

## 2023 Participant Bios



### **Clinton Bailey, City Manager - Fredericksburg**

Clinton Bailey is a licensed professional engineer in the State of Texas and has been involved in municipal government for over 27 years. Born and raised in West Texas, Bailey began his career working for the City of San Angelo as their City Engineer for 18 years before moving his family to Fredericksburg in 2013 when he was hired as the Director of Public Works and Utilities. In 2016 he was promoted to Assistant City Manager and oversaw Parks and Recreation, Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course and the Development Services Department. In May of 2022, the City Council appointed Bailey as the City Manager of Fredericksburg. Bailey earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering

with an emphasis on Environmental and Water Resources Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin.

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### **Curt Campbell, Board Member - Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District**

In addition to serving as Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District, Curt Campbell is Vice President Engineering & Natural Resources at Westward Environmental, Inc. in Boerne, Texas. He has been involved with surface water and groundwater issues throughout his career, including projects concerning Public Water Supply wells, rainwater catchment, aquifer protection plans, storm water treatment, and floodplain development. He is a practicing Civil Engineer, a certified floodplain manager, and a LEED Accredited Professional in Neighborhood Development.

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### **Ben Eldredge, Board Member - Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District**

Ben Eldredge serves on the Board of Directors for the Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District and is Vice President of Conservation at the Cibolo Center for Conservation. Eldredge has served on the City of Boerne's Unified Development Code Committee and the Kendall County Transportation Planning Committee. He currently participates in Boerne's Mobility Master Plan Advisory Group, the Kendall County Water Committee, and is active on numerous additional planning and policy focus groups in the Hill Country. Eldredge has over 20 years of experience working as a land steward and advocate for the conservation of natural resources.

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### **Rebeca Gibson, Mayor – Bandera**

In November 2022, Rebeca Gibson was elected Mayor of Bandera during her fourth consecutive term on the Bandera City Council. An avid collaborator, Gibson is inspired by multi-agency cooperation and



tapping into community intellectual resources to find effective solutions. Gibson works as a realtor with Hunt Real Estate, federal navigator for CentroMed, and project manager for Vaccinate Bandera. She received her BA from University of Houston and currently serves on the Board of Directors for both the Bandera County River Authority & Groundwater District and Hill Country Alliance.

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### **Emily Kirchner, City Council Member - Fredericksburg**

Emily Eppright Kirchner is a Fredericksburg City Councilwoman, full-time mom, and part time Children's Director at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church. She holds a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University and a master's in Public Affairs from the LBJ School at UT-Austin. She worked as a staffer in the Texas House of Representatives in Austin for over a decade, for Dennis Bonnen, Lyle Larson, and Ed Thompson, and for International Justice Mission in Washington, DC - a non-profit committed to ending violence against the poor. Councilwoman Kirchner, her husband Tim, and their two young children reside in Fredericksburg, where she is involved with Little Hearts Child Development Center, Fredericksburg Parks Foundation, and Leadership Gillespie County.

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### **Dr. Joseph Macaluso, City Council Member - Boerne**

Dr. Joseph Macaluso serves the City of Boerne as City Councilman, District 5. After visiting since the mid-80s, Dr. Macaluso and his wife Renée moved to Boerne in 2005 from New Orleans - where he spent most of his career as a urologic surgeon. Retired from clinical practice, Dr. Macaluso has experience in business, nonprofits, finance, and working with state and federal agencies through both medical societies and universities. As City Councilman, Dr. Macaluso is committed to maintaining the integrity of Boerne and embracing the future by seeking growth and management practices that add to the overall health, safety, and quality of life of Boerne residents.

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### **Jack Moseley, Commissioner Precinct 3 - Bandera County**

Jack Moseley has served as Bandera County Commissioner for Precinct 3 for more than seven years. Prior to being elected County Commissioner, Moseley is proud to have served the county for 13 years as an employee of the Bandera County Road & Bridge Department. He also has past experience as the county liaison to the Bandera County Historical Committee and service in multiple citizen groups and voluntary county committees. Born and raised in Bandera



County, Commissioner Moseley is concerned by growth-related challenges such as increased subdivision development to the County's groundwater.

