



May 8, 2019

The Honorable John Creuzot, District Attorney of Dallas County
Frank Crowley Courts Building
133 N. Riverfront Boulevard, LB 19
Dallas, Texas 75207

re: transgender discrimination by Dallas County District Attorney and other agencies

Dear Mr. Creuzot:

A year ago, Estrella Ana Sofia Rodriguez-Ruiz opened air vents on a Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) bus, and the abusive harassment from a DART employee that followed, as well as complicit abuse from the Dallas District Attorney's office and other public servants, may change her life forever.

Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz is well known to Trans Pride Initiative (TPI). We first met Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz in early 2014, when she was living at a shelter after having aged out of the foster care system. She had called TPI for assistance and support. TPI helped Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz make appointments, develop connections in the community, and access social support to help her grow as a young trans woman. Over the last five years, TPI has watched Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz empower herself and steadily improve her life by completing education and employment programs, obtaining increasingly stable housing, and maintaining steady gainful employment. Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz is a success story. DART and the Dallas District Attorney (DA) are attempting to take all that away.

On April 18, 2018, DART employee Marlon Bell-Wilson was sitting in a passenger seat on the bus that Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz boarded. When she started opening vents to allow some air to circulate, Mr. Bell-Wilson appears to have decided Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz would be a convenient target for harassment. When she opened a vent near him, he reached over and slammed it shut. Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz said that he did not have to be rude, that if he did not want the vent open he could just say so. Instead, he started calling her a man in a manner that Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz recognized from long experience as threatening. Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz returned to her seat and took a pocket knife, not opened, that she carries for protection from her purse and briefly showed it to Mr. Bell-Wilson, then she put the knife away and sat back in her seat. Mr. Bell-Wilson responded by taking out what looked like pepper spray and continued to berate her by



calling her a “tranny” repeatedly and stating “at least I know who I am” and we believe making other statements meant to denigrate her identity.

When he decided to start harassing her, Mr. Bell-Wilson’s uniform was hidden under his jacket, and he never once gave any hint of his status as a DART employee. As far as Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz knew, Mr. Bell-Wilson was simply one more person challenging her existence in this world, a type of person she has encountered many times before in her short life. The confrontation would be disturbing to anyone, but these situations can be especially upsetting for Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz, who deals with PTSD from mental and sexual abuse as a child and who, as a trans person, often faces potentially violent situations due to people challenging her gender in ways that range from simple insults to attempts to incite violence.

Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz only later learned that Mr. Bell-Wilson was a DART employee. As a DART employee, Mr. Bell-Wilson is required to follow federal policy that prohibits discrimination based on gender identity.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires all recipients of federal transportation funds to comply with what is known as its Master Agreement.¹ The Master Agreement states in its civil rights section that recipients of federal funds must “[p]rohibit discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, **sex (including gender identity)**, disability, or age” (emphasis added).

TPI is very familiar with this language because in 2015, TPI and Resource Center successfully advocated for language covering gender identity to be added to the Master Agreement. The impetus for the advocacy was yet another incident where a DART employee harassed a trans woman. We were not able to convince DART administration to address the issue.

In spite of the updates, DART continues to fail to comply with the terms required under the Master Agreement. Even DART’s statement about passenger nondiscrimination rights presently only includes discrimination against “members of the public . . . because of their race, color, or national origin.”² This directly contradicts through exclusion the requirements of the FTA Master Agreement.

That DART administration has chosen to limit the statement of nondiscrimination coverage is intentional misrepresentation, and it constitutes tacit but deliberate encouragement for actions like the expression of bigotry exercised by DART employees such as Mr. Bell-Wilson when he made extremely derogatory comments about Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz’ gender. DART’s failure to follow the requirements of the Master Agreement is also a failure to mitigate the escalation of such discrimination from a simple altercation (that Mr. Bell-Wilson initiated and promoted) to a claim of assault of a public servant.

1 U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration. (October 1, 2018). Master Agreement. Washington, DC: author. Available at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/sites/fta.dot.gov/files/docs/funding/grantee-resources/sample-fta-agreements/131596/fta-master-agreement-fy-2019.pdf>.

2 Dallas Area Rapid Transit. (n.d.). Dallas Area Rapid Transit Title VI Notice to the Public. Dallas, Texas: author. Available at <https://www.dart.org/about/deo/titlevi.asp>.



The arrest happened off DART property. Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz decided that she would wait for the next bus rather than endure more insults and harassment by the person later identified as a DART employee, and the driver let her off when she requested at the Cockrell Hill Transfer Station. She was in a nearby store when she was approached by DART police, who continued to misgender Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz by calling her “him,” “sir,” and by recording her gender as “male” in documentation despite the legal gender recorded on her state identification.

The harassment continued while in custody of the Dallas Police Department (DPD) and the Dallas County Sheriff.³ For both agencies, policy dictates respect for transgender persons in field operations and while held in the Dallas County jail. Field operations policy dictates that pronouns will be used as requested by the individual, yet at least one DPD officer consistently misgendered Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz despite her requests to be appropriately identified (see General Orders Chapter 11.2, Section II. A. 2.).⁴

Field operations policy also notes that “Employees will document the individual's legal name and legal gender on all legal documents to include citations, offense and/or accident reports, affidavits, and booking paper work. The legal gender may not necessarily match the gender assigned at birth” (see General Orders Chapter 11.2, Section II. C. 1.; Section II. C. 4. specifically states that “employees will defer to what is documented on identification issued to the individual by the State of Texas or any other government issued form of identification such as passport or driver's license”).

