

## Office of County Judge Tim O'Hare

May 12, 2025

Chairman John L. Nau, III Texas Historical Commission 1511 Colorado Street Austin, Texas 78701

Re: Request for Rescission of Historical Marker 24324 – Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Chairman Nau and Esteemed Members of the Commission:

As Tarrant County Judge, I write to bring to your immediate attention a matter concerning the approval process of Historical Marker 24324, proposed for installation at 651 S. Jennings Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas.

It has come to our attention that this marker did not undergo a proper and thorough approval process through the Tarrant County Historical Commission (TCHC). Instead, email authorization was given unilaterally by a single committee member—acting independently and without the consensus or input of the full Commission—to City of Fort Worth employee Lorelei Willett. This action bypassed established precedent intended to ensure fair, transparent, and collective review of historical marker submissions.

Due to nature of Marker 24324, such a deviation from standard protocol is particularly concerning. Allowing the marker to proceed under these circumstances risks generating unnecessary controversy and undermining the credibility of both the local and state historical commissions.

I am formally requesting the approval of Marker 24324 be rescinded immediately, as full and appropriate authorization from the Tarrant County Historical Commission was never granted. Given the advanced stage of the marker in the process, we respectfully request that this rescission and denial be expedited to prevent further complications.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and for your continued dedication to preserving and honoring Texas history with integrity and due diligence.

Respectfully,

Tim O'Hare County Judge