



Lynn S.

Arts District • 24 Feb • 🌐



Mark Cronenwett is running for Irving City Council, District 5. Here is a link to his campaign website. He is committed to common-sense policies to make Irving a great place to live, drive, raise a family, and educate children. Please consider giving him your vote. You can see whether you live in District 5 on a map linked to his site. Thank you.

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David Richards • Cottonwood Creek



I just read Mr Cronenwett's campaign "Priorities" and if Nextdoor allows individuals to share the links political campaign websites then I'm going to leave my commentary on that political campaign website

Mr Cronenwett's website lists as his Priorities"

"Support Police & Firefighters"

"Ensure Fiscal Responsibility"

In my 62, so far, year lifetime, these two "priorities" are ALWAYS mutually exclusive, because every time I've ever heard a politician promise to "ensure fiscal responsibility" what that ends up translating into is less and less revenue for the City which then leaves even less and less money with which to pay Police and Firefighters.

"Facilitate School Choice"

School "Choice" IS A TROJAN HORSE. This ACTUALLY is intended do result in "legal" RACIALLY SEGREGATED schooling.

"Make Libraries Safe for Children"

The purpose of this is to FORBID BY LAW the exposure of any "Child" to ANY point of view that in ANY WAY denies the SUPREMACY AND THE SUPERIORITY of the WHITE CHRISTIAN preferably EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT race.

First they BAN books

Then they BURN books

And INEVITABLY they BURN people. (edited)

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And have you ever been to Great Hearts or North Hills? Racially segregated? I think not. Both are very diverse. I taught at North Hills twenty years ago, and it was diverse then, too. Students of all races, nationalities, and religions. I recommend finding out the actual make up of the student body of Irving's charter schools before accusing those who promote them as wanting to bring back racial segregation. That's quite a charge expressed in screaming all-caps with no evidence whatsoever to support it.

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Matt Varble • University Park

David I am Marks opponent running in district 5, and I have actually been endorsed by the Irving Police Association. You'll notice I don't talk about school choice in my campaign, because that really has nothing to do with the Irving City Council. You'll also see that I am proposing improving the compensation for the firefighters and police department. (edited)

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Kenny Mitchell • Northridge and Greenwood Hills

@David Can you elaborate how school choice equals legalized segregation to you? I'm genuinely curious.

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Jon A. • Plymouth Park North

@Kenny while I certainly don't know David's opinion I can give my own. I would not say the direct result of school choice is segregation it's more like an indirect consequence. The direct result of school choice is exasperating an already bad problem in this country, and that is the quality of your education being based on the quality of your neighborhood and the amount of property tax they collect. School choice with drain funds from poor school districts that are already struggling. One of the consequences of taking money from poor schools is you are going to harm the education of more minority children than white children. That is why many people, myself included, consider school choice not only to be a bad idea but an inadvertently racist one.

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Matt Varble • University Park



Jon I think it's also important to note that my entire education has been from public schools, including college and graduate school. My opponent has all been from private school. So there is a distinction between us in that respect. Again, school choice has nothing to do with the Irving City Council so I'm puzzled why that is an issue being discussed by my opponent. I'm more interested in returning to twice a week trash pick up and speeding up local infrastructure repairs on our roads and properly funding the fire and police department.

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Kenny Mitchell • Northridge and Greenwood Hills



@Jon I appreciate your response. I'm not sure why you believe only white kids would elect to send their kids to a different school if given a choice? Also, public charter schools receive \$0 local tax dollars unlike the traditional public schools so I would think the traditional public school districts would have more money available to them and not less. If they don't, then where is that extra money going because it isn't the charter schools? I personally feel the system as a whole is in need of an overhaul. I refuse to believe this is the best education system we can provide our children.

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Jon A. • Plymouth Park North



@Kenny it is not only white kids, it is kids who have more means available to them. In our country right now that is more white kids than minority kids.

I am not sure you understand what "school choice" means there's nothing stopping a parent from putting their kid in a private or charter school, you just have to pay for it.

School choice, or vouchers, would mean if you chose to put your kid in a private school you would essentially get a voucher for the money you paid into the tax district for schools to use on your private school and then you would pay the rest. This would make public schools poorer and create an even bigger education gap between the wealthy and the poor. (edited)

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Kenny Agreed. More school choice = more competition = all schools improve. And the kids in the lowest-performing districts, which are often poor families who can't afford private school, aren't stuck in a bad school because of where they live. Bring on the charter schools!

