



# LOCAL ELECTION GUIDE

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## JERSEY VILLAGE CITY COUNCIL POSITION 1 • CANDIDATES Q & A

\*Incumbent

### ★ ANDREW MITCHAM\*



**Occupation:** executive information technology support coordinator  
 Mitcham has been a resident of Jersey Village since the age of 8, attending Post Elementary School and graduating from Jersey Village High School in 2001. He has served on Jersey Village City Council for one year.

### ★ JILL KLEIN



**Occupation:** scientist working for specialized engineering company Wyle  
 Klein has lived in Jersey Village for more than 25 years and has been a volunteer with various organizations, including the city's Recreation and Events Committee. She served on both committees to update Carol Fox Park, and she has also served four terms on Jersey Village City Council, most recently in 2014.

#### Why are you running for Jersey Village City Council?

Jersey Village is my hometown. I chose to return and build a family with my wife. I love that our citizens can directly contact folks responsible for running the city and directly impact quality of life, public safety, spending and more. I witnessed this while serving on the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee. I want to continue championing plan recommendations, particularly items that enhance Jersey Village's core values of family, public safety and fiscal responsibility, while also promoting projects that launch positive economic development that citizens have been asking for.

I served four terms on City Council and had not planned on running again. At the beginning of the year, I had people asking me if I was going to run and then others asking if I would run, so I decided to run again. I am running for council because I love Jersey Village and feel that I have a lot to contribute.

#### What do you think are the most important issues for the city moving forward?

Preparing for post-290 construction development. It is crucial that our city maintain a proactive role in this process. That means marketing economic development tools for current and prospective businesses, adding family-friendly amenities, improving aging facilities and crafting cohesive branding and signage to reflect our city's hidden character. The challenge is doing all of this while preserving what already makes Jersey Village great.

I think the most important issues revolve around the Hwy. 290 expansion. Jersey Village has lost businesses and may lose more before Hwy. 290 is finished. The city needs to be proactive in getting those businesses back and in attracting new businesses to the city. Traffic, especially cut-through traffic, has increased because of the construction. Council needs to be prepared to address this difficult issue.

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### ★ MIKE MAURIELLO



**Occupation:** geoscientist/business analyst  
 Mauriello has lived in Houston for more than 30 years, including 10 years in Jersey Village. He has worked in the petroleum industry as a geoscientist and as a commercial analyst in business development. He concurrently served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve for more than 25 years and recently retired as a lieutenant colonel.

### ★ SHERI SHEPPARD\*



**Occupation:** oil and gas specialist leader in Deloitte Consulting's strategy and operations practice  
 Sheppard has served on Jersey Village City Council since 2012 and has been a resident since 2010. She is a board member of the Jersey Village Women's Group and chairwoman of the Jones Road cleanup effort.

#### Why are you running for Jersey Village City Council?

To serve a community that has truly become my home—not just a place to live, but a place to enjoy, protect and improve. I've thought about running for City Council for a few years and, after some discussions, many neighbors have asked why I don't run. So, after the urging of many, here I am. It's going to be a challenge, but I truly believe I have the insight and experience to help keep Jersey Village a safe, vibrant, well-managed community while moving forward. I look forward to serving a wonderful community.

My husband and I chose Jersey Village as the place we wanted to build our home and raise our family because it is a safe, close-knit community. I'm running for City Council to help maintain and improve upon that way of life, not just for my family, but for all of Jersey Village. I want to ensure that all citizens have a voice, that we maintain the highest levels of core city services [such as] police and fire, that we establish realistic and actionable goals for improvements and that we are fiscally responsible in achieving all of these things.

#### What do you think are the most important issues for the city moving forward?

The lifeblood of any community is not only its citizens, but businesses that support the community. It's the city's job to protect and serve, then promote business development with honest, sensible programs. I believe our city's major issue is how we compete to attract desirable, robust, modern businesses. This issue goes straight to having adequate revenues supporting these improvements. An expanded business base will add revenues so we can undertake these projects and others while supporting our police and firemen.

I think the most important issues relate to aging infrastructure and increasing population. We have programs in place to continuously improve our streets, drainage, water and sewer. Having a long-term plan from which to measure success is key. On the population front, we have significantly more people in the area than we did 30 years ago, which leads to zoning, traffic and crime concerns, as well as the changing wants and needs of citizens, all of which we are working diligently to address through the comprehensive plan.

The candidates listed in this guide will be on the May 7 local election ballot in the communities defined by *Community Impact Newspaper's* Cy-Fair coverage area. Only contested races are listed.




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**GARY WUBBENHORST**



**Occupation:** retired chief information officer and co-founder of Better Beginnings Childcare

After moving to Jersey Village in 1992, Wubbenhorst became active in the Jersey Village Volunteer Fire Department. He has served the community for 18 years as a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician intermediate.

**TOM EUSTACE\***



**Occupation:** retired from oil and gas industry

Since moving to Jersey Village 38 years ago, Eustace has served as commissioner of the city's Planning and Zoning Committee, served on the board of directors of the Jersey Village Civic Organization, as a member of the Police Advisory Committee and as president of the Northwest Village Optimist Club. He has served on City Council for two years.

**BRYAN D. ENGLEDOW**



**Occupation:** project manager, new business consultant

Engledow spent his childhood in the northwest Houston area and attended Jersey Village High School. He has been involved in the business community as a project manager for more than 20 years and serves as an assistant youth director at his local church.

### Why are you running for Jersey Village City Council?

I am running because of my commitment to Jersey Village and my personal commitment to community service. I have been an active volunteer for the city of Jersey Village and have a unique perspective and much to offer as a result of my service. I first considered a position on council back in 2000, but until now, family and professional commitments prevented me from running.

I love this city and want to continue working to make it even better.



When I returned home to Jersey Village in 2013, I realized that big city government had been inserted against the people's will and knowledge. I am running to give a voice back to the residents of this great city.

### What do you think are the most important issues for the city moving forward?

The biggest issue isn't so much an issue as it is an opportunity. The city recently completed the creation of a long-term comprehensive plan. Implementing the plan is going to take strong leadership, perseverance and experience—qualities I can bring to council.

To implement the comprehensive plan; to be fiscally responsible, constantly aware of what funds are coming in and what is being spent; to ensure we maintain strong, quality police and fire departments; and ensure upkeep of streets, sewers, public facilities and buildings.

The residents having a voice on major issues without the city manager and other outsiders interfering with the people's will is the largest issue we face moving forward. The people's will is how our city should operate. I'll fight to give that voice back to the residents.

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