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## Memorandum

DATE October 7, 2024  
TO Kimberly Bizer Tolbert  
City Manager (I)  
SUBJECT **Recusal – Dallas Police/Fire Pension Fund Lawsuit and Legislative Efforts**

This memo serves as my intent to recuse myself from discussions and decisions surrounding the Dallas Police Fire Pension Fund lawsuit and legislative efforts for the passage of any bill associated with the Dallas Police and Fire Pension. I have previously received a legal opinion from the City Attorney that I had no conflict of interest associated with the Dallas Police Fire Pension and the fact that the Chief Legal Counsel for the pension fund is my brother. Out of an abundance of caution and transparency, I have not participated in discussions regarding the lawsuit.

I recently asked for an updated opinion from the City Attorney, and it affirmed I do not have any conflict, but it raised the possibility that a perceived conflict of interest should be considered. Given the opinion, I have decided to officially recuse myself and remove even the possibility of a perceived conflict by continuing to not participate in the lawsuit discussions and additionally, not participate in the legislative process associated with the pension fund.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at 214-670-4067.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cara Mendelsohn'.

Cara Mendelsohn  
Council Member – District 12

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