

Dallas Public Fraud Prevention Services
Anonymous Hotline Reporting

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December 3, 2003

Councilmember Mitchell Rasansky
Dallas City Council
1500 Marilla Street, Room 5FN
Dallas, Texas 75201-6390

**RE: Texas Public Information Act – Open Records Request
Dallas Police & Fire Pension System
ID # 0301-043**

Dear Mr. Rasansky:

On October 4, 2001, both you and Councilmember Leo Chaney were appointed to the Board of Trustees for the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System (the “System”) ([Exhibit “A”](#)). During the first six months of the following year, both you and Councilmember Leo Chaney resigned from the System’s Board of Trustees, submitting letters of resignation that were essentially the same, both in style and content ([Exhibit “B”](#), [Exhibit “C”](#)).

Pursuant to the Texas Public information Act (Texas Open Records Act), Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, please provide the following information:

1. Were you encouraged or otherwise forced to resign from the System’s Board of Trustees? If so, please provide a description of the events and/or circumstances that precipitated your resignation. If not, please identify the issues as a member of the Dallas City Council that caused a “conflict of interest” with your appointed role as City Council Trustee of the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System.

Please advise should you have comments or require additional information. We appreciate your anticipated cooperation, and look forward to hearing from you at the earliest possible time.

Respectfully,

Columbus A. Alexander, III, CPA
Certified Fraud Examiner
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cc: Honorable Mayor Laura Miller

Dallas Police and Fire Pension System
Thursday, November 8, 2001
8:30 a.m.
2301 North Akard, Suite 200
Dallas, Texas

Exhibit "A"

Regular meeting, Gerald Brown, Chairman, presiding:

ROLL CALL

Board Members

Present: Gerald Brown, Steve Shaw, George Tomasovic, Rector C. McCollum, Gary Edge, Steve Umlor, John Mays, Richard Wachsman, Councilmember Donald Hill, Councilmember Maxine Thornton-Reese

Absent: Councilmember Leo V. Chaney, Jr., Councilmember Mitchell Rasansky

Staff Richard Tettamant, Don Rohan, Brian Blake, Everard Davenport, Don McMillan, Linda Rickley, John Holt, Jerry Chandler

Others Rosalind Hewsenian, Joel Whidden, Robert McGowan, Audrey Jones, Brent Wilson, Wayne Antrobus, Warren G. Horton, Tony Takats, Andy Davis, James Dondero, Richard C. Jakob, Howard Marks, Greg Brandner, Gary Lawson, Gus Fields

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The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m.

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A. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. Welcome of new City Council trustees

Mr. Tettamant stated that two new City Council Trustees had been appointed to the Board as of October 4, 2001: Leo V. Chaney, Jr. and Michell Rasansky.

2. Recognition of former trustees of the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System

The terms of Councilmember Mary Poss and Councilmember John Loza as Trustees of the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System Board expired as of October 4, 2001.

After discussion, Mr. Edge made a motion to recognize the contributions to the Board of former Councilmember Trustees, Mary Poss and John Loza. Mr. McCollum seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.



CITY OF DALLAS

MITCHELL RASANSKY
Councilmember



January 4, 2002

Mr. Richard L. Tettamant
Administrator
Dallas Police & Fire Pension Board
2301 N. Akard Street, Suite 200
Dallas, TX 75201

Dear Mr. Tettamant:

It is with regret that I resign my position as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Dallas Police and Fire Pension Board.

In talking with our City Attorney, I believe there would be issues coming up that as a member of the Dallas City Council, could cause a conflict of interest and I am afraid there would be too many times I could not vote on an issue.



Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mitchell Rasansky".

Mitchell Rasansky
City Councilmember



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Exhibit "C"

CITY OF DALLAS

LEO V. CHANEY, JR.
Councilman - District 7



May 21, 2002

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Administrator
Dallas Police & Fire Pension Board
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Dallas, TX 75201

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Sincerely,

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Leo V. Chaney, Jr.
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**SECOND REQUEST
01/01/04**

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