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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Finance

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DATE: December 3, 2024

SUBJECT

Consider approval of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Denton exercising its rights and casting votes for membership to the Board of Directors of the Denton Central Appraisal District; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

The Denton Central Appraisal District (DCAD) has notified the City that the term for members on the current DCAD Board of Directors expires on December 31, 2024. Therefore, DCAD is seeking nominations from the 61 taxing jurisdictions in the district. The City Council can make up to five nominations for the Board of Directors. Once nominations are received by DCAD, a ballot will be sent to the City. The City Council will then cast their vote to elect Board members at the December 3, 2024 City Council meeting.

During the second special session of the 88th Legislature, the passing of Senate Bill 2 changed the terms and composition of the board. The DCAD Board of Directors will increase from a 5-member board to a 9-member board. The new board composition will include 5 members appointed by the taxing jurisdictions, the Tax Assessor/Collector now serving as a voting member, and 3 publicly elected members. There were no changes made to the nomination and appointment process for taxing jurisdictions. Board members will now serve staggered 4-year terms, instead of 2-year terms for all.

The number of votes a taxing unit has is determined by their proportional share of the total levy in the district from the prior tax year. There is a total of 5,000 votes throughout the district. DCAD has calculated the current votes for the City of Denton totaling 189. The five candidates who receive the largest cumulative vote totals are appointed to the board.

The current Board of Directors is as follows:

Name	Title
Roy Atwood	Chairman – Place 7**
Charles Stafford	Vice Chairman – Place 8**
Ann Pomykal	Secretary – Place 4**
Angie Cox	Member – Place 1
Lisa McEntire	Member – Place 2
Rick Guzman	Member – Place 3
David Terre	Member – Place 5**
Alex Buck	Member – Place 6**
Michelle French	TAC – Member – Place 9*

*Position changed to a voting member in 2024

*** Current positions being voted*

The following is a summarization of DCAD's nomination & approval process:

Prior to October 1st - DCAD notifies taxing entities of the number of votes they are entitled to cast for appointing board members.

Prior to October 15th - Nominations are submitted to DCAD by each jurisdiction. Each jurisdiction can nominate up to five candidates.

Prior to October 30th - DCAD compiles a comprehensive list of the nominees and forwards to each taxing unit in the form of a ballot.

Prior to December 15th - The taxing jurisdictions choose by written resolution the candidate (s) of their choice. The jurisdiction then submits the name (s) and the votes cast to DCAD.

Prior to December 31st - DCAD tabulates the votes and forwards the results back to the jurisdictions. The five candidates that receive the most votes become the Board of Directors as of January 1st.

Eligibility Guidelines:

The selection process for the Board of Directors is set forth in Section 6.03 of the Property Tax Code. This process is not an "election" governed by the Texas Election Code. It is an independent procedure unique to the property tax system. An appraisal district director must reside in the appraisal district for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the date the member takes office. Most residents are eligible to serve as a director. An individual who is serving on the governing body of a city, county, or school district is eligible to serve as an appraisal district's director. An employee of a taxing unit served by the appraisal district is not eligible to serve as a director. However, if the employee is an elected official, he or she is eligible to serve. Additionally, a person may not serve as a board member if closely related to anyone in the appraisal district if related to anyone who represents owners in the district, or if the person has an interest in a business that contracts with the district or taxing jurisdiction.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

Exhibit 3 - DCAD Candidate Memo

Exhibit 4 - 2024 Vote Distribution

Exhibit 5 - Presentation

Respectfully submitted:
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