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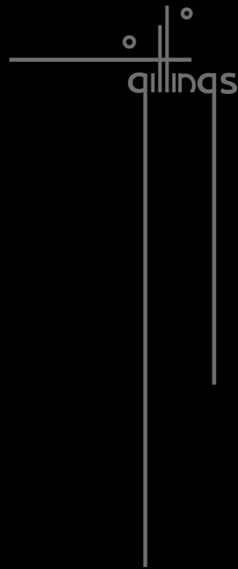
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# KORBIN AND DAVID

## *Celebrating Two Decades*

### OF TULIP TRADITIONS

#### INTRODUCTION

Spring in Dallas holds a special place in the hearts of Oak Cliff residents David Hudgens and Korbin King. The duo eagerly anticipates the arrival of tulip season each year. For two decades, they have meticulously cultivated over 2000 tulips in their gardens, reaching peak bloom in March. To honor this floral extravaganza, David and Korbin host an annual Tulip Party, inviting friends and family to revel in the vibrant array of tulip varieties that grace their grounds.

#### EARLY ROOTS IN OAK CLIFF

In 1998, after a two-year courtship, David persuaded Korbin to relocate from Dallas' Uptown/Oak Lawn to Oak Cliff. A historic enclave annexed in 1903, Oak Cliff maintains its unique identity as one of Dallas' well-established neighborhoods. The couple, drawn to the classic English Tudor-style homes, purchased their first property in the Kessler Square district in 1998. Following a three-year renovation journey, they settled in their current residence, a 1928-built home, in 2001.



he planted his inaugural tulips. Over the years, the Tulip Party evolved, featuring intricate color schemes and diverse tulip displays. Unlike colder regions of the country that facilitate tulip re-blooming, Dallas requires annual replanting, enabling Korbin to experiment with various sizes, colors, and types. David, an adept cook, has catered the Tulip Party since its inception, adapting to its growth to accommodate over 150 attendees. Regrettably, the 2024 edition will mark the Tulip Party Finale due to an upcoming home renovation, with plans for a 1920's-themed party in 2028.

#### A PASSION FOR GARDENING AND GATHERINGS

Korbin's love for gardening blossomed in 2004 when

#### TRANSFORMATIVE YEARS IN OAK CLIFF

Reflecting on their Oak Cliff journey since 1998,




David and Korbin acknowledge a remarkable transformation. The area, once lacking upscale amenities, has become a sought-after destination with the Bishop Arts District at its heart, featuring independent boutiques, restaurants, bars, and galleries. The unique landscape, characterized by hills, cliffs, and mature trees, contributes to Oak Cliff's distinctiveness among predominantly flat Dallas neighborhoods. The early and mid-1900s homes, coupled with the diverse residents, create a one-of-a-kind neighborhood ambiance.

**THE KORDAVE EXPRESS: A UNION**

David and Korbin, partners of 28 years, formalized their union in 2016 in a ceremony at Dallas Union Station. The “Vintage Train Travel” theme, inspired by their global travels, celebrated their journey to 55 countries on six continents. The couple, proud of being part of the community, arranged the first legal same-sex marriage at Dallas Union Station, adorned with vintage train-inspired decorations and a cake featuring world maps pinpointing their extensive travels.

**LOOKING AHEAD WITH HOSPITALITY**

Passionate about entertaining, David and Korbin anticipate that their upcoming home renovation will enhance their hosting capabilities. With David showcasing his culinary prowess in a dream kitchen and Korbin orchestrating elaborate tablescapes, the couple eagerly awaits the prospect of hosting grand, multi-course dinner parties in their Kessler Park residence in their beloved Oak Cliff neighborhood. 







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## *The Harston Woods Community*

### IN EULESS, TEXAS

#### INTRODUCTION

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#### MODERN HOMES WITH WARRANTIES

Our commitment to quality extends beyond design. The Harston Woods Community proudly presents modern, manufactured homes with warranties, providing you with confidence and peace of mind in your investment. Our homes are constructed with precision and care, incorporating the latest in construction technology for durability and longevity.

