

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-11-____ (R)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS ADOPTING A CITY COUNCIL POLICY PURSUANT TO ITS GOVERNANCE INITIATIVES PROVIDING THAT SEATED CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS REFRAIN FROM ENDORSING AND CAMPAIGNING FOR CANDIDATES IN LOCAL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, the City Council works cooperatively with other local governmental bodies having overlapping jurisdiction within the City of McKinney, including but not limited to, the McKinney Independent School District, Collin College and Collin County; and

WHEREAS, supporting individual candidates may undermine and interfere with the City's initiative to maintain and improve working relationships with governmental bodies; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of McKinney, Texas, as part of improving its governance initiative, desires to promote teamwork, cooperation and integrity among City Council members; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to avoid the appearance of disagreement among City Council members when supporting different political candidates; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to avoid the appearance that individual City Council members are endorsing one political candidate over another in local elections; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has agreed to establish a policy recommending that sitting City Council members not endorse or campaign for other political candidates in local elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of McKinney, Texas hereby adopts a governance initiative creating a policy whereby seated City Council members may not endorse or campaign for other political candidates in local elections (City, County, School District, Judges, and local representatives to State Legislature) through oral statements in a public forum or written materials intended for public dissemination.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, ON THE 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2010.

CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS

BRIAN LOUGHMILLER
Mayor

ATTEST:

SANDY HART, TRMC, MMC,
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARK S. HOUSER

City Attorney