

Greetings Friends and Neighbors:

For the past eight years, I have had the honor to serve the citizens of District 8 as their representative on the Dallas City Council. Dallas is poised for continued success in upcoming years and it has truly been a privilege for me to have served the citizens of Dallas for nearly a decade. Dallas is on the right track to becoming one of the best and safest places to live in the U.S. with an overall crime rate reduction of 21.4% in the past eight years thanks to our Dallas Police Department. We are continuing to attract small and large businesses alike which are creating jobs. In addition, we are a culture and arts mecca and have an excellent selection of parks and entertainment venues.

The city is undergoing a revitalization of growth and development, especially in southern Dallas. We are stronger today than ever before on the economic front. I had the distinction of serving as the first African-American Chair of the Economic Development Committee from 2011-14, and as former Vice Chair of the Budget, Finance & Audit Committee. Heading up both committees, I worked diligently to bring more development and positive leadership to our community. Both committees still work towards growing our business base, which will build taxes and ultimately reduce the burden on individual tax payers. In turn, I can report that during my tenure property tax in District 8 has increased 7.1%, growing from \$2.46B to \$2.63B over the last three years. According to the 2010 census, District 8 has increased by 14,822 residents since 2000; an 18.12% increase, whereas the City of Dallas as a whole gained 9,236 people. This means new residents, businesses and schools are moving into the area, allowing the City to continue to improve our streets and provide additional services to enhance the quality of life.

Education is the catalyst that creates the most change in our city and is vital to the future success of our region. We know that education puts people on the path for a better career, life, and stable families. We want to keep our families here in Dallas which is why education has been a driving force behind the growth and development in our community. I'm pleased that this May, UNT-Dallas will graduate its second four-year class that has grown to 2,600 full-time students, with the intention to continue to develop and expand their campus. In addition, DART has invested over \$200M in District 8 and has begun the process of building two light-rail stations. Reconstruction of the Lancaster/Ledbetter Station will be completed by 2016 which will serve the UNT-Dallas campus. This growth is essential to the continued success of District 8 and of UNT-Dallas in order to provide additional transit-oriented development and economic growth in southern Dallas. \$3M from the 2012 Bond package was set aside for a new 3-mile hike and bike trail, Runyon Creek Greenbelt, which will run alongside the UNT Dallas campus.

Progress continues on the International Inland Port of Dallas with over 8 million square feet of industrial space built, under construction or announced in District 8—creating a plethora of jobs with the addition of Mile Hi Specialty Foods and L'Oreal's \$23M distribution center. The Methodist Health System has been a great partner of our district, investing over \$160M in the area including an \$8.5M investment at the Charlton Hospital campus, \$2.8M in relocating the post-coronary intensive care unit and \$16M for an additional specialty care unit.

In 2013, just minutes from downtown, Interstate 20 Gateway Park was opened and is a great location for an array of outdoor activities including: fishing, hiking and horseback riding. This led to the development of the Trinity Forest Golf Club, scheduled to open in spring 2016 along with the \$4M trail sponsored by AT&T located just outside the golf course. The links-style course will take advantage of the natural terrain and woods to create a stunning course to resemble many located in the northeast and Great Britain. They are expected to host PGA Tour events, NCAA tournaments and it will be SMU's home course.

In conclusion, I cannot express how proud I am to have had the opportunity to serve the citizens of Dallas as your representative of District 8. I have seen District 8 transform over the past few years and I know that continued success is imminent. We have had so much growth and with the new Fire Station No. 40, South Central Police Station, renovated Highland Hills Library, new Singing Hills Recreation Center opportunities, additions at UNT-Dallas and Methodist Hospital are many of the services now available in our district. Thank you for your endless support!

Best regards,

Tennell Atkins, Mayor Pro Tem

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A lifelong resident of Dallas, Tennell Atkins was first elected to public office in June 2007 to represent Dallas City Council District 8, the southernmost district of Dallas. He began his fourth and final term as a Dallas City Council Member in June 2013. As a City Council representative, Mayor Pro Tem Atkins committed to promoting economic development, including new business recruitment, enhanced human capital support, and infrastructure renewal. Mayor Pro Tem Atkins believes District 8's historic neighborhoods are the driving forces behind the district's success and, as such, partners closely with District 8's neighborhood associations and community organizations to create and implement his economic development agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Atkins has served as Chair of the Economic Development Committee, member of the Budget, Finance & Audit, Transportation and the Legislative Ad Hoc Committee. In these roles, he has worked to grow the city's tax base and to enhance quality of life in Southern Dallas. He is also an active participant in and supporter of a number of local and national civic organizations, including the Charlie Taylor Foundation, the Southern Methodist University Doak Walker Board, the Southern Methodist University Lettermen Association, the Oak Cliff Jaguars Youth Foundation, and the Oak Cliff RAM Youth Baseball organization. He currently serves on the National League of Cities Board (2014 Membership Committee). He was elected to serve on the board of National League of Cities and its Economic Development Policy Committee in 2011. He serves as the secretary of the Texas Association of Black City Council Members (TABCCM). In 2013, he was nominated by Mayor Mike Rawlings, and approved by the City Council to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System.

Mayor Pro Tem Atkins graduated from the Bishop Dunne High School in 1974. While attending, he was an All-American Athlete in football and track. He was ranked #1 in the world for the 120-yard high hurdle in his senior year. In 2006, Mr. Atkins was inducted into the Bishop Dunne Catholic School Alumni Sports Hall of Fame. He attended Southern Methodist University on a football scholarship and stayed as a four-year letterman. He was in the first class to graduate from SMU's Cox School of Business is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He also holds an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Trinity Institutional Seminary.

Mayor Pro Tem Atkins brings strong entrepreneurial and business experience to the council. He has served as CEO of M & A Transportation, a national trucking company, A & T Construction, a construction company, Redbird Development Corp. in Dallas, an aviation development management firm and owner of a professional football agency. During the 1980's, he was an executive at Ford Motor Company, where he led the Marketing and Development team of the Tractor Division, covering a five state region.

Mayor Pro Tem Atkins lives in Dallas with his wife Marshella Atkins. They are the proud parents of twin sons and who have blessed them with five grandchildren.

AWARDS & COMMITTEES

- January 2012 Dallas Firefighters Association; Local 58
- Outstanding service 2008
- Southern Dallas Development Corporation
- Community Leadership Award October 5, 2009
- Dallas Firefighters Association; Local 58
- Outstanding Service 2010
- Dallas Firefighters Association
- Councilmember of the Year 2010
- Texas Legislative Black Caucus
- Outstanding Community Leader 2011
- Greater Dallas Indo American Chamber of Commerce - In recognition of Outstanding Service to the Citizens of Dallas; 2013
- Dallas ISD Adopter of the Month January '12
- IMA Human Relations Award—February 6, 2015
- Outstanding Service to the Citizens of Dallas, Texas 2007-2015; 33rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Banquet—January 17, 2015



2007-2009

- Mayor's Southern Dallas Task Force Chair
- Economic Development Committee Vice-Chair
- Housing Committee Member
- Public Safety Committee Member

2009-2011

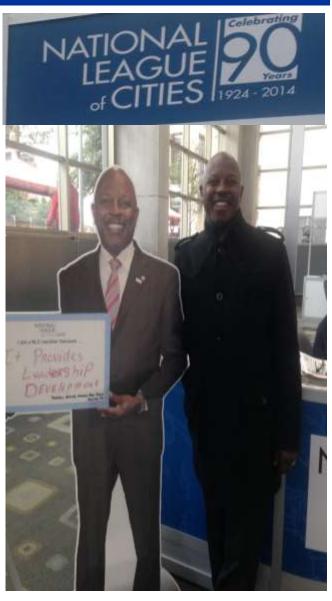
- Mayor's Southern Dallas Task Force Chair
- Economic Development Committee Vice-Chair
- Housing Committee Member
- Public Safety Committee Member
- Transportation and Environmental Committee Member
- Love Field Concession Committee Member
- Ad Hoc Legislative Committee for Judicial Appointments – Member

2011-2013

- Economic Development Committee Chair
- Mayor's Task Force on Southern Sector Economic Opportunities – Chair
- Budget, Finance & Audit Committee Vice Chair
- Mayor's Affordable Health Care Task Force Co-Chair
- Arts, Culture & Libraries Committee Member
- Legislative Ad Hoc Committee Member
- National League of Cities Board Member
- Dallas Police Fire Pension System City Council Trustee
- Texas Association of Black City Council Members -Secretary

2013-2015

- Economic Development Committee Chair
- Mayor's Poverty Task Force Co-Chair
- Mayor's Education Task Force Co-Chair
- National League of Cities Board Member
- Dallas Police Fire Pension System City Council Trustee
- Budget, Finance & Audit Committee Member
- Transportation & Trinity River Project Committee Member
- Legislative Ad Hoc Committee Member



DISTRICT 8 REPORT

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National Recognition in District 8



Kathlyn Joy Gilliam Collegiate Academy, 1700 E Camp Wisdom Rd, Dallas, TX 75241

The U.S. Department of Education awards the Kathlyn Joy Gilliam Collegiate Academy National Blue Ribbon status based on their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

The Early College High School program helps their scholars prepare for a more self-paced learning style typical of a collegiate environment. Approximately 25% of each senior class graduates with their associate's degree and 100% with their high school diploma. In 2014, approximately 52% graduated with both.

Partnerships include: Dallas ISD, Cedar Valley College, the University of North Texas –Dallas Campus, and the Texas High Schools Projects of the Communities Foundation of Texas

www.nationalblueribbonschools.ed.gov

OUR SCHOOLS

Wilmer-Hutchins Area Brings Students

When Wilmer-Hutchins ISD collapsed in 2005 after eighty years of serving southern Dallas, a wave of 2,700 students were dispersed and absorbed into DISD. For six years, the campus at Maynard Jackson Middle School in Oak Cliff welcomed the students despite having an already dilapidated infrastructure.

Thanks to voters who approved the 2008 Bond Program, the revitalization of Wilmer-Hutchins was funded. Wilmer-Hutchins Elementary school — a new two-story school — and the renovated secondary campuses of Kennedy-Curry Middle School and Wilmer-Hutchins High School were opened in fall 2011.



Kennedy-Curry Middle School & Students



The Kennedy-Curry Middle School campus serves returning students from the Wilmer-Hutchins area. Students affected by Maynard Jackson Middle School's closure will also attend the new campus which has been renovated and boasts an additional 10,000 square feet which includes a new auditorium, an expanded cafeteria, new locker rooms, as well as new air conditioning units and electrical upgrades.

The Wilmer-Hutchins Elementary School invites its students to an environmentally friendly building with 34 classrooms, a cafeteria, gymnasium, auditorium, media center, and computer lab.

Wilmer-Hutchins High school completed renovations on their auditorium and career education building. Geothermal heating and air conditioning systems are being added, and a new track, tennis court, baseball and softball fields are planned.



Mayor Pro Tem Atkins, Yasmin Bhatia, Uplift President and Capital One representatives at Uplift's learning center reveal

Uplift Hampton Preparatory Charter School Selected for Library 'READesign'

What used to be a dilapidated space in Hampton Preparatory Charter School is now a refurbished learning center thanks to donations and support from the Heart of America Foundation and Capitol One.

As part of Capitol One's South Dallas Place-Based Initiative, which invests half a million dollars per year into the area, the initiative focuses on education, workforce development, affordable housing, and financial literacy. This past year, Capitol One teamed up with the Heart of America Foundation library READesign makeover team who brought their volunteers into the Hampton Preparatory Charter School.

The library received a fresh coat of paint, new, modern furniture, decorative inspirational posters, 60 Chromebooks, two recharging carts, and 500 new books were added to the collection. In addition, each secondary scholar received three books to take home and keep.

Now, the students at Hampton Preparatory Charter School have a space that enables students to focus and explore their own pathways and discover new interests. The renovations have had a positive impact on the Uplift Hampton community.



Cars for Kids Donations

The nonprofit organization, "Cars for Kids," provides support for Texans Can Academies' 11 charter schools through donated car auctions held every Saturday at their new energy efficient location at the corner of Highway 67 and Camp Wisdom Road. The group donates 100% of their net proceeds to support high school students enrolled at tuition-free, open enrollment public high schools.

www.texascarsforkids.org or www.texanscan.org

National Recognition



Ebby Halliday Elementary School 10210 Teagarden Road Dallas, TX 75217

The HealthierUS School Challenge: Smarter Lunchrooms (HUSSC: SL), managed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture recognized Ebby Halliday Elementary School for excellence in nutrition and physical activity.

