

# Dallas Public Fraud Prevention Services

Anonymous Hotline Reporting

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June 21, 2004

Ms. Mary K. Suhm  
Dallas City Manager  
1500 Marilla Street, Room 4EN  
Dallas, Texas 75201-6390

**RE: Texas Public Information Act - Open Records Request  
Dallas Police & Fire Pension System  
ID # 0301-075**

Dear Ms. Suhm:

On May 22, 2002, the Dallas Morning News published an article regarding the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System noting that "the system's accounts payable rolls contained numerous errors, incomplete postings and a wealth of omissions" and that "members of the system's management team were systematically procuring the personal bank records of employees" ([Exhibit "A"](#)).

During June/July 2002, outside legal counsel for the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System submitted invoices with a combined total of \$18,821.25 that included among routine legal services, \$11,131.00 in billings from a third-party vendor ([Exhibit "B"](#), [Exhibit "C"](#)).

Pursuant to the Texas Public information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, please provide a copy of all invoices supporting the aforementioned \$11,131.00 payments to Spaeth Communication by the law firm of Lawson Fields McCue Lee & Campbell, P.C., on behalf of its client, the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System.

Please note that we are requesting that the City Manager's office compile information responsive to this Open Records Request, and that a written itemized statement of estimated charges be provided in advance of work being started should the estimated charge exceed \$10.

Please advise should you have comments or require additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Columbus A. Alexander, III, CPA  
Certified Fraud Examiner  
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cc: Mayor Laura Miller  
Dallas City Councilmembers  
Shirley Acy, City Secretary

# Metropolitan

The Dallas Morning News  
DallasNews.com

Wednesday, May 22, 2002  
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## Audit: \$20,000 missing

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Police-fire pension  
board fires examiner,  
disputes some assertions

By **DAVE MICHAELS**  
Staff Writer

An employee of Dallas' police and fire pension system embezzled nearly \$20,000 from its operating budget, and the fund has lost a significant number of its records to theft or shredding, according to an audit obtained by *The Dallas Morning News*.

The pension system's board of trustees said Tuesday that the employee has been terminated. The audit says she agreed to plead guilty to theft charges.

The woman is not being named because she has not been arrested or charged with a crime.

The suspect's attorney, Marcus Norman of Dallas, declined to comment about the case. He confirmed that his client was terminated but has not been arrested.

She was cashing checks from the pension system's petty-cash account and buying personal items

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# Auditor: \$20,000 stolen from fund

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with pension system funds, trustees said.

The money was stolen over the course of a year and a half or two years, said Steven Shaw, a Dallas police sergeant who is the vice chairman of the board. "Most of it happened in the several months prior to us detecting it. It seemed to escalate as they [police] got nearer to her detection and apprehension."

The pension fund has about \$1.9 billion in assets, officials said, so the loss was not expected to affect any pensioners.

Sgt. Shaw said the case is being investigated by the Police Department's general assignments section, which handles white-collar crime.

Pension system administrators noticed the fraudulent checks in March and immediately referred the case to the Police Department, they said. They also hired an outside auditor, the forensic accounting firm CFOpros, to inspect the overall security of their system.

The auditor, Columbus Alexander III, wrote in his report that the pension system is so riddled with accounting and record-keeping problems that the board should create a management oversight committee.

Mr. Alexander, whose report was received by trustees Monday, did not return a phone call Tuesday seeking comment.

Pension system trustees voted Tuesday to terminate Mr. Alexander's contract, saying he made wide-ranging allegations about fraud and abuse but declined to disclose evidence to support his conclusions.

Mr. Alexander wrote that a "senior member of the system's management team" discouraged him from extending his audit beyond

the allegations about employee theft. Mr. Alexander also wrote that the senior manager urged him not to report other problems to trustees.

Mr. Alexander's report stated that the suspect said she had two accomplices and that several others "were aware of her illegal activities."

"Accordingly, we recommend that no fewer than two interviews be conducted with ... [the suspect] at this time for the purpose of determining the nature and content of her allegations," Mr. Alexander wrote.

