

AGENDA
Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors
Community Engagement Committee
Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at 11:30 AM
Irving Convention Center
500 W. Las Colinas Blvd., Irving, Texas 75039
First Floor Conference Room

NOTE: A possible quorum of the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors and City Council may be present at this committee meeting.

1. Citizen Comments on Items Listed on the Agenda
2. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2026
3. High Spirited Citizen Program Nominations and Recommendations
 - a. High Spirited Citizen Luncheon – October 13, 2026
4. Strategic Plan – Committee Updates
5. Mayor and City Council Report
6. Committee Chair Report and Staff Comments
7. Next Meeting – TBD

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Deputy Clerk, City Secretary's Office

This meeting can be adjourned and reconvened, if necessary, the following regular business day.

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IRVING CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

MINUTES – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

IRVING CONVENTION CENTER

Irving Convention Center First Floor Conference Room

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Those in attendance: Committee Chair Cambria Jones, Committee Vice Chair Bob Bourgeois, Board Chair Sam Reed, Board member David Cole; Carol Boyer, Maura Gast, Monty White, Thomas Gandy, Brice Petty, and Anabel Espinoza – ICVB Staff.

Committee Chair Cambria Jones called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. There were no citizen comments.

Jones asked for a motion to approve the January 13, 2026 meeting minutes. On a motion from Committee Vice Chair Bob Bourgeois and a second from Board Member David Cole, the motion passed unanimously.

HIGH SPIRITED CITIZEN PROGRAM NOMINATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Assistant Executive Director of Marketing and Communications Monty White presented newly submitted High Spirited Nominations. (Nominations were included in the packet).

- **Ann Gibson**
Nomination was submitted by Carol Huntley Little, highlighting Gibson's longtime volunteer service in Irving, civic involvement, and community leadership. On a motion from Cole and a second from Board Chair Sam Reed, the nomination was approved.
- **Bruce Miller**
White reviewed Miller's nomination and supporting information regarding his service in Valley Ranch and other homeowners' associations, as well as his community involvement. On a motion from Bourgeois and a second from Reed, the nomination was approved.
- **Benedict Parks**
White presented the nomination for Benedict Parks, which had been tabled from the prior meeting. The Committee discussed his longstanding civic engagement and community service. On a motion from Cole and a second from Reed, the nomination was approved.

White noted that with the approved nominations and additional nominations expected, the Committee is at pace for approximately 10 to 12 honorees. Board members were reminded that High Spirited Citizen nominations should be submitted before the July 14 meeting.

DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY OF IRVING HOLIDAY PARADE PLANS

Executive Director Maura Gast provided an update on plans to replace the annual horse-drawn carriage participation with a reusable float/trailer concept for the City's holiday parade. Discussion focused on participant safety, accessibility, long-term cost savings, storage, and the opportunity to repurpose the float for other community events. The float would pay for itself quickly and be pulled by a pickup truck. It was suggested the decorating could be done as a Board and staff activity each year. ICC General Manager Tom

Meehan and team would assist with construction and future customization. The Committee expressed support for moving in that direction. Staff will provide updates as they are available.

Discussion was held on the possibility of renting golf carts as a back up plan. The carts can be decorated, and a Board or staff member would be the driver. Cole suggested Irving Golf Cart Rental, which has seat belts in every seat for safety.

STRATEGIC PLAN – COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Irving Heritage Society Fish Fry – Friday, May 8
The Committee discussed volunteer needs for the Fish Fry, including one-hour shifts to staff the information table, promote the High Spirited Citizen program, and assist with setup and teardown. Staff noted the event will return to its traditional Main Street set up this year, and that updated promotional materials, including a nomination QR code, are being developed. Cole noted the ICVB is the most visible organization at the event and the biggest help with set up and tear down. Gast suggested a simple sticker or button for High Spirited Citizens to wear in recognition of their award and be a tool for opening discussions on the program.

ACTION ITEM: Reed will follow up with possibilities for a button.

