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The City of Gainesville Leads the Way in Government Transparency

Gainesville, TX– The City of Gainesville proudly emerges as a leader in open government as the Texas Comptroller’s office released the first group of cities to earn the Open Government and Compliance Transparency Star this morning. This recognition also makes Gainesville one of the first to earn all six Transparency Stars. This prestigious award was earned based on the city’s dedication to maintain transparency, accountability, and public trust.

Through diligent efforts, the city has met and surpassed benchmarks, setting the gold standard for governmental transparency across the state. The Transparency Star program, run by the Texas Comptroller, recognizes governmental entities for their dedication to providing clear, meaningful information to taxpayers. To earn all six stars, entities must demonstrate excellence in various areas, including traditional finances, contracts and procurements, economic development, public pensions, and debt obligations.

City Manager Barry Sullivan emphasizes the significance of this milestone, stating, “As fiduciaries of public funds, the city is steadfast in our commitment to transparency and accountability. Earning all six Transparency Stars, and being in the first group of only two cities to achieve this milestone, is a testament to our ongoing responsibility to uphold the highest standards of integrity in governance.”

For more information about the Transparency Star program, visit comptroller.texas.gov/transparency

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