

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Save Dallas City Hall Coalition Issues Another Legal Notice to Dallas City Officials Over Proposed Arena Development at City Hall

**DALLAS, TX** — Four attorneys representing the Save Dallas City Hall Coalition filed another formal 60-day notice of claim against the City of Dallas today to block any unlawful sale or redevelopment of City Hall Plaza.

The legal notice was sent to the Mayor, City Council, and interim City Attorney Bertram Vandenberg. The group states that media reports indicate municipal leaders are considering selling or redeveloping the plaza. The notice warns that utilizing the plaza for a new sports arena or related commercial development could violate Texas laws protecting public parks and historic squares.

"City Hall Plaza is not a commercial real estate commodity," said Chris Bowers, an attorney and spokesperson for the Coalition. "It is a voter-funded public park and the preeminent public square for community assembly in Dallas." Dallas citizens explicitly approved "Park Plaza Bonds" in 1967 to fund the construction of the plaza as a park. The City's own Downtown Parks Master Plans identify the space as a park. Former City Attorney Tammy Palomino confirmed this status to the City Council in a public hearing on November 12, 2025.

The legal filing states that the City would violate two state laws if it proceeds without voter approval or public hearings:

- **Texas Local Government Code § 253.001(b):** Prohibits the sale of any public square or park unless approved by a majority of Dallas voters at an election.
- **Texas Parks and Wildlife Code § 26.001:** Bars the use or taking of public parkland unless the City proves there is no feasible alternative, minimizes harm, and holds formal public hearings.

The Coalition is prepared to seek immediate declaratory and injunctive relief, court costs, and attorneys' fees in court if the City fails to comply with these state laws. Under the City Charter, residents and local corporations have the right to sue the City to ensure compliance with local and state laws.

The Coalition's second notice followed a similar notice sent by the Coalition two days before demanding that the City began repairing City Hall to avoid violating the City's ordinances against demolition by neglect, abuse of city property, and breaches of fiduciary duties.

**About Save Dallas City Hall Coalition:**

The Save Dallas City Hall Coalition is a Texas nonprofit organization committed to the preservation and restoration of the historic Dallas City Hall complex, an architectural landmark of national significance.

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