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McAllen Mayor Pro Tem Pepe Cabeza de Vaca Selected to Serve on Texas Municipal League Board of Directors

New Statewide Role Expands McAllen's Voice and Leadership

The City of McAllen and the Texas Municipal League (TML) are pleased to announce that Mayor Pro Tem Pepe Cabeza de Vaca has been selected to serve as the Region 12 director on the TML Board of Directors, representing cities throughout the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Cabeza de Vaca's new two-year term will begin at the conclusion of the TML Annual Conference and Exhibition, scheduled for November 11–13, 2026, in San Antonio.

Representing District 6 as commissioner, he says he is honored to have been selected for this unique opportunity. "I am grateful to my peers on the Texas Municipal League Board of Directors to allow me to represent McAllen and the Rio Grande Valley in this capacity," said Mayor Pro Tem Pepe Cabeza de Vaca. "Throughout my years of public service, I have seen firsthand that cities are stronger when we work together, share ideas and learn from one another. I look forward to bringing the perspective of our region to the table while also bringing home new ideas and opportunities which can benefit residents we serve."

The City of McAllen congratulates Mayor Pro Tem Cabeza de Vaca on his selection to serve. "Pepe's story is one of commitment," said Mayor Javier Villalobos. "He has invested years of his life in this community, as a business leader, a volunteer, a Planning and Zoning Board chairman, a county government leader and as a member of our City Commission. He understands McAllen because he has spent years building relationships and working to make our city better. His selection means we will have a strong voice at the statewide level, and I know he will represent our region with passion and dedication."

Established in 1913, the Texas Municipal League is a voluntary, nonprofit association dedicated to empowering and supporting Texas cities. TML serves more than 1,170 member cities and more than 16,000 city officials, including mayors, councilmembers, city managers, city attorneys, and department heads. Guided by its purpose statement, *Empowering Texas cities to serve their residents*, TML provides legislative advocacy coordination, legal resources, training, and other services to support city officials across the state.

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About the City of McAllen

Founded in 1904 and incorporated in 1911, the City of McAllen has grown from a small agricultural community into one of the most vibrant and fastest growing cities along the U.S.-Mexico border. Known as the City of Palms, McAllen serves as a hub for international trade, retail, tourism, and culture in the Rio Grande Valley.

Today, the city employs more than 2,600 public servants across 41 departments, delivering essential services to a community of more than 150,000 residents. City leadership remains committed to transparent governance, fiscal responsibility, and enhancing quality of life through innovation, infrastructure, and community engagement. For more information, visit www.mcallen.net