The school received the Gold Level Award which entitles them to receive a monetary incentive award to grow their program based on the mission of the Smarter Lunchrooms initiative. This is a part of First Lady Michelle Obama's "Let's Move" program of HUSSC: SL.

www.fns.usda.gov/hussc

R. E. McNair Elementary School

Named in honor a Dr. Ronald E. McNair, who lost his life on the Space Shuttle *Challenger*. The school's mission exemplifies McNair's values:

"Good, Better, Best! Never Let It Rest. Until Our Good is Better and Our Better is BEST! "
The school mascot is an astronaut in honor of Dr. McNair.
The school has won honors at the Citywide District MAST Fair.



A. Maceo Smith New Tech High School Excels in Project Based Learning

A. Maceo Smith New Tech High School, the premier new technology magnet, opened in 2011 and serves students in the Oak Cliff area. The school focuses on project-based learning at the heart of their instruction to encourage learning as creative and contextual and to visualize the purpose for mastering state required skills. The school promotes a positive culture with a heavy emphasis on technology and team collaboration and communication to build skills which will be used in the workplace.

The school is supported by New Tech Network, a non-profit organization which exclusively provides support to schools nationwide. The organization has a history of innovations in education and great support from influential leaders. In 2001, the organization received the replication grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for their initial launch. Now, the organization supports over 150 schools in 26 states and Australia — including A. Maceo Smith New Tech High School.

In January 2015, theatre arts teacher, Scot Pankey, led his students in an impressive one-shot dance video set to pop artist, Bruno Mars', song "Uptown Funk" which quickly went viral amassing over nine million views. Fame aside, the new technology magnet school is committed to creating the support their students need to see develop potential project team leaders by teaching collaboration and communication.



A. Maceo Smith New Tech School students finishing their performance of Bruno Mars' song "Uptown Funk". You can find the video on YouTube under "A. Maceo Smith New Tech High School - Uptown Funk Dance"



KIPP Truth Academy Middle School

KIPP Truth Academy (KTA), the Knowledge is Powerful Program, revitalized the once popular Mervyns' department store space in 2003. This provides middle school education for students in grades 5-8.

KTA is a national network of openenrollment, college-prep, public charter schools with a track record of preparing students in underserved communities for success in college and in life. This collection of four **free** public charter schools serve the most underserved communities in southern Dallas. They are dedicated to providing students core values such as persevere, achieve excellence, lead and serve, inquire, appreciate, and care.

KIPP DFW is enrolling now for its 2015-2016 school year. To learn more, visit www.kippdfw.org

Gateway Charter Academy

Gateway Charter has become a pinnacle of change as the superintendent, Dr. Robbie Moore, and his staff focus on teaching students to be forward-thinkers. In 2008-2009, over 20 classrooms were reconstructed, office space was created, and two fully equipped labs were placed in an extension to the existing building. A larger library, multipurpose rooms, and outdoor recreational areas were also included.



Oratorical Contest at A.W. Brown-Fellowship Leadership Academy

Students at A.W. Brown–Fellowship Leadership Academy were eager to battle with their brains at the Oratorical Contest last fall. All participants performed excerpts of speeches displaying their skills excellent writing and speaking skills. The two top speakers were awarded trophies for their exemplary efforts.

Academic skills is just one of the many primary values for A.W. Brown students. The faculty encourage their scholars to build intellectual confidence by performing above the state average in passing TAKS scores. The charter school also promotes personal responsibility for all their students. The academy held their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive and collected hundreds of items for donation. This past fall, the A.W. Brown cheerleading squad lead by coach Tori Dunn volunteered to pick up trash around campus and nearby streets.

Teachers and parents work together at A.W. Brown to promote a more involved parental support atmosphere. Temporary Daddy Day Care invited fathers to run the classroom for one day to teach appropriate curriculum and manage extracurricular activities while teachers enjoyed a day of relaxation in the hallways. This, in combination with the six-week Incentive Celebrations promotes an atmosphere where students feel respected and motivated to explore their potential to its fullest.



District 8 Schools

Higher Education

University of North Texas at Dallas

> Paul Quinn College Cedar Valley College

High Schools

David W. Carter High School
Seagoville High School
Wilmer-Hutchins High School
A .Maceo Smith New Tech High
School
Kathlyn Joy Gilliam Collegiate
Academy

Middle Schools

Kennedy-Curry Middle School Seagoville Middle School

Elementary Schools

Birdie Alexander Elementary
Ebby Halliday Elementary
Frederick Douglass Elementary
J N Ervin Elementary
Kleberg Elementary
Martin Weiss Elementary
Nancy Moseley Elementary
Ronald E McNair Elementary
Rufus C Burleson Elementary
Umphrey Lee Elementary
W A Blair Elementary
Wilmer-Hutchins Elementary

Charter schools

KIPP Truth Academy
Uplift Academy





HIGHER EDUCATION

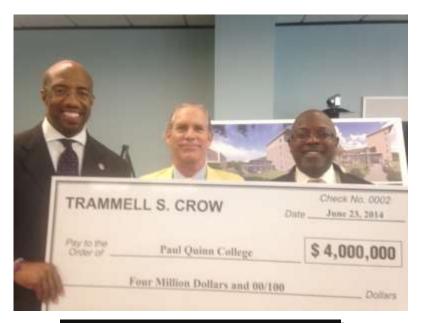


Paul Quinn College Football Field Becomes WE Over ME Farm

When does a Field of Dreams turn into a Field of Greens? When cash-strapped Paul Quinn College (PQC) hired Michael Sorrell as president of the college in 2007. The college was spending \$600,000 per year on a football program at a school of only 250 students. It was a difficult transition in the football-heavy culture of Dallas, but Sorrell knew he had to make big changes to save his school and he did that by shutting down the football program amid cries of protest. The field sat empty for a year while the college sought a new plan.

PQC sits in a federally-recognized "food desert" due to the area's lack of grocery stores and restaurants. This low-income community was in need of an innovative approach to tackle this issue, enter President Sorrell and real estate investor Trammell S. Crow. Together they decided an organic farm was the best way to produce food for the community and teach the students the real meaning of teamwork. When Sorrell announced plans for a farm on the old field, Paul Quinn College peaked everyone's curiosity but the success would take years to realize.

Partnering with Trammell S. Crow and PepsiCo to start the urban farm under the Food for Good program has proven to be the best thing to happen at Paul Quinn College. At first producing fields of kale, sweet potatoes, herbs, and cilantro that was once donated the farm now supplies a wide variety of produce to the community, local restaurants and caterers. The success and forward thinking of President Sorrell has triggered a new wave of support for the community and an educational opportunity for Paul Quinn students that is unparalleled in the Dallas area.



Michael Sorrell, Trammell Crow and Tennell Atkins

Two years after its conception the urban farm received its biggest buyer through the Dallas Cowboys catering company, Legends Hospitality. In 2012, the chefs at Legends Hospitality showcased a new salsa at the farm which it then used in recipes that season. George Wasai, the food and beverage director at Legends Hospitality is himself a proud Paul Quinn College alum.

The farm continues to flourish, produce and distribute over 30,000 pounds of organic produce to their clients and popular restaurants such as *Bolsa* in Oak Cliff and *Parigi*, a neighborhood bistro in Oak Lawn. The program brings in \$10,000 annually on produce alone and has dreams to open a grocery store in the near future.



PQC students tour the new greenhouse

Scholarships and Residential Facility

A \$4.4M donation makes Dallas philanthropist Trammell S. Crow's contribution the biggest in Paul Quinn College's history. The funding will be used to build the first residential facility in over 37 years. The college will raze 13 buildings for new soccer and lacrosse fields as well as new dormitories. The building will be named the Trammell S. Crow Living and Learning Center.



Partnering with the City of Dallas

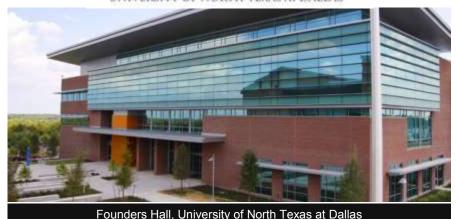
Paul Quinn College has been a vital partner in the District 8 community and the City of Dallas. They have been able to assist the city by hosting events such as:

- · A Community Concert Series
- Back to Blue
- Chief on the Beat
- · Operation Blue Shield
- District 8 Community meetings
- HOA, NA meetings
- GrowSouth

Students tending pea shoots in greenhouse

The college is an asset at helping with the development in the southern sector and to further unify Dallas' growth potential.

UNT DALLAS



Open Doors at UNT Dallas Brings Economic Growth to the Front Door of our Community

University of North Texas at Dallas is the first and only public university in the City of Dallas. UNT Dallas is dedicated to providing high quality education and preparing students to excel in an increasingly globalized world. UNT is focused on research and innovation as well as improving the quality of life through programs that fit well with the anticipated future demands within the City of Dallas.

According to the 2008 UNT Dallas Economic and Community Impact Study, by the end of 2030 — once enrollment reaches 16,000 students — the university is forecasted to have a total economic impact of \$460 million per year on the local economy. When that pinnacle is reached, the UNT Dallas campus is expected to produce nearly 3,425 new jobs in the area surrounding the campus. These new jobs would be in addition to the 1,282 faculty and staff employed by the university. According to City of Dallas Permit Records, educational improvements in the UNT Dallas area are valued at over \$148 million.

UNT Dallas shares the important goal of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's (THECB) "Closing the Gaps" plan and is on track to closing or within reach of closing their gaps. In keeping with its focus on college readiness and academic success, the university partners with the school district and Cedar Valley College to supports their Early College High School program at Nolan Estes Plaza. UNT Dallas also hosts the Texas Pre-Freshman Engineering Program (TexPREP) from which more than 70 area high school students graduated from in July 2012.

UNT Dallas strives to be a responsible community partner. In February 2013, UNT System Regent Brint Ryan donated \$1 million dollars to Dallas Area Habitat for Humanities for the Community Education and Engagement Program (CEEP) house project, which offers opportunities for area residents to participate in community engagement activities and public awareness events. Future plans for the CEEP houses include housing for students from UNT Dallas while offering programs to develop their academic skills and leadership potential.



UNT Dallas Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

UNT System Chancellor Lee Jackson, Former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert, Texas Senator Royce West, UNT Dallas President Designate John Price, Texas Representative Helen Giddings and Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins

Cedar Valley College



Opened in 1977, Cedar Valley College (CVC) has one of the most scenic campus in Dallas with award-winning architecture and a pedestrian walk along 2-sides of a 17-acre lake.

Hallmarks of CVC are excellence in teaching, student success and strengthening communities. The college is committed to providing students with the tools and support they need to ambitiously pursue and successfully realize their goals and dreams.

The vision of Cedar Valley College is to be a premier college, transforming lives and communities. They demonstrate this by their commitment to student success.

Dr. Ruben Johnson has served as the Executive Dean of Business and Information Technology Division at CVC since Fall 2007. Dr. Johnson possesses more than 25 years of experience in supply chain management and has received two industry certifications from Manufacturing Skills Standard Council (MSSC): Certified Logistics Associate (CLA) and Certified Logistics Technician (CLT). A program that advocates teaching workforce skills.



Executive Dean of Business and Technology Dr. Ruben Johnson

LIBRARIES







Highland Hills Branch Library - Grand Re-Opening

The Highland Hills Branch re-opened in a new building on October 18, 2014. This state-of-art library boasts extra large community meeting space as well as an enhanced collection of books, DVDs and music.

The branch offers educational classes when you enter the building. as well as storytime and life-skills and

The Highland Hills Branch re-opened in entertainment opportunities for all ages.

The energy efficient Gold LEED certified building is the newest location of 27 branches in the Dallas Public Library system. The public art is a reflection of the area residents and is a highlight when you enter the building.













Polk Wisdom Branch Library

The Polk-Wisdom Branch was completely Library renovated and celebrated its new space with a grand reopening on April 13, 2013. The library hosts a variety of civic meetings as well as a youth leadership club, family storytimes, one-on-one computer classes and movie nights on Thursdays.





Hoops for Kids

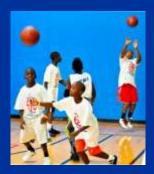


Milwaukee Bucks Kenyon Martin and Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins with the Kenyon Martin Foundation's *Hoops for Kids Basketball Camp* brought children together to hone their athletic skills through with fun and discipline being through play.

In 2013, the program provided 150 underprivileged children with a three day training camp. The attendees engaged in rigorous physical activity, sharpened ball handling techniques, improved shooting form, and reinforced he importance of unity both on and off the court.

In addition to advancing basketball skills, the camp brings children together to discuss the virtues of hard work and a healthy lifestyle. Healthy Lifestyles for Tru Friends assisted by helping to teach First Lady Obama's "Let's Michelle Move" campaign. This encourages kids to live and eat better every day. Healthy Lifestyles provided nutritious foods and presented proportion size information.

Dallas Police Department officers came and shared stories on living safely and protecting yourself and helping your neighbors.



