



2026 MID-YEAR REPORT

OUR PURPOSE

To lead and serve in the moments that matter the most for the people of Dallas.

Dear Members,

Dallas is at an inflection point—and your leadership continues to make the difference. Thank you for your engagement and commitment to advancing the mission of the Dallas Citizens Council. Together, we are shaping the long-term trajectory of our city and strengthening its position as a leading economic center.

In the first half of this year, you have helped drive focused progress on the future of downtown, workforce development, and quality of life—priorities that are fundamental to Dallas' continued growth and competitiveness. Just as importantly, you have engaged in substantive dialogue on the issues that will define our future. Through convenings like the Global Perspectives series with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, we are not only broadening our understanding—we are sharpening the policy perspectives and action plans needed to lead.

Looking ahead, our work is grounded in both urgency and opportunity. This summer, we are engaging directly with our North Texas legislative delegation in advance of the 2027 session in Austin. Our goal is clear: to elevate the issues that matter most to this region and to advocate with a unified, business-led voice—alongside our member companies and peer organizations—for the continued strength of North Texas and the state.

At the same time, we remain focused on what it takes to compete—and win—at a global level. We will continue advancing the future of downtown while convening CEO leaders around the rise of "Y'all Street" and the rapid growth of our technology sector—areas that are redefining Dallas' economic identity.

This work requires continued engagement. I encourage you to stay actively involved—bring your perspective to the table, participate in our discussions, and help shape the agenda that will move Dallas forward.

I look forward to being together at our Annual Meeting on November 5, where we will explore the evolving business of college sports and hear from leaders at the forefront of that transformation. The path forward is ours to define. Thank you for your leadership and partnership in building what comes next for Dallas.

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W. Kelvin Walker
Dallas Citizens Council CEO

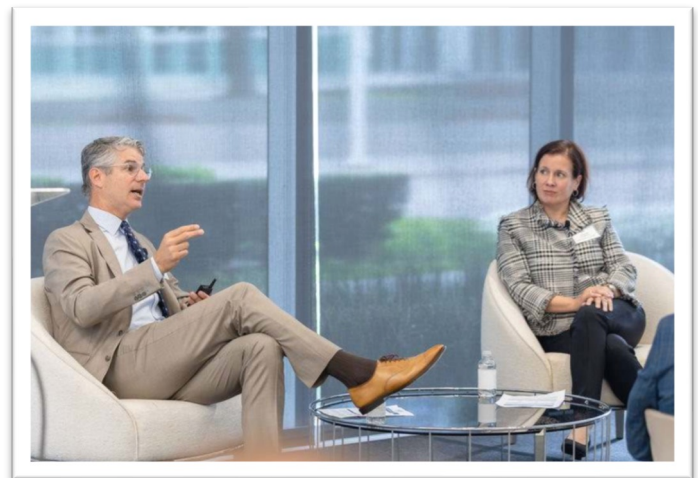
Year In Review Member Luncheon

DCC members gathered for the annual Year in Review featuring insights from DCC board member and Dallas Morning News president and CEO Grant Moise. The discussion examined major developments shaping business and civic leadership, including downtown Dallas, public safety, regional transportation, the Texas legislative session and defining moments across sports, business and infrastructure. DCC continues to advance solutions to critical regional issues, working alongside city leaders to support the future of DART and downtown Dallas.



Safe In The City Update Luncheon

This past April, DCC hosted a Safe in the City luncheon featuring DCC board member and Dallas Morning News president and CEO Grant Moise and Jennifer Scripps, president and CEO of Downtown Dallas Inc., who discussed efforts to make downtown Dallas safer and more vibrant. During a live poll, attendees identified homelessness and crime, public safety and police presence as their top priorities. The conversation highlighted progress around these efforts, including declining violent crime, increased housing placements and expanded police resources. Speakers also looked ahead to continued downtown investment and preparations for the 2026 FIFA World Cup.



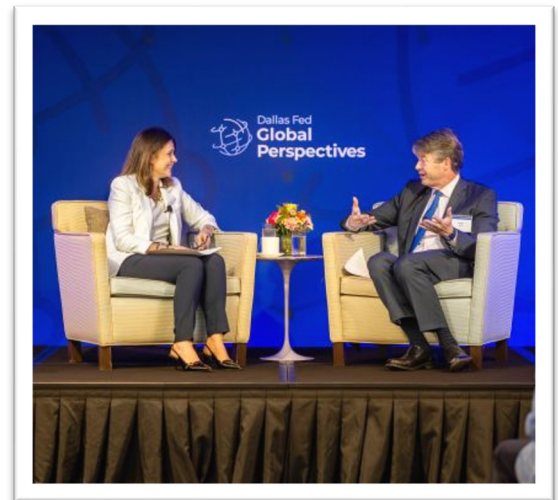
Annual Mayor Member Luncheon

DCC hosted its annual member luncheon with Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson, bringing together business and civic leaders to discuss priorities shaping Dallas' future. Moderated by Marvin Singleton co-founder of Throughline Global Advisors and DCC board member, the conversation focused on economic competitiveness, public-private collaboration, downtown revitalization and public safety, with members identifying downtown as a top priority. Leaders also highlighted Dallas' growing profile, business climate and the importance of partnerships to advance projects and strengthen the urban core. The luncheon reflected the value of continued collaboration to support Dallas' long-term growth.



Global Perspectives: Energy Outlook

This past May, DCC secretary/treasurer Hunter Hunt, chairman and CEO of Hunt Energy LLC and co-CEO of Hunt Consolidated Inc., joined DCC board member Lorie Logan, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, for the Dallas Fed's signature speaker series, Global Perspectives. Co-hosted by Dallas Citizens Council and the Dallas Fed, the conversation explored key forces reshaping Texas' energy sector, including AI-driven demand on the power grid, the diversification of the energy industry and the continued role of crude oil in meeting global energy needs.



