

# City of Lewisville

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## **4B Sales Tax approved by voters**

By a margin of three to one, Lewisville voters on Saturday approved a quarter-cent sales tax to fund citywide park and library projects.

A total of 1,178 ballots were cast in the election, with 901 (76 percent) in favor and 277 (24 percent) opposed. The measure received majority support at all three polling places within the city. Lewisville is home to slightly more than 50,000 registered voters.

|              | Early Voting | Delay Middle School | Dale Jackson Career Center | Degan Elementary | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|--------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| FOR          | 370          | 69                  | 224                        | 238              | <b>901</b>   |
| AGAINST      | 94           | 42                  | 52                         | 89               | <b>277</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>464</b>   | <b>111</b>          | <b>276</b>                 | <b>327</b>       | <b>1178</b>  |

“This will allow our parks and library to move into the future and keep up with the demands created by our growth,” said Lewisville Mayor Gene Carey.

“I believe this is a fair and effective way to fund many of the park and library needs of Lewisville, and certainly we're pleased that the voters agreed. It is a tribute to all the hard work put in by the volunteers on the 4B committee and the Park Board.”

The quarter-cent sales tax, which will raise the overall sales tax rate at Lewisville businesses to 7.5 percent, will take effect in January 2003 with first collections arriving in April 2003. It is expected to generate an additional \$3.8 million in Fiscal Year 2002-03, with more than half projected to come from non-residents.

The Lewisville City Council will appoint a development board to oversee budgeting for the 4B funds. Projects that will be considered by the board are expected to include renovation of city pools, purchase and development of parkland and athletic fields, installation of new playgrounds, expansion of the Senior Center, and expansion of the Lewisville Public Library. The ballot proposition was specifically worded to preclude professional sports facilities from 4B funding.