PARK & RECREATION



Future development plans for Signing Hills Recreation Center

Plans for a Singing Hills Recreation Center

and DART Station

Singing Hills Recreation Center was built in 1973 and named for its community. It became a vital part of the unification for District 8 since its doors were open.

Singing Hills Recreation Center is the first center to be designed with input and planning from the community from the very first stage. This was accomplished through a series of meetings with Mayor Pro Tem Atkins, members of Dallas' Park and Recreation department, and the architectural team Perkins + Will. The community decided what amenities this center would offer, along with the color, size and design that would be implemented. Singing Hills Recreation Center is set to begin construction in 2015 and will be a true reflection of the residents of this neighborhood.

Questions or concerns, please contact Parks and Recreation at 214 670 4100.



Mayor Pro Tem Atkins, along side Dallas City Officials, Park and Recreation Board Members and DART Executives





First Lady Michelle Obama Hosts 2nd Annual "Let's Move" at Kleberg-Rylie Recreation Center

On February 9, 2012, First lady Michelle Obama joined *Top Chef* contestants from past seasons of the Bravo series and members of the Dallas Cowboys at Kleberg-Rylie to promote healthier food choices for students in the nation's schools. The day was part pep rally, part cooking competition and a lot of fun. Students were paired with Top Chef contestants and had 30 minutes to prepare a healthy meal. After deliberation the First Lady declared all teams were winners amidst cheers from the students.

According to USDA's Healthier US School Challenge, Dallas ISD has more gold-level schools than any other district in the country. Schools in the voluntary program are recognized for serving healthier food, offering nutrition education, and introducing more physical activities.

Ebby Halliday Elementary received the Gold Level Award for Healthier US Schools. The food services staff are proud to plan and provide healthy and delicious meals for the school children every day.



Mayor Pro Tem Atkins, joined by his wife Marshella Atkins and community leaders such as Erik Wilson, worked on Meadow Stone Park planting flowers in June 2014.

The Green Ribbon Program

Councilmember Tennell Atkins did not have a gateway in his district through I-20. These gateways are essential in developing the southern sector in Dallas. Through the collaborative environmental stewardship of our community and the Texas Department of Transportation, \$540,000 was invested in continuity roadway enhancements at our gateways. The Green Ribbon Program integrates landscape architecture, and public art, to provide solutions to environmental and aesthetic issues with roadway functionality.



IH-20 at Bonnie View



IH-20 at Hampton



IH-20 at Lancaster



IH-45 at Simpson Stuart



US-67 at Camp Wisdom

Miller Family Park Dedication

The Miller family is one of the pioneer black families bound by slavery then freed to own land and pass their family legacy to future generations in Dallas. The Dallas Park and Recreation Department, along with Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins. Former Park Board Vice-President Gail Terrell, and descendants of early Dallas pioneer William Brown Miler, hosted the 37th Annual Miller Family Reunion and dedicated the Miller Family legacy plaque on Saturday, July 12, 2014. This was a time for celebration and a time to honor the history of the Miller family and how far they have come. The Miller Family Park is a place for families to gather and celebrate all of the good in their lives every day.







Texas Horse Park Now Open to the Public



The Texas Horse Park held a Grand Opening on March 28, 2015. Mayor Mike Rawlings, Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins, with fellow City Councilmembers Sheffie Kadane, Carolyn Davis, Vonciel Jones Hill, Rick Callahan, and Jerry Allen joined the celebration of this grand moment.

The Texas Horse Park is operated by two nonprofits organizations, River Ranch Educational Charities and Equest. The organizations will receive no City funding and pay no rent.









\$3 Million from the 2012 Bond package was set aside for a new 3-mile hike and bike trail, Runyon Creek Greenbelt, indicated in red on the map, is being designed to connect 5 Mile Trail with both DART stations and will be constructed as funding allows.

The Department of Public Works has completed the design for a re-alignment of Wheatland Road between University Hills Boulevard and Lancaster Road, and is in the process of acquiring right-of-way.



Construction is underway and on schedule for the SOC-3 Rail Alignment for December 2016 completion, two years earlier than originally anticipated.

As part of the extension, two new stations are being built in the UNTDallas area, one at Patrol Way north of the South Central Patrol Division substation and one at the southern edge of the UNT-Dallas campus.

Trinity Forest Golf Club

Construction is underway on the massive public private partnership between the City of Dallas, AT&T, Southern Methodist University (SMU), Salesman Ship Club of Dallas, and The First Tee of Greater Dallas. These partners are committed to transforming a 400-acre site in southern Dallas into a world-class sports facility including an 18-hole championship golf course, a short course, an administrative and teaching facility for The First Tee of Greater Dallas, a home course for the SMU golf teams as well as recreational trails. The site is conveniently located near the Trinity River Audubon Center.

The developer overseeing the project is Jonas Woods, Trinity Forest Golfer Non-profit. Construction is anticipated to be completed in spring 2016 with a grand opening to follow in early fall. A notable result from this partnership is that the Pro Golf Association will host the Bryan Nelson Championship Tournament on this new course.



Lee Trevino, Mayor Pro Tem Atkins, Councilmember Hill and SMU President Jerry
Turner at the press conference revealing
AT&T Golf Course.

The links-style course will take advantage of the natural terrain and woods to create a stunning course to resemble many of the courses in the Northeast and Great Britain. The course will host PGA Tour events as well as NCAA tournaments.



Trinity Forest Trails

On the southern edge of the Trinity River, the Great Trinity Forest Gateway and Horse Trails is a beautiful area located in the forest adjacent to IH-20. The gateway includes amenities such as a fishing pier, pavilions, one-half mile of multi-purpose concrete trail around the fishing pond, prairie vistas and a wide variety of native tree species. There is also horse trailer parking and access to four miles of natural forest trails for riding.

The site will also provide access to the future Trinity Trails Phase V which will connect the forest to the Trinity River Audubon Center. The land was identified in the Great Trinity Forest Master Plan Concept and purchased by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the City of Dallas. The fishing pond will also be stocked through a program provided by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

A valid fishing license is required. For pavilion reservations, contact the City of Dallas Park and Recreation Department at 214-670-8740.



TEINITY FOREST CONSCRIPT PLANT

Great Trinity Forest Gateway & Horse Trails

2161 Dowdy Ferry Road, Dallas, Texas 75217

On the southern edge of the Trinity River Corridor Project, the Great Trinity Forest Gateway and Horse Trails is a beautiful area situated in the forest adjacent to IH-20. The gateway includes amenities such as a fishing pier, pavilions, and approximately one half mile of multi-purpose concrete trail around the fishing pond, prairie vistas, and a wide variety of native tree species. There is also horse trailer parking and access to four miles of soft surface forest trail.

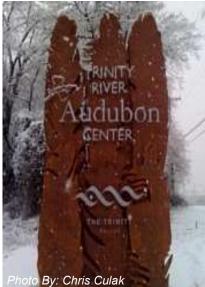




Trinity River Audubon Center

www.trinityriver.audubon.com





In October 2008, the Trinity River Audubon Center opened in the Great Trinity Forest boasting 120 acres, nine emergent wetland ponds, four miles of hiking trails, and a lookout over the Trinity River located at 6500 South Loop 12. Visitors may enjoy more than four miles of hiking on boardwalks and soft surface trails leading to emergent wetland ponds, vistas of restored Texas Blackland Prairie, bottomland hardwood forest, and the Trinity River. Today, it proudly displays a LEED Gold Certification, the first of its type within the Dallas Parks and Recreation System. The \$14 million Antoine Predock designed building is the Texas Audubon Society's flagship facility with \$1 million of the funds from a Meadows Foundation grant for the Discovery Garden.

The site of the Trinity River Audubon Center represents a \$37 million restoration and capital improvement project that was funded and built by the City of Dallas when it was court ordered to clean up the land that had long been used as an illegal construction landfill site. Now, the land is owned by the City and the center is operated by the National Audubon Society. This is a true success story of land restoration and innovation in architecture. The center plays host to 25,000 school children annually for its science and educational initiatives in North Texas. The beautiful center hosts international visitors and locals alike providing a restorative place in the forest for everyone to visit and enjoy. The center is open Tuesday through Sunday and the admission for adults is \$6.00 and for children it is \$4.00. The third Thursday of each month offers free admission.





Our Parks and Recreation Centers

District 8 Parks

Alta Mesa Arden Terrace College Danieldale Fireside

Great Trinity Forest

Hulcy

Indian Ridge J.J. Lemmon Joppa Preserve

Kleberg

McCommas Bluff Meadowstone Miller Family Peacock Branch

Pemberton Hill Prairie Creek Greenbelt

Ricketts Branch Runyon Creek Singing Hills Teagarden Place Tommie M. Allen Wheatland

Willoughby Woodland Springs 2905 Alta Mesa Drive 1200 E. Pentagon Pkwy 3300 Highland Woods 300 W. Wheatland Road 8600 Fireside 2nd Avenue to Trinity River

2nd Avenue to Trinity River 1200 Danieldale Road

1800 Goldwood, 6100 J.J. Lemmon

5400 Simpson Stuart Rd.

1515 Edd Road

7000 Fairport Road 2700 Meadowstone Road

2814 Persimmon Road

1400 Kirnwood

6424 Elam Road Elam to Dowdy Ferry

300 Albert Williams Drive 1900 Camp Wisdom Rd.

1919 Crouch Road 9300 Crimson Court

7071 Bonnie View Rd 2115 W. Wheatland Road

9000 Willoughby

7321 Fairport

District 8 Recreation Centers

Fireside Recreation Center 8601 Fireside; 214.670.0959

Featuring Zumba classes and afterschool activities

Janie C. Turner Recreation Center

6424 Elam; 214.670.8277

Featuring a boxing gym and repaired and refinished gym

floor

Kleberg-Rylie Recreation Center 1515 Edd Dallas; 214.670.8648

Featuring an upgraded large room with a commercial kitchen and refreshed restrooms

Singing Hills Recreation Center 1909 Crouch Road; 214.670.7550

Currently in the process of bringing the NEW Singing Hills Recreation Center to this location, designed by the Community

Tommie M. Allen Recreation Center 7071 Bonnie View Road: 214.670.0986

Featuring a picnic pavilion and outdoor basketball court



Meadow Stone Park

Thank you, Dr. Tony Evans and the congregation of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church for your partnership with a portion of your land in creating a better Meadow Stone Park for the District 8 community. We hope that we can continue a long standing relationship.

Pictured from left to right: Gail Terrell, former Park Board Vice President, Michael Hellman, Dr. Tony Evans, Leong Lim, Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins and John Jenkins



HEALTH & MEDICAL

Southern Dallas Medical District

Methodist Charlton Medical Center (MCMC), a full-service general acute care community hospital, serving southern Dallas since 1975 is proud to offer the latest in medical technology and innovative treatments, close to your home. Named one of the nation's top performers on key quality measures by The Joint Commission. the leading accreditor of health care organizations in America it is also a top performer in Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and has been recognized by the hospital industry for delivering high quality care.

In addition, to specialized cardiac and 24 hour emergency services Methodist also offers QuickCare Clinic for non-life threatening emergencies which is open late and on weekends. In 2014, Methodist Charlton was named Large Business of the Year by the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and in 2013 they received the Pioneer Award from the Duncanville Chamber of Commerce for community service activities.

By the numbers Methodist offers southern Dallas 285 beds and 268 attending physicians. In 2014, Methodist served 74,431 in the emergency room and delivered 2,146 babies. They employee 1,844 staff and have an active troop of 396 community volunteers. Methodist is a shining star among the over 30 medical facilities now available on the Wheatland Road corridor.





















District 8 Unified National Night Out

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual event that occurs every October in Texas and all across the United States. It is an opportunity for neighborhood associations, home owner associations and crime watch groups to come together right in their own neighborhoods to foster relationships and take a stand against crime. This event has grown under Mayor Pro Tem Atkins into one of the social events of the year. It is an opportunity for city representatives to come out and mingle with citizens as well as address ongoing concerns.

In 2007, Mayor Pro Tem Atkins visited each of his different associations in the district that night and realized it did not allow him enough time to visit with his constituency and learn how to best help them. This blossomed into a unified NNO in one location for the whole of District 8. This is now a highly anticipated event complete with a fashion show and entertainment as well as safety information.



Home for the Holidays Celebration

What started as a simple party for the less fortunate in 2007, Home for the Holidays, has grown into three annual events celebrating a season of giving to the less fortunate. The campaign is now kicked off each year with a press conference, followed by a luncheon and finally the adopt-a-family program. The press event kicks off the festivities with the help of celebrity guests and a toy drive. The luncheon is an opportunity for District 8 residents to connect with old friends as well as making some new acquaintances while enjoying what might be their only holiday meal. City Department representatives are also on hand at the luncheon to provide on-the-spot assistance.

