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NE Tarrant Mayors endorse Pct. 3 Commissioner Gary Fickes for Re-election

(Hurst, TX) – In his re-election campaign, Tarrant County Precinct 3 Commissioner Gary Fickes has picked up endorsements from all the mayors in Northeast Tarrant County.

Mayors from one of the area's smallest towns (Mayor Laura Wheat in Westlake) to the largest city (Mayor Betsy Price in Fort Worth) echoed their support of Fickes, citing his experience in improving healthcare, addressing senior issues, lowering taxes, and improving mobility in Northeast Tarrant County.

"I have worked side by side with Gary Fickes on transportation issues for five years. I value his complete understanding of how to bring the county, cities and TXDOT together on major infrastructure projects," says Euless Mayor Mary Lib Saleh. "And as a senior citizen myself, I was totally impressed by the recent Empowering Seniors 2011 event that drew over 1,200 participants. It shows that he clearly is in touch with the senior population."

Haslet Mayor Bob Golden speaks from a different perspective. "As one of the smallest towns in Northeast Tarrant County, I appreciate that Gary has given communities of all sizes a significant voice in the matters facing the county. He listens to us and factors our concerns and needs into his decisions."

"Gary Fickes understands the dynamics of how to work with cities," says Colleyville Mayor David Kelly. "I'm impressed with his insight on how to get things done within a very complex system, particularly in the area of regional transportation construction projects."

Fickes' endorsers are: Bedford Mayor Jim Story, Colleyville Mayor David Kelly, Euless Mayor Mary Lib Saleh, Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price, Grapevine Mayor William D. Tate, Haslet Mayor Bob Golden, Hurst Mayor Richard Ward, Keller Mayor Pat McGrail, North Richland Hills Mayor Oscar Trevino, Richland Hills Mayor Dave Ragan, Roanoke Mayor Carl "Scooter" Gierisch, Southlake Mayor John Terrell, Trophy Club Mayor Connie White, Watauga Mayor Harry Jeffries, and Westlake Mayor Laura Wheat.

"The greatest asset that any commissioner can have is a strong working relationship with every mayor in his precinct," says Fickes. "I am honored and humbled that these community leaders are all publicly supporting my re-election. These relationships exemplify why Northeast Tarrant County is such a great place to live, work and call home."

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“I feel that we are operating on the principle of a three-legged stool with great significance in healthcare, senior issues and transportation. Each of these is vital to our success. In the area of transportation, I am focusing on increasing mobility and reducing congestion while we manage an extremely complicated construction process. Northeast Tarrant County will have one of the best road networks in the nation within just a few short years.”

In addition to the mayors, Commissioner Fickes has received endorsements from the following elected officials at the county, state and federal levels:

- Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley
- Tarrant County Precinct 2 Commissioner Andy Nguyen
- Tarrant County Precinct 4 Commissioner J.D. Johnson
- Tarrant County District Clerk Tom Wilder
- Tarrant County Clerk Mary Louise Garcia
- Tarrant County Tax Assessor-Collector Ron Wright
- Tarrant County Sheriff Dee Anderson
- State Representative District 91, Kelly Hancock
- State Representative District 92, Todd Smith
- State Representative District 98, Vicki Truitt
- U.S. Congressman Texas District 24, Kenny Marchant

About Precinct 3 Commissioner Gary Fickes:

Gary Fickes was first elected to the office of Precinct 3 Commissioner in 2006 to fill the unexpired term of Glen Whitley, who resigned to run for Tarrant County Judge. Fickes was re-elected in 2008.

While he serves on vital statewide boards and committees, he developed his legacy of community service when he served as Chairman of the Southlake Planning & Zoning Commission and then was elected Mayor of Southlake (1989-1996). He is a member of the Grapevine Rotary Club and the Colleyville Lions Club.

Commissioner Fickes has been selected twice to the Governor’s Economic Development Stakeholders Committee, and serves at executive levels of the National Association of Counties and the Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition. In September he received the prestigious Clyde Mooney Award, the highest honor presented to a member by the Hurst Eules Bedford Chamber of Commerce, and has received the Silver Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America.

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