

Resolution

A resolution authorizing the nomination by the Tarrant County College District of candidates for the Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors.

- WHEREAS, the current terms of the five appointed members of the Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors will expire on December 31, 2024; and
- WHEREAS, the Tarrant County College District is a taxing unit entitled by Section 6.03 of the Texas Property Tax Code to nominate candidates to serve on the TAD Board of Directors; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Property Tax Code 6.03, Tarrant County College District chooses to nominate ERIC CRILE to serve as Directors on the TAD Board of Directors.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT WITHIN THE COUNTY OF TARRANT, TEXAS:

I.

That the President of the Tarrant County College District within Tarrant County, Texas, is hereby authorized, on behalf of the elected Trustees of Tarrant County College District, to memorialize the nomination of ERIC CRILE to serve as Directors of the TAD Board of Directors.

II.

Further, the executive administrator of this body is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution, as time is of the essence, to the Interim Chief Appraiser, Tarrant Appraisal District, 2500 Handley-Ederville Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76118-6909.

PRESENTED AND PASSED on this the 26th day of September, 2024, by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays at a regular meeting of the Tarrant County College District within the county of Tarrant.


Teresa M. Ayala, President

Date: September 26, 2024

Eric Crile

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Eric has been a resident of Texas for 17 years. Prior to his arrival in Texas, he was raised in a small rural town in southwestern Pennsylvania. After graduating college, he decided to expand his horizons and moved to south Florida where he resided for 6 years before making his way to the great State of Texas. During the past 17 years he has lived almost exclusively in Tarrant County. This is where he met his wife, Jennifer. They were married in the summer of 2021. They are proud residents of the rapidly expanding Fort Worth/Alliance corridor. He has a beautiful stepdaughter, Jillian, who is a freshman at Eaton High School. Eric and his wife welcomed their first child together, Quintyn, this past May. They are excited for the journey ahead.

Being a strong supporter of public safety, Eric has served the citizens of Dallas for the past 17 years as a firefighter and paramedic for Dallas Fire Rescue. Prior to becoming a firefighter, he worked for the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office-Child Support Division enforcing adjudicated court orders for child support. He looks forward to showing up for work every day, pulling up his boots, and tackling the ever-changing tasks that lie ahead.

Public education is of the utmost importance to a thriving community, and Eric strongly believes in it. His wife works for a local ISD; she is constantly talking about the funding challenges that her district faces. He has first-hand knowledge of how rapid decisions with incomplete data can have unintended consequences.

Service to the citizens of Fort Worth is also something Eric takes pride in. As a member of the Crime Control and Prevention District, Partners with a Shared Mission Initiative Community-Based Program, a sub advisory board to Fort Worth's Crime Control and Prevention District, Eric can give back to his community in a meaningful way by evaluating effective crime reduction strategies from strategic partners with limited funds to which the board has access.

On the ultimate level of local service, Eric served on his HOA board for the Parks at Willow Ridge. Recently, when the community was in an uproar over the placement of pedestals in everyone's front yard from an internet provider laying fiber optic cable, Eric engaged the provider and negotiated for the installation of inground vaults that were able to meet the aesthetic needs of the community as well as the needs of the provider.

In his free time, when his infant son allows for it, he is an avid movie watcher as well as a member of the DFW Curling Club, the only true sport on ice. As opportunities present themselves, Eric loves to travel. Not long ago he was able to cross off a bucket list item and traveled to Pamplona Spain where he participated in the annual running of the bulls. His advice, if you ever get a chance to visit the San Fermin festival, do it! What an experience!

Eric believes in hard work and realizes that is what it will take to accomplish success at the appraisal district. He wants Tarrant County to be the best at all it does. Eric wants to help create an appraisal district, with its new reality, that works for everyone: Taxpayers, Tax Entities, and the district itself.

He has developed a 5-point plan he believes can serve as a guide for him and the other directors to achieve this goal

1. Fix the Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) data
2. Community Education about TAD's role in tax bills
3. Legislative outreach to work toward solutions for all of TAD's partners
4. The creation of a Tax Entity Liaison
5. A pragmatic approach to problem-solving. Be proactive, not reactive

Eric is a problem solver. He has spent the last 17 years solving problems in rapid succession while realizing that rapid success is the product of a well thought out and well researched plan that takes time to develop and correct data to formulate. Eric believes in you and asks that you believe in him.

Dear Board—Thank you and good evening.

My name is Eric Crile. I come before you to seek your support for a nomination to the Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors and ultimately the support for some of your 505 votes.

I come before you from a different position than 72 hours ago. This past Monday I secured a place on the TAD ballot by virtue of Haltom City and Eagle Mountain Saginaw ISD nominating me at their respective meetings.

Now I am here seeking your support to continue building towards a common goal, that goal being an appraisal district that functions for everyone. To most of you I am probably unknown. I sent an email to this board on August 16 highlighting some of my concerns, so I am here as well for you to put a face to the name.

This past May the appraisal district held its first ever election for taxpayers to have a say on the board that is responsible for overseeing property valuations. I ran unsuccessfully for Place 2, and although I lost, I have stayed involved with what is occurring in the district.

I fully support the law electing 3 members of the community to the board; however, I am in stark disagreement with the process by which these members have brought about change. For those unaware, the district voted to change its reappraisal plan from once every year to once every 2 years and placed a freeze on property values. This plan came as a complete surprise to most ISD's as evidenced by the uproar at TAD's August 9th meeting. School districts were left scrambling and confused with most of them asking for time to study the impact these changes will have on school district finances. What the school districts were asking for was the ability to work with the appraisal district as a partner rather than an adversary.

Unfortunately, that did not happen, and what we are left with is the very purpose of why the Appraisal Districts were created in 1979. They were created to take politics out of property valuations. The sole purpose of the appraisal district is to value a piece of property fairly and equitably, and to administer tax exemptions as set forth by the legislature. It is not to be involved in tax policy although its actions certainly affect it.

I went to the July 22 TAD meeting where the re-appraisal plan was initially proposed and after that meeting I went home and spoke to my wife. My wife works for a school district in administration, and she is constantly talking about the funding challenges that her district faces. She has been able to provide valuable insight for me to better understand the complexities surrounding school financing. It was after this conversation I decided to keep moving forward in my quest to help solve the districts problems.

The new reality of the appraisal district is this: the board must now take into consideration 3 groups: Tax entities, taxpayers, and the district. These interests may not always align. As such, I am proposing a 5-point plan to help move it forward.

1. Ensure complete and accurate Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) data
2. Educate the community regarding TAD's role in the tax process
3. Legislative outreach
4. The creation of a Tax Entity Liaison to serve as a point of contact for tax entities
5. A pragmatic approach that is proactive verses reactive.

I strongly believe in public education. I am also a taxpayer. What I seek is an opportunity to support you and your goals and the goals of everyone that has a stake in the appraisal district. I seek to create an appraisal district that works for everyone. I would consider it an honor to earn a nomination from you. Thank you for your time.