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West University Place to Host May 3, 2025, General and Special Election
Four Propositions on the Ballot, Including Bond Measure for Revitalized Civic Center

WEST UNIVERSITY PLACE, TX – The City of West University Place will hold elections on Saturday, May 3, 2025, giving residents the opportunity to elect a Mayor and four Council Members as well as vote on four propositions – A, B, C, and D – that will shape the city’s governance and impact future facilities.

The Mayor and Council Members are elected from the city at large for two-year terms and can serve three consecutive terms. To view the list of candidates, please visit <https://westutx.gov/1595/May-3-2025-General-Election>.

Charter Amendments: Propositions A, B, C

Propositions A, B, and C propose amendments to the City Charter, which serves as the City’s foundational governing document that sets forth the framework for how the city will operate and includes financial and election provisions.

- Proposition A: Reduces the number of required City Council meetings to one a month, if such cancellation is determined to be expedient or necessary.
- Proposition B: Allows the City to publish public notices in a newspaper of general circulation as opposed to an “official” newspaper.
- Proposition C: Gives City Council the authority to appoint the City Secretary as opposed to the City Manager making the appointment.

More information about each amendment, and the official amendment language, can be found on the City’s website: www.westutx.gov/propabc.

Civic Center Revitalization: Proposition D

Proposition D asks voters to consider authorizing \$15.07 million in General Obligation (GO) bonds for the construction of a new library, senior center, and community building and community open space improvements.

The City’s Facilities Master Plan identified the Public Works Maintenance Facilities, Senior Center/Community Building, Library, and City Hall/public safety facilities as priorities for improvement.



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The future home for the Public Works Maintenance Facility is currently under construction on city-owned property just outside of the city. When completed, the existing Civic Center site can be repurposed for other uses as identified in the Facilities Master Plan.

The new library, senior center, and community building are part of a larger revitalization effort; however, future phases of the Facilities Master Plan are subject to City Council approval.

Funding Proposal

A GO Bond is a funding mechanism commonly used by local governments to fund capital projects. The City incurs debt, which is paid back over time through voter-approved tax revenue. Currently, the City is proposing an issuance of \$15.07 million in debt over 30 years at approximately a 4.75% interest rate.

If approved, the average West U homeowner would pay an estimated \$12 a month in additional property taxes.

GO Bonds require voter approval. The last time West U residents approved a GO Bond was 2008. West U residents will see this most recent proposal as **Proposition D** on their ballots in the May election.

Residents can use the City's Bond Tax Rate Calculator to determine their approximate tax payments based on their 2024 taxable assessed home value, find renderings, and see frequently asked questions at www.westutx.gov/propd.

Key Dates

Early voting by personal appearance begins Tuesday, April 22, and ends Tuesday, April 29.

Election Day will take place on Saturday, May 3.

Residents of West University Place can vote during early voting and on Election Day at the West University Place Municipal Building (City Hall) located at 3800 University Blvd. or any vote center in Harris County.

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