



Statement from Councilman Paul E. Ridley, The Failure to Invest in Dallas City Hall
(Dallas, TX, May 6, 2026) –

At this morning's Council Briefing, the Council was asked to consider amendments to the City Manager's HUD Consolidated Budget Plan. I proposed an amendment to allocate \$1.2 million of the \$4.27 million designated for "Public Improvements" toward ADA upgrades at Dallas City Hall. This amendment was voted down, 9–6, with Councilmembers Cadena, Bazaldua, Blackmon, Roth, and Mendelsohn joining me in support.

Over the past few months, we have been told that City Hall is in need of repairs including ADA repairs in the restrooms and other areas of the building. We have also been told that Council has not adequately funded necessary repairs for City Hall through past bond packages and budgets. My amendment offered a practical and responsible way to address these accessibility issues without drawing from the general fund or relying on additional bond funding.

The rejection of this amendment is not only disappointing, it is a clear signal that investment in this building will continue to be deferred. This vote further undermines public confidence that there is genuine commitment to maintaining and improving the building, confirming that the exaggerated cost of maintaining City Hall is being used as an excuse to abandon it rather than a good faith effort to repair it.

There is still time to both preserve City Hall and keep the Dallas Mavericks arena in downtown. There is no reason why we must sacrifice The People's House for a sports arena.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul E. Ridley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'P' and 'R'.

Paul E. Ridley
Councilman, District 14