Become A Sponsor: 2026 Annual Meeting

Join us on Nov. 5 for this year's Annual Meeting, *The Business of College Sports*, to hear from our keynote speakers Ian Charles, managing partner and co-founder of Arctos Partners, Brett Yormark, commissioner of the Big 12 Conference, and Damon Evans, director of athletics at SMU, as they discuss the business transformation reshaping college athletics. Together, they will explore what these changes mean for the future of collegiate athletics. Dallas Citizens Council's Annual Meeting event is only possible through the generous support of DCC members and community leaders. [Become a sponsor](#) of the Dallas Citizens Council 2026's Annual Meeting today!



Dallas ISD Bond Passes

This past spring, Dallas ISD voters overwhelmingly approved the \$6.2 billion Bond program, providing transformational investments in school facilities, safety, technology and student learning across the district. DCC board member T. Dupree Scovell, co-chair of the Dallas Votes 4 Kids PAC, played a leading role in building the coalition that helped secure voter approval for the largest school bond in Texas history. DCC extends its sincere thanks to Dupree for his tireless leadership and dedication throughout the campaign. We also congratulate everyone whose efforts made this immense investment in Dallas students possible.



Say Yes To Downtown Efforts

Dallas Citizens Council has long been engaged in efforts to strengthen downtown Dallas, supporting initiatives that improve public safety, business regulations, homelessness solutions and the long-term vitality of the city's urban core. Building on that commitment, DCC supports evaluating the future of City Hall and opportunities to redevelop downtown in a way that maximizes economic growth and public benefit. Launched this past spring, Say Yes to Downtown brought together a broad coalition of residents, business leaders, employers and civic organizations to advocate for strategic investments that will shape Dallas for decades to come. DCC extends its appreciation to the civic and business leaders who spoke before the Dallas City Council in support of this effort, including John Gates, Rob Walters, Tre Black, Tom Leppert, Ron Kirk, Kelvin Walker, Amanda Lake, Frank Mihalopoulos and Dupree Scovell. As City Council considers these consequential decisions, DCC encourages members to stay informed and engaged in helping ensure Dallas makes the right investments for the city's future.

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TO ENGAGE

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IN THE PAST.
INVEST IN
WHAT'S NEXT.**

A once-in-a-generation opportunity
to build a world-class entertainment
district in the heart of Downtown Dallas.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Concerts, events, and
experiences that put
Dallas on the map.

DINING & NIGHTLIFE
Top restaurants, vibrant
nightlife, and unforgettable
moments—steps from home.

ECONOMIC GROWTH
More jobs, more business,
more opportunity for
our community.

A PLACE FOR EVERYONE
A district built for fans,
families, and future
generations.

**YOUR TAX DOLLARS.
YOUR DECISION.
YOUR DOWNTOWN.**

Smart investment today builds a stronger,
more exciting Dallas tomorrow.
Let's build a downtown we'll be proud
to call our own.

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INVEST TODAY. TRANSFORM TOMORROW. TOGETHER, WE BUILD WHAT'S NEXT.

Welcome to Our New Members

This year, Dallas Citizens Council welcomed 14 new members and two new member companies, including, Tom Leppert; Stan Reynolds, 7-Eleven, Inc.; Kelbi Culwell, Boeing; Brian Enzler, Comerica, A Division of Fifth Third; Marney MacKenna, EY; Sarah Jackson, Fidelity Investments; Brian Page, JPMorgan; Patrick Dumont, Las Vegas Sands; Ron Reese, Las Vegas Sands; Rachel Ferdinando, PepsiCo; Nick Henderson, Russell Reynolds Associates; Kristi Maynor, Russell Reynolds Associates; Elizabeth Saab, Ryan LLC; Jorge Calderon, Truist; Haviv Ilan, Texas Instruments; Mandy Austin, Vista Bank. This group gathered in May for a new member luncheon where they heard from DCC ex officio and water champion Jere Thompson, Jr. about the organization's history, DCC membership committee co-chair, Scott Moore, on how to get involved, among others. Thank you for your time and engagement with our organization.



Issues That Matter Newsletter

Late in 2025, DCC introduced the Issues That Matter newsletter which highlighted key civic developments across Dallas. Topics for this monthly newsletter have included public safety improvements, homelessness policy, DART governance, Fair Park and Convention Center planning, the proposed new county jail, infrastructure investments and preparations for the 2026 FIFA World Cup. As Dallas continues to evolve, the newsletter remains an important resource for understanding the issues, opportunities and decisions that will shape the city's future. Please let us know if you are not receiving these newsletters.

Engage with Us on Social Media

As leaders in the community and the workplace, our members have a natural following consisting of people who trust, respect and admire their good works and contributions to the community. We encourage our members to highlight the impact our organization has on the Dallas community, as well as our outstanding members contributing to real progress in our city. When you see a Dallas Citizens Council post on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) or [X](#) (formerly Twitter), please consider liking, commenting and sharing it with your network.

Dallas Citizens Council Updates in Your Pocket

Download the DCC member app, your on-the-go connection to everything Dallas Citizens Council. Use the app to:

- stay up-to-date on all things DCC
- register for events
- network with members
- and more — all from your mobile device.

To access the app today, search Dallas Citizens Council in the [Apple](#) or [Google Play Store](#), download it and enter your DCC Member Portal username and password. Having trouble? [Email our help desk](#).

