# **COUNCIL LIAISON**

The purpose of a Council liaison is to represent the Town by working with various organizations that provide public services to the citizens of Addison. The Council liaison appointments are typically made each year after the May election.

#### **Addison Arbor Foundation** | Walden

The Addison Arbor Foundation is a non-profit organization which promotes sustainable natural environments within Addison and enhances public spaces with plantings and public art.

#### **Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce** | Wheeler

A member-driven organization dedicated to creating economic prosperity and a vibrant Metrocrest region through providing programs, resources, and support to business, government and citizens. This organization focuses on the cities of Addison, Carrollton and Farmers Branch. The Chamber's offices are located the Addison Treehouse, 14681 Midway Road, Addison, Texas.

#### **Metroplex Mayors** | Chow

A gathering of DFW mayors which takes place at 7:30 am on the second Tuesday of the month at the Marriott Quorum. Guest speakers are brought in from various sectors to discuss issues of relevance to local jurisdictions. The Town handles administrative and treasury functions for this organization.

# North Central Texas Council Of Governments/Regional Transportation Council | Quintanilla

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments, throughout the 16-county region, established to assist in regional planning. NCTCOG's purpose is to strengthen both the individual and collective power of local governments and to help them recognize regional opportunities, eliminate unnecessary duplication, and make joint decisions. Now in its 52nd year, NCTCOG's programs and departments encompass transportation planning, environment, and development, aging and disability resources, emergency preparedness, demographic research, regional training, criminal justice, 911 emergency numbers, a regional police academy, and more.

Regional Transportation Council (RTC) is an independent transportation policy body operated administratively by NCTCOG personnel. The Town and City of Richardson share an aggregated representative on this Committee. The representative and alternate positions are changed annually with the Town representative serving as the representative on even years and the City of Richard serving on odd years.

### North Dallas Chamber of Commerce | Quintanilla

NDCC seeks to make Dallas a better place to live, work, raise a family and build a business to promote a better quality of life for ourselves and our kids; create a unified voice of local business to affect positive change in the community; take active roles in the issues and opportunities the Metroplex faces; and reap the benefits of creating better business by enjoying the community we help create. Some of the NDCC's accomplishments include the Dallas North Tollway, Dallas Arboretum and Love Field's expansion into a national airport with the

phase out of the Wright Amendment.

#### **North Texas Commission | Braun**

A non-profit, membership-supported organization whose stated goal is to unify the North Texas region to maximize the visibility of the area as an excellent place to live and do business. The NTC was created as a means of leveraging the brand new DFW Airport in promoting North Texas as a business destination. Today, they have a particular focus on public-private partnerships and innovative approaches to regional problems.

# Texas Municipal League (TML) | All Council

A membership organization which serves the needs and advocates the interests of cities and elected officials. TML puts on an annual conference, usually in the fall, at which elected officials from around the state attend educational seminars and networking events. TML also houses the Intergovernmental Rick Pool (IRP) which provides workers compensation, liability, and property coverage for local governments in Texas.

## Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) | All Council

Town employees join more than 120,000 city employees throughout Texas who participate in a stable and secure retirement plan that will provide income for our employees after they retire. Member benefits as customized by the Town.

# WaterTower Theatre | Braun

A non-profit professional theatre company, housed in a theater venue of the same name, directly adjacent to the Addison Conference Center. Founded in 1996, it produces five main state shows each season in a flexible, "Black Box" style performing arts space. The Town owns the theater facility and has been principal sponsor (Hotel Fund dollars) of the company since its inception in 1996.

#### World Affairs Council | Ward

The mission of the nonprofit, nonpartisan World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth is to educate and engage the local community in national and international affairs. The Council has been educating North Texans on global affairs since 1951. The Council presents around 90+ programs annually, primarily focusing on the international aspects of business, politics, culture and foreign policy. Additionally, it coordinates visits to North Texas of delegations and leaders from around the world through the International Visitor Program and the City of Dallas Office of Protocol.