



## District 1 Kicks-Off 2025 with the Annual New Year's BBQ

Commissioner Daniel hosted the Annual New Year's Barbeque on Friday, January 10th at the Dallas County Road and Bridge District 1 office in Garland. Over 90 people attended the event and enjoyed a delicious barbeque lunch catered by Mesquite BBQ and were offered tasty desserts and sweets brought by event attendees. This yearly event serves as an effort to thank employees, elected officials, board and commission members, and residents for their continued hard work for the previous year and it also serves to kick off the new year on a high note! This year's event brought out several elected officials from Dallas County and the cities of Dallas, Garland, and Mesquite. It even boasted an invocation given by former Texas House of Representative Harryette Ehrhardt. Dallas County's Small Business Enterprise Director Jessie Crawford performed along with his bandmates, Alpha2Omega, and provided musical entertainment for guests.



Top Left: The thank you note from Commissioner Daniel from the New Year's BBQ. Top Middle: Commissioner Daniel with members of the Alpha2Omega band. Top Right: Commissioner Daniel speaking with BBQ attendees including Dallas County employees and Garland residents. Bottom Left: DC Constable Pct. 2 Deanna Hammond, Commissioner Daniel, DC SBE Compliance Officer Gwen Wilson, and Chief Deputy Constable Kendra Penny. Bottom Middle: BBQ attendees enjoying their catered lunch by Mesquite BBQ. Bottom Right: Former Rep. Harryette Ehrhardt with Commissioner Daniel giving the invocation.



## MetroCare Opens Elam Road Family Clinic

On February 7th, Metrocare Services hosted a ribbon cutting and grand opening of their Elam Family Mental Health Clinic located at 9209 Elam Road in the Pleasant Grove area of Dallas. This new facility provides comprehensive mental health services to families including adults, children, and teens needing mental health assistance. The clinic will also aid in providing disability assistance, crisis intervention and therapy services to the residents of Southeastern Dallas County. Commissioner Daniel was on hand to offer congratulatory remarks along with Dallas City Councilmember District 5, Jaime Resendez. Representatives from the Texas state legislative offices of Senator Royce West, Senator Nathan Johnson, Representative Toni Tose and Representative Aicha Davis were in attendance as well. Metrocare CEO Dr. John Burruss welcomed attendees and provided information on the new facility. Metrocare's executive leadership offered tours of the new facility and answered questions regarding the services offered to clients. Commissioner Daniel remarked how this was a tremendous addition to Dallas County and this new facility is a great example of the collaborative effort between the county, city, and service providers working together to service to our community.

*Left: Dallas County staff along with Commissioner Daniel at the Metrocare Grand Opening. Middle Left: Commissioner Daniel along with Dallas City Councilmember Resendiz giving opening remarks. Middle Right: Members from Metrocare, various elected official offices, and Dallas County staff cut the ribbon on the new Metrocare Elam Family Clinic. Right: Commissioner Daniel along with Metrocare Board president Kenneth Bernstein, Metrocare CEO Dr. John Burruss, and Dallas Councilmember Jaime Resendiz.*



## Housing Forward 2025 Point-in-Time Count

Commissioner Daniel and staff participated in Housing Forward's annual Point-In-Time Count on Thursday, January 30th. This yearly census is conducted every year by Housing Forward for the unhoused populations of Dallas and Collin counties. The initiative is mandated by the Housing and Urban Development department to retrieve a snapshot of the unhoused population in a specific area. These efforts also provide the local Continuums of Care a view of how many neighbors are in our communities as well. Housing Forward encourages a variety of volunteers to go out into the community and assist in the counting of one of the nation's most vulnerable populations. The kick off was held at First United Methodist Church downtown and featured speakers including Housing Forward President and CEO Sarah Khan. Words of encouragement and instructions were given and volunteers were off to count. Commissioner Daniel and staff were given an area within District 1 to canvass and also provided care packages and resources to the neighbors who were counted.

*Left: Housing Forward PIT Count welcome. Middle Left: President and CEO Sarah Khan giving opening remarks during the kick off festivities. Middle Left: Commissioner Daniel with a local volunteer group before counting commences. Middle Right: Bridge employee and former unhoused neighbor Jerry Hayes offering words of encouragement for volunteers.*





## Texas Conference of Urban Counties



Top: Commissioner Daniel speaks to State Senator Royce West, Dist. 23

Commissioner Daniel and staff attended the Texas Conference of Urban Counties Education and Policy Conference in mid-February. During the conference, Commissioner Daniel was able to meet and speak with elected officials from other counties within Texas. She was also able to speak with legislators, Sen. Royce West, Sen. Sarah Eckhardt, Rep. Toni Rose, Rep. John Bryant, Rep. Cassandra Garcia Hernandez, and Rep. Linda Garcia. As Immediate Past Chair of the Board of Directors for CUC, Commissioner Daniel and staff attended various board meetings and sessions to learn about statewide policies and platforms affecting counties. Valuable information was gained and brought back to Dallas County that will benefit our residents now and the future to come.



Top: Commissioner Daniel with state Rep. Toni Rose.