- Irving-Las Colinas Small Business Blitz Participation Discussion – May 4-8.
The Committee discussed encouraging Board member participation in the Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce Small Business Blitz and noted that it offers an easy opportunity to thank local businesses for operating in Irving. Reed gave an overview of the program and his past participation. He noted it is helpful to partner with someone and take talking points about the ICVB and the impact of tourism in the community. Taking photos and distributing small gifts supplied by the Chamber is very meaningful. There are two-hour shifts available. Committee members expressed interest in participating, particularly if hospitality-related businesses can be included on the visit list. Staff will share the Chamber's registration information for the event.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

There was no report.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT AND STAFF COMMENTS

Jones encouraged members to attend the National Travel & Tourism Week proclamation at the City Council Work Session on Thursday, May 7, at 1:00 p.m. Gast noted she will also provide the ICVB's semiannual update to the City Council at that meeting, including updated economic impact data.

Advocacy & Community Engagement Manager Thomas Gandy previewed a National Travel & Tourism Week promotional piece themed "Visitors Make a Sweet Impact," featuring locally sourced treats and tourism impact messaging designed for City Council members. The piece also features our "building blocks."

Staff also has invited Board members to participate in brief video messages recognizing Mayor Stopfer for presentation at the May Board meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2026. It was noted that all High Spirited Citizen nominations are due before the July Committee meeting. Also, suggested top-level committee goals for the updated Strategic Plan will be discussed.

With no further discussion, Jones adjourned the meeting at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maura Allen Gast".

Maura Allen Gast, FCDME
Executive Director



**CITY OF IRVING/IRVING CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
HIGH-SPIRITED CITIZEN AWARD NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY**

Nominee's Name: Dr Robert (Bob) A. Bettis & Sunny Bettis

Address: The Grand Treviso, 330 E Las Colinas Blvd

City: Irving, Texas ZIP: 75039

Email: Rbettis1@me.com

Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: 61

Does the nominee know you are submitting them? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Nominated by: Richard Lindsey Date: June 11 2026

Nominator's Email: rxlindsey@verizon.net

Phone: 972- 746-0494

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Robert A. Bettis

Home Address:

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Irving, TX 75061

Primary Phone: 972-438-7262

Secondary Phone: 972-438-7262

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Lived in Irving since August 1964

Boards and Approximate Dates of Service

- Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau: 1986-87, 1989-95; Chairman 1992-94
- Parks & Recreation Board: 1979-82; Chairman 1980-82
- Irving Economic Development Commission: 1988-89
- Irving Municipal Bond Study Committee: 1987, 1983
- Tax Increment Financing Zone #1: Vice President, 1999-2000
- Irving Chamber of Commerce: 1964-present; Chairman 1986-87
- Irving Hospital Authority Board: 1992; Vice Chairman
- Irving City/School Joint Task Force: 1986-87

Civic or Community Activities

- Irving YMCA – Past Director
- Irving Heritage Society – Past Director
- Irving American Cancer Society – Past Director
- Irving Las Colinas Rotary Club – Charter Member
- Crossroads Interfaith Housing Program – Past Advisory Board Member
- Irving Friendship Foundation – Director (1994-2012)
- Irving Symphony Orchestra – Current Board Member
- DFW Humane Society – Current Board Member

Experience Qualifying for Service

- Elected to the Board of Trustees, Dallas County Community College District (1982, 1984, 1990, 1992)
 - Board Chair for two terms (1986-1990)
 - Former Representative of DCCCD to the North Central Texas Council of Governments
 - National Board Member, Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, Washington, D.C.
 - Executive Committee Member (1991-1997)
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- Trustee, Alliance for Higher Education of North Texas (1987–1992)
- Past Member, Texas Nature Tourism Board
- Past Member, Baylor University Development Council
- Howard Payne University, Douglas MacArthur Academy of Freedom Board of Trustees (2004–2012)
- Past Advisory Committee Member to the President, Texas A&M University System Health Science Center Baylor College of Dentistry
- Dallas County Dental Society Public Relations Committee Chairman (1991–1995)
- Texas Dental Association Public Relations Committee Chairman (1994–1995)
- Arbitrator for NYSE, NASD, and FINRA

Educational Background

- Baylor University College of Dentistry – Doctor of Dental Surgery, 1964
- Baylor University – Bachelor of Arts, 1958

Employment

Self-employed Dentist (Retired)

Work Experience

- Private Practice, General Dentistry (1964–2001)
- Clinical Instructor, Baylor College of Dentistry, Texas A&M System Health Science Center (2001–2011)
- Member, American Dental Association
- Member, Texas Dental Association
- Member, Dallas County Dental Society
- Fellow, Academy of General Dentistry
- Fellow, American College of Dentists
- Fellow, International College of Dentists

