

Mark Zeske
Place 3

Mark Zeske was elected to Irving City Council, Place 3, in December 2020 and is serving his first term in office. He previously served three terms on both the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Irving Public Library Board. During his last term as President of the Irving Public Library Board, the city of Irving built two new libraries and started the North Texas Teen Book Festival, the largest event of its kind in the world. Mark has also been involved with the Irving Arts Grant Review Panel, Irving 360, Friends of Irving Museums, and the Irving Cable Board.

Zeske is the Director of Journalism at the University of Dallas, where he teaches journalism classes and serves as the adviser for the student newspaper. He previously taught at Singley Academy, Irving High School and Sam Houston Middle School. Prior to teaching, Mark was an award-winning journalist who wrote articles for both national and local publications, including The Washington Post, USA Today, Sports Illustrated.com, Dallas Times Herald, and The Dallas Morning News.

Mark is married to Dr. Karen Zeske, who spent 27 years as an educator for Irving ISD. Karen is currently Director of Advanced Academics in Arlington ISD and teaches education classes at University of Dallas. They have four adult children and seven grandchildren. Mark and Karen are both long-time members of Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church, where they have spent three decades teaching children's liturgy. Mark has also served on the Parish Advisory Council and school board of Holy Family of Nazareth. He has coached and officiated youth sporting events in Irving for over 40 years.

Zeske earned a B.A. in English from the University of Dallas and a Masters of Journalism from the University of North Texas.