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To: Primary Contacts in TML Region 13

From: Bennett Sandlin, Executive Director, Texas Municipal League

Subject: Region 13 Director Ballot – Corrected Ballot

Attached are the official corrected ballot (dated 9/9/2025) and candidate biographies for the TML Region 13 Director of the TML Board of Directors. A timely applicant was inadvertently left off the ballot. Only corrected ballots will be accepted. Previously, elections for region directors were held at region meetings. After changes to the TML Constitution were approved in 2023, these elections are now administered by TML centrally.

TML has 15 regions, and each has a seat on the Board. During even-numbered years, the even-numbered regions are up for election. Terms are two years, and new terms will begin on October 31, 2025, upon adjournment of the TML Annual Conference and end on October 15, 2027, upon adjournment of the TML Annual Conference.

The attached ballot includes instructions for filling it out. If you have any questions, please contact Rachael Pitts at rpitts@tml.org or 512-231-7472.

Thank you in advance for your city's participation in the election.



OFFICIAL BALLOT (Corrected 9/9/2025)

Texas Municipal League (TML) Region 13 Director Election

This is the official ballot for the election of the Region 13 director of the TML Board of Directors. You received this ballot because you are the city's primary contact person with TML. Each TML member city is entitled to one vote, which vote must be cast by a majority vote of the city's governing body. Please record your city's choice by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name or writing in the name of an eligible person in the space provided. You can only vote for one candidate.

The officials listed on this ballot have been nominated to serve a two-year term on the TML Board of Directors. A brief biography for each candidate is included after the ballot.

Ballots must reach the TML office by 5:00 p.m. Central Time on October 23, 2025. Ballots received after this date cannot be counted. **The ballot must be properly signed and mailed to: Rachael Pitts, Texas Municipal League, 1821 Rutherford Lane, Suite 400, Austin, TX 78754, or scanned and emailed to rpitts@tml.org. If the ballot is not signed, it will not be counted.**

Region 13 Director (select one)

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Crystal Chism, Mayor Pro Tem, DeSoto

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Stanley Jaglowski, Councilmember, Lancaster (Incumbent)

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John Lopez, Councilmember, Grand Prairie

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Wes Mays, Mayor, Coppell

Certificate

I certify that the vote cast above has been cast in accordance with the will of the majority of the governing body of the city named below.

Witness my hand, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Signature of Authorized Official

Title

Printed Name of Authorized Official

Printed Name of City

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Crystal Chism, Mayor Pro Tem, DeSoto

Crystal Chism proudly serves the City of DeSoto as mayor pro tem and councilmember for Place 6, currently in her second term. A native of Dallas, Texas, she is a graduate of Dallas ISD's Skyline High School, class of 2001. Following graduation, she dedicated the next ten years to military service, both active duty and reserve, and is a proud combat veteran. She went on to earn an Associate of Arts degree from Mountain View Community College and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management from the University of Texas at Arlington. On the DeSoto City Council, Chism serves as liaison to the Citizens Police Advisory Committee, Veterans Affairs Committee, DeSoto Rotary, and the North Texas Council of Governments Emergency Preparedness Planning Council. Her leadership extends beyond DeSoto through service on statewide and national boards and committees, including: Texas Municipal League Budget and Audit Committee member, Texas Association of Black City Council Members treasurer, Texas Municipal League Legislative Policy Summit delegate (2022, 2024), National League of Cities Federal Advocacy Community and Economic Development Committee member, National League of Cities REAL (Race, Equity, and Leadership) Council member, and Leadership Southwest Board of Directors member. Chism's dedication has been recognized with numerous honors, including the 2023 Community Service Award from TLOD, Inc. Trinity West Chapter, the 2024 Woman of the Year Award from Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and the prestigious Texas Municipal League Certified Municipal Official (CMO) designation.