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**Drew Paxton, Planning Director - Kerrville**

Drew Paxton is the Director of Planning and Development for the City of Kerrville. Paxton received his bachelor's degree in Architecture from Texas Tech University and Masters in Business from Schreiner University. He has been with the City of Kerrville for 5 years. Paxton spends time as a clown with the Alzafar Shriners. Much of his spare time is spent with his wife, La'Cee and two girls outdoors at the river or in his woodshop.

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**Hal Rose, Judge - Kimble County**

Hal Rose took office in January 2023 and is the principal in Rose Law Office, PLLC. Judge Rose has 32 years in legal practice with an emphasis in criminal, civil, and family law, business formation and transactions, real estate and agricultural law, mergers and acquisitions and related legal issues. In the past, he served in executive leadership and general counsel roles for healthcare, technology, manufacturing/distribution and retail companies. Rose earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Texas at Austin, a J.D. from Southern Methodist University (SMU), and completed the SMU Cox School of Business Management Development Program.

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**Bella A. Rubio, Judge - Real County**

Judge Rubio is a fourth-generation resident, born and raised in Real County. She attended school at the Leakey Independent School District in Leakey, Texas from Kindergarten until she graduated in May of 1979. In 1996, she was elected to the position of County and District Clerk of Real County. During her tenure as Clerk, she served on several State-wide committees until retirement in 2016. In 2015, she was selected "Clerk of the Year" for the State of Texas by her Clerk colleagues. In 2018, she was honored and humbled to be elected as Real County's first Hispanic and female judge.

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**Darrin Schroeder, Mayor - Castroville**

Castroville, "the Little Alsace of Texas," is an historic town with a strong community, unique architecture, and a people who love to live life together and to its fullest. Mayor Darrin Schroeder has

been serving the city of Castroville for years, and he now does that as Mayor, or Chief Serving Officer, as he likes to state. He has a passion for the city, a love for the people, and a sense of responsibility to honor the Pioneers who planned, built and protected this town so that it could become what it is today. His greatest current challenge is dealing with the current triple digit growth in a way that ensures Castroville can grow as itself – and not “anywhere USA.”

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### **Lon Shell, Commissioner Precinct 3 - Hays County**



Lon A. Shell has served as Hays County Commissioner, Precinct 3 since 2017, serving much of western San Marcos, portions of Kyle to the south and west, the Wimberley Valley, and rural areas west and north of Dripping Springs. He is President of the San Marcos Hays County EMS Board of Directors, Chairman of the Hays County Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission and the Combined Emergency Communications Center Executive Board, and serves on the boards of the Greater San Marcos Partnership, Region 11-Guadalupe Flood Planning Group, and Capital Area Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CARTPO). Shell is a graduate of San Marcos High School and Texas A&M University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

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### **Lisa Swint, Mayor Pro Tem - Garden Ridge**

Lisa Swint is finishing up her second term on the Garden Ridge City Council and her first term as Mayor Pro Tem. Her most recent leadership role was as a member of the Comal Forward 2023 Bond Committee, where she advocated for the funding of Davenport High School facilities. As a servant leader, she believes building community and listening to citizen's views are essential to good governance. Swint is dedicated to preserving the rural charm of Garden Ridge and honoring the city slogan of, "Naturally Home".

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### **Andra Wisian, Commissioner Precinct 2 - Kendall County**

A seventh-generation Texas native, Andra Wisian has lived in Kendall County for nearly 30 years and was elected Kendall County Commissioner in 2022. From April 2021 to December 2022, Wisian served as a Director to the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority. She was a key leader to create a very successful private-public partnership among county residents, Kendall County and Texas Parks & Wildlife to build the Youth Agriculture & Equestrian Center. Commissioner Wisian and her husband, Kirby, also run a registered Red Angus operation in South Texas and Kendall County.

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**Not pictured: Jude Prather, City Council Member - San Marcos**