CIVIC AFFILIATION	VOLUNTEER ACCOMPLISHMENTS/HONORS	DATE(S)
Administrator Director of pathology Baylor	Retired Sunny Bettis	
Irving Symphony Board	Served as Secretary, Treasurer Officer for over 10 Years	1990 - Present
Irving Symphony League	Officer positions	1990 - Present
Irving Women Club	Chairlady for many years	
Baylor Healthcare Foundation	Board of Directors	
Texas Historical Foundation	Board of Directors	
Irving Cares	Board of Directors	
Baylor University Women's Council Dallas	Board of Directors	
Irving Salvation Army	Board of Directors, Annual Fundraising Luncheon	
Dallas Ft Worth Humane Society	Board of Directors	
City of Irving	Attended groundbreaking for major infrastructure projects; Cooper Reservoir a	
COI	GILC Chamber of Commerce Board and committees	
Baylor University	Bachelor of Science / Arts	1958 ?

**CITY OF IRVING/IRVING CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU HIGH SPIRITED CITIZEN AWARD
NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY**

Name: Ricky Ray Lightfoot, Jr.
Address: 747 N. Britain Road
City: Irving **State:** TX **Zip:** 75061
Phone: 214.882.7264 **Email:** ricky@a1lightfoot.com

Please list nominee's civic affiliations in Irving. In addition, list major **volunteer** accomplishments within these affiliations and date(s) of activity. Do not include any paid positions as the award recognizes an individual's volunteer accomplishments.

CIVIC AFFILIATION	VOLUNTEER ACCOMPLISHMENTS	DATE(S)
Board of Adjustments & Appeals	Member	2020-2022
Planning & Zoning Commission	Member	2023-present
	Vice Chair	2026-present
Capital Improvement Advisory Council	Member	2022-present
	Chair	2026-present

Please list nominee's honors and awards as a volunteer:

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Additional information:

- Only one of two or three Honorary Members of Irving Professional Fire Fighters Association,
- honored in July 2025
- Provided Lanotte-Spurlock sign for new Park dedication
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Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: All his life!

Nominated by: Debbi Haacke **Date:**

Email: dh@dhaacke.com **Phone:** 972.402.0002

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Irving, TX 75039
mwhite@irvingtexas.com

Nominators are encouraged to be as thorough as possible. If there is additional information you would like to submit for consideration that doesn't fit within the form above, please attach additional page(s) with this form.

***Additional information submitted by BRIAN BECKER
President, Irving Fire Fighters***

At our Association's monthly membership meeting in July 2025, Ricky was unanimously confirmed as an honorary member of the Irving Professional Fire Fighters Association. This is a rare distinction that has been given to fewer than 5 people in our organization's over 50 year history.

Ricky received this honor because he has consistently been a strong advocate, supporter, and friend to Irving firefighters. He has spoken in support of improved firefighter staffing, an issue that directly impacts the safety and efficiency of our firefighters, as well as the residents, visitors, and businesses we serve throughout the City.

Beyond his public safety advocacy, Ricky has also generously donated his own time and skills to help our Association. He has repaired items at our Association Hall free of charge, which is a tremendous help to our members and our organization as a non-profit (501c4). His willingness to step in and help without expecting anything in return speaks volumes about his character.

In the years I have known Ricky, he has always made himself available to help a resident, organization, or community member in need. He is present at nearly every public event in Irving, engaging with residents, supporting local causes, and consistently speaking highly of the City. Ricky brings a positive, energetic, and service-minded attitude everywhere he goes.

Ricky represents the type of citizen who makes Irving a better place. His commitment to service, his support for public safety, and his genuine love for this community makes him highly deserving of the City's "High-Spirited Citizen" award.

**CITY OF IRVING/IRVING CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU HIGH SPIRITED CITIZEN AWARD
NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY**

Name: Kevin Morrow
Address: _____
City: Irving State: TX Zip: _____
Phone: 214.704.2411 Email: kevm62@outlook.com

Please list nominee's civic affiliations in Irving. In addition, list major **volunteer** accomplishments within these affiliations and date(s) of activity. Do not include any paid positions as the award recognizes an individual's volunteer accomplishments.

