

A MESSAGE FROM

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The Esperanza Community Center at Dobie is a project very close to my heart. The journey began when Richardson Independent School District (RISD) decided to close Dobie Pre-K School. I felt compelled to take action when I heard the concerns of Esperanza residents regarding the closure of the school.

I partnered with passionate individuals and stakeholders to transform Dobie Pre-K into a central hub of services.

I navigated the process of securing a lease of the school from RISD, contracted with essential service providers, engaged with community members for feedback, and successfully secured funding to make this project a reality.

As we prepare to open our doors to the community, I am grateful for everyone's contributions to this project. We have built a foundation that will provide support and address the unique challenges Esperanza residents face.

ESPERANZA COMMUNITY CENTER AT DOBIE

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INTRODUCING THE NEW COMMUNITY CENTER!

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27 SEPTEMBER 2025

9 AM - 12 PM 14040 ROLLING HILLS LN, DALLAS, TX 75240

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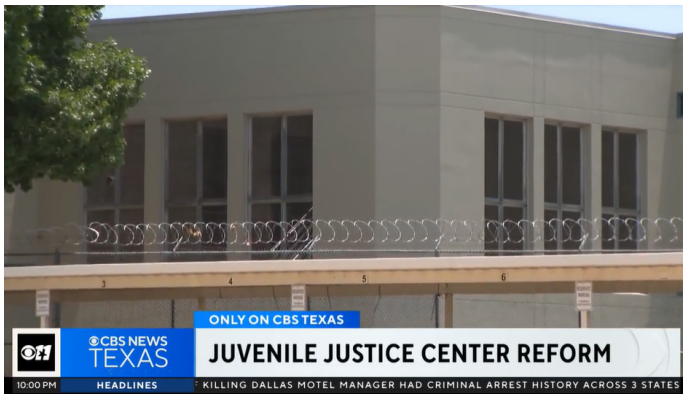
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July 18th - Commissioner Sommerman and Chief of Staff, Tom Ervin met with Wireless Communications at the George Allen Court Building.

July 18th - Commissioner Sommerman took a tour of the chillers at the George Allen Court Building with Pablin Vela from the Facilities Department.



July 30th - Commissioner Sommerman toured Homeward Bound, a deflection center in Dallas County with Doug Denton.



August 5th -
Commissioner Sommerman
invited Śrī Avirhotra Dāsa
from Radha Kalachandji
Temple to give an
invocation for
Commissioners Court.
Scan the QR Code to watch
the invocation!



August 19th -
Commissioner Sommerman
invited Pastor Kirsten Wee
from King of Glory Lutheran
Church to give an invocation
for Commissioners Court.
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the invocation!



September 13th -
Commissioner Sommerman
with the District 2 staff and
volunteers dropping off
door hangers around the
Esperanza Community.



The Miami Model: Decriminalizing Mental Illness

What is the Miami Model?

The Miami Model is a mental health diversion program implemented in Miami-Dade County to reduce the number of people in the legal process. The program moves individuals with a mental illness and substance use disorders out of the criminal justice system and into community-based treatment.

It focuses on providing support and resources to this vulnerable population, reducing recidivism, and improving outcomes for both individuals and the community.



Commissioner Sommerman attended several conferences in Miami, Florida to learn and understand the Miami Model for Decriminalizing Mental Illness.



“The Miami Model has shown significant progress in decriminalizing mental illness in jail systems. This model diverts offenders with mental illnesses to the appropriate mental health care treatments. I hope Dallas County can implement this model into our own jail system to reduce the jail population, recidivism rates, and improve outcomes for individuals with a mental illness.”

– Commissioner Andy Sommerman

Envision Dallas Tour

On June 23rd Commissioner Sommerman toured Envision Dallas with his staff and Mayor Terry Lynne from Farmers Branch.

Envision Dallas is an organization that provides employment opportunities for blind or visually impaired individuals. The organization works with visually impaired adults to build independence in all areas of their lives. They serve more than 3,000 clients annually and provide employment for 100 individuals.

Job areas include call center representatives, early childhood educators, and product manufacture and sales. The products manufactured at Envision are outsourced to governmental, military, and commercial users.

If you would like to learn more about Envision Dallas, check out their website at <https://www.envisionus.com/dallas>.



Mission

To improve the quality of life and provide inspiration and opportunity for people who are blind or visually impaired through employment, outreach, rehabilitation, education and research.

Meet the Board Members of the Esperanza Local Government Corporation

Dallas County entered into a lease agreement with Richardson Independent School District to convert the Dobie Pre-K school into a community center. Dallas County then assigned the lease to the Esperanza Community Center at Dobie Local Government Corporation (ECCD).

The ECCD is a non-profit corporation that will oversee the management and operations of the community center.



The Dobie Local Government Corporation has 5 board directors who will oversee the operations of the corporation.



Tom Ervin
Director



Todd Hensley
Treasurer



Luis Tamayo
Secretary



Jonathan Bazan
Board Member



Elizabeth Allen
Board Member

For more information on the Esperanza Community Center at Dobie
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Upcoming Events



Commissioners Court
October 7th @ 9am
To watch online, [click here](#).



Join us for the **Esperanza Community Center at Dobie Open House** on *Saturday, September 27th* from 9am-12pm at 14040 Rolling Hills Ln, Dallas, TX 75240!!

