

September 10, 2025

Lauren Thoden
Denton City Secretary
215 E. McKinney St.
Denton TX 76201

(Personally Hand-Delivered this Date)

Dear Secretary Thoden,

Please accept this as my request to appear and deliver to the Denton City Council a "Citizen Report" during the Council's "Presentations from Members of the Public" at its next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Having timely submitted this request to you, I would appreciate it if you would place this item on the Council's agenda (as more fully described below, "*Proposed Ordinance Concerning City Policy Transparency*"), and identify me as the person who will be presenting this Citizen Report. Thank you.

/s/Richard Gladden

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Denton, Texas 76201
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Proposed Ordinance Concerning City Policy Transparency, to be Presented by Richard Gladden at the Regular Denton City Council Meeting Scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on September 16, 2025.

- a) No member of the Denton City Council, including its Mayor, regardless of whether a quorum of the Denton City Council is present, shall meet with a representative of the United States government or any of its agencies concerning either 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g) (also known as "§ 287(g)" of the

federal Immigration and Nationality Act), or Texas Senate Bill 8 as approved by the 89th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature (effective Jan. 1, 2026), when such meeting includes attendance of one or more other city officials or staff members employed by the City of Denton; *unless*, not later than seven (7) calendar days before such meeting, the Denton City Secretary has posted, as provided by § 551.050 of the Texas Government Code, and has also posted concurrently on the home page or landing page of the Internet website of the City of Denton, public notice of the date, time, location and particular subject matter of the meeting with the representative of the United States government or any federal agency.

- b) Not later than three (3) business days after the conclusion of any meeting described by subsection (a), any member of the Denton City Council (including its Mayor) and any other official or staff member employed by the City of Denton who has attended a meeting described by subsection (a), shall prepare and submit to the Denton City Secretary a detailed written report describing specifically the substance of the statements made by, or the communications between, all parties attending the meeting either in-person, remotely by electronic means, or otherwise.
- c) A failure by any member of the Denton City Council (including its Mayor) and any other official or staff member employed by the City of Denton who

has attended a meeting described by subsection (a), to comply with the duties imposed by subsections (a) or (b), shall constitute a “serious” violation of the Denton City Ethics Code, as defined by § 2-282(b)(3)(B) of that Code (as adopted under Denton City Ordinance 25-577 on April 15, 2025).

- d) Furthermore, notwithstanding any other applicable law or ordinance, if a violation as described in this ordinance has been committed by a member of the Denton City Council (including its Mayor), such a violation shall be deemed to create a conflict of interest that prohibits the offending Council member (or Mayor) from participating in Council deliberations or voting on any Council agenda item pertaining to the same subject matter of the meeting referred to in subsection (a), during their current term in office.
- e) The written reports described in subsection (b), and any documents or tangible media containing information, electronically recorded or otherwise, that have been presented to or considered by any person attending the meeting described by subsection (a), shall be publicly disclosed by the Denton City Secretary to any person who has requested this information, not later than ten (10) calendar days after the meeting has concluded, notwithstanding the applicability of any exemption from public disclosure

contained in the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code.

- f) A failure by the Denton City Secretary to comply with the duties imposed by subsection (e) shall constitute a “serious” violation of the Denton City Ethics Code, as defined by § 2-282(b)(3)(B) of that Code (as adopted under Denton City Ordinance 25-577 on April 15, 2025).
- g) Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit or materially limit enforcement of valid immigration laws enacted under federal or Texas law.