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Jon A. I constantly hear that choice drains money from district schools. What is not mentioned is that the charter only get a portion of the student's share of district revenue. The rest is retained by the district. In addition the district has one less student to teach which should increase the teacher to student ratio in the district assuming that the district does not choose to waste the money on non-teaching expenses. I also have not noticed any charters building \$50-60 million dollar football stadiums.

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Jon A. · Plymouth Park North



@Robert the law is not written yet, how do you know how much will be going to the public school?
I am no expert but teachers are and they seem to believe this would be very bad for public schools.
I am fine with never building another football stadium with public funds. We can do that without draining funds from our already struggling public schools.

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Jon A. I was referring to current law. Laws can always be changed. Good teachers know the subject they teach. Not all teachers are good. If a district school is good it will not lose students to charters. If it is not good then it should lose those students.

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Jon A. · Plymouth Park North



@Robert we currently do not have a law regarding school choice. The law that is proposed however would take all of the money from the school system. <https://www.texastribune.org/2022/11/28/texas-school-choice-vouchers/>
When I say teachers think it is a bad idea I am not talking about individuals. I'm talking about the consensus coming from the teachers union.
Our school system is already underfunded and "not good" compared to private schools. Even schools doing the best they can with great teachers are not going to be as well-funded as private schools and therefore usually worse. (edited)

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Jon A. Current laws and regulations: <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/texas-schools-charter-schools/charter-schools>

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Jon A. • Plymouth Park North



@Robert charter schools are run by the public school system. That's not what vouchers are about.

A charter school is different than a private school: Charter schools are public schools that are independent from their local school districts. They are tuition free and publicly funded yet independently run. Private schools, on the other hand, are private organizations run by private individuals.

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David I invite you to go to the library and read for yourself the books in question. Then ask yourself if children or youth should be reading them. One has drawings of a pre-teen boy giving fellatio to an adult man. Is that ok with you? How about explicit and graphic descriptions of sex acts that one might find in erotica? That an ok book in the children or youth section? All libraries are curated, meaning that librarians must select some books over others because the city cannot house ALL published books. So why these books and not others? One may well ask why the library director insists on pornography for children under terms such as "freedom from censorship." Grooming, perhaps? That's what child and minor sexual abusers do, show porn to their victims to desensitize them to sex. The fact is, some materials are not appropriate for children and youth and should not be in those sections of the library. Stop sexualizing our kids, Irving!!! (edited)

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Matt Varble • University Park



Lynn appreciate your feedback however, I think there's also additional important issues for us to be worried about in the city of Irving such as returning to twice a week trash pick up and properly funding our firefighters and police officers. That is why I am the candidate in district 5 that has been endorsed by the Irving Police Association.

Just like my opponent, I am also Roman Catholic and I too share concerns about protecting children. But I think public safety starts with our police and first responders.

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Sandy Mock • Millswood Square at Las Colinas



I believe your statement, saying you are endorsed by the Irving police association. Infers, you are endorsed by the Irving Police Department/IPD.

That would be misleading.

I'm not for you or against you.

I just appreciate correct representation of facts and information.

I can appreciate you're taking the Irving Citizen's Police Academy course that is available to the community and has been offered for Years.

It's interesting you take it now, when you have an agenda.

Have you taken the Irving Fire Department community class also available ?

Yes, I've taken both and appreciated all the information that was available. These classes, are enlightening and was an invaluable Community experience for myself.

I was a working crewmember on 9/11, before aviation in this country was shut down.

My best to you and your interest in our Community.

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Sabrina R. • IHDNA



Sandy I'm pretty sure it's the Police Association.

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Sabrina R. • IHDNA



Sandy

November 3, 2022

Dear Matt Varble,

Thank you for visiting with the members of the Irving Police Association – FOP Lodge #323. We thoroughly enjoyed hearing of your vision for the city, city employees, and residents of this community. We appreciate your commitment to making the City of Irving great and your desire to run for the City Council District 5 seat.

After a vote amongst the Irving Police Association – FOP Lodge #323 Executive Board Members, we would like to congratulate you on our decision to endorse your candidacy for the District 5 city councilman seat.

