

There comes a time when we have to say enough is enough. The election being held to decide our next city council representatives is not a popularity contest or a beauty pageant. This is a contest of the most serious in nature. This contest will determine your quality of life for the next several years and beyond. Over the last few years crime has risen and drugs have gotten worse. District 8 has one of the highest foreclosure ratings in the city. People are losing their homes at an alarming rate. Retail shops and grocery stores are fleeing our neighborhoods and taking jobs with them. Neighborhoods are crime ridden; streets are in desperate need of repair. The basic needs of our citizens are not being met. That simply should not be. We can not afford nor do we deserve to live like this another two years or another day. We deserve better and today is the day we demand better.

District 8 has endless amounts of potential. We have malls, an airport, an inland port, two colleges, and thousands of people willing and ready to work. What we lack is the visionary leadership to put it all together and create a system that works for all citizens.

We demand ... competent leadership; leadership with a plan to turn this area into a clean safe area. It can be done. I envision Dist 8 being a mix of clean stabilized neighborhoods & thriving businesses. A place where the nearest grocery store is not ten miles away and citizens have access to fresh produce. I envision a place where we can work, shop, and play right here in our own neighborhood, and travel to North Dallas and other surrounding areas because we want to, not because we have to. It can be done.

We demand... accountability from all of our elected officials. We demand a government that lives up to its true purpose: "a government that is for the people and by the people". No longer will we allow individuals to rise to power only to forget about the very individuals that put them there. Our money is just as green; our voice just as strong; our lives are just as valuable. Stop asking elected officials to show up to meetings and be accountable to citizens; demand accountability and if they are not addressing your concerns, if they are not visible and representing you...demand they be removed.

We demand... safe neighborhoods. For as long as I can remember politicians have promised us "safe" neighborhoods, but have yet to deliver. 80% of all crime is drug related. So how can we say we are truly getting tough on crime when we don't have a sizable inpatient drug treatment facility in the southern sector? The men and women of our police force risk their lives everyday to protect and serve our citizens. The very least we can do is stop playing games and finally give them the support they need. Let's implement drug treatment, crime prevention, job readiness, and other programs that have proven to reduce crime. Let us finally become proactive instead of reactive.

We demand... jobs. Today is the day that we stop asking for "economic development" and start demanding jobs. There are many parts of this city where

black/brown people have lived that no longer exist. Somehow they moved us out once the development finally moved in. In my book that's not development that's replacement. Some in power have plans for this area...but as it stands now it does not include you. Today is the day we demand our place at the table. We demand our piece of the pie.

The winds of "Change" have been blowing strong throughout this country. Unfortunately, in District 8, things have changed for the worse. That is why today is the day we stop asking for change and start demanding progress.

We demand clean streets.

We demand safe neighborhoods.

We demand the right to shop and work where we live.

We demand accountability

We demand visionary leadership that takes us forward and not backwards.

We demand!

If you are ready to demand more from city hall, more from your communities, and more from ourselves then please, sign up and register on this site to stay active and involved.

Thank you and god bless.