



**NOTICE OF WORK SESSION AGENDA  
LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL  
JAMES R. WILLIAMS PUMP STATION  
TRAINING ROOM, 1999 JEFFERSON, LANCASTER, TEXAS**



**Monday, April 15, 2019 - 7:00 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

1. Receive and discuss a presentation from Community Waste Disposal regarding refuse and recycling services.
2. Discuss Voting Age in Municipal Elections.
3. Receive a presentation and discuss public transportation funding options.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council reserve the right to convene into executive session on any posted agenda item pursuant to Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code to seek legal advice concerning such subject.

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PURSUANT TO SECTION 30.06 PENAL CODE (TRESPASS BY HOLDER WITH A CONCEALED HANDGUN), A PERSON LICENSED UNDER SUBCHAPTER H, CHAPTER 411, GOVERNMENT CODE (HANDGUN LICENSING LAW), MAY NOT ENTER THIS PROPERTY WITH A CONCEALED HANDGUN.

CONFORME A LA SECCION 30.06 DEL CODIGO PENAL (TRASPASAR PORTANDO ARMAS DE FUEGO CON LICENCIA) PERSONAS CON LICENCIA BAJO DEL SUB-CAPITULO 411, CODIGO DEL GOBIERNO (LEY DE PORTAR ARMAS), NO DEBEN ENTRAR A ESTA PROPIEDAD PORTANDO UN ARMA DE FUEGO OCULTADA.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 30.07 PENAL CODE (TRESPASS BY HOLDER WITH AN OPENLY CARRIED HANDGUN), A PERSON LICENSED UNDER SUBCHAPTER H, CHAPTER 411, GOVERNMENT CODE (HANDGUN LICENSING LAW), MAY NOT ENTER THIS PROPERTY WITH A HANDGUN THAT IS CARRIED OPENLY.

CONFORME A LA SECCION 30.07 DEL CODIGO PENAL (TRASPASAR PORTANDO ARMAS DE FUEGO AL AIRE LIBRE CON LICENCIA) PERSONAS CON LICENCIA BAJO DEL SUB-CAPITULO H, CAPITULO 411, CODIGO DE GOBIERNO (LEY DE PORTAR ARMAS), NO DEBEN ENTRAR A ESTA PROPIEDAD PORTANDO UN ARMA DE FUEGO AL AIRE LIBRE.

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### **Certificate**

**I hereby certify the above Notice of Meeting was posted at the Lancaster City Hall on April 11, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m. and copies thereof were provided to the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tempore, Deputy Mayor Pro-Tempore and Council members.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sorangel O. Arenas", is written over a horizontal line.

Sorangel O. Arenas  
City Secretary

## LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL

### City Council Work Session

1.

**Meeting Date:** 04/15/2019

**Policy Statement:** This request supports the City Council 2018-2019 Policy Agenda

**Goal(s):** Financially Sound City Government  
Healthy, Safe & Engaged Community

**Submitted by:** Fabrice Kabona, Assistant City Manager

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#### **Agenda Caption:**

Receive and discuss a presentation from Community Waste Disposal regarding refuse and recycling services.

#### **Background:**

On December 14, 2015, the City of Lancaster entered into a contract with Community Waste Disposal (CWD) to provide refuse, recyclable materials, bulk and brush collection services within the city. The term of the contract is from February 1, 2016, through December 31, 2022. The contract can be renewed for one (1) additional three (3) year term unless either party gives written notice of election not to renew the contract to the other party, not less than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the expiration of the original contract term or the first additional three (3) year term.

Pursuant to Article II Section 21.00 of the Solid Waste & Recycling Services contract with CWD, City Council shall annually receive a presentation regarding solid waste and recycling services.

## LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL

### City Council Work Session

2.

**Meeting Date:** 04/15/2019

**Policy Statement:** This request supports the City Council 2018-2019 Policy Agenda

**Goal(s):** Healthy, Safe & Engaged Community

**Submitted by:** Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

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#### **Agenda Caption:**

Discuss Voting Age in Municipal Elections.