For clarification purposes, this endorsement falls under the organization of the Irving Police Association FOP Lodge #323, not to be confused with the Irving Police Association Benefit (IPAB), which is our 501.c.3 organization and is a separate entity within the Irving Police Association – FOP Lodge #323. The Irving Police Association – FOP Lodge #323 does not contain a political action committee, and membership dues may not be used as financial contributions to the Matt Varble campaign. Any time invested in the endorsement of candidacy will be on a volunteer basis.

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with us. We look forward to working with you.

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Jon A. • Plymouth Park North



@Lynn please provide the name of the book that "has drawings of a pre-teen boy giving fellatio to an adult man". I also do not think any are in the children's section. Do you have any of those titles?

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Lynn S. Author • Arts District



Matt So does Mark. One of his priorities is raises for the police and first responders. You probably both have similar platforms, though from people currently on our council, twice-a-week trash pickup is a pipe dream, as much as I'd love that. Realities of our labor shortage make that impossible. We have a large family, and therefore more trash and recycling than most, and we've managed by keeping our trash outside by the garage in large dumpsters we bought. They were expensive, yes. And they work fine. It's less convenient, sure. But not make it or break it for me. My #1 is reducing crime, actually. #2, returning to the previous life of no aggressive panhandling and shysters at intersections. Harder in a post-Reed world, but not impossible. #3 reducing homelessness in Irving—providing help and then not allowing those who don't want help to trash our city, accost people at stores (esp after the crazed homeless man slashed tires at Aldi on Irving Blvd when a man wouldn't give him money), wander into St Luke during the day acting erratic and frightening—now we women don't feel comfortable praying there alone during the day after this happened to my friend when she was alone, etc. Reasonable policies about what material we make available to children and youth in the library are part of what's important to me, a parent, but not all. Our current library director, while better than the last one who told me that "books don't influence kids" (the most dishonest answer I've seen from a public employee), still thinks kids should be free to read or look at anything, and that's a huge problem. Pass a reasonable policy and we can then move on. I know one has been proposed by a city council member that says no child pornography, no explicit sex, in materials for kids and that's being loudly contested. The librarians are furious. What does that tell you about them? And our tax dollars are funding their salaries.

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Matt Varble • University Park





Matt Varble • University Park



Lynn you may not be aware of this, but Mark is opposed to any homeless shelter in Irving. Also, he wasn't endorsed by the police association, I was. I am considered the law and order candidate that's backed by the Irving police association. I'm also the only candidate that has been previously elected to public office. I also have over 23 years of experience working for fortune 500 companies which no other candidate in district 5 has.

Returning to twice a week trash pick up is not a pipe dream and it is absolutely possible. Other cities around DFW already have twice a week trash pick up (just like we did up until October 2022) and not all of them use bins. Just repeating what the city staff says does not mean it is true. The brainwashing from the city manager has convinced the city Council that it is not possible but this is not correct. There's a job design and compensation problem. My 23 years of management and current experience dealing specifically with routes and drivers in the private sector, provides a unique level of insight that can address this problem.
(edited)

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Matt Do you have a website with your platform on it?

What is your position on these topics:

- 1) The city's plans to build a homeless shelter at 183 and Wingren?
- 2) Aggressive or scam artist panhandlers at intersections?
- 3) State of Irving roads?

Thank you.

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Matt Varble • University Park



Lynn yes at www.mattvarble.com

1. There is no plan to build a homeless shelter near 183 and Wingren at the present time that I am aware of. There is a grant application that needs to be submitted by March 31 to HUD. The federal government will decide within 45 days whether or not the grant will be provided to the city. After that then the city will have to go through an RFP process that is yet to be determined concerning a temporary shelter for homeless, who will be administrating it, and how it will be created if it all. Until there is more information about this initiative it's hard to say whether it's a good idea not.

2. I have a big problem with panhandling at intersections. It's a safety hazard. People who give money to panhandlers are just creating a bigger problem and not solving anything. Also none of the outreach or social assistance programs ever advocate giving cash to panhandlers. In some places I've observed panhandling is actually an organized criminal activity design to gather cash that is untraceable for the purpose of buying drugs and guns for gangs.