CIVIC AFFILIATION	VOLUNTEER ACCOMPLISHMENTS	DATE(S)
Irving Heritage Society	Director of Properties	2024-2027
	see below for detail	

Please list nominee's honors and awards as a volunteer:

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Additional information:

- Irving Cares - contributes food & donates items; picks up food for senior distribution
- From Gary Westerman - see attached.
- Suggest David Cole be approached for any details regarding Kevin's "early years"
- _____

Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: _____

Nominated by: Debbi Haacke Date: _____

Email: dh@dhaacke.com/jbpierson@tx.rr.com Phone: 972.402.0002/214.289.7772

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Kevin Morrow

Additional information submitted by Gary Westerman

- Became very interested in the Heritage House and its contents.
- Immediately jumped in with both feet to discover, organize and record contents including some items forgotten or mis-stored in the basement (yes a basement in Texas)
- Also worked on solving water collection problems in the basement
- Has become integral in the presentation and upkeep of antique and one-of-a-kind antique items on display in the Heritage House
- Worked tirelessly in the kitchen and food preparation of the Valentina Tea held each February
- Rolled up his sleeves and put on his apron to assist in the food preparation of fish filets and green tomatoes for the Annual Fish Fry each May
- Always ready to use his culinary skills in offering breakfast items, snacks, lite meals at meetings and organizational meetings of many community activities in Irving

Additional information submitted by Kevin Kendro

- A couple of things about Kevin Morrow – he has been a member of the Irving Heritage Society since 2022 and has been an officer in the organization in charge of the Heritage House upkeep for the past two years.
- This year he was named to the Irving Parks and Rec Board.
- He collects a wide range of material and has donated a number of Irving related objects that he has collected to the Irving Archives.
- He loaned the museum a couple of early 1990s Southwest Airlines airplane seats for display during the 50th anniversary of DFW Airport.
- If I come up with more, I'll let you know.

Additional information submitted by Terri Oliver

- Kevin Morrow has been involved with Irving Cares since I joined the team. Kyle will be able to address more details and he is on vacation today.
- Kevin has donated auction items for the gala, he has brought food to staff, he has picked up food for his older adult neighbors.

Additional information submitted by Mary Higbie

- I have known Kevin Morrow for a few years but do not know a great deal about him.
- He is currently serving on the Parks Board and I believe an officer.
- He is currently co-chair of the Heritage House Committee which oversees the care/maintenance of the Heritage House for the Irving Heritage Society. I do know that he is diligent in this position.
- He also serves as a guide at the Heritage House (I THINK) each month that it is opened. I know he is always present at the time of the tours and I think presents some of the narrative.
- He is a long time resident so has probably been involved in other things that I do not know about.
- He is enthusiastic about the history of Irving and attends/supports various museum activities.
- He has assisted with some of the set up for Celebrating Irving by bringing supplies and actually setting up the equipment.
- He serves on the board of the Irving Heritage Society.

High Spirited Citizen Award Nomination Joe Philipp

Nominated by David Cole

Information provided by Elizabeth Philipp

- 1. Irving Schools Foundation Dates: 1990 - 1993 ?
- 2. Irving City Council Dates: 1995 - 2007 ?
- 3. Irving Prayer Breakfast (501(c)(3) - Co-founder/Co-chair (I believe that the late Pastor Don George was the other co-founder) Held 3 community-wide Prayer Breakfast Events in Irving (2004, 2005, 2006). Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison introduced the retired US Senate Chaplain Rev. Lloyd Oglivie who delivered the keynote address the first year. The US Senate Chaplain Barry Black was the keynote speaker the 2nd and returned, as a result, of overwhelming popular demand for the 3rd year. Each year the event was standing room only. The proceeds from the IPB, were donated to the Irving Schools Foundation - to establish a scholarship.
- 4. Las Colinas Medical Center Board of Trustees: Trustee and Board Chair Probably 8 years. (Maybe 2005 - 2013) (Richard Stewart would probably have an idea on the dates) The board works to oversee clinical quality, strategic direction, and community health initiatives. During this time, the hospital saw significant growth of services and received the highest level of compliance by the Joint Commission for Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAOH).
- 5. Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors
- 6. In 2001 (maybe), Joe received the "Academy Award" for Community Service. I don't remember what organization did this but it was awarded for many years. (Margie Stipes, Pat Bolger, John Owens seemed to be involved) It was associated with the annual Hollywood Premier Night Gala benefitting the American Cancer Society. (Those were the days, back then, when the long-time residents of Irving were very involved with hosting such events in the city).