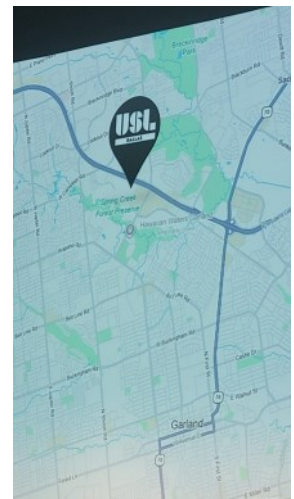
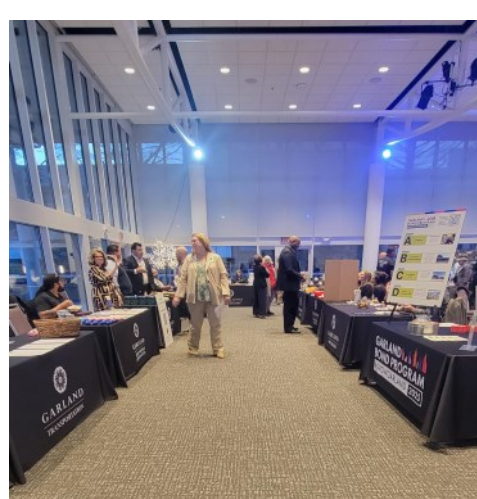
Left: Windy Johnson, Program Manager Intergovernmental Relations for CUC, presented to CUC on state legislative action. Inside Left: Commissioner Daniel with Dallas County staff and the staff of Rep. Rafael Anchia. Middle: Commissioner Daniel poses with Senator Sarah Eckhardt, District 14, in Austin. Inside Right: Commissioner Daniel and Dallas County staff pictured with Rep. Linda Garcia, Dist. 107 in Dallas. Right: Dr. Kenneth Fleichmann presenting on the responsible uses of AI in public systems.



## Garland State of the City

The City of Garland hosted their annual State of the City address in late January at the Granville Arts Center. This speech would be the final address of Mayor Scott Lemay. During the address he outlined the growth and change of Garland and also highlighted the future projects and expansion of the city. Mayor Lemay also announced the City of Garland's partnership with the USL Dallas professional soccer club and the plans to move their headquarters to Garland. He also discussed the renovation of city streets, the waterpark and the construction of new natatorium. He also emphasized the importance of the new 2025 city bond election and encouraged all Garland residents to vote. Before Mayor Lemay gave his address, the City hosted a City Fair of which the city departments presented a table highlighting their department accomplishments and current projects. Address attendees were encouraged to stop by each table to learn about the departments and to enter for a chance to win tickets for a local concert.

Left: The Garland State of the City Banner. Inside Left: Garland Mayor Scott Lemay delivering his final state of the City address. Inside Right: The City of Garland departments info tables. Right: The future home of the professional soccer club USL Dallas Headquarters located in Garland





# Around District 1 and Dallas County



May 3, 2025

## Joint Election\*

In Texas, the May Joint Election\* is a key opportunity for voters to participate in local governance by selecting officials such as city council members, school board trustees, and other municipal representatives. These elected officials play a crucial role in addressing local needs, from education to public safety and community development.

### Key Dates & Deadlines

- Apr 3 - Last Day to Register to Vote
- Apr. 22 - First Day of Early Voting
- Apr. 22 - Last Day to Apply for a Mail Ballot
- Apr. 29 - Last Day of Early Voting
- May 3 - Election Day
- May 3 - Mail ballots postmarked on or before May 3rd by 7 PM can be received no later than May 5th

### Find your Nearest Vote Center

Dallas County registered voters have the convenience of voting at any Vote Center within Dallas County, whether during Early Voting or on Election Day. Utilize our [Vote Center Location Finder](#) to locate the nearest Vote Center to you, and access information on Vote Center Hours and Wait Times.

### View your Sample Ballot

Sample Ballots become available 30 days prior to an Election and allow registered voters to familiarize themselves with the choices they'll make on Election Day.

View your Sample Ballot by scanning the QR-code.

### Required Identification for Voting

Bring any of the below Acceptable ID's to your Nearest Vote Center;

- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- Texas handgun license issued by DPS
- United States military identification card containing the person's photograph
- United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph or
- Passport

Aside from the U.S. citizenship certificate, all other IDs must be current or have expired within the last four years to be valid for voter qualification at the polling place.

For additional information about the Dallas County Elections process, scan this QR code.



*Top Left: Commissioner Daniel being sworn in as Commissioner of District 1 on January 1, 2025.*

*Top Middle: Dallas County hosted a Lunar Year celebration after the Commissioner's Court presented a resolution in its honor as the year of the snake.*

*Top Right: Commissioner Daniel with members of the Worker Defense Fund Better Builder Program advocating for the safety and well being of construction and service workers.*

*Middle Left: Commissioner Daniel and her staff with County Administrator Darryl Martin during the District 1 staff retreat.*

*Middle: Commissioner's Court acknowledging the City of Garland's Right of Way Coordinator Mike Paschall as Dallas County Public Works Dept City Partner of the Year.*

*Middle Right: Commissioner Daniel presenting a memorial resolution honoring community advocate Eugenia "Genie" Fritz in January. Representatives from the League of Women Voters were present to receive the resolution.*

*Lower Middle Left: Commissioners Daniel and Sommerman with Dallas County Judge addressing the Trump Administration's Funding Freeze.*

*Lower Middle: Voter information for the upcoming May 3, 2025 local elections.*

*Bottom Left: Commissioner Daniel speaking during the Texas A&M Agri-life Awards.*