Among the report's other findings:

- The system's accounts-payable rolls contained "numerous errors, incomplete postings and a wealth of omissions."

- Archived records about accounts payable that were stored at an off-site location are missing — possibly stolen or destroyed.

- Members of the system's management team were "systematically procuring" the personal bank records of employees.

Sgt. Shaw disputed many of those assertions. He said he does not know what the Police Department's investigation found.

Detectives were unavailable Tuesday for comment.

"We have absolutely no evidence that any other employee is involved in this," Sgt. Shaw said. "It is typical when someone is confronted with a criminal allegation that they try to blame other people."

Sgt. Shaw said the pension system has been reimbursed about \$9,000 of its losses by banks where the suspect cashed checks.

Trustees replaced Mr. Alexander with the accounting firm KPMG, which they hope will provide them with a new report within three weeks.



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PENSION SYSTEM



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Assistant Administrator

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August 6, 2002

DALLAS MORNING NEWS  
Metropolitan Section Editor  
508 Young Street  
Dallas, Texas 75202

Mr. Dave Michaels  
DALLAS MORNING NEWS  
508 Young Street  
Dallas, Texas 75202

Mr. John Gill, J.D., CFE  
General Counsel  
Association of Certified Fraud Examiners  
The Gregg Building  
716 West Avenue  
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: *Dallas Morning News* Dallas Police and Fire Pension System Audit Article of May 22, 2002.

Dear Sirs:

On May 22, 2002, an article written by Mr. Michaels appeared in the Metropolitan Section of the Dallas Morning News regarding the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System (the "Pension System") audit, which, in turn, was posted on the website of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. A copy of both articles is attached to this letter. After reviewing the article, it has become clear that there were several potentially misleading statements and/or ambiguities in the information reported by Mr. Michaels which should now be corrected concerning CFOpros and its Certified Fraud Examiner, Mr. Columbus A. Alexander, III, who was hired by the Pension System.

In particular, the inaccuracies are as follows and should be corrected:

1. In your subheadline, it states "Police-Fire Pension Board Fires Examiner, Disputes Some Assertions". In fact, the Pension System did not "fire" Mr. Alexander; rather, his Contract terminated on May 8, 2002, per its terms, and at its Board of Trustees' meeting on May 9, 2002, the Pension System chose not to extend the Contract beyond its terms.

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Mr. Dave Michaels  
August 6, 2002  
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2. On the second page of the Article, in the next to last paragraph in the left column, the article reads that, "Pension System Trustees voted Tuesday to terminate Mr. Alexander's contract, saying he made wide-ranging allegations about fraud and abuse but declined to disclose evidence that supports his conclusions". Again, the Board of Trustee's did not vote to terminate Mr. Alexander's Contract, but rather to not extend a contract that had already terminated by its own terms. In addition, the appropriate time for Mr. Alexander to provide all of the evidence supporting his interim conclusions had not yet arisen when the article was published.

The Pension System is hopeful that you will publish this letter soon to make sure the potentially misleading statements are corrected for the public record. The Pension System further hopes that the potentially misleading and/or ambiguous information reported by Mr. Michaels did not cause any harm to Mr. Alexander, CFOpros, its partners, and affiliates.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald Eick". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees,  
Dallas Police and Fire Pension System

TB:c11

cc: Columbus A. Alexander, III, CFE

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**BANK ONE** C/203

**OFFICIAL CHECK**

559793776

TEXAS

10-86  
220

Purchaser **\*\*\*LAWSON & FIELDS P.C.\*\*\***

08/09/02

Pay To The Order Of **\*\*\*CFopros\*\*\***

\$ **54,000.00**

54000 DOLLARS

Dollars

RE: FOR CONFIDENTIAL SERVICES RENDERD\*\*\*

Drawer: BANK ONE, NA

Authorized Signature

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# Lawson, Fields, McCue, Lee & Campbell

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TRE 503

14135 Midway Road  
Suite 250  
Addison, Texas 75001  
(972) 490-0808, (972) 490-9545 Fax

Exhibit "B"

Tax ID NO.: 04-3632522

June 30, 2002

Invoice submitted to:

