases, so districts must ask their communities for tax rate increases to fund the rising costs of salaries and benefits and to meet the needs of a growing number of high-need students.
- Many of the school funding formula weights and allotments have not been updated in over 30 years.
- A 50-50 funding split with the state
- Reserving school district property tax dollars for ISDs
- Three-year history of local vs. state funding on tax bills
- Adjusted funding formulas and weights
- A retention of recapture dollars equal to the percentage of economically disadvantaged students
- ✓ Fully funded full-day pre-K
- Elimination of vouchers that divert dollars from public schools
- Ensuring school safety measures are fully funded and not one-size-fits-all
- ✓ Increased state funding to the Teacher Retirement System



TRANSPORTATION



- Richardson is home to three major highways, several bus routes and four light-rail stations.
- Dallas Area Rapid Transit's Cotton Belt line is slated for completion in 2022.
- Funding for highway infrastructure has declined because the motor fuel tax is not adjusted for inflation or the rise in construction costs.
- One-fourth of motor fuel tax revenue is diverted to education.
- Legislation that expands and sustains funding options for statewide and regional transportation projects and takes into consideration inflation and motor fuel efficiency
- Legislation that retains transportation revenue for transportation purposes
- A national rail system as well as a privately financed highspeed rail solution between Dallas and Houston



**HIGHER** EDUCATION

\$46

in backlogged Texas Research Incentive Program funding.

- In 2018-19, the Legislature decreased general revenue funding for UT Dallas by \$310,000 and core research funding by \$2.3 million.
- During that time, enrollment grew by over 3,700 students and semester credit hours by 17 percent.
- The state owes UTD \$46 million in backlogged funds from the Texas Research Incentive Program, which matches private donations made for research activities.
- ✓ Increase formula funding for public universities
- ✓ Fully fund the Texas Research Incentive Program
- Issue tuition revenue bonds to help pay for the construction of new buildings and renovations at universities
- Restore core research support funding
- Ensure 60 percent of Texans age 25-34 hold a postsecondary degree by 2030

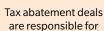


CONTROL



• In the last session, bills were introduced that undermined a city's ability to self-govern.

- This session, Gov. Greg Abbott is proposing a property tax revenue cap bill that would require voter approval on rate increases over 2.5 percent.
- Mayor Paul Voelker said the city has also raised taxes to pay for unfunded mandates, or expensive new policies and programs required by the state or federal government.
- ☑ Simplification of language on property tax rate notices
- ✓ Fair and equitable valuation and taxation of real property
- Unfunded mandates
- Revenue caps of any form, including reduced rollback rates and mandatory tax ratification elections
- Limitations imposed on a city's ability to manage its debt
- Elimination of tax exemptions on municipal bonds



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in capital investments in Richardson.

- Richardson has used programs, such as the Texas
   Enterprise Fund, the Research and Development Tax
   Credit and tax abatements, to attract big business.
- Incentives are required to remain competitive with other states and countries, the chamber said.
- Richardson is one of the largest employment centers in North Texas because of its positive approach to development and high concentration of tech companies, the city said.
- ☑ Reauthorize Chapter 312, the tax-abatement code
- Increase public and private investment in research and development at state laboratories and universities
- Legislation that promotes art and cultural amenities
- Legislation that restricts or eliminates predatory lending
- ☑ Discriminatory legislation that would negatively impact economic growth
- Any legislation that would limit Richardson's authority in land-use and zoning cases

SOURCES: CITY OF RICHARDSON, NORTH TEXAS COMMISSION, RICHARDSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, RICHARDSON ISD, UT DALLAS/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

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DEVELOPMENT

**ECONOMIC** 

from the city, the chamber of commerce, UT Dallas and RISD met often with local representatives to communicate their list of priorities. Over the next five months, these same people will keep close tabs on bills filed and opportunities to testify before legislative committees.

Tackling school finance means the Legislature will also have to deal with

skyrocketing property taxes. The governor has proposed a 2.5 percent property tax revenue growth cap, but some North Texas leaders think that solution would do more harm than good.

