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LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF DALLAS COUNTY - STATEMENT ON PROPERTY TAXES AND CONDEMNATION OF MAYOR MIKE RAWLINGS

Dallas, Texas, July 26, 2017 - The property tax crisis in the state of Texas has gone mostly unnoticed by the media and, more importantly, by our legislators. In Dallas County, for instance, some taxpayers have seen a 40% increase in their taxes over the last few years. The current property tax system is broken and it must be fixed if Texas is to remain a desirable state for those seeking personal freedom.

Governor Abbott has made it known that one of his goals during the special legislative sessions is to overhaul the state's property tax system so that homeowners can find some relief. However, eighteen mayors in the state of Texas have declared that they have little interest in seeing property tax reform. They're more concerned with whether they will have enough money to fund their pet projects and have specifically mentioned to Abbott that "revenue and spending caps" are "harmful." The letter from these mayors can be read here: <https://www.tml.org/p/MayorsLetterGovernorJuly2017.pdf>

Mayor Mike Rawlings of Dallas is one of the mayors who signed on to this letter and requested this meeting. The Libertarian Party of Dallas County condemns Mayor Rawlings' actions in this matter and asks him to reconsider his reckless spending habits in our city. He claims on the Dallas City Hall website that he is "working to improve the quality of life in Dallas," but without relief for homeowners who are paying outrageous property taxes, any quality of life improvement will include lighter wallets for homeowners in Dallas.