Dallas Police & Fire Pension System  
2301 N. Akard St.  
Dallas TX 75201  
Attn: Linda Stevenson

**Please make note of  
our new address:  
14135 Midway, Suite 250  
Addison, Texas 75001**

In Reference To: DPF1Employee2996  
**Employee / Personnel Issues**

Invoice # 200206256

TRE 192.5  
552.111  
TRE 503  
552.107(1)

	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6/17/2002 EGC Review contract with [ ] Discuss [ ]	0.50	125.00
6/21/2002 GBL Telephone call to Officer Hall.	0.25	68.75
6/28/2002 GBL Draft edits to [ ]	0.75	206.25
GBL Edit to [ ]	1.00	275.00
For professional services rendered	2.50	\$675.00
Additional Charges :		
5/31/2002 Delivery expense - On Time Couriers		69.00
6/11/2002 Spaeth Communication invoice for consultation during May		<b>975.00</b>
<b>Total costs</b>		<b>\$1,044.00</b>
<b>Total amount of this bill</b>		<b>\$1,719.00</b>
<b>Previous balance</b>		<b>\$6,887.50</b>

**Lawson, Fields, McCue, Lee & Campbell, P.C.**

**Exhibit "C"**

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**Tax ID NO.: 04-3632522**

July 31, 2002

Invoice submitted to:

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2301 N. Akard St.  
Dallas TX 75201  
Attn: Linda Stevenson

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our new address:  
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Addison, Texas 75001**

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Comments \_\_\_\_\_

In Reference **DPF001**  
To: **General**

AUG 08 2002

Invoice # 200207028

G/L Account (61000-7000 - (VMS))  
Approved [Signature]  
Approved [Signature]

		Hours	Amount
7/2/2002	GBL Draft first edits sent to Everard Davenport; draft of Investment Management Addendum.	0.75	206.25
7/10/2002	ADF Further review of alternative methods for satisfying minimum distribution requirements.	5.50	1,567.50
7/11/2002	GBL Attend Board of Trustee meeting.	4.00	1,100.00
	ADF Further work on regulations comments.	5.50	1,567.50
7/15/2002	ADF Telephone conference with Everard Davenport regarding comments on regulation Section 1.401(a)(9)-6T; made revisions.	1.50	427.50
7/19/2002	ADF Prepare summary of Dallas Police and Fire Pension issues resulting from minimum distribution regulations as requested by Everard Davenport and send to Everard Davenport with a cover letter.	3.00	855.00
7/24/2002	RJP Research regarding Constitutional Amendment.	1.50	255.00
	GBL Conference with Everard Davenport regarding expense reimbursement issue.	0.50	137.50

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AUG 8 2002



	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7/25/2002 ADF Review items from Don Rohan on waiver of 30 day waiting period and use of electronic only data from City to provide salary and contribution information.	0.50	142.50
7/29/2002 GBL Meeting at Dallas Police and Fire Pension System with Richard L. Tettamant, Everard Davenport and Brian Blake regarding future contract drafting for service providers and model contract.	2.50	687.50
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For professional services rendered	25.25	\$6,946.25
Additional Charges :		
7/31/2002 Spaeth Communication invoice 2660		<b>10,156.00</b>
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Total costs		\$10,156.00
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Total amount of this bill		\$17,102.25
Previous balance		\$6,738.75
7/18/2002 Payment - thank you. Check No. 5095		(\$6,738.75)
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Total payments and adjustments		(\$6,738.75)
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Balance due		<b>\$17,102.25</b>
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Professional Summary

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A. D. Gus Fields	16.00	285.00	\$4,560.00
Gary B. Lawson	7.75	275.00	\$2,131.25
Richard J. Pradarits	1.50	170.00	\$255.00

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August 5, 2004

Texas Attorney General  
Open Records Division  
Education & Enforcement  
P.O. Box 12548  
Austin, Texas 787110

**RE: Texas Public Information Act - Open Records Requests  
Dallas Police & Fire Pension System  
ID # 0301-900**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552, the following Open Records Requests regarding the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System were issued during June 2004:

