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Statement from Chief Acevedo regarding Dallas Police Chief search

The past few days, I have heard from many members of the Austin Police Department, our community, and civic leaders including, Mayor Lee Leffingwell, members of City Council, and others, who have warmly expressed their personal support to my family and I. I am overwhelmed and humbled by the support I have received these past few days, and throughout my tenure in Austin. I have also met and spoken with City Manager Marc Ott, whom I consider to be a great leader, mentor and friend. I am very appreciative of Manager Ott's generous public statement regarding my performance as police chief, and his salary adjustment proposal.

As I have previously stated, my decision to compete for the Chief of Police job in Dallas, is not a reflection of dissatisfaction with my current salary or working conditions. I consider being the Chief of Police of the Austin Police Department, who I believe to be one of the greatest police departments in the Nation, a great privilege and highlight of my professional career.

I want to assure you all, that my decision to remain in the Dallas process is solely based upon my desire to explore a career option and the challenge of working in a larger diverse urban environment. I consider the City of Dallas to be a fine city, with many opportunities to enjoy cultural, entertainment and sports venues. I know that many of my friends find it hard to believe that I would leave the City of Austin, however, having been raised in Los Angeles County, I truly find Dallas to be a very desirous place to work and live.

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