

Dear Citizens,

I have reviewed the campaign information from all the candidates and at this time, I wish to endorse these candidates:

**Vicky Vandygriff** is a proven leader as she has represented the citizens effectively and with honor as a council member for the past two years. Ms. Vandygriff's management experience is key to moving our city forward.

**Jeff Dyess** will be a valuable asset to the council as he has been an employee of the Dallas Independent School District for many years. Mr. Dyess is a person of integrity and morals.

**Mary Phinney** recently retired employee of Dallas County. Working with Commissioner John Wiley Price, Ms. Phinney was instrumental in creating the Cottonwood Creek Nature Preserve for our city. Ms. Phinney's experience of over thirty years as Administrator of Dallas County Parks and Trails has earned her the respect that she will bring to the city council.

I wish to explain why I **DON'T** endorse the other candidates.

Robert Wells was **FIRE**D as Police Chief. The reason he was terminated was because he abused his office by violating civil rights and admitted to this **FACT** in a city council meeting. Mr. Wells still confirms that he doesn't have integrity as he has allowed information to be produced stating that he was an employee of the Water Department.

Hector Pena parades as a concerned citizen when he is actually just an angry person without morals. Upon my election as Mayor, Mr. Pena asked to meet with me. Mr. Pena was adamant about the need to terminate Robert Wells as Police Chief. I asked Mr. Pena why he wanted to fire the police chief. Mr. Pena responded, "He hates Hispanics". I will swear to this under oath. Now Mr. Pena is running for office with this man. Mr. Pena's judgment and character is questionable.

Candy Madrigal is a candidate that I have never been introduced to. With that being said, I won't endorse a candidate that I don't know or at least have seen in the community.

Matina Abney is a candidate that will be ineffective as she has let it be known that she will be moving to Louisiana next month.

I ask for your support in electing **Vicky Vandygriff, Jeff Dyess, and Mary Phinney**

Jeffery R. Steele  
Mayor  
City of Wilmer