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Subj: CITY OF FRISCO SECRETARY REFUSES TO HOLD BALLOT APPLICATION FOR HOMELESS WHISTLEBLOWER CANDIDATE, WHILE NEWSPAPER ALREADY NAMES THREE CANDIDATES

A homeless whistleblower intending to run for Mayor of Frisco in the May 2, 2026, election says the City of Frisco is refusing to hold his ballot application and payment paperwork, even as a major Texas newspaper, Dallas Morning News ("DMN"), has already named "three candidates" for the mayoral race, excluding him.



On November 21, 2025, Maurice Fitzpatrick, a homeless veteran and whistleblower who alleges a year of retaliation

across state and federal court systems, sent the City of Frisco Secretary a completed, signed, and notarized Application for Place on the General Election Ballot, along with a \$200 filing fee. Tracking records confirm the City received it on Monday, November 24, 2025, at **3:17 PM CST**.



Signed for by: L.Lilly

Figure 1

Early the next business morning, City Secretary Kristi Morrow responded by email (from kmorrow@friscotexas.gov) stating:

"I am unable to hold this application for May 2026 election.

You can come by the office and pick it up...

The candidate packet will not be available until sometime in the last week of December."

Fitzpatrick, who has no permanent residence, and as a direct consequence of the retaliation he's faced, lives in a small RV after what he describes as a year-long campaign of retaliation and termination from employment related to his exposing of corporate fraud involving his former employer and an announced candidate for Mayor of Frisco, Mark Hill, responded politely but noted the contradiction:

If candidate packets are not yet available and ballot filing has not yet opened, why are three named individuals already recognized publicly as "announced candidates" while the City refuses to retain his duly submitted paperwork?

#### DMN Publishes Article Listing Three Mayoral Candidates, Excluding Fitzpatrick

Astonishingly, (you can't make this \$h#t up) within a minute or so of Fitzpatrick's FedEx delivery to the City of Frisco Secretary (See Figure 1 above) and mere hours before the City Secretary indicated refusal to hold Fitzpatrick's application, the DMN published and/or updated a November 24, 2025, story at 3:18 PM CST titled "Special Frisco City Council election draws former fire chief, insurance business owner" (See Figure 2 below), and stated:

NEWS

# Special Frisco City Council election draws former fire chief, insurance business owner

Mark Piland, former fire chief accused of malfeasance and Ann Anderson, a financial services professional, have filed to represent Place 1.



Figure 2

"...So far, three candidates — Mark Hill, John Keating and Shona Sowell — have announced their campaigns for the May 2026 election."

Fitzpatrick emailed the DMN, requested correction, noting:

"Factually, that statement should read:

"...So far, **four** candidates — **Maurice Fitzpatrick**, Mark Hill, John Keating, and Shona Sowell..."

Fitzpatrick advised the paper that he had publicly announced his intended candidacy days prior, launched a campaign website, and formally submitted his ballot application and fee to the City. Fitzpatrick warned that continued exclusion could raise issues of bias, unequal treatment, and interference with ballot access.

#### A Homeless Candidate Told to Retrieve His Documents in Person

Fitzpatrick has publicly documented that he has no fixed residence due to retaliation, retaliatory litigation, court manipulation, and loss of employment last year, circumstances he asserts were engineered by individuals now tied to a current mayoral contender, Mark Hill, also an elected official of the Frisco ISD Board of Trustees.

Fitzpatrick's application email signature openly reads:

"Pending Candidate for Mayor of Frisco (2026)"

Given his housing situation, he told the City it is difficult to receive mail. Yet the City Secretary's instruction was:

"You can come by the office and pick it up."

- 1. No alternative was offered.
- 2. No rationale was provided for refusing to hold the application.
- 3. And no explanation was given for how the three publicly named candidates differ from Fitzpatrick under the City's own rules.

### **Questions Now Arising in the Community**

The situation raises immediate and uncomfortable questions:

- 1. Why are some candidates **already publicly recognized** by the press, while another is pushed away at the door?
- **2**. If the candidate packet is not yet available, **what process** produced the other three "announced" candidates?

- **3**. Why would the City refuse to hold an application and filing fee from a homeless veteran whose circumstances impose undue burdens caused by others?
- **4**. Does this treatment amount to unequal access to the ballot under state law or the U.S. Constitution?
- **5**. Is this an indirect attempt to discourage or obstruct a candidate who is outspoken about alleged retaliation involving at least one official, Mark Hill, connected to the City of Frisco and the Frisco ISD, also a mayoral candidate following recent rebranding?

#### A Pattern of Resistance?

Fitzpatrick notes that:

- 1. He has been retaliated against "by another announced candidate, Mark Hill, and substantial evidence exists corroborating this fact,"
- 2. He has evidence of court manipulation across multiple counties and in other states tied to the corporate fraud and malfeasance he previously reported to the SEC Office of the Whistleblower,
- 3. Dozens of attorneys involved in related disputes and ongoing retaliation have been receiving, and reading, his filings,
- 4. His basic campaign website has gone from zero to thousands of impressions in its twelve days of existence.

After the City Secretary's message, Fitzpatrick emailed attorneys, media, and officials raising concerns including:

- 1. Ballot-access inequality
- 2. Procedural irregularities
- 3. Equal protection implications
- 4. Possible discrimination against a homeless whistleblower

And judging from the volume of read receipts he continues to receive, many from high-ranking attorneys well past midnight, the issue is now being watched closely.

## **A Developing Story**

For now, Fitzpatrick's ballot application sits at the City Secretary's office, unaccepted and unprocessed, awaiting his in-person retrieval despite his lack of stable housing.

Meanwhile, the Dallas Morning News still publicly lists only three mayoral candidates.

Fitzpatrick says he intends to pursue the matter fully, legally, publicly, and politically.

"No community should allow candidate access to be quietly controlled behind the scenes. I am running so the people of Frisco can see exactly how power operates here, and how it treats ordinary people who tell the truth."

Regards,

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