



## Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** June 24, 2014

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**County Executive:** Leroy Nellis, Acting County Executive, PBO, 854-9106

**Sponsoring Court Members:** County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe

### AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Consider and take appropriate action regarding recommendations to name the new Travis County District Attorney Office Building located at 416 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

### BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

On April 1, 2014, the Commissioners Court approved issuing a call for recommendations to name the new Travis County District Attorney's Office Building located at 416 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Travis County. The Commissioners Court held a public hearing on the received name recommendations on May 20, 2014 after which the Commissioners Court approved sending the recommendation packages to the Travis County Historical Commission (TCHC) for review and comment. The TCHC reviewed the recommendation packages, took comments from supporters and then voted to recommend forwarding their recommendation to name the building for Ronald Dale Earle. A copy of the letter from the TCHC is at Attachment One.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Facilities Management Department recommends that the Commissioners Court consider the comments from the Travis County Historical Commission and then make a decision on whether to approve their recommendation on naming the new building located at 416 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street for Ronald Dale Earle.

### ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

The TCHC met on June 11, 2014 and considered the proposed naming recommendations. FMD is now bringing the TCHC comments to the Commissioners Court for review and final action.

**FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:**

1. TCHC Letter, dated June 12, 2014

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:**

John Hille, County Attorney's Office



Travis County  
Historical Commission

June 12, 2014

To: The Travis County Commissioners Court  
Re: Naming the new County District Attorney Office Building

Greetings;

The Travis County Historical Commission met on June 11, 2014 to review and comment on the proposed names for the new Travis County District Attorney Office Building at 416 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas. A short list of two names was provided along with biographical information for each of the nominees. Mr. H. Allen Hill, Jr. and Mr. Ken Oden were present at the meeting and both spoke in support of the nomination of Ronald Dale Earle. Written letters of support for Ronald Dale Earle were received from Clarke Heidrick, J. Cliff McSparran, the Austin Bar Association Board of Directors, Amy Wong Mok, Rosemary Lehmborg, Mike Lynch and Jan White. Mr. Hill provided a list of 14 individuals who also support the nomination of Mr. Earle.

Frank Maloney provided a letter of support for the nomination of Leslie Clay Procter, Jr. along with a biographical sketch.

After reviewing the information provided, a motion was made and seconded to support the naming of the building for Ronald Dale Earle. The vote to support was unanimous. Mr. Earle's long (32 year) and remarkable record clearly follows the guideline that the individual "must have made a significant contribution to Travis County" and we are proud to put his name forward to the Commissioners Court.

Respectfully,

Bob Ward  
Chair  
Travis County Historical Commission