The adopt-a-family program collaborates with DISD to identify families in need in District 8. City Departments, City employees and residents adopt families and provide gifts from their wish lists to give them a brighter holiday season. Over the past eight years this program has provided gifts for over 400 families and served meals to over 4,000 individuals. This program is unique in the fact that Mayor Pro Tem Atkins has been able to stay in touch with many of the families impacted to continue to offer them help throughout the year.

The holidays are much brighter in District 8 thanks to the community and the City of Dallas coming together to support each other and give a little extra to those with the most need.





8ight is Great Tour

The 8 is Great Tour provided participants a firsthand look at the neighborhoods and the economic development and growth taking place in the 56 square miles of District 8. Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins hosted as the official charter tour guide. This tour was enlightening for both City officials and residents who participated as they were unaware of the size and diversity of District 8. Some of the tour sites included on the tour were the Great Trinity Forest Gateway, Horse Trails, Dallas Police Department's South Central Station, University of North Texas at Dallas campus and Methodist Charlton Medical Center.



Southeast Oak Cliff Communities Leadership Assoc.

History: During the summer of 2011 Dallas City staff under the direction of then DMPT Tennell Atkins held a series of meetings and briefings with community representatives of South East Oak Cliff (SEOC) regarding specific developments planned for Area 3. Among the issues under review at the time were flow control, a potential resource recovery facility at McCommas Bluff and the overall zero waste planning needs of the City as a whole.

It became evident and was commonly expressed among many of the parties that the community of participants needed to become formally organized in order to partner with the City and be in position to apply for annual funding to support and implement the visions and goals of the area.

To that end, the Southeast Oak Cliff Communities Leadership Association, Inc. was founded as a non-profit 501 (c) (3) in October 2011 with the encouragement of then DMPT Atkins.

Mission: Its mission is that of being a broad umbrella community development corporation that visibly improves the economic, educational, social, physical and environmental conditions of the South East Oak Cliff (**SEOC**) area primarily; whereby all residents fully participate in, and benefit from a quality of life that result in a walkable, livable, and sustainable community.

Accomplishments:

- ► SEOC CLA has hosted a series of community-wide stakeholder meetings in partnership with the City of Dallas that resulted in the completion of a study titled the 2013 SEOC Economic Development Opportunity Study.
- ► The SEOC CLA has galvanized the approximately 10 Home Owner Association's within the area.
- ▶ The SEOC CLA and the City of Dallas believe low-to-moderate income neighborhoods must improve in their use of the current *single stream* (blue bin) mixed recyclable materials program, so that all of the materials collected from their homes and businesses are productively remanufactured. And thanks to a \$25,000 grant from Wells Fargo, the CLA in partnership with the Business Assistance Center, Inc. is launching its newest pilot project; *Community Recycling Education Program* to help address the low number of residents that currently participate in the City of Dallas Recycling Program. The overall theme will be **SEOC Goes Green** which will be a 12-month recycling

education and consciousness raising outreach with the goal of enrolling more than 650 new residents as participates.







Pictured from Left to Right: Gail Terrell, Van Howard, Charles Rose, Father Tim, State Rep. Toni Rose, Kelsel Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins, Kelly High, George Patterson and Dora Ramirez of Wells Fargo.

Board of Directors

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Standing Committees & Councils

Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins is an active member of the following:

Economic & Business Employment

Housing Development

Social Services

Finance

Health & Education

Public Relations & Marketing

Fundraising / Development

COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

Dallas Symphony Orchestra Visits Paul Quinn College











Each year, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra (DSO) presents free public concerts throughout the City of Dallas. Several years ago Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins, was integral in working with the DSO and Paul Quinn College to bring concerts to citizens in District 8 in southern Dallas County. MPT Atkins has always believed the DSO performances are an essential part of his District's cultural landscape and his planning team work tirelessly to promote the event. It is clearly evident that he cares deeply for his constituents and wants everyone in the District to have the opportunity to experience wonderful music, some of which he even gets to conduct. The Community Concert Series has also included talent that is not normally seen outside a concert hall. Groups such as the International Conservatory of Performing Arts and the Salem Institutional Baptist Church have performed a Fusion Music Concert prior to the Dallas Symphony Orchestra taking the stage. This event has grown larger and larger each year as more citizens are captivated by the music and the amazing performances they hear.









Community Office

In 2010 Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins had a new initiative for District 8, a Community Office. The Community Office is an office outside of City Hall where constituents are able to have a one-on-one meeting with MPT in addition to various City Department representatives. MPT Atkins received many complaints from constituents about City Hall being too far removed from southern Dallas and the he heard need for a more convenient place to meet. The Community Office is held at Recreation Centers and Libraries in District 8 on a rotating basis, bringing the office to the people, where they live.



























DART Extending Blue Line South to Camp Wisdom Road and UNT Dallas

Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins, District 8 would like to extend thanks to former Councilmember Linda Koop, DART Appointees Pamela Gate and Dr. Jerry Christian and DART President Gary C. Thomas for getting this project started and completed before the original date.

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) is extending the Blue Line south from Ledbetter Station approximately three miles to new stations at Camp Wisdom Road and the University of North Texas at Dallas. The project, known as the South Oak Cliff-3 (SOC-3) Blue Line Extension, is expected to increase transportation options for residents in southern Dallas and improve access to the educational institutions in the area.

In less than two years, students and faculty will be able to reach UNT Dallas by train. Residents in southern Dallas will have new means to access job opportunities, earn an education or reach any destination served by public transportation, including both regional airports.

Construction began with the groundbreaking on October 6, 2014, and is scheduled to be complete by December 2016, three years sooner than previously scheduled.

DART's contractors are working concurrently on projects along the entire rail alignment, including renovations to Ledbetter Station. The first step was to clear trees, shrubs and debris along the rail alignment.

For the bridge over Five Mile Creek, crews have completed drilling pier shafts, and are nearly finished pouring concrete for the bridge columns and caps. Retaining walls for the bridge are in production and are scheduled for delivery and installation by the end of April.

Near the future Camp Wisdom Station, work on Patrol Way began in March to relocate water and sewer lines. A temporary driveway soon will be made for Dallas Police Department to use during construction.

At Ledbetter Station, construction crews moved the median at Shellhorse Drive and added a new turning lane in preparation for a new drop-off area on the east side of the station. In March, they began raising and leveling the platform on the west side of the station

As part of the Station Art & Design Program, engineers, architects, artists and neighborhood advisory committees are working together to ensure the design of each station reflects the community in which it exists. Basic station components – columns, pavers, windscreens and fencing – become the palette to transform the stations themselves into works of public art.

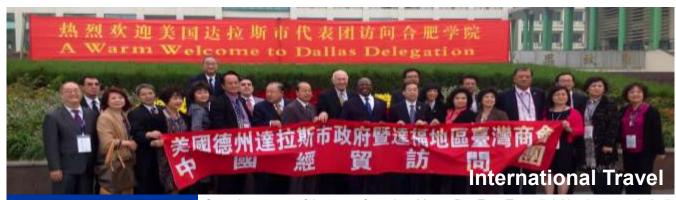
Members of the Camp Wisdom Station committee are: Francis Churchill, Lionel Churchill, Arbertha Herron, Myrtl Lavallaisaa, Allen McGill, L. O. Moore, Bridgett Rainey, Dorothy Reed, Emma Rodgers, Michael Smotherman, Ruth Steward and Gail Terrell.

Members of the UNT Dallas Station committee are: Dr. Ronald Brown, Pamela Harris, Raynard Kearbey, Pamela London, Wayne McInnis, Dawn Miller, Ana Rodriguez and Julie Sands.





ECONOMIC VIBRANCY



EB-5 Program

The EB-5 Program is a U.S. Government program whereby foreign investors invest \$500,000 in a business or development through an EB-5 Regional Center. If the program is able to create 10 local jobs per investor within two years, the investor, spouse and any unmarried children under 21 receive permanent U.S. green cards. The one benefit of this partnership is a new source of lower capital with the City's Public Private Partnership Program and increases potential investment in Dallas' underdeveloped communities. Additional benefits are that it helps achieve goals of the Mayor's Southern Sector Task Force and creates jobs and international name recognition for Dallas and attracts foreign high-net worth investors.

Over the course of 8 years of service, Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins has traveled all over the world improving economic development for Dallas.

In late January 2008, Councilmember Atkins traveled to Mexico to discuss a trade mission that included transportation, the inland port, attended government meetings, and the Mary Kay dinner in Monterrey and promoted Dallas' medical community.

In late April and early May 2008, he traveled to China and visited Beijing, Dalian, Qingdao, Shenzhen and Hong Kong. This trip was led by then Mayor Tom Leppert. It's purpose was a trade mission and a signed friendship city agreement with Dalian and Qingdao.

In late October and early November 2008, he traveled to South Africa for a Trade and Investment Fact Finding Mission.

In mid November 2008, Councilmember Atkins traveled back to Mexico for another business development opportunity pertaining to the United States-Mexico Chamber of Commerce.

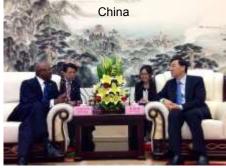
In October 2012, he traveled to Panama and engaged in meetings about the Panama canal expansion and the Dallas Inland Port. In the same month, he also went to Shanghai, Hangzhou, Hefei, Suzhou, Zhengzhou (China).















The City of Dallas has a number of exciting projects in process for the Dallas Executive Airport. The Master Plan began in 2011 to re-evaluate and adjust as necessary, the future development plan for Dallas Executive Airport. The objective of the Master Plan update is to develop and maintain a financially feasible, long-term development program.

Dallas Executive Airport is investing in a multi-year runway Modernization Plan designed to better serve existing tenants and projected growth. This will complement existing utilities including water, wastewater, electric, natural gas, fiber and coaxial cable, which places Dallas in a position to support virtually any potential development. The City has made a significant investment in the Mayor's Grow South initiative with projects totaling over \$30 million at Dallas Executive.

Dallas Executive is located within a noise sensitive area of the City of Dallas, and is surrounded on nearly all sides by residential neighborhoods. In an effort to continue to provide an excellent facility, a noise abatement program has been developed with the participation of neighborhood representatives and the FAA. A Public Advisory Committee of local homeowners, neighborhoods, and businesses was established in 2014 to provide input.

The City has made great strides in attracting economic development and activity to the area with the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) moving their National Headquarters to Dallas Executive Airport,. The airport will continue to attract corporate business aircraft, aircraft manufacturing facilities, service centers and non-aviation support businesses that will bringing jobs to the area with the goal of being the number one Reliever Airport in the DFW Metroplex.







The DEA is currently underway on their runway reconstruction which will occur in four different phases. The project is expected to be completed summer 2017 and will cost about \$35 million.



DINING AT THE DALLAS

EXECUTIVE AIRPORT

Delta Charlie's

Our on premise restaurant features a versatile menu and is conveniently located just off the passenger lobby.









George Moussa loves aviation, flying and development. When he first visited KRBD it was a lonely field in need of attention. He saw an airport that had all of the basic parameters needed to be a great airport. Crossing runways, control tower, and located next to a major freeway, just minutes from downtown Dallas. It just lacked development, hangars and better facilities. In addition. the area offers tremendous value and cost savings for businesses looking for expansion. A properly developed airport is a strong catalyst for that redevelopment. George Moussa saw opportunity and potential in what it could

offer as well as being a place that he could park his plane. Ambassador has invested over \$6 million of its own money into First Class facilities with new hangars and infrastructure. The airport is definitely on the upswing with a steady increase in demand and the use of its facilities. The City of Dallas is fortunate to have Ambassador Jet Center be an integral part of that growth.

Dalton Lott had a dream and he brought it to fruition. In 1997, Mr. Lott founded Jet Center of Dallas at Dallas Executive Airport and since invested over \$15 million in renovations and new construction. As a result, Dallas Executive Airport has become a destination for private aviators nationally.

Mr. Lott is the largest lease holder at Dallas Executive Airport. He is in the process of developing plans for expansion on the West side of the airport, a state-of-the-art FBO and corporate hangars designed for large, medium and small corporate jets which will open in Spring 2016.



"We look forward to this airport becoming the premier private aviation airport in the southwest," Mr. Lott said.



When the Commemorative Air Force decided to relocate their headquarters, twenty-three cities around the nation clamored to be the chosen location. So why did the CAF choose Dallas Executive Airport? It certainly met the basic criteria: an airport large enough to operate the CAF's aircraft and airshow, a large metropolitan area, interstate access, and so on. But what truly clinched the deal was when elected officials and City Council staff made a powerful case that Dallas is hungry for new tourism, recreational and educational resources, especially in the southern sector of the city. CAF saw an opportunity to play a leading part in the economic and social revitalization of South Dallas, and is making plans to invest upwards of \$40 million in building an exciting, world-class museum attraction that tells the inspirational story of World War II in the air.



