

# Grand Island residents will decide future of term limits

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 now around 45 minutes," she said. "And I understand in other locations - we have 38 early (voting) locations - there are anywhere from two- to four-hour waits."

Five poll inspectors are on duty at the Welcome Center to guide voters through the process and ensure the election's integrity.

Early voting takes place from noon to 9 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5, has voting from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the neighborhood voting districts, as well as at the Welcome Center.

People in line were not heard complaining, just waiting their turn at early voting.

Whether it is Harris' politics of joy or Trump's vision to "Make America Great Again," voters are revved up and lining up to

cast their ballots. One Grand Islander said this year's election is no exception: "I'll be voting all the time. Always vote - that's your privilege," he said.

Sarah Moore and her mother, Julie, both Grand Island residents, were fine with the line.

Sarah expressed the belief that this election is especially important.

"As a young woman growing up in this society and watching how the politics have changed drastically and become very (partisan), I feel like my voice really matters in this election," she said. "It's my opportunity as a young adult and as a voter to elicit my voice in a meaningful way."

### Town Board election

• **Jose Garcia** was raised and educated on Grand Island. He's a graduate of the Grand Island High



Voters line up inside the Grand Island Welcome Center to cast their ballots in early voting taking place there on Tuesday. (Photo by Karen Carr Keefe)

School Class of 1989. After a brief time in Minnesota, he and his wife moved to Grand Island in 1998. He retired as senior special agent after 29 years in the Department of Homeland Security/INS Office of Professional Responsibility.

Garcia founded a small business to provide private investigation and language interpretation services.

"Carefully growing our town while keeping in mind its rural charm is of particular interest to me," he said in his campaign announcement. "Our town has a vast amount of vacant land, and there are many proposals before our Town Board to develop this land. It is important that we control our

population density, especially in areas outside of the main business district in the vicinity of Grand Island Boulevard."

Garcia also said, "It is incumbent that town leadership finds innovative ways to control crime and support the efforts of our police in preventing crime - especially crimes of opportunity, such as petit theft and vandalism."

• **Wayne West** posted on his Facebook page, "My focus is on creating open conversations and transparent solutions that will keep our community sustainable and strong. As a steward of taxpayer resources, I'm committed to building trust, finding smart solutions, and working as a team

for the greater good."

West's background includes military, nonprofit and community service, as well as real estate and corporate management. He was asked his opinion on the comprehensive plan calling for development of a town center concept during a forum in 2023, when he made an unsuccessful first run for Town Board.

He said, "It makes sense to have a town center - someplace that we can go; someplace that we can be proud of. ... I would love to be able to see the town government, alongside recreation and seniors."

### Town term-limit law

Voters get to say the ultimate "yes" or "no" to a redefined the term-limit law the Town Board approved on June 17. Local Law 5 would increase to 12 years - from the previous eight - the number of years the supervisor and council members can serve in office before term limits kick in. The limit then bars them from running for that office again.

This amounts to an increase to

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