3. As far as the local roads are concerned, that is my number three issue on the website to speed up repairs of local infrastructure. For the level of taxes we pay our roads are in absolutely abysmal condition. I've never seen anything like it in comparison to other places. (edited)

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Maria Bocca • University Park

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@Matt you sent me a private message with a link to an article about the Nazis. You did this right after I "liked" the post by Lynn S. about the need to remove the sexually explicit material from the children's section of the Irving public library. Are you implying that people (like myself), who think that exposing children to pornography is dangerous and should not be promoted in the public library, are Nazis? Or why did you send me that article? Please reply publicly, since you are running for public office and others may want to know.

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Jon A. • Plymouth Park North

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@Maria probably because you are trying to ban books like the Nazis did.

Calling something pornography does not make it so. Every book I have seen complained about are meant to help struggling teenagers. I can not help what bad actors may be using them for. (edited)

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Maria Bocca • University Park

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@Jon I would like for @Matt to respond to my question. I'm also curious as to why he sent me that article in a private message, as opposed to post it publicly as part of the conversation.

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Natalie Johnson • University Park



María my husband also received a private message from the same person with a link to N*zi book burning.

How pleasant.

His private message also included a threat of use of power. Welcome to the famous University Park.

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Lauren Tweet • University Park



Natalie María I was also sent a threatening message late at night with the same link. I am absolutely disgusted, and horrified that someone is trying to intimidate me because I'm going to vote for another candidate. Stop sending private, unwanted and threatening messages to women. It's inexcusable and harassment.

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Joel Chipley • The Club Townhomes



Was hoping this school choice and library nonsense wouldn't make its way to Irving, but I guess it was inevitable. I will be voting for whoever his opponent is.

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Matt Varble • University Park



Joel that would be me. You may also notice that I am not being financed by a political action committee. His treasurer is the same treasurer for a political action committee. It's also the exact same PAC treasurer previously listed for Councilman John Bloch, and for Bryan Jones both of whom ran in 2022, and John was elected. I will tell you that I will not be beholden to any special interests, lobbyists, or be bankrolled by a political action committee. I'm running my own campaign. (edited)

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Anthony Stanford • Irving Metroplex



Joel,

There are 5 candidates for place 5. I hope you take the time to review all of our positions and vote for the one that best aligns with your views.

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Daniel Jacobson • O'Connor



Please post your opinion on Garbage pickup and trash bins. Also, there are too many apartments in Irving, no more apartments and build single family housing. Also, many apartments have no options for recycling and they are about 50% of Irving. This is shortening the life of our Hunter-Ferral landfill.

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Matt Varble • University Park



Daniel I want to return to twice a week trash, pick up without having to convert to bins.

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Anthony Stanford • Irving Metroplex



I want to go to bins. I would also like to go back to twice a week pickup once the sanitation department is back to being fully staffed.

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Jon Gender Queer. And I apologize—I was mistaken about the nature of the oral sex in it. It is a graphic novel with drawings depicting adults having oral sex with dildos and also a picture of a boy's genitals being cupped by an adult. So this latter part is the child sexual abuse material in it. This book also has graphic descriptions of sex acts. In the comics section of the library. Of course kids go to the comics section. If a child or youth wants to check it out with or without a parent, the library policy is to allow it.

It's Perfectly Normal—Picture book in children's non-fiction with drawings of adults having sex as well as a two-page spread with drawings of naked adults in all shapes and sizes. (Of course sex is perfectly normal, but kids looking at strange naked adults or seeing adults have sex is NOT normal. That smacks of grooming. Why do we want to remove a child's natural sense of modesty and privacy? Sex is private, as are private parts, and a very important way to train your kids to prevent sexual abuse is to teach them that private parts are private. This book does the opposite.)

Tricks by Ellen Hopkins. Marketed to ages 14 and up. Graphic descriptions of sex, including teen girls prostituting themselves. —Books like this are why my own pre-teens and teens are not free to get books from the youth section of our library.

There are more. I'll compile a list and post it here.

