

RESOLUTION NO. 19-379

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO COMMIT TO A CAMPAIGN GOAL TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE RESIDENTS OF DENTON TO LOCAL PARKS WITHIN A 10-MINUTE WALK; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the 10-Minute Walk to a Park Campaign (“campaign”) is a leading, nationwide movement initiated by The Trust For Public Land with the support of the National Recreation and Park Association and the Urban Land Institute encouraging cities to ensure that a great park is within a 10-Minute Walk for every person, in every neighborhood, and in every city across America; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with data provided by The Trust for Public Land (TPL), the City of Denton does not currently meet the national average of accessibility to a park within a 10-minute walk and desires to meet and exceed the national average; and

WHEREAS, the campaign will assist in identifying opportunities and strategies for the development and improvement of park accessibility with a focus on underserved populations and provide the City of Denton with an opportunity to meet and exceed the national average of park accessibility within its community and satisfy ever-increasing population demands for more parks; and

WHEREAS, the 10-Minute Walk Campaign commitment would denote a public statement of how the City of Denton will work towards promoting and ensuring that residents have a park within a 10-minute walk from their homes; and

WHEREAS, the campaign promotes equitable, economically thriving, safe, and healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, prioritizing existing parks and creating new, life-enhancing ways for people to get outdoors and be active directly serve local residents and their health; and

WHEREAS, parks have substantial environmental and city infrastructure benefits, from reducing the cost of capturing and processing storm water, to reducing the urban heat island effect, and to supporting carbon-free transportation that reduces the environmental impacts of vehicular use; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with data provided by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), property closer to parks can be worth more than similar properties just a few blocks away; and

WHEREAS, the City of Denton City Council finds that it is in the public to support the mission of improving accessibility of parks within the community, and a timeline will be developed to effectuate said purpose; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. The City of Denton City Council finds that it in the public interest to adopt the 10-Minute Walk Campaign.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign a Letter of Support on behalf of the City of Denton City Council for the approval of the 10-Minute Walk Campaign.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

The motion to approve this Resolution was made by Keely Briggs and seconded by Paul Meltzer. This Resolution was passed and approved by the following vote [6 - 0]:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Chris Watts:	_____	_____	_____	_____✓
Gerard Hudspeth, District 1:	_____✓	_____	_____	_____
Keely G. Briggs, District 2:	_____✓	_____	_____	_____
Don Duff, District 3:	_____✓	_____	_____	_____
John Ryan, District 4:	_____✓	_____	_____	_____
Deb Armintor, At Large Place 5:	_____✓	_____	_____	_____
Paul Meltzer, At Large Place 6:	_____✓	_____	_____	_____

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 26th day of February, 2019.

Chris Watts
CHRIS WATTS, MAYOR

ATTEST:
RACHEL WOOD, INTERIM CITY SECRETARY

BY: Jane Richardson, Asst.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
AARON LEAL, CITY ATTORNEY

BY: Stephanie Long



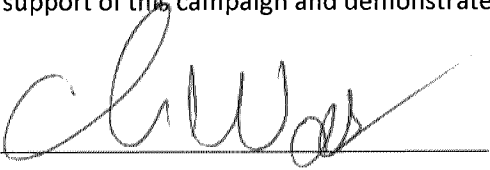
Campaign to Celebrate America’s Cities and Civic Leaders Who Actively Promote the 10-Minute Walk to a Park

The Trust for Public Land, National Recreation and Park Association, and Urban Land Institute launched the 10-Minute Walk Campaign in October 2017 to celebrate, recognize, and highlight cities, mayors, and other civic leaders that promote the 10-minute walk to a park goal. This goal leads to equitable, economically thriving, safe, and healthy communities.

To date, more than 200 bipartisan mayors have endorsed the vision that everyone deserves a park or open space within a 10-minute walk of home. Your support of this initiative would involve the following:

- Recognition in public materials that spotlight park champions, including the 10minutewalk.org, campaign materials, and press stories.
- Access to campaign programming and best practices made available to cities who support the campaign. These include a technical assistance opportunity, Park Serve®, ULI Advisory Service Panels, and more. More information on this programming is available on the supplemental “10-Minute Walk to a Park Campaign 2018 Programming” document.
- Designation of a member of your team to serve as the primary point of contact for this initiative and who will receive communications about the campaign.

We would be honored to have your involvement with this effort. By signing below, this document will formalize your support of this campaign and demonstrate your commitment to improving park quality and access.

Signature: 

Full Name Chris Watts, Mayor
And City: City of Denton, Texas

Date: February 26, 2019

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact our team through Patrick Phillippi. He can be reached at 202-748-2793 or by email at pphillippi@civitaspublicaffairs.com.