Southern Dallas Retail Development

Since 2007 a once vacant lot has evolved over the years beginning with a Target opening. Now a full development is occurring in southern Dallas as this shopping center is in full bloom with various retails such as Office Depot, Toys-R-Us and Ross Dress for Less, just to name a few.





A new state-of-the art grocery and retail facility located at 3540 Simpson Stuart Road, in District 8 is coming soon. The development will be anchored by Save-A-Lot Groceries and about 2 acres. The grocery facility will be 15,000 SF and will include all the amenities of a new grocery store providing fresh vegetables, fruits, dairy, meats, and dry goods to the local community.

The parking lot and exterior landscaping will be re-worked to provide a new look with modern ecstatic street appearance that will enhance the surrounding buildings and neighborhood. A state of the art security and camera system will be installed in both the grocery and retail facility establishing a high level of security for the shopping public and surrounding neighborhood residents. The DART bus line currently has 8 bus stops within a 1/4 mile of the development.

The opening of this new shopping center with Save-A-Lot in the anchor position will eliminate the food desert for residents in this community. It also helps to establish a model for the "Grow South Plan" for all of South Dallas while providing a cornerstone for neighborhood developments along the Simpson Stuart corridor. It will also provide an economic stimulus for jobs and positive changes in the neighborhood including an element of community pride.



Save A Lot Food Store & Retail Shopping is coming to this neighborhood location. Financing will be provided by The City of Dallas and Frost Bank. The construction design team will be KRR Construction & HRO Architects. Planned opening date is scheduled for Spring of 2016.











SOUTHWEST & CHATER WALL

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Thank you Erik Wilson for your continued support in seeing Southwest Center Mall prosper.

Southwest Center Mall

The Southwest Center Mall, built in 1975 by the Debartalo Company, was originally named the Red Bird Mall because of its location in the community. The name was changed when new owners invested in revitalizing improvements in the food court. The mall currently features Macy's, Sears, and the Burlington Coat Factory as anchor stores.

Due to the deterioration of the property and low foot traffic to the mall, the Urban Land Institute (ULI) panel visited in 2007 to evaluate the structure and location in relation to the geographical area. They have suggested to revitalize the mall and create an atmosphere that is more cohesive to the community. Redeveloping the space that is already in use, the ULI panel began discussions in regards to restoring the mall to a site focused on community resources.

At the present time there are no definitive plans to proceed with redevelopment. There are also limits that need to be addressed due to the lack of freeway and pedestrian access issues. These issues would need to be considered and resolved in order to make Southwest Center Mall easy to visit.

Efforts to revitalize and save this mall have to be heightened because the window of opportunity to save it is quickly closing. The ability to keep the current anchor stores in business brings a competitive edge that is helping to keep revitalization a feasible option.

A large, obsolete mall is definitely a serious problem, but it can also be viewed as a once-in-a-generation opportunity to help bring people together. Buildings are simply byproducts of environments to bring people together for a multitude of reasons. This mall could be a great long-term opportunity to create a place for the community to come together and begin revitalizing southern Dallas.

As Chair of the Economic Development Committee, Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins looked at Valley View Mall and Southwest Center Mall. Both malls are similar in size and have similar potential economic development opportunities. By working with Dallas City Councilmember Lee Kleinman of District 11, a TIF was created that would help both malls reach their full potential development.

A special thank you to Miss Edna Pemberton, the community, the businesses and the churches to help save the Southwest Center Mall.





International Inland Port of Dallas

Since 2006, the International Inland Port of Dallas (IIPOD) has been a key driver of new industrial and warehouse development in southern Dallas. Multiple land owners are developing projects to take advantage of this area's superior transportation assets, including the Union Pacific rail line and intermodal, as well as interstates 35E, 20 and 45.

Active developers and owners in the area include the Allen Group, Holtz Lunsford, Hillwood, Trammel Crow, Ridge, USAA/Seefried and James Campbell Company.

Dallas tenants include Advanced H20, Conn's Appliance, EnKon, Goodman distribution, Tubelite, Inc., L'Oreal and Home Depot. Amazon and a Serta mattress factory is currently under construction and will open later this year.

The City has supported this development in a variety of ways, most notably through infrastructure improvements to the areas roads and stormwater system. These improvements have primed the area for new development. City funding of approximately \$20 million to date has supported over \$40 million in public improvements.

Just over 6 million square feet of new warehouse space has been built or is under construction in the last ten years in the Dallas IIPOD area. Over two thirds of this is leased, with project sizes ranging from 23,000 to a million square feet.

The IIPOD area also includes parts of the cities of DeSoto, Lancaster, Hutchins and Wilmer. More than 15 million square feet is occupied within the entire region. The IIPOD has been an important part of the growth of southern Dallas growth and will continue to be in the future.

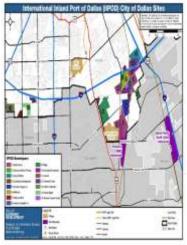


















OMNI Hotel & Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center

Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins served as Vice Chair for the Economic Development Committee at the time of establishing the Omni Hotel. Mayor Pro Tem Atkins fought for minority favor and guaranteed minority participation throughout the developing process to ensure fairness was observed in this project. Not only was he able to increase minority involvement, he was also able to ensure local preference as well. He managed to ensure that a minimum of 25% of the businesses located in the Omni are local business. As an operator, the Omni must maintain the minority goal participation.

The Omni Dallas Hotel is connected via sky-bridge to the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas. The Omni has 1,001 luxurious guest rooms and suites and 110,000 square feet of event space. The Omni and Convention Center have formed a partnership whereby the work cooperatively in marketing, sales and services to clients. The Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center has 88 meeting rooms, 3 ballrooms and 6 exhibit halls.



Hotel Construction	Hotel Operating
Exceeded goal of 30% at 37.9% of the project value	Exceeding 25% goal at 35.9%
Resulted in 163 separate contracts to M/WBE firms	23 existing contracts with M/ WBE firms







Mayor's Task Forc



Tennell Atkins, Task Force Chair Councilmember District 8

"Southern Dallas offers tremendous opportunities for growth and development through public and private investment that increases the tax base, utilizes an available workforce and enhances the lives of its citizens."

For more information on the Mayor's Southern Dallas Task Force, please

visit www.southerndallas.org Shortly after taking office as City Council representative for District 8 in southern Dallas, Council Member Tennell Atkins voiced great concern about the lack of economic growth and opportunity in such a large area of the City.

After becoming Vice Chair of the City's Economic Development Committee in 2008, Council Member Atkins focused his attention on development in southern Dallas. He realized that southern Dallas was a really large land mass, larger than the city of Atlanta, Ga. He also learned that the southern Dallas tax base was only 15% of the City's total tax base, with 85% coming from north Dallas where population was comparable. Southern Dallas had much more vacant land which meant opportunity for growth and development.

CM Atkins brought together over 300 people from various sectors; business, civic, education, philanthropy, concerned citizens, community leaders and politicians. The Mayor's Southern Dallas Task Force was created. He asked that they give 24 months of volunteer service to come up with ideas on how to develop and grow southern Dallas

Volunteers were divided into 13 geographical areas, led by a Chair and Co- Chair and meetings were held monthly. Each area group collected data on their area, developed SWOT analysis, and engaged the residents for input. After 24 months, each group submitted one primary idea and several other ideas. Seven ideas were implemented and many were the catalyst for future projects and several are part of projects currently underway.



Mayor's Southern Dallas Task Force **Committee Members**

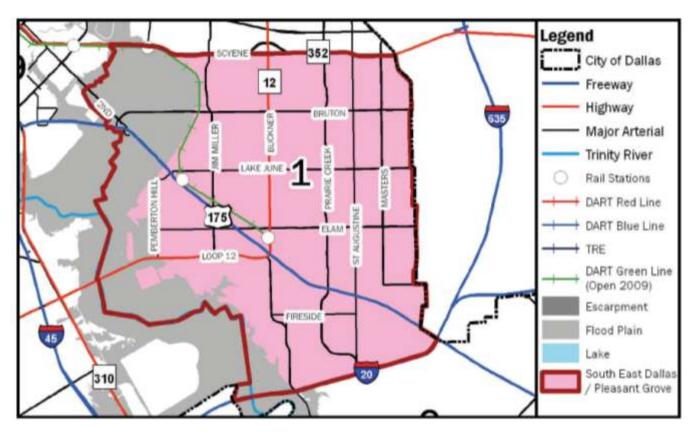
Chairs:

Dr. Shirley King, Area 1 Ken Benson, Area 2 Gail Terrell, Area 3 Sherman Roberts, Area 4 Linda S. Brown, Area 5 Charles English, Area 6 Regina Nippert, Area 7 Eugene Thomas, Area 8 Jim Slaughter, Area 9 Perry Johnson, Area 10

Vice Chairs:

Ralph Castro, Area 1 Nancy Bingham, Area 2 Rev. Stephen C. Nash, Area 3 Michael Sorrell, Area 3 J. Mark Barry, Area 4 Patricia Davis, Area 5 Richard McNeal, Area 6 Butch McGregor, Area 7 Lori White, Area 8 John Radovich, Area 9 Albert Bryan, Jr., Area 10

Area #1: South East Dallas / Pleasant Grove



Demographics

Committee Chairs:

<u>Chair</u>: Dr. Shirley King <u>Vice Chair</u>: Ralph Castro

• Area: 28.47 sq. mi. / 18,219 acres

Population: 95,289

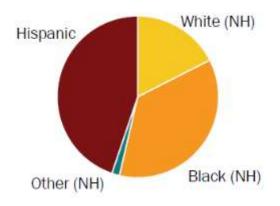
Households: 26,464

Per Capita Income: \$11,624

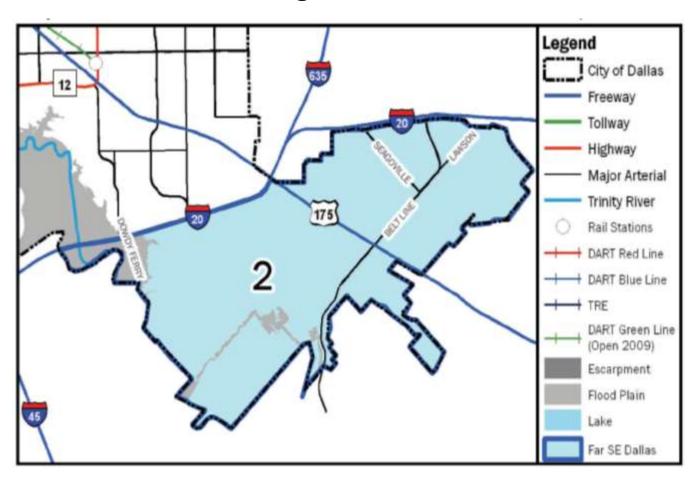
Business Establishments: 2,156

 2006 Bond Program Investment: \$44.7 million

,	Area #1	Southern Dallas	City
White (Non-Hispanic)	17.5%	13.8%	34.7%
Black (Non-Hispanic)	36.2%	42.7%	25.6%
Other (Non-Hispanic)	1.5%	1.8%	4.2%
Hispanic (All Races)	44.8%	41.7%	35.5%



Area # 2: Kleberg / Far South East Dallas



Committee Chairs:

Chair: Ken Benson

Vice Chair: Nancy Bingham

Area: 16.64 sq. mi./ 10,651 acres

Population: 20,592

Households: 6,454

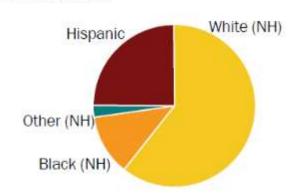
• Per Capita Income: \$15,148

Business Establishments: 266

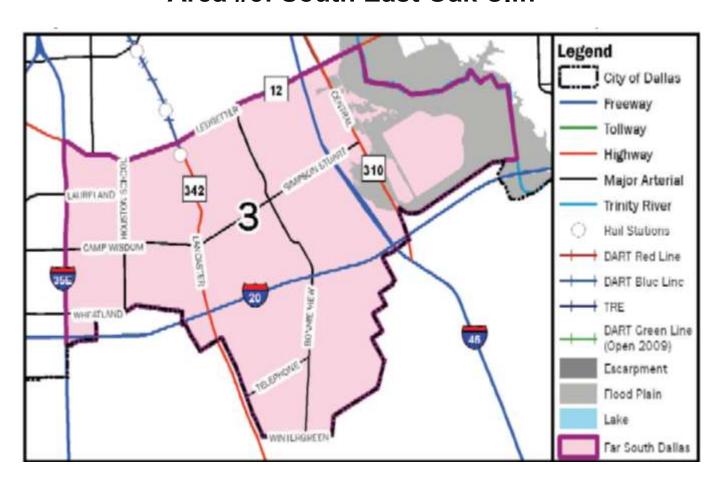
 2006 Bond Program Investment: \$3.5M

Demographics

	Area #2	Southern Dallas	City
White (Non-Hispanic)	60.7%	13.8%	34.7%
Black (Non-Hispanic)	11.9%	42.7%	25.6%
Other (Non-Hispanic)	2.5%	1.8%	4.2%
Hispanic (All Races)	24.9%	41.7%	35.5%