"We are all for property tax reform, but we don't think that capping and really tying the hands of our cities, counties and community college districts is the way to achieve that," said Chris Wallace, president and CEO of the North Texas Commission, a public-private partnership dedicated to advancing the prosperity of the region.

There are ways to enhance revenue without increasing taxes, Richardson Chamber of Commerce president Bill Sproull said. Still, Sproull fears a solution that becomes a ruse for property tax relief at the expense of funding public schools.

"If the taxpayer gets a reduction,

hallelujah, but it will be pennywise and pound-foolish if it results in no new taxes for the public education system," he said.

#### 'BOOKS NOT BATHROOMS'

At a Dec. 10 luncheon hosted by the chamber, Rep. Jeff Leach, R-Plano, acknowledged the razor-thin margin by which some Republicans snagged their midterm victories.

## SCHOOL FINANCE

Bill filing began in November and continues until March 8. Here are some school finance bills garnering attention from RISD officials

House Bill 443: would allow school districts to retain necessary funds before recapture kicks in

House Bill 569: would require taxparency, or a two-year history on tax bills showing how much of a local taxpayer's dollar stays in district and how much goes to state

Senate Bill 36 & House Bill 189: would create universal pre-K for all 4-year-olds

Senate Bill 137 & 138: would adjust the funding allotment for bilingual schoolchildren

House Joint Resolution 24: would require each school district be funded 50 percent by the state before factoring in local property taxes

"Elections are clarifying moments, and Republicans got a wake-up call [in November]," Leach said.

He said he and his colleagues intend to avoid divisive issues that derailed the last session and instead focus on "books not bathrooms."

Since November, Democrats and Republicans have submitted hundreds of bills related to school finance.

Proposals include requiring the state to guarantee a set amount of money; updating the funding formulas to account for inflation and other variables; and allowing districts to keep a portion of local tax revenue that recaptured and sent back to the state to fund poorer districts.

#### SCHOOL DISTRICTS BAND TOGETHER

While RISD's financial situation is not as dire as others, all districts are working together to issue a call for more funding, Morse said.

For comparison, RISD's recapture payment is about \$6 million for the 2018-19 school year. Neighboring Plano ISD will pay more than \$200 million.

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The decline of the state's share of public school funding is outlined in an October report published by the

Legislative Budget Board titled "Fiscal Size-Up 2018-19 Biennium."

"The dirty little secret is that state budget writers have been writing the budgets on the backs of local taxpayers," Sproull said.

A chart within the 647-page report chronicles the increased burden placed on local taxpayers to support public schools. It also outlines the decline of per-pupil funding, even as "current state leaders say the Legislature is putting more money into education than ever before," Morse said.

School district employees say they struggle to justify their difficult financial position in an era of rising property values. This dilemma is at the heart of RISD's call for "taxparency."

A taxparency bill filed by Rep. Giovanni Capriglione, R-Southlake, would require a property tax bill to show how much of a taxpayer's dollar is staying in the district and how much is being sent to the state, Morse said.

#### **FOOTING THE BILL**

In determining how much the state

can kick in, Morse said there is one question on everyone's mind.

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"The big, huge elephant in the room is: Where are they going to get more dollars?" she said.

A proposal to the state's school finance committee authored by Nicole Conley Johnson, chief financial officer for Austin ISD-Texas' No. 1 contributor to recapture—lists 13 ways to inject more money into public education. Some would impose no new taxes.

Ideas include using contingency funds, increasing the motor fuel tax, eliminating tax exemptions for certain businesses and imposing a 1 percent local option sales tax.

#### PROTECTING 'SWIM LANES'

Richardson Mayor Paul Voelker said the proposed limits to property tax revenue are indicative of a larger attempt to erode a city's ability to self-govern.

"I believe heavily in swim lanes," he said. "I tell representatives across all groups that I understand some swim lanes are bigger than others, and there are things in one swim lane that could cause a wake that affects the others. What I don't like is when instead of creating a wake, you try to narrow my swim lane."

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Unfunded mandates are another way the state ties the

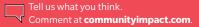
hands of city leaders, Voelker said. Too often cities are forced to turn to local taxpayers to pay for costly new programs required by the state.

