

I look forward to serving you for another term as your County Commissioner. With your support, we continue to work together for the betterment of our community. As we close this year, I want to express my gratitute to you for being an active community member, as every accomplishement could not have happened without your help and support. This Holiday Season is a time for great joy, family fun, and making wonderful memories. May your holidays be filled with peace and love. I wish you a happy and safe Holiday Season and a blessed New Year.



## The Dallas County DWI Taskforce Partners With Lyft For A Safe And Sober Holiday Season

We held our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual DWI Press Conference to remind the public that drunk driving will not be tolerated in Dallas County, and offenders will be prosecuted. Thanks to Sheriff Marian Brown, Sheriff's Assistant Chief Deputy Eddie Herrera, DA John Creuzot, DPD Deputy Chief Teena Schultz, Daniel Armbruster – AAA Texas, Bryan Tony – 24Hour Dallas, Emma Dugas - MADD and Suzanne Beatty – DWI Victim for being our guest speakers this year. During the holidays, take a sober Lyft ride sponsored by the Dallas County DWI Taskforce. Several businesses are joining this effort to eliminate DWI. Look out for our table tents and posters or go to our Facebook page: Dallas County DWI Taskforce to find the QR code for a discounted Lyft ride during the holiday week.







## **BAPS In Irving Celebrates Diwali**

Texans of the Hindu faith celebrated Diwali, commonly referred to as "The Festival of Lights," a five-day festival marking the start of the Hindu New Year. Diwali is India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. The holiday celebrates light prevailing over darkness, good prevailing over evil. Thanks to Mr. Paresh Patel with BAPS for inviting me to this fabulous celebration.







- Happy Holidays From
  Commissioner Elba Garcia
- The Dallas County DWI Taskforce Partners With Lyft For A Safe And Sober Holiday Season
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## Affordable Housing For Seniors Offered By The Resource Center of Dallas, Inc.

I am glad to have collaborated in finding an agreement with Resource Center of Dallas, Inc. to provide affordable housing for low-income seniors, which was approved by the Commissioner's Court. The Oaklawn Place will be an 84-unit, high-quality affordable rental in the Maple-Mockingbird neighborhoods of Dallas. The site will have excellent access to services and transportation, including the Inwood Road DART Station. Affordability Rents are set to be affordable to individuals and households ranging from 30% to 60% of Area Median Income (AMI.) Additional Services that the Oaklawn Place will provide are social benefits for its residents that are consistent with Resource Center of Dallas, Inc.'s mission to improve health and wellness, strengthen families and communities and provide transformative education and advocacy. Residents will have opportunities to establish meaningful connections with community members. A fulltime services coordinator will be located onsite, and all services offered will be available to residents without fee, in a manner which emphasizes inclusion, diversity, equity and accessibility.









I am committed to sustainability and environmental stewardship. As the County's portfolio of sustainability initiatives expands, I spearheaded on the opportunity to help look for a bestin-class, internally focuses Environment

and Sustainability Plan with guidance key internal stakeholders and staff. Our goal is to procure 100% green electricity in the near future. We are planning for a minimum of a LEED silver certification for all new buildings and reviewing all existing buildings to see if they can be LEED certified. We have also adopted a green fleet policy, installed charging infrastructure in certain County facilities and piloting electric vehicles for its operations. Additionally, we deployed smart-scape landscapes and electric faucets, when able, to reduce water consumption within some County owned facilities. It makes me very happy and proud to share this information with you and that you are certain that we care and work hard to provide the best living and working environment for you and your families. DCHHS Will Host Vaccine Hub At The Oak Cliff Government Center

## Flu and Covid-19 Vaccines

- 📅 Thursday, Dec 15
- 🕓 10 am- 1 pm

Oak Cliff Government Center 702 E. Jefferson Blvd. Dallas, TX 75203

\$25 Walmart gift card with your Covid-19 vaccine!



**FREE PARKING!** 