Area #3: South East Oak Cliff



Committee Chairs:

Chair: Gail Terrell

Vice Chair: Rev. Stephen C. Nash

Vice Chair: Michael Sorrell

Area: 25.72 sq. mi. / 6,459 acres

Population: 27,517

Households: 8,768

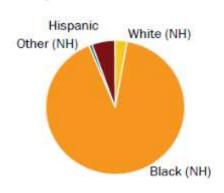
• Per Capita Income: \$14,125

Business Establishments: 847

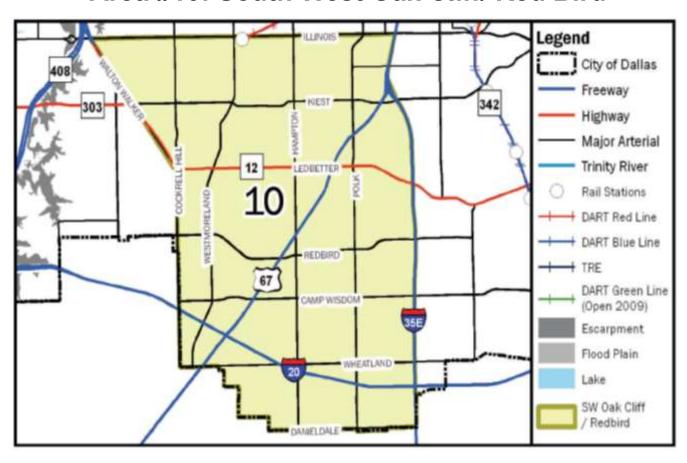
 2006 Bond Program Investment: \$55.6M

Demographics

	Area #3	Southern Dallas	City
White (Non-Hispanic)	2.7%	13.8%	34.7%
Black (Non-Hispanic)	91.1%	42.7%	25.6%
Other (Non-Hispanic)	1.0%	1.8%	4.2%
Hispanic (All Races)	5.2%	41.7%	35.5%



Area #10: South West Oak Cliff/ Red Bird



Committee Chairs:

<u>Chair</u>: Perry Johnson <u>Vice Chair</u>: Albert Bryan Jr.

Area: 24.08 sq. mi. / 15,411 acres

• Population: 93,072

Households: 30,792

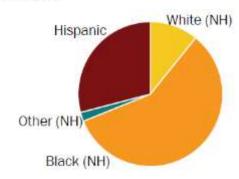
Per Capita Income: \$15,707

Business Establishments: 2,972

 2006 Bond Program Investment: \$24.9M

Demographics

		Area #10	Southern Dallas	City
	White (Non-Hispanic)	10.9%	13.8%	34.7%
ı	Black (Non-Hispanic)	58.1%	42.7%	25.6%
	Other (Non-Hispanic)	1.7%	1.8%	4.2%
	Hispanic (All Races)	29.3%	41.7%	35.5%



Southern Dallas Task Force Volunteers

James Mitchell

Kenneth Moon

Elleen Moore

G. Philip Morley

Antonio Montanez

Beverly Mitchell-Brooks

Lisa Alexander Clay Allard Cheryl Alston Marti Alvarado Michael Amonett Eric Anderson Kent Anderson Monte Anderson Carolyn K. Arnold Joe Atkins Lisa Autry Randy Bacon Azlee Baker Darryl Baker Alva Baker Cesar Baptista Barbara BarBee Jason T. Barnes J. Mark Barry Kimi Beeson Scott Begin David Bell Mollie Finch Belt Teri Benavides Steven D. Bennett Ken Benson Robin Bentley Nancy Bingham Blair J. Blackburn David Bolour Gerald L. Borders Barry Bowens Derrick L. Bowman Richard Boyd Steve Bradley Jeff Brand B.J. Brantley Timothy Bray Alison Brim Gerald Britt **Derwin Broughton** Keith A. Brown Linda S. Brown Jeannette Marie Brown Albert Bryant Connie Buford **Dwight Burns** Richie L. Butler Eugene W. Bynum Rick Callahan Karen Cameron Joyce Campbell John Cappello

Bryan Carter David Cartwright Ralph Castro Taj Clayton Jennifer Coleman De'Juan Collins De'On Collins Jerry Cook William Cothern Brenda Cotton Annelda Crawford Scotty Culbert Betty Culbreath Harry Culiver Lucile Dade Ruth Dade Cole Dargherty Patricia Davis Linda K. Davis Eli Davis John Delgado Sophia Dembling Jessie Diaz Brooke Dieterlen Glorias G Dixon Lavette Dudley Chris Durovich Dan Eddy Robert Edison Fatina Ashley Ekwenugo Victor Elmore Charles English Brian Enzler Michele Etemad Mamie J. Fletcher David Foote Rob Franke Melva J. Franklin Linda Gabriel Fave Gafford Prentis Gary Rick Garza Reginald Gates Rod Givens Maria Gonzales Michael Gonzales Tyrone D. Gordon Christopher Graham David L. Green Jamee Green Lynne Haze

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Robert Milligan

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Felix Zamora

Jim Wood

Giovanni Capriglione

Since coming to the Dallas City Council, I have had the privilege to serve as the Vice Chair of the Economic Development Committee from 2007—11 and as Chair of the Economic Development Committee from 2011—15.

During my time, I have done the best I could to ensure Dallas overall prospers. Although much has been accomplished, there is still more to come.

Projects to come:

1600 Pacific (Hilton Garden Inn) (fka Grand Ricchi Hotel/LTV Olive Street public improvement project

Tower) Park Lane Phase II Block E

Alexan Riveredge Pauls Mountain Creek

Almass Investment Group, LP (AIG) Pioneer Frozen Foods

AMN Healthcare Plaza Hotel
Bishop Arts Village Prologis / Ulta

Butler Brothers Building (500 S Ervay) Purse & Co Lofts

Cedar Branch TH (fka Hawthorne Town Homes) rehab of buildings in Deep Ellum

Cliff View Shed 2

Commemorative Air Force Shed 3 and 4 mixed use (FM Harvest Lofts or Harvest Apart-

Commerce 20 Development, LLC (Hillwood) ments)

Courtland Group (to be assigned to Crow Holdings) Silver Creek Investments

Dallas Proton Treatment Center SLF III - The Canyon TIF, LP

Davis Street Market (fka Homes of Kings Way) SMU Boulevard and Katy trail extension

DLH Master Land Holding, LLC Sports Arena North Parking Garage

Fairfield at West End (fka Fairfield at Ross)

Statler Hilton/former Dallas Library

Fairfield Investment Company, LLC

First Industrial Texas L.P.

StoneRidge XI

Flora Lofts (affordable portion)

StoneRidge XII

Frazier Revitalization (Parkland)

TCDFW Industrial Development Inc.

Futsal project

TCDFW Industrial Development Inc.

Galleries on Hickory Thanksgiving Tower

Grand Park Place Phase 1 The Canyon - infrastructure

Hatcher Gardens The Olympic (1401 Elm)

KPMG Plaza (fka Hall Arts Center Ph I)

Trinity Groves - mixed use

KRR Construction, LTD (Save A Lot)

Trinity Groves II

Marilla Triangle Apartments (same as Taylor Lofts and/or Two Podner's Barbeque and Seafood Restaurant

Harvest Lofts)

UPS EZ Nomination

Mayflower Building conversion

US Cold Storage

Mid Elm Lofts

NorthRock Lake Highlands (fka White Rock Trail)

MM Hotel

US Real Estate LP / Seefried Industrial Properties

Victory Park Lane public improvement project

Mt. Creek Investments, Ltd./Prologis WhiteWave Foods (Dean)

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Events brought to Dallas by Dallas City Councilmember Tennell Atkins





In 2013, Bishop T.D. Jakes reached out to Mayor Pro Tem Atkins to help him bring MegaFest to Dallas. This entertainment and spirituality festival included Oprah Winfrey discussing the importance of family. The event included guests Jennifer Hudson, Steve Harvey and Kerry Washington and attracted a crowd of over 50,000 people. This event has an economic impact to the city of Dallas of over \$40 million.







Celebrating 20 years under the big top, UniverSoul Circus offers family entertainment with African-American flavor. Even Mayor Pro Tem Atkins gets in on the action in the center ring to the delight of all in attendance. In the early 1990s, Mayor Pro Tem visited Atlanta where he first experienced the UniverSoul Circus. This attraction captivated him so much that he was a key instrumentalist in bringing the UniverSoul Circus to Dallas' very own Southwest Center Mall.







University of North Texas at Dallas



In 2002, the City of Dallas purchased 202 acres of land, a \$3 million value, and donated it to the University of North Texas system to create UNT-Dallas, the only 4-year university within the city limits. The campus was ultimately expanded to 264 acres via an additional land contribution, facilitated by the City of Dallas from a private land owner. UNT-Dallas' location was strategically chosen to be a catalyst for economic activity in southeast Oak Cliff.

UNT-Dallas opened its first building in 2007 with full-time enrollment of 1,000 students. The university now has two academic buildings, 2,600 full-time students and will graduate its second class in May.

UNT-Dallas is moving forward with plans to build a privately financed 120-bed residence hall and learning center on its campus, with a target opening date of summer 2016. The Texas House of Representatives just approved a bill containing \$60 million for a UNT-Dallas library and student success center as part of the tuition revenue bond program. This is pending Senate approval and if passed will be the campus' fourth building. Additionally, UNT-Dallas has privately raised \$400,000 of \$600,000 needed to build an on-campus amphitheater for students and the community.





In 2005, the UNT-Dallas area was designated as one of five catalyst projects in the Office of Economic Development's 2005 Strategic Engagement development plan.

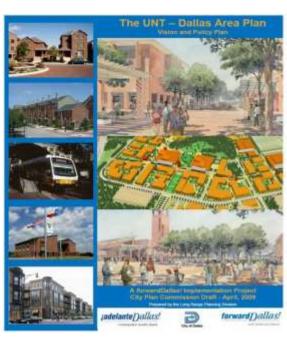
In 2006, the forwardDallas! Comprehensive Plan identified the UNT-Dallas area as a top priority for area planning.

A 14-member advisory committee including neighborhood residents and property owners was formed.

Two public meetings and 5 advisory committee meetings were held between April 2007 and May 2008, resulting in a draft Consensus Vision.

The draft Consensus Vision was followed by two additional public meetings, a town hall meeting in conjunction with DART, three neighborhood meetings and multiple property owner meetings.

As a result, in 2009, the UNT-Dallas Area Plan, the first post - forwardDallas! small area plan, was adopted.



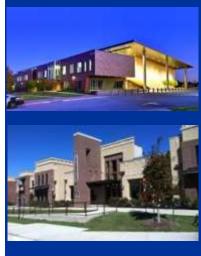






Partnerships

- Complementing City of Dallas' planning efforts, the City of Lancaster adopted a Campus District Plan.
- Their plan envisions research and development land uses within a 450 acre district at the City of Dallas/City of Lancaster border.
- A new Dallas Police Department South Central Patrol Division substation was built at Camp Wisdom Road and Patrol Way, directly across from UNT-Dallas.
- In 2008 the Kathlyn Joy Gilliam Collegiate Academy early college high school, magnet school opened which targets first generation college students.
- Opened in 2001, Magnolia trace senior community for the income restricted was welcomed to the community with 100+ units



UNT Area Potential Development Sites

Department of Public Works has completed design for the re-alignment of Wheatland Road between University Hills Boulevard and Lancaster Road and in the process of acquiring right of way. Various potential development sites and the new Camp Wisdom/UNT Dallas DART stations create transit oriented development opportunities on adjacent properties.

Two potential projects in the planning stage are:

- University Hills Centurion American (260 acres of mixed use development)
- Savannah Estates NRP/Pettis Norman (260 apartments, \$10,000 retail in PH1 with single family and commercial TV to follow)

To move forward District 8 will need significant Public Infrastructure Investment utilizing the following funds:

- \$5M approved in 2012 bond program
- \$5.2M approved in 2006 bond program for Wheatland Road realignment

Next Steps for District 8:

- Dallas Water Utilities and Public Works will continue to evacuate cost and funding sources of water, sewer and road improvements to support new development (2009 estimates: streets, \$43-\$56M; water and sewer \$15-16M)
- Creation of new TIF District to support infrastructure costs
- Evaluate identified potential projects in context of future City assistance









Procurement Opportunities for M/WBE

For the last 8 years, Mayor Pro Tem Atkins participated every other week in heading the procurement meeting that has been placed before the Dallas Mayor & City Council. He personally looked through every contract to ensure minority involvement and local preference was given inside the City of Dallas. He reviewed contracts, making sure procurement has presented local businesses before the council. Mayor Pro Tem Atkins has used all resources available to ensure the M/WBE business for the City of Dallas. Not only has he managed to incorporate this ideology into Dallas City Hall, he has managed to incorporate this mentality to all parties the City does business with such as in the Tarrant County Water Pipeline Project.

















