



EMAIL INTERVIEW – Councilman Brad LaMorgese, Place 6, [City of Irving](#)

Brad M. LaMorgese was first elected by voters of the City of Irving's District 6 in May 2012 and reelected in May 2015. He is a husband, father of two, and has been an active resident of Valley Ranch for more than thirteen years.

As a board-certified family lawyer, Brad brings a depth of legal experience to his position as a council member. He also has served in a variety of in legal capacities, receiving multiple honors and accolades. He is committed to working hard for the residents and keeping Irving fiscally responsible.

Mr. LaMorgese is chairman of the city's Transportation and Natural Resources Committee and a member of the Planning and Development Committee and the Public Safety Committee. He also is the city's liaison for the Irving Flood Control District Section III board.

A graduate of the Dedman School at Law at Southern Methodist University, Mr. LaMorgese earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Trinity University.



IFCD 3: From your role as the city council member representing individual and business residents of Valley Ranch, what is the importance of Irving Flood Control District Section III to your constituents?

Councilman LaMorgese: I look at Flood Control III as a form of insurance. It's run very well at a very low tax rate, but it helps us protect our property from flooding. This saves us the major headache that would accompany flooding of our property and also helps us have wonderful canals that are a selling point for Valley Ranch. Many people move to the Ranch simply because of the beautiful canals and paths. The main thing I am always concerned about is keeping our residents and their property safe. Well planned and managed Flood Control serves those concerns.

IFCD 3: What role do you play as the city council's liaison to the IFCD 3 board?

Councilman LaMorgese: My role is to keep apprised as to the operations of Flood Control III. I act as a go-between if there are any City issues that need to be addressed and offer help where I can to make the process go smoothly. I really enjoy our Flood Control Board and they are doing a great job. We have really good people taking care of the District, and it is my pleasure to work with them. They are residents like the rest of us, but volunteer their time to help all of Valley Ranch.

Also, as Council representative for our District, I often hear from residents and they tell me about all sorts of issues. So, if it is a Flood Control issue, I certainly pass that along to the team. If it is an informational issue, then I can pass along to the resident what I have learned at the Flood Control meetings. Jackie Knox and his team, along with our great Flood Control Board are very informative and transparent.

IFCD 3: The major rain events that North Texas experienced in May and June of 2015 provided an opportunity for the District to demonstrate their preparedness and capabilities to serve Valley Ranch. What were your observations during these periods of substantial rainfall and what did you hear from constituents?

Councilman LaMorgese: I heard remarkably little, which usually means things are operating well! The Flood Control District anticipated the event well, and closed the gates to the Trinity when that needed to be done, and then pumped when that needed to be done. The canals were in great shape considering the amount of rain we received. In fact, I was back running on the Canals not too long after our massive rains. This was not by accident, the Flood Control District has been very active, and during the rains, was basically going around the clock. Great job by the team!

IFCD 3: Aside from delivering on the District's core commitment of serving individual and business residents of Valley Ranch, are there other benefits that you see IFCD 3 as providing to Valley Ranch and the greater Irving community?

Councilman LaMorgese: Irving Flood Control III provides support for community activities, and with our resident Board members is not only close to the community but they are our neighbors in Valley Ranch. I think the Flood Control District has been well managed, and has completed a lot of necessary projects.

IFCD 3: While most of Valley Ranch has been developed, there are some areas of the community where there still exist development opportunities. How do you think further development in and adjacent to Valley Ranch might impact the work of the District and its mission in the future?

Councilman LaMorgese: As Valley Ranch has grown, and we are faced with possible re-development, I believe the Flood Control District will continue with its core duties but could take a larger role. It will be involved in all of our new projects because flood control is necessary for any sort of development. It is a critical item that many people overlook when things are good, but painfully notice if things go bad. Proper planning is necessary for every development, and flood control will always be a part of that.

IFCD 3: Anything you'd like to add?

Councilman LaMorgese: It is my pleasure to not only serve the residents of District 6 at the Irving City Council, but also to interact with the Flood Control III District as Liaison. It really is a great group of friends that are on the Board and running the District. I enjoy very much the transparency of the District (at any meeting you can examine the financials of the District), and the hard work and efficiency that our District has demonstrated.