Has resided in Irving since 1989.

Nominee: Randy Randle
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Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: 68

Nominated by: Maura Gast; mgast@irvingtexas.com
972-401-7706



Randy Randle
Vice President, Board of Trustees
District 7
Elected 2013, Term Ends 2028
rrandle@irvingisd.net

Randy Randle is a lifelong resident of Irving. He attended Otis Brown Elementary School, Bowie Junior High School and graduated from Nimitz High School. Randle earned a Business Administration degree in accounting from The University of Texas at Arlington.

Randle has long been serving in leadership roles in both our schools and our community. He served as PTA fundraising chairman, Band Booster president and chairman of baseball concessions for the Booster Club. Randle also served on two campus improvement committees and the District Improvement Committee.

Throughout his 12 years on the School Board, Randle has served as an Executive officer for the Board in 9 of those years. He has been instrumental in lowering the tax rate every year while serving on the Board. While serving as President, he worked with the Board to pass the District's first Bond Election in 16 years.

At the city level, Randle served on the Irving City Council for six years and was chairman of the finance committee. He also served as chairman of the City of Irving Bond Task Force.

In the community, Randle has attended the same church for 68 years and serves as a trustee, as well as chairman of the building committee. Randle works in the family business, which has been in Irving for 62 years.

Randle has been married to Lynda for 20 years and has two sons who attended Irving Schools.

Not noted here is the decades of service Randy has continued as the provider for the annual Irving Heritage Society Fish Fry. It is Randy's equipment and the loaning of staff that do all the heavy lifting that make the fish fry possible each year.



**CITY OF IRVING/IRVING CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
HIGH-SPIRITED CITIZEN AWARD NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY**

Nominee's Name: Richard (Rick) and Melanie Stopfer

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Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: 38?

Does the nominee know you are submitting them? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Nominated by: Karen Cooperstein Date: 6/30/2026

Nominator's Email: kbcooperstein@gmail.com

Phone: 972-953-8314

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Please list nominee's civic affiliations in Irving. In addition, list major volunteer accomplishments and honors and date(s) of activity. Please do not include any work or accomplishments done as part of paid positions, as the award specifically is intended to recognize volunteer accomplishments.

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Help us get to know the nominee better. Please answer at least one of the following:

- Outside of official accomplishments, describe a moment when the nominee made a meaningful difference in someone's life.
- What lasting impact has been created through the nominee's service?
- How does the nominee go above and beyond what is expected?
- How has the nominee's volunteer work benefited Irving?

Feel free to attach pages to provide additional information as needed.

Rick was the City of Irving's longest-serving Mayor in the city's history, completing an historic 9-year term in May 2026, following a 30+-year history of public service. His wife, Melanie, was by his side every step of the way. For nine years (and for the 14 years as a City Councilmember), they crisscrossed the city, attending community events, personally participating in and supporting nonprofit fundraising events, and representing the city with grace, humility, and pride.

There is no mayor that has had a greater impact on the future trajectory of our city than Mayor Stopfer. He is a servant leader in the truest form: he shows up; he gives freely of his time, talent and treasures; he is inclusive and warm in his interactions with every person regardless of their background, faith, or race; he listens intently; and he makes decisions in the best interests of the city...always. You never have to question if he deals in self-interest; it is not in his DNA. He learned from an early age from his father to work hard and to treat every person with respect. That led to a highly successful career as an automotive consultant in South Dakota, where he oversaw multi-million-dollar budgets, analyzed and managed operating practices and organizational structure, raised enterprise value through generating profit growth, and improved customer satisfaction dramatically.

Melanie was equally accomplished, working as a tenured professor at the University of South Dakota, before accepting a position with IBM and moving to Texas. She was an accomplished IBM executive for nearly 30 years, teaching and consulting all over the world. There are very few - if any - countries she has not traveled to on six of the seven continents. Following her retirement and Rick's increased public service, she became a constant ambassador for the city, managing Rick's social media content that demonstrated just how involved they were in Irving. Their Facebook pages are testaments to the invaluable contributions and impacts they have made in our community.