The Dallas Morning News

Dallas Executive Airport's lucky number? 7,000, for longer runway

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Dallas Executive Airport has been the stepchild of local aviation for a long time.

That has never dampened supporters' hopes that the two-runway operation on the city's far southern side can become a strong competitor among the area's small corporate airports.

And a series of major investments — including a \$33 million plan to expand one runway to 7,000 feet — is stirring promises again that the former Red Bird Airport is at last ready for takeoff.

"We are bigger, larger. We've got all the amenities we need," said Dallas City Council member Tennell Atkins. "We can be in competition with Addison Airport. Our infrastructure is better."

Atkins represents the area that includes the airport, and he has been its staunchest backer for years. That includes a six-year stint in the late 1990s, when he was the airport's master leaseholder. Those years ended with the city yanking Atkins' lease and him suing. A jury ruled that the city

wrongfully terminated his contract and awarded Atkins \$3.5 million.

Since he joined the City Council, Atkins has cut all business ties to the airport but has nevertheless made its success a centerpiece of his tenure, he said.

Thanks in part to his advocacy, tens of millions of dollars have poured into Dallas Executive. City aviation officials say private and public investments over the last decade total more than \$60 million.

In 2006, the city dedicated a new terminal building. In 2007, it was a new traffic control tower. In the years since, the airport has gotten a new restaurant, better lighting and signs, and more attractive headquarters for the two private fixed-base operators, Ambassador Jet Center and Jet Center of Dallas, that run corporate jets in and out of Dallas Executive.

But nothing compares to the runway project.

The city and state transportation officials are teaming up to rebuild Dallas Executive's two runways, with the state paying 90 percent of the cost. One of the runways will be extended to 7,000 feet, a strip capable of handling the larger, heavier planes favored by many corporations.

The longer runway at Dallas Executive today measures 6,400 feet.

"Seven thousand is apparently the magic number," said Jan Collmer, a pilot and former chairman of the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport board.

Addison Airport and Collin County Regional Airport in McKinney, the two primary competitors to Dallas Executive, have runways of 7,000 feet or longer. And both have enjoyed the kind of success that Dallas Executive backers dream of.

But that isn't the whole story. No matter how long the runways are or how nice the facilities might be, Dallas Executive has a geography problem.

"It's not the airport. It's the distribution of businesses in the Dallas region," Collmer said. "It's highly unbalanced to the north. That's just the way it is."

Dallas Executive's backers have been trying for a long time to convince businesses that the short trip south is worth it. But it's been a hard sell. The airport is just minutes from downtown, but it's in an area that is underdeveloped at best and shabby at worst.

Atkins said Dallas Executive can help change that. But that hope has been unrealized for years.

George Moussa, president of Ambassador Jet Center, said the new runway might be the difference.

"It's a real game-changer. ... It's going to open up the field to a lot more traffic that would otherwise not be able to access the airport," he said.

It won't be painless. Construction will limit airport operations until its completion in 2016. Atkins and city officials have been working with Dallas Executive tenants to prepare for the slow times ahead.

Moussa said the wait will be worthwhile.

And when the Wright Amendment is lifted at Love Field next year, ending decades of limits on flights by big airlines, that could push smaller aircraft out of Love and into Executive's waiting arms. Or so Moussa hopes.

"Dallas Executive is Dallas' best-kept secret. It offers tremendous value for a 10-minute longer drive," he said. "Some people will do it, and some people just don't. "

By RUDOLPH BUSH Staff Writer

The Dallas Morning News

Editorial: UNT Dallas is a keystone for developing southeast Oak Cliff

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It's been 13 years since the city of Dallas bought 200 acres to seed what would become the University of North Texas at Dallas.

UNT Dallas has slowly found its footing in southeast Oak Cliff and is beginning to do what we all hoped it might — become a catalyst for economic improvement in this almost rural part of the city.

The school's presence hasn't created waves of change. It's easy to forget it's there, tucked away in just a few buildings on what is now a 246-acre campus just northeast of the intersection of Interstate 20 and Interstate 35E.

The temptation might be to suggest that UNT Dallas isn't delivering. That's the wrong impression.

The school is growing at a good clip, with 2,600 full-time students. Pending legislative funding, a student center

and a library will sprout. A new residence hall should be complete in 2016.

Meanwhile, significant development interest is growing nearby.

Two huge tracts of land are in developers' hands. One, known as University Hills, would be a 260-acre mixed-use project with single-family homes, townhouses, apartments and retail.

The second project, led by former Dallas Cowboy Pettis Norman, would be apartments with retail.

Both projects will likely need some city incentive, and this is where City Hall needs to be cautious.

The City Council adopted a forward-looking urban plan for the UNT Dallas area. These projects appear to hew to that plan and may be excellent opportunities, but the city must vet opportunities carefully to ensure they are in the best long-term interest of the campus and southeast Oak Cliff.

The UNT Dallas area boasts one of the most interesting development opportunities in the city. It's a few minutes from downtown by car. The DART Blue Line will run right to it by the end of 2016. A promising Dallas ISD magnet high school, the Kathlyn Joy Gilliam Collegiate Academy, serves the area.

This is about as close to a great blank slate as Dallas has.

There are significant needs, of course. Infrastructure costs will be heavy. The council should consider using tax increment financing to reimburse developers for those expenses. The city should also use the leverage of a TIF to ensure that proposed development lives up to the area's potential.

UNT Dallas needs to be the keystone of a great new part of the city. With care and patience, it will be.

UNT Dallas growth

2002: City of Dallas pays \$3 million for 200 acres for future UNT Dallas.

2007: UNT Dallas, the city's only four-year university, opens with 1,000 students.

Summer 2016: A third building, a 120-bed residence hall, will open.

Late 2016: The DART Blue Line will extend to the campus.

Also to come: Two major developments, including residential and retail projects, are planned for discussion this year and next.

Public Safety, Dallas Police

District 8 Police Divisions

Southwest Patrol Division 4230 W. Illinois Ave.

Dallas, TX 75211 214.670.7470

Southeast Patrol Division

725 N. Jim Miller Rd. Dallas, TX 75217 214.670.8345

South Central Patrol Division

1999 E. Camp Wisdom Rd. Dallas, TX 75241 214.671.4500



Opening of South Central Police Department



The goal of the 10-70-20 Program is to improve the overall quality of life of the citizens of Dallas by increasing community partnership and participation with the police in high-crime residential neighborhoods, multi-family communities and business areas in an effort to reduce crime.

Our objective is to engage residents into the process of keeping their neighborhoods safe. As communities become more engaged, individuals are less-likely to participate in criminal activity thus reducing crime and improving the overall quality of life of those communities.

The following 10-70-20 engagements have taken place in District 8:

April 12, 2008 Polk Terrace Neighborhood

September 9-19, 2008 Highland Hills & Highland Greens Neighborhood
February 25, 2012 The Greens, The Corners, Providence, West Virginia,

and Rosemont Apartments

There were over 3,000 individuals surveyed in these three programs, with nearly 100 education programs and over 100 community meetings held.





Operation Blue Shield



Operation Blue Shield is citizens and law enforcement working together through open dialogue and neighborhood and community-centric activities. By making an effort to acknowledge our unique differences and diverse perspectives, we create an environment of cooperation and shared vision for a safe and thriving neighborhood. The time has come for us to leverage our strengths and work together so we can collectively make our city, our communities and our nation stronger.

February 16, 2015 kicked off the campaign to help bridge the gap. For more information, visit:

www.operationblueshield.com



Mayor Pro Tem Atkins, joined by Mayor Michael S. Rawlings and EPIC founder Toni Brinker Pickens joined forces on Monday, February 16, 2015 at Southwest Center Mall to ring in the start of Operation Blue Shield.

Crime On the Decline

Over the past 8 years the citizens of District 8 along with the Dallas Police Department have taken back their neighborhoods. Through the growth of Operation Blue Shield and the enhanced Volunteers in Patrol program the overall crime rate in District 8 is **down almost 33**%.

This decrease in criminal activity is a direct result of citizen involvement and cooperation with law enforcement. Here is a break down by the numbers:

Burglary of a business down 43%

Robbery of a business down 29%

Burglary of a residence down 14%

Robbery of a individual down 24%

Theft via shoplifting down 57%

Assault down 35%

Murder down 31%

To continue this downward trend in crime District 8 residents need to stay vigilant and continue to be active participants who see something and say something.

What iWatch Dallas Means In Our City









It Is Powerful Technology

iWatch is a mobile application that enables citizens to turn in tips, images and videos about crimes or suspicious activities directly to law enforcement from almost any mobile phone or computer.

It Is A Direct Line to Police

You can submit digital photos or videos from cell phones or cameras directly to the officers investigating a specific crime.

It Is Secure & Anonymous

You can send tips anonymously, securely and easily or give us your info, if you wish, it is your choice.

It Helps Us Help You

Every time you see something, you can now say something. We watch Dallas. And so should you.

http://dallas.iwatch911.us/



Thank you to our officers who serve the citizens of Dallas in our various types of patrol such as: horseback, bike, foot patrol and K-9 patrol. Your assistance make Dallas a better tomorrow.











VIP - Volunteers in Patrol: This program is designed to reduce crime by having citizens patrol their own neighborhoods and report any suspicious or criminal activity to the police.

Total number of Volunteers for all volunteer programs: 13,164.

Total number of Volunteer Hours Year To Date: 10,263.95

http://www.dallaspolice.net/community/volunteerProgram.html

Chief on the Beat





Chief on the Beat is a series of health and safety fairs designed to generate relationships with neighborhoods and establish neighborhood leadership in order to combat existing crime and prevent future acts. This initiative will use a holistic approach to fighting and preventing crime - integrating various city departments, health service providers and faith based organizations to address crime issues as they relate to the overall quality of life of the citizens of Dallas. The primary focus is to deal with the crime, but before leaving the area, to also establish neighborhood leadership.

"It's hard to build relationships in a crisis (during a police call). [We would rather have the rapport] and then when a crisis arises, we already have the relationships," said Chief Brown.

District 8 Fire Stations

214 670-4611

No. 9-2002 Cool Mist Lane

No. 25-2112 56th Street

No. 40-2440 Kimwood Drive

No. 54—6238 Bonnnie View

Public Safety Dallas Fire-Rescue



City of Dallas Fire Station No. 40 opened February 8, 2008

Service Type	FY 06/07	FY 07/08
Fire Inspections	389	402
Smoke Detector	375	389
Educational Programs	650	568
Fire Station Show	67	43
and Tells		
Service Type	FY 08/09	FY 09/10
Fire Inspections	466	356
Smoke Detector	311	361
Educational Pro-	598	611
grams		
Fire Station Show and Tells	41	58
Service Type	FY 10/11	FY 11/12
Fire Inspections	478	425
Smoke Detector	502	478
Educational Pro-	717	608
grams		
Fire Station Show and Tells	63	51
Service Type	FY 12/13	FY 13/14
Fire Inspections	447	516
Smoke Detector	349	404
Educational Pro-	687	698
grams		
Fire Station Show and Tells	42	50
and rens		



Ribbon Cutting Station No. 40







Infrastructure

Over the course of time, wear and tear on any object will cause problems. Streets is an issue that City Councilmember Tennell Atkins always dealt with. Through his work with Streets Department and accessing the 2006, 2009 and 2012 bond programs, Mr. Atkins was able to accomplish maintenance treatment to 300 streets from 2006-2014.

In 2006, 22 streets received a variation of micro surfacing, asphalt street rehabilitation, asphalt street restoration or slurry seal.

In 2007, 12 streets received a variation of micro surfacing, concrete partial reconstruction, asphalt street restoration or slurry seal.

In 2008, 21 streets received a variation of micro surfacing, concrete partial reconstruction, asphalt street rehabilitation or slurry seal.

In 2009, 6 streets received asphalt street rehabilitation or asphalt street restoration

In 2010, 3 streets received asphalt street restoration.

In 2011, 51 streets received a variation of asphalt full-depth repair, concrete partial reconstruction, asphalt street rehabilitation, asphalt street restoration or slurry seal.

In 2012, 73 streets received a variation of asphalt full-depth repair, micro surfacing, concrete partial reconstruction, asphalt street rehabilitation, asphalt street restoration or slurry seal.

