



**Dallas County Republican Party Resolution to Support Dallas HERO's Three
Dallas City Charter Amendment Propositions**

WHEREAS: The foremost duty of a city government is to ensure public safety for its citizens, allowing them to fully enjoy the freedoms, liberties and pursuit of happiness enshrined in our nation's founding documents;

WHEREAS: The importance of other city government duties and responsibilities is greatly diminished if community safety is not secured;

WHEREAS: The success of Dallas and the quality of life of its citizens depends on holding its City Manager accountable for executing the duties and responsibilities he/she is hired to administer;

WHEREAS: When the City of Dallas fails to enforce its own charter, its own ordinances and state law, negative consequences occur, including erosion of public trust and confidence, increased crime and disorder, economic decline, unequal justice, unfairness and deterioration of services;

WHEREAS: An analysis commissioned by the City of Dallas concludes that to achieve the level of safety typically expected in most American cities, Dallas requires approximately 3 police officers per 1,000 residents;

WHEREAS: The City of Dallas is currently about 1,000 officers short of the recommended staffing level;

WHEREAS: Response times of the Dallas Police Department fall significantly short of the department's stated goals;

WHEREAS: Unlike most cities in America, the Dallas Fire Department has taken on the responsibility of conducting welfare checks, a duty historically performed by the Dallas Police Department;

WHEREAS: The Dallas City Council has not established any written or measurable goals for its City Manager, including the recently departed T.C. Broadnax;

WHEREAS: Residents and the business community in Dallas are bearing the consequences of city employees' failure to competently fulfill essential city government duties, including police protection, real estate permitting, street maintenance and sanitation services; and

WHEREAS: Dallas citizens have limited legal options to hold city leadership accountable for failing to deliver basic city services.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Dallas County Republican Party fully supports the following three Dallas City Charter Amendment Propositions placed on the November ballot by the Dallas HERO organization:

1. SHALL THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO PRIORITIZE AN APPROPRIATION OF YEAR OVER YEAR CITY REVENUE INCREASES FOR SPECIFIC PUBLIC SAFETY OBJECTIVES INCLUDING FUNDING THE DALLAS POLICE AND FIRE PENSION SYSTEM, INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SWORN POLICE OFFICERS, AND ENSURING THEIR PAY IS COMPETITIVE?
2. SHALL THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL COMMUNITY SURVEY OF SERVICES OF THE CITY, AND BASED UPON THE RESULTS OF SUCH

SURVEY, PROVIDE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE CITY MANAGER, INCLUDING
AWARDING PERFORMANCE COMPENSATION OR TERMINATION?

3. SHALL THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ALLOW CITIZENS TO FORCE THE CITY OF DALLAS TO FOLLOW ITS OWN ORDINANCES, ITS OWN CHARTER AND TEXAS STATE LAW?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Dallas County Republican Party invites our friends, neighbors and the Dallas County Democrat Party to join us in supporting these nonpartisan ballot propositions to help create a safe and welcoming city for all Dallas residents.

Signed by:



Lt. Col. Allen West (Ret)
DCRP Chair

September 17, 2024

Date