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## **City of Denton Announces Finalists for City Attorney Position**

*Citizens Invited to Meet Candidates at Sept. 25 Reception*

**UPDATE – Sept. 15, 2017** – The Sept. 25 reception has been moved to the Patterson-Appleton Arts Center at 400 E. Hickory St.

On Sept. 12, the City Council announced the following five finalists for the position of Denton City Attorney:

Stephen Button – County Attorney, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York  
Courtney Goodman-Morris – Attorney, Courtney Goodman-Morris, Attorney at Law  
Julian Grant – Principal, Law Offices of Julian Grant  
Victoria Huynh – Deputy City Attorney, City of Plano  
Aaron Leal – Interim City Attorney, City of Denton

“The City Attorney is a crucial member of Denton’s leadership team,” said Mayor Watts. “We were very impressed with the candidate pool and confident in these five finalists.”

The Council started the selection process in June by working with Dallas-based executive recruitment firm Springsted | Waters (“Waters”) to launch a nation-wide search for candidates. A total of 29 applicants responded, and Waters narrowed the list to 11 potential semifinalists for Council’s additional review. Council Members reviewed the semi-finalists at the Sept. 12 City Council meeting and selected finalists based on the candidate applications, resumes, and other supplemental materials. The Council will conduct interviews on Sept. 25 and 26, and the selected finalist is expected to begin in late October/early November.

As part of the interview process, the City is hosting a community reception on Monday, Sept. 25 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Patterson-Appleton Arts Center at 400 E. Hickory St. The reception, which is open to the public, is an opportunity for citizens to meet the finalists and provide feedback to the Council. Citizens are welcome to attend at any time during the reception.

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