Do we have your permission to publish your quotes and attribute them to you?



**City of Irving / Irving Convention & Visitors Bureau High
Spirited Citizen Nomination
Nominee Biography**

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State: TX

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Phone: 972-896-6861

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Civic Affiliations & Volunteer Accomplishments

Civic Affiliation	Volunteer Accomplishments	Dates
Fundraising - Shriners Hospital, Scottish Rite, IPAL, & Irving Cares	Volunteer	1999-2006
Irving Women's Republican Club	Member	2008
Irving Republican Club	Member	2008
Irving Campaign	Spink, Meagher, Randle, Stipes, Campbell	2008-2024
Farine Elementary	Room Mother, Campus Improvement	2005-2011
Irving ISD	District Planning Committee	2011-2012

Honors & Awards as a Volunteer

- 2019 – Citizen's Bond Committee
- 2020-Present – Irving Eats Facebook Group (15K members)
- 2025-2026 – Irving/LC Chamber of Commerce Board
- 2022 – IISD Bond Committee
- 2024-2026 – ILCCOC Vice Chair, Small Business

Additional Information

- 2023 – City Council Place 5 Candidate
- 2024-Present – Irving High School Business Advisory Council
- 2025 – Campaign Work: David Pfaff & Priscilla Vigliante
- 2026 – Successful IISD School Board Trustee Campaign

Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: 32

Nominated by: David Cole

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Date: 06/25/2026

Phone: 972-977-9977



**CITY OF IRVING/IRVING CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
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Nominee's Name: Jaykishan Tiwari

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City: Irving, Texas ZIP: 75063

Email: jktiwari11@gmail.com

Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: 5

Does the nominee know you are submitting them? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Nominated by: Ashish Verma Date: 5/25/ 2026

Nominator's Email: akashv19@yahoo.com

Phone: 631-741-8228

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Jaykishan Tiwari

Civic Affiliations in Irving: 2025-2026 Parkside HOA Board - Accomplishment:

- 1- Maintained an active, visible presence at city-wide community events to promote neighborhood civic engagement, successfully recruiting 20+ new volunteers for local initiatives.
- 2- Conceptualized and executed quarterly health and wellness events, including community fitness run/ walks, which motivated over 100 residents to adopt healthier lifestyles.
- 3- Spearheaded a neighborhood beautification project that successfully secured and installed several trees.

Help us know the nominee better:

Moment of Meaningful Difference During Parkside HOA outreach, Jaykishan met several neighbors who felt disconnected from the Irving community. He personally invited them to a fitness walk, walked alongside them, and provided consistent encouragement. This connection helped the resident build physical stamina, overcome social anxiety, and transition into an active community volunteer. Lasting Impact of Service Environmental Renewal: The trees he installed provide a permanent ecological legacy, shading and beautifying Parkside for decades. Healthier Habits: His fitness events permanently improved the daily wellness habits of over 100 Irving residents. Civic Capacity: He expanded local volunteer networks by successfully recruiting and mentoring 20+ active community advocates. Going Above and Beyond Jaykishan routinely exceeds standard HOA board duties by dedicating his personal weekends to community outreach. He manages both event logistics and heavy physical labor, from planning 5K runs to physically digging holes for trees. His energetic grassroots recruitment turns passive bystanders into active neighborhood volunteers. Benefit to the City of Irving Jaykishan's work directly advances Irving's official city goals for green infrastructure and public health at zero cost to taxpayers. By uniting diverse groups, his leadership on the Parkside HOA Board has measurably enhanced both the physical health and visual beauty of the city.

Additional information about the nominee:

Jaykishan Tiwari is an exemplary civic leader whose selfless dedication on the Parkside HOA Board serves as an inspiration to the entire Irving community. By seamlessly combining environmental stewardship, public health promotion, and grassroots volunteer recruitment, he has single-handedly elevated the quality of life in his neighborhood. Jaykishan does not just manage projects; he builds genuine human connections that empower others to take pride in their city. His proactive, zero-cost initiatives perfectly align with Irving's strategic vision for vibrant, beautiful, and healthy neighborhoods, making him uniquely deserving of this honor.