In 2013, 57 streets received a variation of asphalt full-depth repair, micro surfacing, concrete partial reconstruction, asphalt street rehabilitation, asphalt street restoration or slurry seal.

In 2014, 55 streets received a variation of asphalt full-depth repair, micro surfacing, concrete partial reconstruction, asphalt street rehabilitation, asphalt street restoration or slurry seal.

In 2015, 49 streets have been proposed to receive a variation of streets received a variation of asphalt full-depth repair, concrete partial reconstruction, asphalt street rehabilitation, asphalt street restoration or slurry seal. In addition, the Meadows area of District 8 will be receiving renovations to their allies, scheduled to be completed by Spring 2016.

Completed City Services on our Bridge Repair, Beltline Road over Hickory Creek Bridge Repair, Lawson Road over Mesquite Br Trib Bridge Repair, Ravenview Road over Hickory Creek Road Repair, Forsythe Drive

Access City Services Through Our Phone



Report violations

High weeds
Litter
Loose Animals
Obstruction
Open & Vacant Structure
Illegal Signs
Graffiti
Illegal Dumping

Request Services

Street Repairs
Traffic Signal Issues

Code Compliance





Priority Levels 1-7 Service Calls			Cal	endar Yea	r				
District 8		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014			
Priority 1 Level Service Request	Attack in Progress					246			
Priority 2 Level Service Request	Sick/Injured (critically)	493	755	680	536	554			
	Bite Reports	127	118	149	116	131			
	Confined	965	1287	1174	1019	911			
	Cruelty Follow Ups	76	83	71	56	32			
	Illegal Vending	1	2	1	2	6			
	Limits	20	40	45	28	22			
	Loose	1918	2937	3778	3518	2878			
	Loose Owned					280			
Priority 3-7 Level	Noisy	31	68	115	97	57			
Service Request	Pooper Scooper	18	32	47	55	21			
	Prohibited Rooster	39	51	51	52	21			
	Spay/Neuter/Intact	77	89	71	12	10			
	Tethering	75	204	74	21	25			
	Unsanitary Conditions	67	92	80	35	18			
	Vaccination/Registration Investigation	34	72	69	28	32			
	Wildlife/Livestock - Routine	15	25	25	17	46			

Code Enforcement Success

2008

7310 Wilcox - Mowed the yard of an 89 year old partially blind and deaf elderly citizen who lives alone.

Members of the Friendship West Baptist Church painted her home with the assistance of Councilman Atkins.

2010

Cigarette Heights - Councilman Atkins, the Miller Family, and City Staff cleaned the entire street by cutting back trees, overgrown vegetation and removing litter.

2012

The South Central Code Compliance District assisted the Hidden Valley Crime Watch Group with cleaning an unapproved alley behind 1417 Laura St

2013

Sept/Oct. 2013. There were 137 Junk Motor Vehicles complied by District 8 residents during the Citywide Junk Motor Vehicle Sweep.

6700 JJ Lemmon- This property was cleaned as a result of the teamwork of Code, DPD, City Attorney, and Real Estate. This property had been an eyesore to this community for several years involving illegal sales, operating a dancehall without a license, selling alcohol, illegal storage and the storage of Junk Motor Vehicles.

2014

3420 Cedardale - Several vehicles were removed from this property. This was a large junkyard business with oversized vehicles. As a result of the persistence of

Code Compliance, Community Prosecution and Dallas Police this property was cleaned and all vehicles removed.









District 8

Code Enforcement Team

Kris Sweckard, Director 3112 Canton, Suite A Dallas, Texas 75226 214-670-5708

South Central Division

Tyrone McGill, Mgr 214-923-2463

Code Representatives Columbus York 469-231-3494

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Code Representatives

Sheri Steele 214-693-0888

Norris Booth 214-694-4470

Southwest Division

Macklin Wright 214-422-3775

Code Representatives

Elonda Chilton 214-415-2356

Johnny Garcia 214-875-3776



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The city of Dallas has greatly benefited from the dedicated leadership of the Honorable Tenneil Atkins, who has ably served his fellow residents as a member of the city council; and

WHEREAS, Pirst elected to represent District B in June 2007, Mr. Atkins is the council's current mayor pro tem; over the course of his tenure in office, he has demonstrated a sustained interest in promoting economic renewal and the improvement of city infrestructure; in 2010, he launched the Community Office/Mini-Town Hall Program, an initiative that brings together public officials and citizens of the district to work constructively toward the betterment of their neighborhoods; he has also recently rostributed to the council as chair of the Economic Development Committee and vice chair of the budget, finance, and transportation committees; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of the Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University. Br. Atkins has accrued many years of professional experience, including service as chief executive efficer of A & T Construction and Redbird Development Corporation; in addition to his work on the council, he has been active in a number of civic organizations and in the National League of Cities, where he was elected to the organization's hoard and Economic Development Policy Committee; moreover, he serves as secretary of the Texas Association of Black City Council Members and as a trustee for the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System; and

WHEREAS, Each day, public servants improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens in immumerable ways, and Tennell atkins has helped to make Dallas an even hetter place in which to live and work, now, therefore, be

RESOLVED, That the House of Sepresentatives of the S4th Texas Legislature hereby honor Tennell Atkins for his service on the Dallac City Council and extend to him sincers best Wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Mr. Atkins as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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State of Texas Recognition



RESOLUTION

MHEREAS, Citizens of Dallas have greatly benefited from the seadership of the Honorable Tennell Atkins, who was reelected to epresent District 8 on the city council in May 2011; and

MHEREAS, The public-spirited men and women who dedicate their ime and telents to help lead their community are indeed deserving of the admiration and gratitude of those they serve; and

WHEREAS, Each day, public servants improve the quality of life unjoyed by their fellow remidents in innumerable ways, and the efforts of Mr. Atkins have helped make Dallam an even better place in which to live and work; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Tennell Atkins on being reelected to the Dallas City Council and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

BESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Mr. Atkins as an expression of high regard by the Texas Nouse of Representatives.

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February 6, 2015

Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins Honoree IMA Dallas, Texas

Dear Mayor Pro Tem Atkins:

Please accept my congratulations on being honored by the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Greater Dallas as it celebrates "Uplifting Families, Endowing Our Community" at the 50th Annual Dr. C.A.W. Clark Human Relations Banquet.

The honor that you are receiving this evening is more than fitting, as you have committed your life to improving the lives of others, and to making our world a better place to live for everyone.

My warmest regards to members of your family, to your colleagues and to all of those who have been touched by the gift of your many contributions and the earnest mission of your life. We are better because of all that you have given, and all that you shall continue to give.

Sincerely.

Allie Bernice Johnson

Member of Congress

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October 4, 2011

Dullas Mayor Pro Tempore Tennell Atkins 2700 Meadow Stone Ln Dullas, Texas 75215

Dear Neighbor

It pleases me greatly to learn that the neighbors of Dallas Mayor Pro Tempore Tennell Arkins have gathered on this 28^{th} Annual National Night Out to send out a clear message that our neighborhoods are organized and vigilant! National Night Out has proven to be a significant and fun event where we get to meet our neighbors, law enforcement individuals, members of civic groups, and many others.

I appreciate everyone's hard work in assuring that this night would be successful and constructive. It's through our harmonious efforts that we can fight crime and create safe neighborhoods for our children and all citizens of our communities.

Let's come together as one-learn to stay safe and keep up the good light against crime!

Sincerely,

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Eddie Bernie Johnson
Member of Congress

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HELPFUL NUMBERS

,.... 911—ALL EMERGENCIES / 311 or 214-670-5111 - Non Emergencies / 211 or 214-739-4636 - Free and confidential referrals

<u>City Services</u> Automobile Pound (24 Hours)

214-670-5116

Birth & Death Certificates

Building Inspection Information

Census Information

Dallas Animal Services

Dallas Fire Rescue

Department of Code Compliance

Department of Street Services

Martin Luther King Center

Municipal Court Building

214-670-0109

Narcotics Tip Line 214-671-3120

Office of Senior Affairs

214-670-7883

Parks & Recreation 214-670-4100

Public Information/Open Records

Requests 214-671-8570

Sanitation

Water Utilities Info

Dallas Marshalls Office

(Illegal dumping, City Detention Center, warrant confirmation, prisoner transfers, bond processing for arrested defendants)

Non-City Services

Auto Registration/Titles/Handicapped Stickers (Dallas County)

214-653-7811

Better Business Bureau 214-220-2000

Child Welfare/Report Child Abuse:

214-951-7902

County Information

Dallas County Home Loan Counseling

214-819-6060

Dallas Housing Authority

Dallas Tenants Association

DART Police Dispatch

Federal Information Center

Family Violence

Hepatitis/Infectious Disease Control

(County-wide) 214-819-2000

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

1-800-829-1040

Juvenile Welfare (County)

214-747-3711

Lawyer Referral (Dallas Bar

214-220-7400

License Plates 214-653-7811

ONCOR

1-888-313-4747 (outages)

Marriage Licenses (County Clerk)

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Veterans Assistance

Veterans Service (Dallas County)

Texas Driver's License Office

214-861-2000

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Thank you Councilman Atkins...



Dear Councilman Atkins,

I realize your time is ending Councilman Atkins. There are various things, you and your office assisted us with. I would like to say thanks for your help with the stray dogs. You so patiently heard my cry and complaints. As you know I had dogs visiting my street like crazy. This went on for some time. Some did not look safe, others look sick, some made camp at my house for pleasure to hang out. I have no idea why, but they felt this was acceptable and it was NOT. I don't have a dog of my own and was concern about the massive amount of strays that visit my neighborhood on a regular basis. I have a grandchild whom I did not want to get hurt. It was as if this was the location for strays to lodge. I talked with other neighbors over a time and they were removed, dog-catchers came out, dog traps, picked up from my house and others. Follow-up calls were made and I appreciate that you took time. I wish you well in your next endeavor. Thank you, V. Tarrant



Tennell Atkins has been a great friend. He always has a smile to greet and welcome you with open arms. Enjoy what God has in store for you. Be blessed. Robbie Jones





Dear Councilman Atkins, We appreciate your unfailing attention to the job. Little did I know, that you would make it happen for us. In more ways than one. The wheelchair ramp was a much needed blessing. Thank you Council Atkins There are people that take their job serious, I see that in you. We are fortunate to have you give your efforts countless. I hope you look around and see how much better a place it is. Thank you, for EVERYTHING you did do, what you are doing, and what you will do in the future, Where ever you are. Thank you. Angela Sincerely, Angelia Hicks



Dear Councilman Atkins, Thank you for all that you do, you have been an awesome, wonderful aid, giving time, services, helping the community, reaching out to the elderly in many ways, knowledge, and a great presentation in all that you do. It shows when I view district 8. A person that I am glad to say, hats off, well done. Thank you. Debra Cox



Thanks, Cynthia Youngblood.

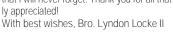


We want to give a Shout Out and thank you to our Mayor Pro Tem Alkins for all that he has done in District 8 for the past eight years. For bringing new development to the Southern sector, all of the informative meetings, Home for the Holiday Celebration , Unified National Night Out, etc. He will definitely be missed and we wish him God's blessing in all his future endeavors. Gloria Barnes, Arden Terrace NA/ CW President



Dear Councilman Atkins,

It is a pleasure for me to write a few words on your behalf because I am grateful and honored that you have been the voice of District 8 in Dallas. Quite simply, you have made and continue to make yourself available to serve this city. Most times politicians lives are too busy and filled with official responsibilities that they rarely have the time to respond to their many constituents' individual needs. I appreciate that you've never been too busy to stay in touch and respond to the needs of the people in your community. Whether it be the one on one talks or information on opportunities available in the city, sharing your helpful contacts to get folks through issues they are facing, or even tickets to a sold out play or other events folks otherwise might not be able to attend; you've never hesitated to do what you could for those who needed your help. I have immense respect for your dedication and expertise as a businessman and politician but it is your gracious smile and generous contributions to our personal lives that I will never forget. Thank you for all that you do, it is sincerely appreciated!







Dear Councilman Atkins. Throughout your tenure as a councilman, it has been very evident that you care about your community. You have invested your time, money and efforts in showing us we matter. You have spent countless hours working behind the scenes showing everyone that the southern sector is relevant. No matter how busy your schedule, you always made time to listen and make a difference. Even though we don't always say it, thank you! Your efforts have not gone unnoticed. You have made a great impression on me and my family. Society often suggest that politicians are out for themselves, if that's the case you are truly an exception to the rule. You have done nothing but show your love and concern for all. You will truly be missed. The Green Family

Thank you to all former & present Dallas Mayors and City Councilmembers for your support!



Dallas Mayor & City Council 2007-2009

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Without you District 8 would not be the place it is today - a place we all call home." - Tennell Atkins, Mayor Pro Tem