



# Safer Water, North Texas

## 2019 Plano City Council Candidate Q&A

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### Shelby Williams

Hello everyone! Thank you for the opportunity to respond and reach our fellow North Texas citizens concerned about the quality of our water. Please find my answers below.

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

I am not satisfied. Water is one of the three things humans need for survival, and second in urgency only to oxygen. Is it sufficient for Plano, the City of Excellence, to have water that is simply not toxic? 71 percent of the Earth's surface is covered in water, about 60 percent of the human body is water, and it is made up of two parts hydrogen, one part oxygen. It is made up of zero parts chlorine, ammonia, or chloramine (the combination of the two), all of which are lethal in excess quantity. On my watch, when you turn on your tap, you'll get water.

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

As a NTMWD constituent, I expect my water to be clean, safe, and pure at ALL times. The #1 responsibility of any city council is oversight, and the Plano City Council, as the NTMWD's largest served city, is responsible for exercising effective oversight of the NTMWD and our water. This is made difficult when one of City Council-appointed Plano Board Members of the NTMWD is the Campaign Treasurer of one of the Plano City Council incumbents running for re-election this year, who held a joint campaign kick-off with the other Plano City Council incumbent running for re-election this year. It is further made difficult when the city and the NTMWD consistently say there is no problem, this is the process, and provide a list of instructions about how to handle adverse reactions to your water. Water causes no adverse reactions in humans. Chlorine and ammonia do, and they are unnecessary components of our water.

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

The Plano City Council determines the Plano representatives serving as Board Members of the NTMWD. Any Board Member appointed by me will NOT represent the status quo, or else they will not represent Plano on the board. As a Councilman for the NTMWD's largest city, I will work diligently with elected representatives from other member cities to see the right thing done, and I will not hesitate to leverage Plano's prominence in the NTMWD to see that the best interests of all citizens of all member cities are served.



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**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 the incumbent. I am proudly an outsider.

**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?**

I will do much more than that. I will drive the NTMWD and its member cities to see proper bio-filtration AND ozonation implemented in ALL of our water stations, eliminating the need for chlorine maintenance, as soon as possible--preferably within three years, driving maximum efficiency and value from the funds used. I will hold accountable those who claim the cost is prohibitive (presumably the only cost our government is concerned about) by requiring them to do their homework and provide acceptable solutions, rather than balking at those proposed. I will not pretend to be the expert, nor a chemist, but neither will I blindly accede to the recommendations of unaccountable representatives of the status quo. I will fulfill my duty of effective oversight, and ensure that the provider of our water does just that--provides water. Two parts hydrogen, one part oxygen.