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Democrats Fail Miserably in Attempt to Recall Dallas Mayor Eric L. Johnson

Democrats Utterly Fail in Effort to Recall Mayor of America's Largest Republican-Led City

DALLAS, TX — A much-ballyhooed recall effort against Mayor Eric L. Johnson officially failed Tuesday after the organizer did not submit a single valid signature to the City Secretary's Office.

A recall election would have been triggered by 103,595 valid signatures of eligible voters in the City of Dallas. The organizer submitted zero.

The failed effort's organizer had based the recall push on Mayor Johnson's attendance record at Dallas City Council meetings. However, the Mayor's annual attendance rate has averaged 93.5% for the past four years. Here are Mayor Johnson's annual attendance rates for every year he has been in office:

- 2019-20: 95%
- 2020-21: 92%
- 2021-22: 95%
- 2022-23: 91%

Mayor Johnson is also on track for a 94% attendance rate for the current year. All of the above attendance information is [publicly available on the Dallas City Secretary's website](#). In the past, a few City Councilmembers have had their pay docked for missing too many meetings. Mayor Johnson never has.

Mayor Johnson was re-elected last May — less than a year ago — with 98.7% of the vote in a nonpartisan election, meaning candidates run without identifying as either a Democrat or Republican. The mayor also notched a [77% approval rating last year](#), achieving high marks from voters who identified with both major political parties. Mayor Johnson's leadership has, in fact, garnered international attention for "[The Dallas Miracle](#)," and put Dallas squarely on the global stage.

The failed recall effort officially launched in January after some Democrats were upset by Mayor Johnson's announcement that he intended to vote in the Republican primary in March.

"This was a big, fat nothing-burger cooked up by self-promoting partisan opportunists and served up by some click-hungry members of our local media whose breathless 'reporting' on the subject too often resembled an endorsement of this ridiculous recall effort," said Mayor Johnson. *"My attendance was never truly the issue, and my publicly available attendance record proves it. My Administration's policies and vision for this city have remained unchanged and unwavering.*

"This never even resembled a legitimate effort, and it was a clear waste of time, energy, and ink. This was a nakedly partisan game played by leftists spinning a phony narrative. In the end, far more words were written about this abject failure than there were lawful signatures gathered.

"Fortunately, the people of Dallas know that our city is better off than it was five years ago. And despite numerous challenges and ample political noise, we have remained focused on what actually matters to our residents: making our city safer, stronger, and more vibrant. We will continue to do so as we move forward together in the years ahead."

Mayor Johnson is now focused on continuing to fight crime; launching a robust national search for a new city manager; finding ways to reduce the tax burden on families; and winning public support for a \$1.25 billion bond package that includes a combined \$956 million of investments for his "Three P's" agenda — Public safety, Parks, and Potholes (streets and infrastructure).

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