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## City of Dallas to celebrate Black History Month with exhibits on African-American City Council members

**DALLAS, TX** – The City of Dallas will celebrate Black History Month Feb. 2-28 with special exhibits honoring the 18 African-American men and women who have served on the Dallas City Council. The exhibits will be on display in the first floor lobby at City Hall, 1500 Marilla St., and on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the Central Library, 1515 Young St.

The past and present council members featured in “A Voice for the Community: African-Americans on the Dallas City Council,” are:

- C. A. Galloway – The first African American City Council member, appointed in 1967.
- George L. Allen - 1968-1975
- Fred Blair - 1979-1985
- Leo V. Chaney, Jr. - 1999-present
- Juanita Craft- 1975-1979
- Sandra Crenshaw - 1993-1995
- James L. Fantroy - 2000-present
- Elsie Fay Heggins - 1979-1985
- Donald W. Hicks - 1991-1999
- Donald W. Hill - 1999-present
- Ron Kirk - 1995-2001
- Al Lipscomb - 1985-1993 & 1995-2000
- Barbara Mallory Caraway - 1993-2001
- Charlotte Mayes - 1991-1999
- Mattie Lee Nash - 1991-1993
- Lucy Patterson - 1973-1979
- Diane Ragsdale - 1985-1991
- Maxine Thornton-Reese - 1999-present

The exhibits will include inaugural scrapbooks, campaign fliers, official Gittings portraits, photos taken by noted Dallas photographer Marion Butts, a 1965 campaign card used by George Allen, and excerpts from oral history interviews.

The idea for the exhibit was developed by the Black Employee Support Team, a group of African-American city employees. The library’s Texas/Dallas History and Archives Division, City Secretary’s Municipal Archives, Equipment and Building Services, and the Park and Recreation Department helped produce the historical exhibits.

The Dallas Public Library operates the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library and 23 branch locations. A library card is free for any Dallas resident. For information on the many free programs and services available at the Dallas Public Library, go to: <http://dallaslibrary.org/home.htm>.

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