#### **Background:**

As prescribed in the City Council rules and procedures as amended September 2016, Section D. City Council Agenda Process, Subsection 1.b., Councilmember Nina Morris requested that an item be included on the April 15, 2019 Work Session for the purpose of discussing lowering the voting age in Municipal Elections as governed in the State of Texas by Article 6 of the Texas Constitution.

#### **Attachments**

NLC Youth Engagement

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YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

# Lower the Voting Age in Municipal Elections



# Lower the Voting Age in Municipal Elections

Across the country, young people are taking on more responsibilities and collaborating with city leaders to improve their communities. Many young people are engaging in civic leadership in their communities, working jobs, as well as going to school. However, many are not able to vote, and overall voter turnout is decreasing.

## Why is lowering the voting age a good idea?

### ■ A lower voting age increases voter turnout

- A Danish study found that the likelihood of young people voting in their first election decreases by one percentage point for every month they age.

### ■ Youth manage other adult responsibilities successfully.

- Young people can have jobs, pay taxes, drive, join the armed forces (at 17 with parental consent), be primary caregivers for other family members and participate in politics through political campaigns and activism.

### ■ Youth do not automatically vote with their parents or celebrities.

- In the 2014 Scottish Independence Referendum, 40 percent of the 16- and 17-year-olds voted differently than their parents.

### ■ Many cities across the country are beginning to make the change.

- Three cities in Maryland allow 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in local elections. Takoma Park, Maryland was the first city to lower the voting age.
- Washington D.C. and other large cities continue to make progress toward a lower voting age.
- Berkeley, California passed an ordinance to lower the voting age for school board elections to 16.
- San Francisco's ballot proposition to lower the voting age received 48 percent of the vote and will return to the ballot in 2020.





## Sample Charter Amendment authorizing 16- and 17-year-olds to vote

The charter amendment passed by the Hyattsville City Council in Maryland which lowered their voting age to 16 as well as implementing a few other voting reforms is available at [www.hyattsville.org/DocumentCenter/View/4031/Charter-Amendment-Resolution-2016-02\\_Qualifications-of-Voters-and-Same-Day-Registration\\_SIGNED?bidId=](http://www.hyattsville.org/DocumentCenter/View/4031/Charter-Amendment-Resolution-2016-02_Qualifications-of-Voters-and-Same-Day-Registration_SIGNED?bidId=)

## Initial Analysis of How to Lower Municipal Voting Age in Your State

The first step towards determining the feasibility of lowering the voting aged in your city is looking at both the state Constitution and state election statutes to see if they have provisions regarding the voting age. It is important to also look at case law to determine exactly how these provisions are being interpreted.

If the voting age is phrased as a restriction in the state Constitution, e.g. “no person younger than 18 may vote,” then a state constitutional amendment would be required. If the voting age is phrased as a restriction in a state statute, then the state legislature must pass a new law to change the statute.

If voting age is phrased as an entitlement in both the state Constitution and state statutes, e.g. “All citizens over the age of 18 are entitled to vote,” then it becomes a case of home rule. Home rule varies by state, some states list which subjects municipal governments have control over. Other states simply have vague descriptions that are left up to interpretation or require approval by the state legislature.

A state-by-state guide on the feasibility of lowering the voting age in each state is available at <https://fairvote.app.box.com/v/voting-age-feasibility-study>.





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## LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL

### City Council Work Session

3.

**Meeting Date:** 04/15/2019

**Policy Statement:** This request supports the City Council 2018-2019 Policy Agenda

**Goal(s):** Healthy, Safe & Engaged Community

**Submitted by:** Fabrice Kabona, Assistant City Manager

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#### **Agenda Caption:**

Receive a presentation and discuss public transportation funding options.

#### **Background:**

As prescribed in the City Council rules and procedures as amended September 2016, Section D. City Council Agenda Process, Subsection 1.b., Councilmember Carol Strain-Burk and Councilmember Nina Morris requested that an item be included on the April 15, 2019 Work Session for the purpose of receiving an update on funding possibilities for public transportation service provisions by DART and Star Transit.

On December 17, 2018, Council received a presentation from Star Transit and on February 11, 2019, Council received a presentation from DART for the purposes of discussing options for service provisions.

Council will receive a presentation.