#### A WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE


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wind by the pool, or explore the walking trails together. With playgrounds and communal areas, our community fosters a close-knit environment where lasting connections are made.

#### A RESORT-LIKE LIFESTYLE

Step into a world that feels like a perpetual vacation. The Harston Woods Community exudes a resort-like ambiance, with immaculately landscaped grounds, recreational facilities, and inviting communal spaces. Indulge yourself in the joys of a relaxed lifestyle, where every day feels like a holiday.

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# LAURA MILLER

## Our Gal Pal of the Month

### HER ADVOCACY AND AFFINITY FOR THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY IN DALLAS

#### INTRODUCTION

Laura Miller, former Mayor of Dallas, has long been recognized for her commitment to inclusivity and social justice, particularly in her support for the LGBTQ community. Serving as the 58th mayor of Dallas from 2002 to 2007, Miller's tenure was marked by a proactive approach to fostering a more inclusive city. Her advocacy for LGBTQ rights has left a lasting impact on Dallas, creating a legacy that continues to shape the city's ethos.

#### BACKGROUND

Before delving into Miller's connection with the LGBTQ community, it's essential to understand her broader political career. Laura Miller began her political journey as a journalist, working for the Dallas Observer and later the Dallas Morning News. Her journalistic background equipped her with a keen understanding of the issues facing Dallas residents, which she later translated into a successful political career.

Miller's mayoral tenure saw her addressing various challenges facing Dallas, from economic development to infrastructure improvements. However, it was her dedication to fostering a more inclusive city that has become a standout feature of her legacy.

#### INCLUSIVITY AS A GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Laura Miller's commitment to inclusivity was evident in her various policy initiatives during her time as mayor. She worked towards creating an environment where all residents felt represented and valued, regardless of their background or identity. Her advocacy for LGBTQ rights was a natural extension of this overarching commitment to inclusivity.



#### SUPPORT FOR LGBTQ RIGHTS

One of the key ways in which Miller demonstrated her support for LGBTQ community was through policy changes aimed at promoting equality. During her tenure, she championed anti-discrimination measures



and worked to ensure that the city’s policies reflected a commitment to equal rights for everyone. Miller also actively engaged with LGBTQ advocacy groups, seeking input and feedback to shape policies that would genuinely address the needs of the community. Her approach was collaborative, recognizing the importance of community voices in creating lasting change.

**VISIBILITY AND REPRESENTATION**

Beyond policy changes, Laura Miller understood the significance of visibility and representation. She actively participated in events organized by the LGBTQ community, using her platform to amplify the voices of those who often felt marginalized. By doing so, she sent a powerful message about the importance of inclusivity and acceptance in Dallas.

**COLLABORATION WITH LGBTQ ORGANIZATIONS**

Miller’s affinity for the LGBTQ community extended beyond symbolic gestures. She collaborated with local LGBTQ organizations to address specific issues faced by the community, such as healthcare access, youth support, and combating discrimination. This collaborative approach helped build bridges between the city administration and the LGBTQ community, fostering a sense of partnership in working towards common goals.


**LEGACY AND CONTINUED IMPACT**

Although Laura Miller’s time as mayor concluded in 2007, her legacy in championing LGBTQ rights in Dallas endures. The foundations she laid, both in terms of policy changes and fostering

a culture of inclusivity, continue to shape the city’s approach to LGBTQ issues.

The impact of Miller’s advocacy is evident in the ongoing efforts of subsequent administrations to maintain and expand upon the progress she initiated. The Dallas LGBTQ community has, in turn, become more engaged in the political process, leveraging its collective voice to advocate for positive change.

**CONCLUSION**

Laura Miller’s affinity for the LGBTQ community during her tenure as Dallas Mayor highlights the importance of political leaders actively championing inclusivity and equal rights. Her commitment to collaboration, policy changes, and visibility has left an enduring legacy that transcends her time in office. As Dallas continues to evolve, Miller’s contributions to the city’s LGBTQ community serve as a reminder of the positive impact that dedicated leaders can have on creating a more just and inclusive society. 





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