I can tell you first hand of the damage done to kids exposed to inappropriate material in the library. My middle school school had a book about vampires with a whole chapter on people who get off on acting like vampires. Very graphic descriptions. I will refrain from describing them here because they are just that bad. I read it when I was in sixth grade, age 11, and it was very traumatizing. I read it at school, in the library, without checking it out, and my parents had no idea I was exposed to that. Not okay!!! Lakeview Middle School, The Colony, TX (edited)

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Matt Varble • University Park



Lynn as opposed to a child with an iPhone compared to a book at the library??? Somebody would have to physically go to the library to even have this become a concern. I agree with you and I don't like it, but the risk of exposure is much higher with access to iPhones and iPads, then a library with a book.

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Jon A. • Plymouth Park North



@Lynn so no pictures of child molestation and no inappropriate books in the children's section. Then I see no problems here. Pre-teen and teen years are exactly when kids should be exploring sexually in appropriate ways and I think reading books is a great way to start that journey. If you don't want your kids reading them that is your prerogative but that does not mean other kids should not have the chance. Personally I think many religious books have messages that are harmful to children, that does not mean I want them banned from the library.

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Matt Well, city policy sets an example—in this case, we can say, "Children should not be sexualized."—We can't do anything about parents allowing children to view porn on iPhones. But we can refuse to have porn or graphic and sexually arousing descriptive passages for children in the library. One of the books contains a passage of six-year-olds giving each other oral sex. (Beyond Magenta) That's child sexual abuse material. Ignoring that is being complicit in sexualizing children.

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Jon A. • Plymouth Park North



@Lynn I do not know why you think these books are for children. These books are in the young adult or adult section of the library. The full title of the book you are talking about is Beyond Magenta transgender teens speak out. It is not porn and is certainly not meant to be arousing. It's teenagers talking about their life experiences including abuse.

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Jon Young adult section = teens. But earlier you said pre-teens and teens should be exploring their sexuality. Pre-teens = ages 9-12. Exploring sexuality at that age? How do you defend that? (That's what leads to the sexual abuse you described is in that book, encouraging pre-teens to explore their sexuality. And I don't think graphic descriptions of child sexual abuse should be in a section for teens. Awareness of abuse and learning to avoid it is a good thing. Reading detailed accounts of sexual abuse is not. Child sexual predators get off on such descriptions.)

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Jon A. • Plymouth Park North



@Lynn my wife hit puberty at 10, yes 9-12 years old is when children start having these questions. I have no problem with children trying to figure themselves out as soon as they start having these questions. When I say pre-teens should start exploring their sexuality (when they are ready) I mean by themselves. However, the book you are talking about is not about that at all. It's a book meant to give hope via solidarity to teenagers that may be suicidal or depressed because of their own life experiences. Child predators get off on lots of inappropriate things that are much more accessible. Do you think it's more likely they are combing through this book for the one sentence describing this act or using the internet to find an endless supply of survivors stories? Should we ban everything that a child predator could possibly get off to? There's currently a problem with predators combing through YouTube videos or social media for pictures or videos of children in swimsuits. Should we ban all images of children on the internet?

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Emily Glicksman • O'Connor



I have known Mark and his family for over 13 years and highly recommend him for city council. He has served on the zoning and planning committee for years and has a good rapport with city administrators and current councilmen. He has lived in Irving for 14 years and served the community well during those years. His experience in Irving makes him the best district 5 candidate. Please pass the word along about Mark.

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Mary Townsend • Garden Park



When I read his platform of "protect homeowners from high density developments" I just sighed. Short-sighted without concrete alternatives. No, "find DFW regional solution" is neither concrete nor actionable - it deflects the larger issues rather than addressing them. It is also a second position that is directly in conflict with other positions. Without more housing for workers close to work, attracting businesses will get harder. A vote for this one is a vote for Luddites everywhere.

I may agree with the library stuff that lets children be children. If there are graphic books about sex, it probably belongs in an adult section with equivalent books however they are protected.

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Matt Varble • University Park



Mary the comments about finding DFW regional solution is in reference to him being opposed to any type of homeless shelter being created in Irving. He has taken a position against a homeless shelter even though the plan still hasn't been fully developed or explained to the community yet. I find that to be not realistic in the city of 260,000 people to immediately be opposed to the concept. At the city Council work session a couple days ago the city Council reached a determination to use the federal grant application (if awarded) to try and present that as seed money to a developer who may have interest in developing a temporary homeless shelter. Whether that's even approved or not and where it's going to be is still a question, but there is no question that he is opposed to it without having any of that information available. (edited)

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Matt

Mark's position is that the homeless issue requires a regional solution. Irving should not be the first suburb to build a homeless shelter. It will only attract more homeless and be a financial drain. What are your views on that?

