

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

District 2 Accountability Report

Updated October 5, 2026

Sad and Blue in District 2

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An Independent Watchdog Resource for Dallas County District 2

District 2 has spent four years inside a 5–0 One-Party Machine on the Commissioners Court. No real opposition. No independent oversight. The failures fall in three places: Trust, Wallet, and Safety. Because this district carries about 40 percent of the county property-tax burden, the bill lands here first.

Trust. The incumbent used official power to establish permanent polling locations at mosques and then took credit, on video, for what those rooms returned for his party. He said 1,689 people voted at mosques for the first time, that almost every one of those new voters voted for his party, and that those rooms were the difference in electing Judge Tina Clinton. After that record was put in front of newsrooms, the videos came down. They had already been saved. One of those sites, the Islamic Association of North Texas, later hosted “From Marxism to Islam: The Revolutionary Road to Allah,” where speakers said Islam and Western society cannot coexist. His taxpayer-funded newsletter linked to Fight Back! News, the paper of the Freedom Road Socialist Organization, which says it is building a new Communist Party on Marxism-Leninism. Texas leaders have designated CAIR a foreign terrorist organization. He kept the relationships.

On the ballot itself, he defended countywide vote centers and attacked precinct voting. In the March 2026 primary, 9,682 voters lost a secret ballot during early voting: 7,324 Democrats and 2,358 Republicans. He was warned on October 1, 2024, at Commissioners Court, with ballots in hand. The Court did nothing. In the elections that followed, the same right was taken from his deputy chief of staff, Todd Hensley, from Commissioners Elba Garcia and Theresa Daniel, and from Democratic Party Chairman Kardal Coleman. He then raised money by claiming the warning was an attack on voters. Texas Election Code § 43.031 already prefers a public building when one is practicable. Those buildings cost the county nothing. On September 1, 2026, he answered the outcry by adding more private rooms, including Temple Shalom, and by floating a public building he called a “ballroom” without replacing the mosque.

Wallet. He voted for \$350 million in certificates of obligation with no voter approval. With interest, that debt costs about \$700 million. District 2’s share is about \$280 million: roughly \$1,300 a person, \$2,600 if you are married. He moved the first county tax-rate hike in 16 years, then moved a higher permanent levy to the November ballot. On the ballot it is Prop A. It is Andy’s tax: about 22 percent over the no-new-revenue rate, on the order of \$103 million a year for homelessness programs, in perpetuity. District 2 would shoulder about 40 percent of that new cost. Commissioners John Wiley Price and Elba Garcia voted no. A City of Dallas audit dated June 18, 2025, found Housing Forward — the nonprofit in line for the pass-through — had spent about 2 percent of two city contracts totaling more than \$5 million, and could not document what the money bought. He also proposed raising the landlord eviction fee from \$70 to \$400 to fund deflection centers, and he backed Parkland and human-services increases without a third-party

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forensic audit. The county has not had one in more than a decade. A TPPF/Pulse poll found 90 percent of Texans want that audit.

Safety. He advised residents not to open the door if ICE comes, and he accepted the Sheriff's claim that the office lacks the resources to honor 287(g). He opposed reforms that would have made it easier for property owners to remove squatters. He joined the establishment campaign against the HERO amendments, including the proposal to require at least 4,000 Dallas police officers. The jail remains the most expensive room in the budget. Paper-ready inmates can be moved to state prison inside the statutory window, in county vehicles the state reimburses. That has not been the priority.

These are not isolated mistakes. They are what one-party rule produces when nobody on the Court has to answer to an opponent.

Barry Wernick will serve as an independent watchdog with zero conflicts of interest and no radical associations. He will fight for transparency, accountability, and putting the people of District 2 first.

In 1776 we fought to be citizens, not subjects.

Vote No on Prop A — Andy's reckless 22 percent property-tax hike.

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