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***Kathleen Hicks Sets Priorities for New Term on Fort Worth City Council***

I continue to be guided by the goals and principles I set forth in 2005 when I was first elected: **to encourage engaged and involved residents, provide positive economic development and work for a pro-active city hall.** I am proud of the many “**firsts**” that have been achieved in District 8 during my tenure:

- **First Tax Increment Finance District** in South-East Fort Worth: East Berry Renaissance TIF
- **First Council Initiated Historic Districts:** in Morningside and Terrell Heights
- **First large scale housing development** in a generation in South-East Fort Worth (Sierra Vista)

**In addition, I am proud to have worked with the residents of District 8 to accomplish the following:**

- **Decrease in Crime** – From 2007 to 2008 there was an 11% decrease in thefts and a 6% decrease in violent crimes in District 8.
- Conducting an annual **District 8 Town Hall Meetings** where City Hall comes to the community to identify priorities and work together to improve our neighborhoods
- Implementation of the **District 8 Advisory Board** representing neighborhood leaders from across the district to work together to make our city and our neighborhoods safer
- Implementation of the **South Side Pride Initiative** – A concentrated Code Compliance effort to clean up blight and dangerous conditions within neighborhoods
- Construction of new City buildings equaling millions of dollars of **Economic Development Investment in the District:** Shamblee Library, Hazel Harvey Peace Center, Crime Lab, Nashville Police Station, East Lancaster Police Store Front, Evans Fire Station
- **Renaissance Square –\$75,000,000** commercial development planned for old Masonic Home Site – **at 500,000 square feet, it is the largest retail ever in South-East Fort Worth**
- Ensured **redevelopment of Urban Villages** at Berry Riverside, East Lancaster, Oakland Corners, Evans Avenue and Texas Wesleyan University

These are but a few of the accomplishments that we in District 8 have been able to accomplish by working together over the past four years.

I want to continue to be an advocate for this pro-active agenda for positive change. Quality economic development is beginning to take place in District 8 because of the work we have done together. We must continue in our efforts to reduce crime, maintain our streets, and make our neighborhoods safe places to live and raise our children. I thank you for the trust you have placed in me to serve as your councilperson and work everyday to ensure that trust is well placed.