

CECAP UPDATE: Leadership from Dallas

Environment & Sustainability Committee

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City of Dallas

Overview

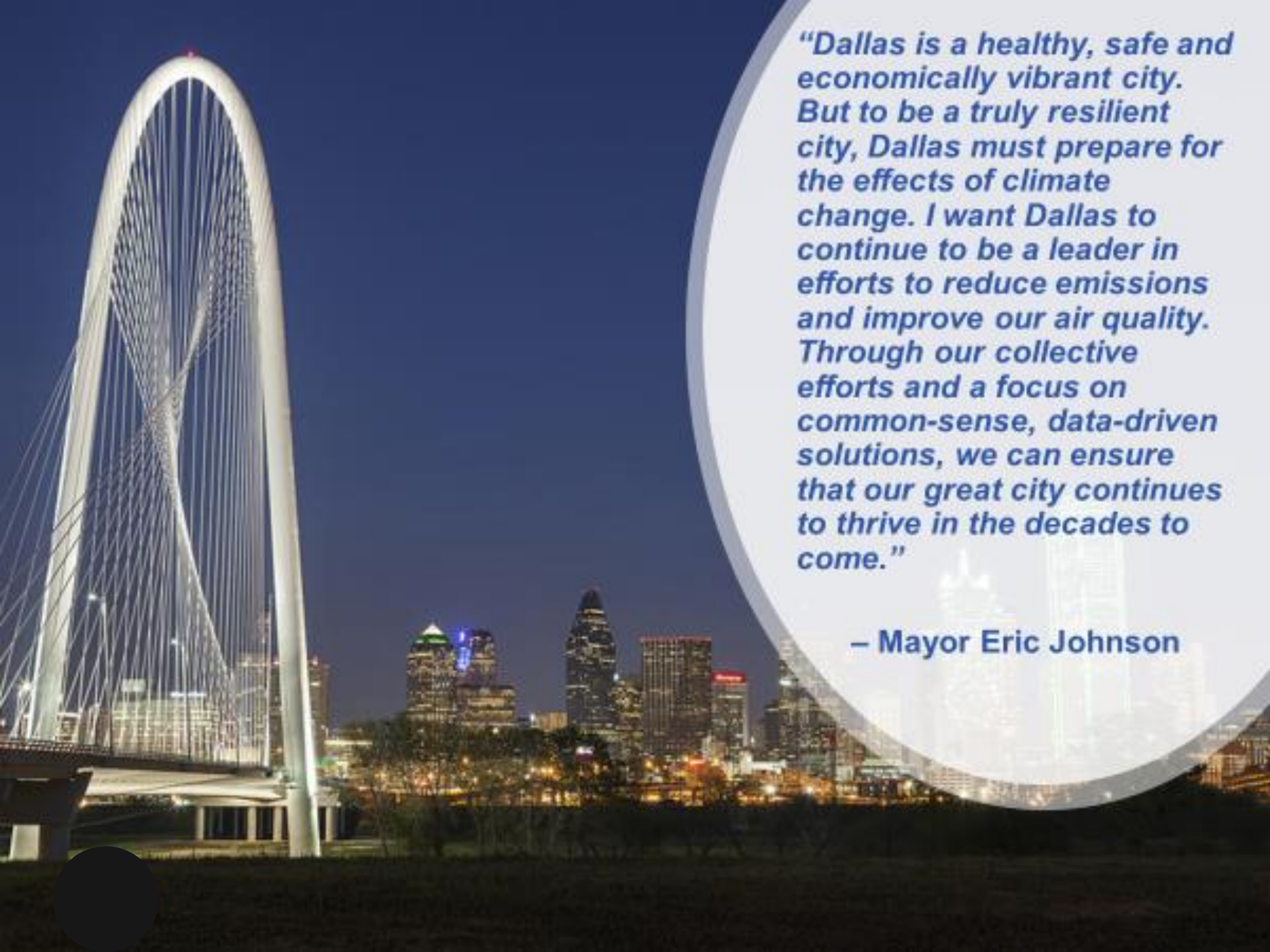
- Local Leadership
- Regional Leadership
 - RISE
- National Leadership
 - Climate Mayors



Why Local City Leadership is Key

- Cities consume 2/3 of the energy worldwide
- Cities generate 70% of the world CO₂ emissions
- Urban population is nine times larger today than 100 years ago and increasing steadily
- Actions taken at the city level can have a major impact
- City leaders are more directly accountable to the public than state or federal officials





"Dallas is a healthy, safe and economically vibrant city. But to be a truly resilient city, Dallas must prepare for the effects of climate change. I want Dallas to continue to be a leader in efforts to reduce emissions and improve our air quality. Through our collective efforts and a focus on common-sense, data-driven solutions, we can ensure that our great city continues to thrive in the decades to come."

