

December 10, 2008

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas has been requested to recognize and participate in the Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board as the board commits its efforts to synergize public safety programs and services across Dallas County, coordinate programs and systems to reduce crime, and maximize the effectiveness of criminal justice resources throughout Dallas County; and

WHEREAS, the key stakeholders met on June 23, 2008 to discuss the need for a more coordinated, policy driven approach to improving the criminal justice system throughout Dallas County; and

WHEREAS, the Dallas County criminal justice system is a complex process of inter-relationship between numerous local, county, state and federal agencies that requires high level coordinated leadership and attention; and

WHEREAS, to understand the complexities and the inter-relationship of agencies involved in the Dallas County criminal justice system the need exists to create a new policy-oriented mechanism that will position the justice leadership, officials of public government, business and community leaders and the public to work together in partnership to make recommendations for the overall improvement of the Dallas County criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, current research and literature in the field of criminal justice indicates the effectiveness of establishing local criminal justice advisory boards in improving local systems through more collaborative and better coordinated decision making processes; and

WHEREAS, in a follow-up meeting held on October 6, 2008, key stakeholders agreed to active participation and support of the Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board and approved the by-laws and organizational structure; and

WHEREAS, Dallas County Commissioner Mike Cantrell was affirmed as Chair and Dallas Police Chief David Kunkle was affirmed as Vice-Chair of the Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas concurs to recognize and participate in the Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board as the board commits its efforts to synergize public safety programs and services across Dallas County, coordinate programs and systems to reduce crime, and maximize the effectiveness of criminal justice resources throughout Dallas County;

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Now Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to recognize and participate in the Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board as the board commits its efforts to synergize public safety programs and services across Dallas County, coordinate programs and systems to reduce crime, and maximize the effectiveness of criminal justice resources throughout Dallas County.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas and it is accordingly so resolved.

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APPROVED BY
CITY COUNCIL

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Deborah Williams
City Secretary