<u>Attachment</u>	<u>ID Number</u>	<u>First Request</u>	<u>Second Request</u>	<u>Third Request</u>
1	<a href="#">0301-033</a>	06-10-04	07-01-04	07-15-04
2	<a href="#">0301-090</a>	06-10-04	07-01-04	07-15-04
3	<a href="#">0301-091</a>	06-10-04	07-01-04	07-15-04
4	<a href="#">0301-092</a>	06-21-04	07-12-04	07-19-04
5	<a href="#">0301-093</a>	06-21-04	07-12-04	07-19-04
6	<a href="#">0301-075</a>	06-21-04	07-12-04	07-19-04
7	<a href="#">0301-076</a>	06-21-04	07-12-04	07-19-04
8	<a href="#">0301-024</a>	06-21-04	07-12-04	07-19-04

Despite both a second and third written attempt to obtain the information requested, we have not received a response (without exception) to any of the above listed Open Records Requests. Respectfully, we are requesting that the Office of the Attorney General, Open Records Division, intervene at this time for the purpose of compelling production of the information requested.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated assistance in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mayor Laura Miller  
Mary Suhm, City Manager  
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Shirley Acy, City Secretary

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June 10, 2004

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Dallas City Manager  
1500 Marilla Street, Room 4EN  
Dallas, Texas 75201-6390

**RE: Texas Public Information Act - Open Records Request  
Dallas Police & Fire Pension System  
ID # 0301-033**

Dear Ms. Suhm:

On April 14, 2000, the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System acquired seven commercial properties in and around the downtown Dallas Victory Project area, to include the four-story office building now used by the Pension System for its offices and Board room.

On May 31, 2000, Kathryn A. Cox, Assistant Administrator for the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System, submitted her letter of resignation. A City of Dallas employee, Ms. Cox was compensated directly by the City of Dallas payroll for her services with the Pension System (Exhibit "A").

On June 2, 2000, the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System issued a payment in the amount of \$21,600.00 to Ms. Cox (Exhibit "B"). Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552, please identify the reason for distributing \$21,600.00 in pension assets to Kathryn Cox following her resignation of May 31, 2000.

Secondly, please identify any and all payments made by the Pension System to third-parties on behalf of Kathryn Cox during calendar year 2000. Finally, please provide a copy of IRS Form 1099 as issued by the Pension System in support of all payments made to and on behalf its former Assistant Administrator, Kathryn A. Cox, during calendar year 2000.

Please note that we are requesting that your office provide information responsive to this Open Records Request, and that a written itemized statement of estimated charges be provided in advance of work being started should the estimated charge exceed \$10.

Sincerely,

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**RE: Texas Public Information Act - Open Records Request**  
**Dallas Police & Fire Pension System**  
**ID # 0301-090**

Dear Ms. Suhm:

Each year the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System publishes an Annual Report that includes, among other items, a summary of events that occurred during that calendar year. The Year 2001 in Review section of the Pension System's 2001 Annual Report issued under transmittal to the Mayor and Dallas City Council includes the following statement (Exhibit "A"):

"The System acquired a four-story office building situated north of downtown Dallas on North Akard Street at the intersection of Cedar Springs Road. The System office occupies the second floor of the building, with the Board room and Conference Center located on the first floor."

In fact, the aforementioned office building was actually purchased by the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System on April 14, 2000, as part of seven commercial properties in and around the Dallas Victory Project area, and not during 2001 as stated in its 2001 Annual Report. A copy of a contemporaneous surveyor's map and filed deed indicating April 14, 2000, as the true and correct date of acquisition by the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System are enclosed for your perusal (Exhibit "B").

We take seriously the responsibility of public reporting, and are concerned by the erroneous information noted above. Respectfully, we request that the City Manager's office provide an explanation at the earliest possible time.

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**RE: Texas Public Information Act - Open Records Request  
Dallas Police & Fire Pension System  
ID # 0301-091**

Dear Ms. Suhm:

On February 9, 2000, the Board of Trustees for the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System received a report on the progress of the due diligence review of the Akard Place Property, noting that the 40-day review period would end on March 6, 2000 (Exhibit "A"). The Akard Property is a group of seven commercial real estate properties located in and around the downtown Dallas Victory Project area (Exhibit "B").

