



Safer Water, North Texas

2019 Plano City Council Candidate Q&A

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1) Are you satisfied with the current status of Plano's water quality, including the annual chlorine maintenance?

No, I am not satisfied.

- We pay premium rates for water that is full of chemicals.
- They just raised our rates another 12%. What did we get for that cost increase?
- The annual chlorine maintenance shortens the life of hot water heaters, faucets, flappers all adding additional expenses to an already tax burdened citizenry.
- Over twelve thousand people joined Safer Water North Texas for a reason. There is obviously a problem.
- Plano is a city of excellence. We should have excellent water. Taxpayers shouldn't have to buy costly water filter systems for their homes on top of their already high priced water.

2) If not, what are your concerns about Plano's water?

My greatest concern is purity and safety. Are we testing for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)? Is the testing that is being done sufficient? Water safety is a core function of government, because we all need water to survive. Providing safe water 100% of the time should be the goal. Water should nourish the body, not create rashes or shorten the life of beloved pets.

3) What do you believe you could do as a Plano City Council member to change the Plano water quality?

I will provide transparency and oversight by insisting on careful vetting of our two representatives serving as Board Members of the NTMWD, to make sure there are no conflicts of interest. Members need to represent Plano and the other member cities and not the NTMWD. Most importantly, I will welcome citizen input, so that we can partner to protect our water supply.

4) If you are an incumbent, what have you done in the past 2 years that provides voters with insight regarding your possible future actions if re-elected?

I am not an incumbent.

5) Will you take responsibility to ensure that all Plano water towers and water tanks are cleaned on the inside at least once every 3 years?

Of course! We have plenty of money in the water and sewer department and it's a travesty that it is not being done now.