

# Memorandum



**DATE:** March 11, 2026

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**SUBJECT:** Confidential Report: Audit of Active Directory

The Office of the City Auditor released the *Confidential Report: Audit of Active Directory* on March 11, 2026. The objectives of this audit were to determine whether Active Directory:

- Implementation is designed securely and effectively
- Group policy configurations are securely configured
- Domain users, administrators, and service accounts utilize the Principle of Least Privilege
- Controls exist to enforce contractor network account authentication, access, and removal
- Monitoring and logging practices alert the City to anomalies

This audit focused on assessing the security architecture, configuration, and operational efficiency of the organization's on-premises Active Directory with a limited focus on Okta for future consideration. The scope of the audit was May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025.

Due to the sensitive information in this report, the distribution was limited to the City management responsible for the Department of Information & Technology Services, in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards and the Texas Public Information Act – Texas Government Code, § 552.139: *Confidentiality of Government Information Related to Security or Infrastructure Issues for Computers*.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me at 214-670-3222. You may also contact me at 615-974-8700 or [mark.swann@dallas.gov](mailto:mark.swann@dallas.gov).

Sincerely,



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