

Memorandum



City of Dallas

DATE November 5, 2020

TO Honorable Members of the Workforce, Education, and Equity Committee

FROM Councilmember Casey Thomas, II

SUBJECT **Bella Lagos Boundary Adjustment**

The Bella Lagos neighborhood is located in the City of Dallas on the west side of Mountain Creek Lake and east of Hardy Road. This remote area is cut off from the rest of the city by Mountain Creek Lake, Hensely Field, and Mountain Creek Lake Park. While Bella Lagos is located in the City of Dallas, homes in this neighborhood have Grand Prairie mailing addresses. Bella Lagos residents claim they have experienced difficulty receiving police and fire services from their remote location and confusion over the city in which the neighborhood is located. I have conducted several community meetings with the neighborhood and the residents of Bella Lagos are requesting a boundary adjustment so that their neighborhood can be included in the city limits of Grand Prairie.

Section 43.015 of the Texas Local Government Code allows adjacent municipalities to make mutually agreeable changes in their boundaries of areas that are less than 1,000 feet in width. A boundary adjustment may be initiated in one of two ways: (1) the property owner may file an application with the director of sustainable development and construction along with \$3,825 fee or (2) the boundary adjustment may be initiated by the city.

I am requesting the city council to approve a resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into negotiations with the City of Grand Prairie concerning a potential boundary adjustment in this area and requesting that the city manager report back to this committee within 90 days about his progress with the City of Grand Prairie.

Sincerely,

Casey Thomas, II
Council Member
District 3

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