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RAY RICCHI ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR COLLIN COUNTY JUDGE

Conservative Republican and Two-Term Councilmember Brings City Government Knowledge, National Corporate Business Leadership Experience and Community Service to the Office

McKinney, Texas – May 10, 2017 – Former McKinney City Councilman Ray Ricchi, today announced his candidacy for Collin County Judge in the March 2018 Republican Primary. The position of County Judge is elected at-large, and serves as the presiding officer of the Collin County Commissioners Court.

QUOTE: "I am announcing my candidacy for Collin County Judge", said Mr. Ricchi. "I'm committed to common sense government, good stewardship over taxpayer resources, and '**Policy over Politics.**'"

PLATFORM: Ricchi's platform includes strategies for:

- Providing immediate long-term tax relief for Collin County homeowners
- Addressing critical county staffing issues
- Planning for infrastructure and facility needs
- Implementing a budget that serves the customer service and safety needs of the citizens
- Expanding the county's relationship with our cities, state and federal officials

ABOUT: Ricchi, a resident of Collin County for 26 years, has dedicated much of his adult life to the community and public service, having served as McKinney District 4 City Councilman (2008 – 2015); Chairman of the McKinney Economic Development Corporation; Chairman of Meals on Wheels Collin County; Chairman of the McKinney Chamber of Commerce; Chairman of Boy Scouts of America Lone Star District FOS; and President of McKinney Little League.

Ricchi's business career spans over 30 years, with executive management positions at MasterLock; Black & Decker/DeWalt; and AlliedSignal.

Additionally, Ricchi has served as a director on many area government and non-profit boards and councils: Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary; North Texas Council of Government's Emergency Preparedness Planning Council; the McKinney YMCA; and the MISD long-range planning committee. Ricchi has earned multiple awards and recognition for his community involvement including, being named one of 2008's "21 Leaders for the 21st Century" by *Inside Collin County Business* and "McKinney YMCA Father of the Year" in 2011.

EDUCATION: Ricchi holds a BS in Business Administration from University of South Carolina with double majors in Business Economics and Finance. He has completed hundreds of hours of continuing education, including Center for Creative Leadership (San Diego, CA); Leadership Training Institute at Congress of Cities' Capital Budgeting and Planning; Management Ventures Inc. (Cambridge, MA); and executive management training through AlliedSignal and Black & Decker.

PERSONAL: Ricchi is married, has six children and two grandchildren.

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