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Lynn S. Author • Arts District



Matt Hard to think of something that would make Irving less hospitable to families than to build a homeless shelter in a residential area.

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Matt Varble • University Park



Lynn can you show us the information that says a homeless shelter is going to be built in a residential area in Irving? Also, can you show us information that says the city is going to operate a homeless shelter? All of the meetings that I have went to that have discussed this subject haven't revealed any information publicly that validates those claims. (edited)

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Matt Thanks for asking. Great questions. I'm asking my source for it now.

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Matt Varble • University Park



Lynn well, I already know the answer and none of that has been determined. I was actually at the meeting when the city Council provided direction to city staff, and there was a detailed presentation on the homeless statistics for Irving. So whoever is informing you of this obviously doesn't know the facts or anything about the situation, because I have been to all the meetings, reviewing the subject. (edited)

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April Sanderson • Arts District



Matt https://lm.facebook.com/l.php?u=https://static1.squarespace.com/static/630a67d12348c80923198054/t/63f926a8a59be12612c79c09/1677272747531/Irving+City+Council_Updated+%2528003%2529.pdf?fbclid%3DIwAR1p1PP-gp9z0NF1QyBoQeSh5GEI0_4X-αle1DWVJHPkfnizDGxaACPzco&h=AT0rpc2_iv0zudQJSO66NXUJyk3hWcGkYIDtlaBhsdj2CvL7iPDhe2HtaQzqglSwK1BKNsYEG4vgDNj33DOy7p9x0PbUF2zDLWpucdaGowUN5wmH_QGs0R7cmOei&s=1&mibextid=ncKXMA

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April I read through the PowerPoint presented to the city council. Lots of photos of encampments mixed with the plan, which implies the plan will remove these encampments and shelter those people. Looks good on paper, but does not address the following:

1/4-1/3 of homeless people have mental health problems.

1/4-1/3 have substance abuse problems.

There is overlap between these.

(Eide, Homelessness in America, 2022)

The people in encampments most likely fall into these categories than the example Webb cited to me, mother sleeping in her car with her child. These two problems (substance abuse and mental health issues) create very hard cases of people who cannot integrate into society well. The plan has workshops for integration into society, but nowhere in the plan is mental health care and drug rehab. Without those two, the other workshops will not be very helpful. Yes, the workshops will help the homeless who don't have those problems, but they will fail on the 1/3 who do. And that 1/3 is what we most see in outdoor encampments. So the slideshow is misleading or misguided in that regard. And that 1/3 is whom the residents are most concerned about, because the problems that cause their homelessness are the same problems that make them struggle to follow our norms of clean and quiet neighborhoods, not doing drugs in public, not participating in criminal behavior, etc. So what is the city's plan for the 1/3 with these problems?

Another of my questions: What will the single adults do during the day?

Not addressed. Yes, workshops, but is that all day every day?

Sources of funding are also very vague on the slideshow.

I will read the site more for a definition of "non congregant shelter, " as that may answer more of my questions.

This is a complicated problem!!

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Also no indication in the PowerPoint of studies in the overall effect of a suburban shelter on the community or awareness of unintended consequences, such as drawing more homeless people to Irving from other areas to take advantage of the plan. There are always unintended consequences. When Austin removed its anti-public camping ordinances, homeless people flocked to Austin from all over the US and the numbers of homeless exploded, so much so that the citizens voted to reinstate the ban on public camping. This is not that, of course; I'm just giving an example of unintended consequences. So in what way will a shelter in Irving not cause an increase of homeless people in Irving? That question needs to be addressed. (edited)

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Thank you for replying.

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Sabrina R. • IHDNA



We don't need a homeless shelter.

Who's going to take care of this homeless shelter and all the residents. Residents with medical needs. Residents with physiological needs. Many needs. Needs we are not equipped to handle. Just like real estate. We had business getting into the real estate business.

We have numerous churches and groups assisting the homeless now. No accountability. They can go to one and try the other the same day. They feed them better than I can feed my own family.

They get blankets and sleeping bags and leave them on our streets because they can go get another one. I have spoken to many of them. They have just become dependent on the resources of handouts.

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