Abbott's bill would eliminate the practice of unfunded mandates. But if his proposal also limits a city's ability to attract businesses with tax incentives, Richardson's livelihood could take a hit.

"Are they going to kill the goose that laid the golden egg?" Voelker said. "Today the city carries the most water around economic development in terms of incentives we are able to offer."

The concern is real. Back in 2006, the Legislature cut several popular tax exemptions to fund school finance reform, including the highly valued research and development tax credit, Sproull said.

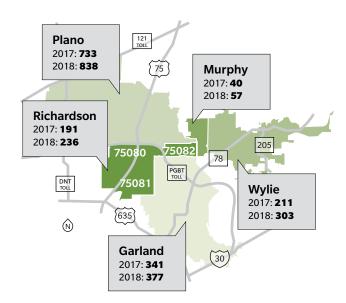
Up for reauthorization this session is a portion of local government code that allows cities to offer tax abatements. In Richardson, abatement deals have been used to clinch corporate anchors, such as Texas Instruments and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas.





#### **HOMES ON THE MARKET**

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Berkner High School



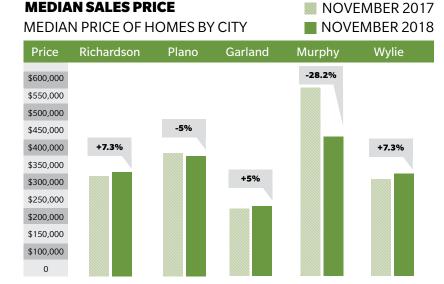
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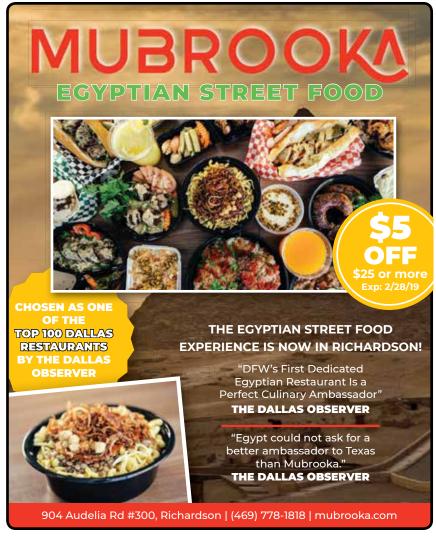
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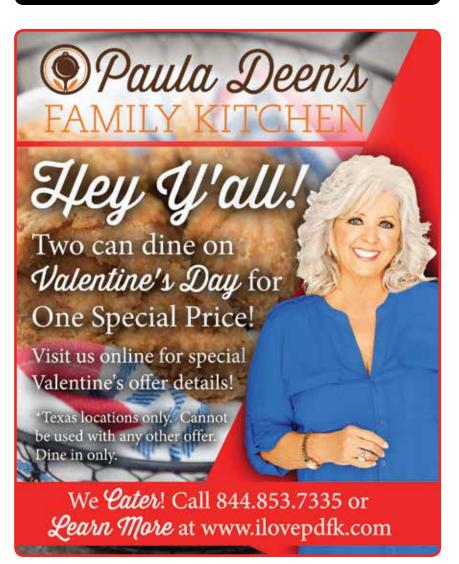
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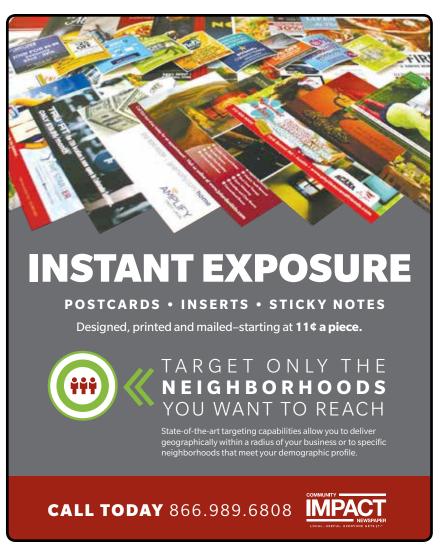
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