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Subj: **PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING FACTUAL INACCURACY IN DALLAS MORNING NEWS CANDIDATE REPORTING AND CONCERNS OVER EQUAL ACCESS TO BALLOT RECOGNITION**

Yesterday, November 24, 2025, at approximately 3:18 PM CST, the Dallas Morning News (“DMN”) published an article by Staff Writer Ms. Angela Mathew titled: “[Special Frisco City Council election draws former fire chief, insurance business owner.](#)”

In that article, Ms. Mathew stated:

“So far, three candidates — Mark Hill, John Keating and Shona Sowell — have announced their campaigns for the May 2026 election.” ([See attached screenshot](#))

This statement is factually incomplete.

As of this week, and publicly announced through my website and communications with the City of Frisco, I, Maurice Fitzpatrick, have also announced, my intended candidacy for Mayor of Frisco for the May 2, 2026, election. Accordingly, the accurate version of this sentence should read:

“So far, **four** candidates — **Maurice Fitzpatrick**, Mark Hill, John Keating and Shona Sowell — have announced their campaigns for the May 2026 election.”

I have contacted Ms. Mathew, DMN and requested that she and the editorial team promptly correct the article to reflect the full and accurate list of announced candidates.

I am willing to give DMN the benefit of the doubt for the omission as of yesterday, because it is possible that the publication had not yet become aware of my public announcement, my prospective candidacy website, etc.

However, this cannot be said from this point forward.

Now that DMN has been notified, and now that numerous officials, attorneys, public entities, and community members have seen my public announcement, continued omission of my candidacy may raise serious concerns relating to:

1. Equal protection violations.
2. Discriminatory exclusion from media visibility.
3. Unequal access to ballot recognition.
4. Undue burden on a prospective candidate's or candidate's ability to compete fairly.

I am a homeless veteran, a retaliated-against whistleblower, retaliated against by another announced candidate, Mark Hill, and am an announced candidate for Mayor of Frisco. A major publication erasing one candidate from public reporting, while amplifying others, has real consequences, and I take this very seriously.

I expect that DMN will correct the article promptly so that voters receive fair, accurate, and complete information regarding everyone who has announced their intention to seek public office.

If the correction is not made in a timely and responsible manner, I will consider all available avenues — including legal — to protect my rights and ensure equal treatment in ballot access and press coverage.

Regards,

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