



## Mayor's Message

Richardson has had an incredible year, and there is tremendous momentum for an even better 2014. In 2013 construction began on KDC's State Farm corporate campus and CityLine regional retail development. And the world's coolest movie theater, Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, opened its doors.

Richardson continues to be recognized for business, quality living and culture. We have more than 3 million square feet of new office and tech industrial space, have seen nearly \$1 billion in new investment in the Telecom Corridor® area, are the home of a new regional hospital, and will soon be home to offices for the largest U.S. insurance company.

The state of our wonderful city is strong today, and we are well-positioned to remain so for many years because we continue to reinvest in our neighborhoods through bond programs, infrastructure development and high-profile corridors. In fact, I don't recall a time in our history when we were as excited and confident as we are today about the future.

So many throughout the community are responsible for our success. Working together with dedication, spirit and love for this great city, we've created not just a place with a high quality of life, but a home.

*Laura Maczka*

Mayor Laura Maczka



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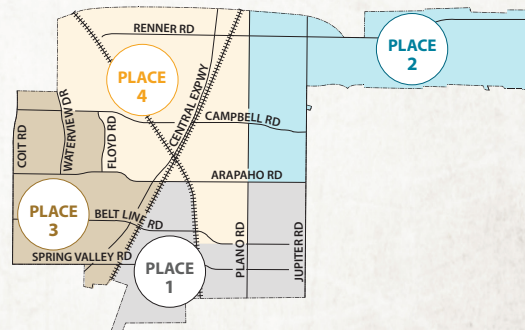
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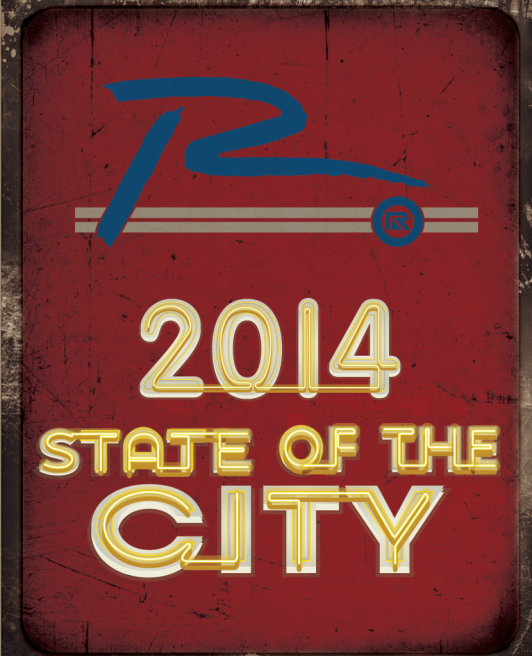
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## Vision

The City of Richardson is a clean, safe, vibrant, and inclusive community in which residents and businesses enjoy a high quality of life and are proud to call "home."

## Municipal Achievements

- Maintained AAA bond rating (the highest level) by Standard & Poor's and Moody's in 2013
- Created a budget to lay the groundwork for continued community reinvestment, including an 83 percent increase in funding for street repairs and a 76 percent hike for other maintenance, all with no tax increase
- As part of the 2010 Bond Program, completed and opened the Gymnastics Center, Heights Recreation Center, Heights Family Aquatic Center, Fire Training Center and Durham Park
- Provided nearly \$200,000 in home improvement rebates to property owners, resulting in more than \$3 million in added residential value
- Earned three Best Neighborhood recognitions by *The Dallas Morning News* for the best places to live for 18- to 24-year-olds, families and adults 45 and older

## Arts and Culture

- Completed Richardson's first-ever Cultural Arts Master Plan to help set the stage for arts in the community
- Currently developing a new Cultural Arts website to support programs and signature events
- The Eisemann Center secured the 2014 Miss Texas Pageant
- Richardson will continue to produce and enhance its signature events, the *Wildflower!* Arts and Music Festival and the Cottonwood Arts Festival

## Education Successes

- Number of schools earning the prestigious National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence honor, awarded by the U.S. Department of Education
  - 23 Richardson ISD
  - 23 Plano SD
- All four RISD high schools were named among America's Best High Schools by *Newsweek*
- UT Dallas ranked 15th in the *Times Higher Education* 2013 list of the world's most outstanding young universities and was the highest-ranked in Texas
- UT Dallas and the Richardson Economic Development Partnership partnered to join the US Ignite initiative, uniquely positioning Richardson as a place to create and test innovative new applications requiring ultra-high bandwidth



## A Look to the Future



- The CityLine complex, once finished, will create more than 17,000 direct and indirect jobs
- The Methodist Richardson Medical Center will employ nearly 900 professionals, including physicians in more than 35 specialties
- Completion in 2014 of all of the major projects funded by the City's 2010 Bond Program
  - To date, nearly 90 percent of the \$66 million Bond Program projects are underway or finished
  - Includes completion of the sidewalk repair and replacement initiative, adding new sidewalks to approximately 6,000 homes
- Development of a six-acre dog park located adjacent to the Bush Turnpike just west of US 75

## Business Community Achievements

- KDC broke ground on the \$1.5 billion mixed-use, transit-oriented CityLine development. At 186 total acres, including State Farm's corporate campus, it is the biggest build-to-suit project under construction in Texas—the project features:
  - 1.5 million square feet of office space in the initial phase
  - 92,000 square feet of restaurant, retail and entertainment space
  - Contemporary 150-room select service hotel
  - 520 urban-style homes
  - 18,000-square-foot wellness and fitness facility
  - 18,000-square-foot medical office building
  - 3.5-acre park with connections to Richardson's regional trail system
  - \$96 million in estimated city property taxes in the next 10 years
  - \$7.3 billion in estimated salaries indirectly and directly to workers in the next 10 years
- Methodist Health System continued construction on a new, \$120 million regional hospital on Renner Road
- Iconic Austin movie theater Alamo Drafthouse Cinema opened its first Metroplex location in the Richardson Heights Shopping Center



## Chamber Achievements

- The Richardson Economic Development Partnership recorded more than 30 business expansions and relocations, the creation or retention of 11,248 jobs and the leasing of more than 3 million square feet of office space in 2013
- Became an International Association of Science Parks "Area of Innovation," recognizing Richardson as an international leader in fostering high-tech opportunities—one of only eight in the U.S.
- Earned the International Economic Development Council's Silver Excellence in Economic Development Award