

## **Rob Franke**

Rob Franke is in his fifth term as Mayor of Cedar Hill, Texas. He has served the city for more than 20 years in various forms of service to others. In addition to his tenure as mayor, Rob also served two years as a member of the City Council and one year as Mayor Pro Tem. Rob has led the city during a period of unprecedented growth and economic expansion. The tax base of the city has more than tripled during his tenure as Mayor, and the population of the city has grown from approximately 23,000 people to over 46,000. He characterizes his leadership role as facilitating communication and creating an atmosphere where things work.

In the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, Rob has been a member of the Dallas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Regional Director for Region 13 of the Texas Municipal League, having served as President of Region 13 during 2004-2005. Currently, he serves as Co-Chair of the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition (DRMC) and as Chair of the DRMC Legislative Committee. He represents Cedar Hill, Duncanville, DeSoto, Lancaster and Glenn Heights as a member of the North Central Texas Council Of Governments Regional Transportation Council.

His community involvement in Cedar Hill includes service to the Northwood University Board of Governors, the Cedar Hill Parks and Recreation Board, Community Development Corporation, Economic Development Corporation, Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Best Southwest Board of Directors, Human Relations Committee, the committee for the formation of two sales tax corporations, the All Sports Board, President and founding member of the Cedar Hill Soccer Association, serving as a youth sports coach and various special committees.

Rob has a degree in chemical engineering from Kansas State University and is a Registered Professional Engineer in Texas and Kansas. He is an Executive Vice-President, Principal and serves on the Board of Directors for the engineering firm of Bucher, Willis & Ratliff Corporation (BWR) providing professional engineering, planning, and architectural services. Rob manages three offices located in Dallas, Cedar Hill and Anna, Texas. Prior to merging with BWR in 2007, Rob partnered in the formation of his own engineering company, R&B Associates, Inc. performing civil, environmental engineering and consulting services.

After attending college in 1984, he worked for the United States Environmental Protection Agency. After leaving government service, he began working for the engineering and construction company of Fluor Daniel, Inc. as a project manager and later as an office manager. Before leaving Fluor Daniel, Rob was managing three offices in Texas with a total staff of approximately 60 professional, administrative and field personnel.

Rob is married to Jenaie, a lifelong, born-and-raised resident of Cedar Hill. They have three children, Josh (26), Chris (25) and Farren (19) and are proud grandparents of Devyn (7) and new baby Alex. The family attends and serves the Cedar Hill Church of Christ. Together, Rob and Jenaie have a passion for service to others.