

A Chapter of The American Institute of Architects

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Mayor Mike Rawlings Dallas City Hall 1500 Marilla Street Dallas, Texas 75201

Dear Mayor Rawlings and Dallas City Council:

Thank you for your careful consideration of the Park Land Dedication ordinance. The Dallas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Dallas) is supportive of this ordinance and its potential impact on future planning and quality of life in the City of Dallas.

AIA Dallas supports planning and development initiatives which benefit the long-term interests of our City and region. The Park Land Dedication ordinance will allow civic leaders to plan, secure, and maintain park land across the City of Dallas and ensure future growth is coupled with the resources needed to maintain a diverse and vibrant quality of life in our community. We applaud the approach that Park Land Dedication funds can be expended to acquire, build, or enhance parks and associated indirect costs to truly strengthen the park system. We agree with the approach that trees on dedicated park land can help meet Article X mitigation requirements.

Again, AIA Dallas is proud to support the proposed Park Land Dedication ordinance. Please reach out to our organization if we can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

Mike Arbour, AIA AIA Board President

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