– Mayor Eric Johnson

Dallas' Local Leadership

2018

- First North Texas Climate Change Symposium
- Dallas City Council adopts Resilient Dallas Plan

2019

- Climate resolution and Comprehensive Environmental & Climate Action Plan (CECAP)
- Second North Texas Climate Change Symposium
- Green Energy Policy
- Environment & Sustainability Committee created



Dallas as a Regional Leader

- EPA 2019 Excellence in Green Power Award
- DFW Airport Energy retrofits – 1st US airport to achieve Carbon neutrality
- Love Field – Level 2 Carbon emissions reduction
- 468 Energy Star-related buildings



Dallas as a Regional Leader

- Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts (RISE)
- Regional collaboration of North Texas municipalities working to reduce emissions
- Regional Green House Gas Inventory Project



Dallas as a National Leader

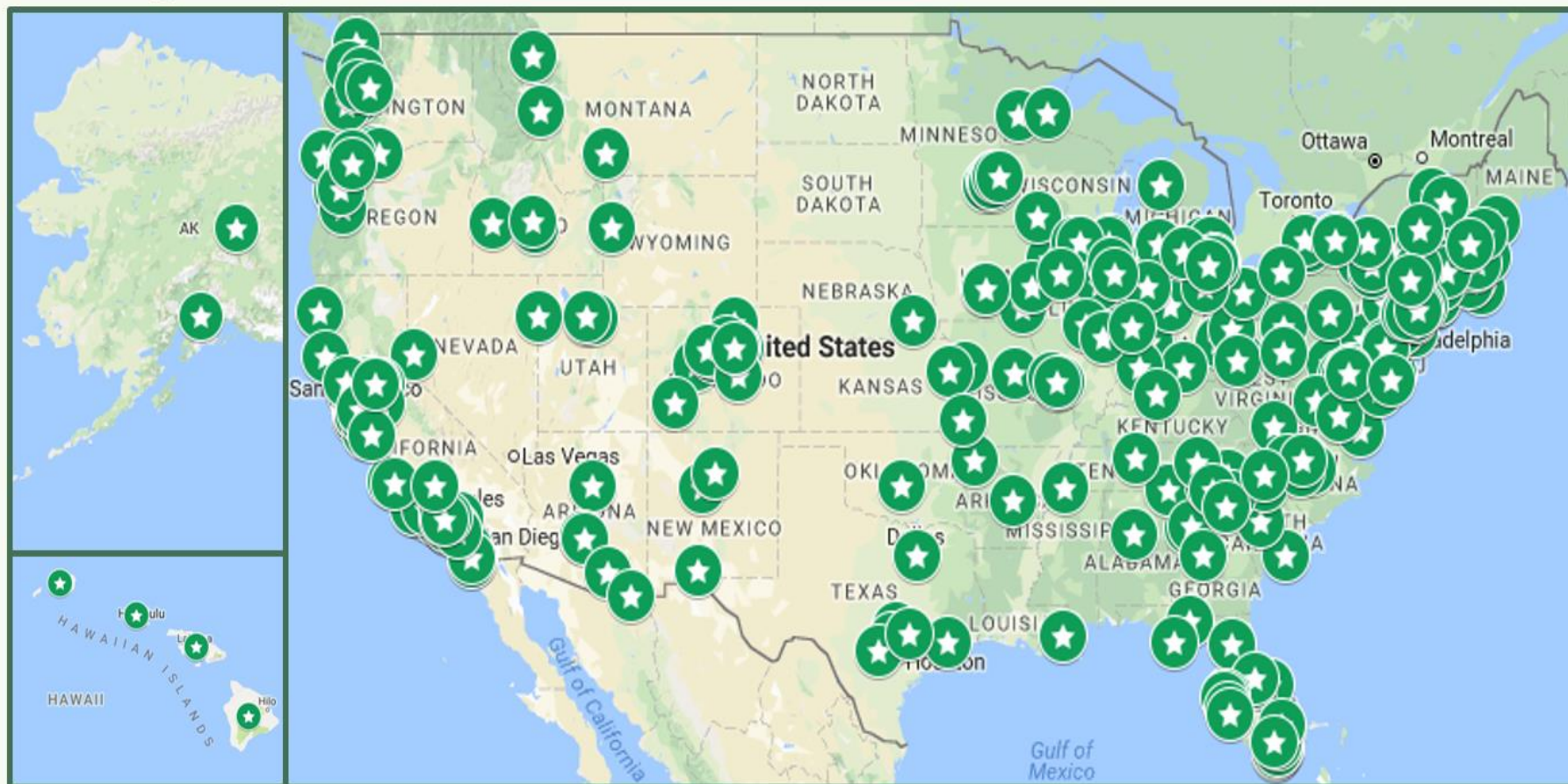
- Mayor Johnson sits on Steering Committee
- Climate Mayors, founded in 2014, as a bipartisan, peer-to-peer network of U.S. mayors working together to demonstrate leadership on climate change through meaningful action in their communities.



407 US #ClimateMayors, representing 70 million Americans, have committed to adopt, honor and uphold the climate goals of the Paris Agreement



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Next Steps

- Continue local, regional, and national efforts
- CECAP development
 - Proposed Adoption Earth Day April 22, 2020
- RISE Climate Policy Workshop (Feb 26th)
- North Texas Climate Change Symposium (March 3rd, Hall of State)
- CECAP Launch at EarthX 2020 (April 23-26th)

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