Stanley Jaglowski, Councilmember, Lancaster (Incumbent)

Councilmember Stanley Jaglowski has been proudly serving his community on the Lancaster City Council since 2011. His focus and committed involvement has led to many recognized and notable successes for himself and the City. Jaglowski continues to work on his Certified Municipal Officer (CMO) designation from TML since 2015. This designation, held by less than one hundred other Texas elected officials, is awarded to officials who commit time on enhancing their knowledge of governance roles and city government through a variety of educational opportunities. In both 2019 and 2025, Jaglowski earned the Texas Municipal League's prestigious "Award of Excellence" for maintaining five consecutive years of Certified Municipal Official (CMO) status—an achievement that brought statewide recognition to the City. He has served in various capacities across several boards and committees over the years, including Lancaster's Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee for the Texas Association of Mayors, Councilmembers and Commissioners, the TML Resolutions Committee, the TML Municipal Policy Summit, the Lancaster Comprehensive Planning Committee, the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee for Dallas College, the ERCOT Advisory Board, and the TML Broadband Advisory Committee. He was elected secretary of TML Region 13 in September 2019 and rose to vice president in February 2021. Today, he proudly serves as president and TML board director of TML Region 13, continuing his commitment to regional leadership and municipal excellence. Jaglowski is a dedicated public servant committed to a healthy, safe, and engaged community.

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John Lopez, Councilmember, Grand Prairie

John Lopez represents Grand Prairie's Council District 4. He was first elected in June 2019 and was appointed to serve as mayor pro tem for 2023-2024. He currently serves as chair of the City Council Development Committee where they hear items from city staff on current, future and proposed construction, economic development, planning and zoning items and new business. Previously, he served as chair of the Council Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee. Lopez has served the public for many years prior to his election including on various City of Grand Prairie boards and commissions: Planning and Zoning Commission vice-chair and secretary, Zoning Board and Adjustments, Community Rating System Program Public Information Committee, Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee, City Council Development Committee, and Grand Prairie 2020 Census Committee. On the national level, Lopez was appointed to the National

League of Cities Transportation and Infrastructure Services Committee in 2001 and was reappointed in 2023 and 2025. Additionally, he has served on the following community boards and commissions: Grand Prairie Independent School District Education Improvement Council, Grand Prairie ISD Bond Committee and Dream Weaver Foundation, Inc., Grand Prairie Cinco de Mayo Committee, League of United Latin American Citizens Council 22262, and the Hispanic Association for Culture and Education, Inc. He currently serves on Every Good Work of North Texas Advisory Board, National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO), the Association of Hispanic Municipal Officials (AHMO), and the National League of Cities Hispanic Elected Local Officials constituency group (HELO). Lopez has called Grand Prairie home for decades. He and his wife Michele have two amazing children and one grandchild. They attend Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church.



Wes Mays, Mayor, Coppell

Mayor Wes Mays was first elected to the Coppell City Council in 2012, was elected mayor in 2021, and is the 2025-2026 president of the Metroplex Mayors Association. His regional leadership extends to the executive board of the Circle 10 Council of Scouting America and the board of the DFW Airport. He served as president of both the Arbor Manors and Westbury Manor Homeowners Associations, is a graduate of Leadership North Texas, and participated in Coppell's Citizen Summit. Throughout his tenure, he has provided vital liaison services connecting the City to key partners, including Coppell ISD, North Central Council of Governments, Carrollton/Farmers Branch ISD, Lewisville ISD, and Metrocrest Community Clinic. Mays brings extensive technical and leadership expertise to his role. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Texas A&M University and serves

as an executive engineering manager specializing in advanced electronic design and strategic development. As a registered Professional Engineer, he holds multiple patents spanning Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID), radio frequency design, and communication systems. Mayor Mays is an Eagle Scout who has earned the prestigious Silver Beaver Award and District Award of Merit. As an Extra Class amateur radio operator (N5HK), he maintains active involvement in emergency communications. He shares his musical talents as a saxophonist with both the First United Methodist Church wind ensemble and the Coppell Community Orchestra. He is also a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Mayor Mays and his wife, Linda, have been married since 1984 and are proud parents of two Coppell High School graduates. Their son, Chris, works as a project engineer in Irving, while their daughter, Allison, works as a commercial real estate appraiser residing in Coppell. They also have one granddaughter. The Mays family are active members of First United Methodist Church in Coppell.