On April 10, 2000, the Board of Trustees for the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System held an emergency meeting to consider L&B Realty Advisors' recommendation regarding the acquisition of the Akard Place Property. After a 5 minute closed executive session, the Board of Trustees voted to authorize the proposed transaction (Exhibit "C").

However, prior to the 40-day review period, and almost three months before the Board of Trustees voted to approve its acquisition, Articles of Incorporation were filed creating the legal entity that would acquire the Akard Place Property on behalf of the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System (Exhibit "D").

Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552, please provide a copy of the written authorization for the creation of PFP Akard Place, Inc. Please note that we are requesting that your office compile information responsive to this Open Records Request, and that a written itemized statement of estimated charges be provided in advance of work being started should the estimated charge exceed \$10.

Please advise should you have comments or require additional information. Thank you.

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**ID # 0301-092**

Dear Ms. Suhm:

During 2002, the forensic accounting firm CFOpros received payments from the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System (and agents on its behalf) totaling \$64,362.17 (Exhibit "A"). However, amounts reported to the Board of Trustees for the same period were substantially lower at \$25,000.00.

We take seriously the responsibility of public reporting, and are concerned by the erroneous information reported by the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System in its Professional Services Budget for fiscal 2001/2002 (Exhibit "B"). Respectfully, we request that the City Manager's office provide an explanation at the earliest possible time.

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**RE: Texas Public Information Act - Open Records Request  
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ID # 0301-093**

Dear Ms. Suhm:

In our letter of November 15, 2003, we requested information regarding competitive bids for legal services noting that on January 13, 2000, February 8, 2001, and December 12, 2002, the Board of Trustees for the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System unanimously approved hourly rate increases for its outside legal counsel, Lawson & Fields, P.C. (Exhibit "A").

On December 15, 2003, the Administrator for the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System responded to our request stating that "the quality of the legal advice upon which we will rely is our most important consideration" while failing to produce any information regarding competitive bids that may have been considered by the Board of Trustees (Exhibit "B").

We understand that the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System has disbursed \$1,067,983.00 in pension assets to outside legal counsel during the four year fiscal period from 1999 through 2002 (Exhibit "C"). Respectfully, we are requesting a copy of the Dallas Police & Fire System's policy regarding competitive bids. If none, please explain.

Please note that we are making this request pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code. In addition, please note that we are requesting that the City Manager's office compile information responsive to this Open Records Request, and that a written itemized statement of estimated charges be provided in advance of work being started should the estimated charge exceed \$10.

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**ID # 0301-076**

Dear Ms. Suhm:

On August 9, 2002, outside legal counsel for the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System issued a cashier's check in the amount of \$54,000.00 to a third-party vendor for "confidential services rendered." (Exhibit "A").

Pursuant to the Texas Public information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, please provide a copy of all vendor invoices supporting the aforementioned \$54,000.00 payment by outside legal counsel for the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System. If none, please explain.

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**ID # 0301-024**

Dear Ms. Suhm:

Richard Tettamant has held the position of Administrator of the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System since 1993. He also served as Assistant Administrator of the Pension System for eight years. He joined the Pension System in 1982 (Exhibit "A").

Gerald Brown has served continuously on the Board of Trustees since 1983. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and is a member of the Administrative Advisory Committee (Exhibit "B").

During 1993, the law firm of Lawson & Fields, P.C. was incorporated. During its many years as outside legal counsel for the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System, the firm's name has changed, most recently to Lawson Fields & Calhoun, P.C. (Exhibit "C", Exhibit "D"). Pursuant to Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, please identify the date of the first contract for legal services between the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System and its outside legal counsel, Lawson Fields & Calhoun, P.C., and/or its member attorneys.

Please note that we are requesting that the City Manager's office compile information responsive to this Open Records Request, and that a written itemized statement of estimated charges be provided in advance of work being started should the estimated charge exceed \$10.

Please advise should you have comments or require additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mayor Laura Miller  
Dallas City Councilmembers  
Shirley Acy, City Secretary