As far as we have been able to determine, all documentation—specifically and with deliberate intent to harm—denied Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz’ legal gender. In addition, staff at Lew Sterrett, in violation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), stated words to the effect “we need to strip you to see if you have a penis or a vagina,” and it was expressly identified as being for her housing assignment. PREA § 115.15(e) is specific: “The facility shall not search or physically examine a transgender or intersex inmate for the sole purpose of determining the inmate’s genital status.” Although not specifically stated in the PREA Standards themselves, the National PREA Resource Center, operated under the Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Administration, has stated housing assignments based on genitalia are prohibited:

Does a policy that houses transgender or intersex inmates based exclusively on external genital anatomy violate Standard 115.42(c) & (e)?

Yes. Standard 115.42(c) states:

In deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex inmate to a facility for male or female inmates, and in making other housing and programming assignments, the agency shall consider on a case-by-

3 Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz is not certain, but believes she was initially arrested by DART police, then custody was transferred to Dallas police for transport to Lew Sterrett jail, where custody was transferred to the Dallas Sheriff’s Department.

4 Dallas Count Sheriff Department. (2017). Interacting with Transgender / Intersex / Gender Nonconforming Individuals. Dallas, Texas: author. Available at [https://tpride.org/projects/doc/DallasSheriff_2018-03-20\(go11.2\).pdf](https://tpride.org/projects/doc/DallasSheriff_2018-03-20(go11.2).pdf). Note that this document is not available to the general public on the sheriff’s web site, but TPI has obtained the document through a Texas Public Information Act request.



case basis whether a placement would ensure the inmate's health and safety, and whether the placement would present management or security problems.

In addition, Standard 115.42(e) states:

A transgender or intersex inmate's own views with respect to his or her own safety shall be given serious consideration.

Being transgender is a known risk factor for being sexually victimized in confinement settings. The standard, therefore, requires that facility, housing, and programming assignments be made "on a case-by-case basis." **Any written policy or actual practice that assigns transgender or intersex inmates to gender-specific facilities, housing units, or programs based solely on their external genital anatomy violates the standard** [emphasis added]⁵

Fortunately, TPI was able to bail Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz out after only one day of institutional abuse under Dallas County custody. Many trans persons do not have such support.

After bail was posted, Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz waited. For nearly a year. The DA finally filed their case 10 months later, on February 8, 2019, and the DA decided to further increase the discriminatory treatment by the police and sheriff departments, continuing to cause deliberate and intentional harm by identifying her as "male" in contradiction to her legal identity. The public defender for Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz requested an examining trial as soon as possible, but the Grand Jury indictment was quick, perhaps pushed in an over-zealous pursuit of trans discrimination by the DA's office in order to eliminate the possibility that the examining trial could challenge their case.

Transgender persons are exposed to violence on a daily basis. In a 2015 survey of nearly 28,000 trans persons nationwide, 46% reported verbal harassment and 10% sexual assault due to their gender during the preceding 12-month period. One in four are physically assaulted during their school years; 47% report sexual assault at some point in their lives. Over half (58%) of those interacting with police report mistreatment due to their gender.⁶ Due to stigma often directly and indirectly promoted by governmental institutions and service providers, the potential for violence, especially in public spaces, is an indelible part of life as a trans person.

Our Demands

TPI and Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz had anticipated that the charges would be dropped, especially since after nearly a year the DA had yet to conjure up their case. That this has not happened has compelled TPI and Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz to provide the following statement.

- Because the injury done to Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz by Mr. Bell-Wilson, DART police, DPD, and the sheriff's department is now being abetted in the offices of the DA through

5 National PREA Resource Center. (March 24, 2016). FAQ: Response to "Does a policy that houses transgender or intersex inmates based exclusively on external genital anatomy violate Standard 115.42(c) & (e)?" Available online at <https://www.prearesourcecenter.org/node/3927>.

6 James, S. E., Herman, J. L., Rankin, S., Keisling, M., Mottet, L., & Anafi, M. (2016). *The Report of the 2015 U.S. Transgender Survey*. Washington, DC: National Center for Transgender Equality. Available at <https://transequality.org/sites/default/files/docs/usts/USTS-Full-Report-Dec17.pdf>.



deliberately harmful tactics to further instill anti-transgender stigma in the Dallas area through misgendering and by pursuing charges far in excess of what is reasonable or humane;

- Because the stigma that drives assaults and public cheering and support for violence such as that occurring April 12, 2019, against Ms. Muhlaysia Booker is likewise driven and abetted and fostered by discrimination and abuse from the governmental and quasi-governmental agencies that fail to take active steps to acknowledge and address discrimination and harassment endemic to their operations; and
- Because the pervasive social and institutional violence against transgender persons, especially transgender persons of color, demands not only that efforts be taken to prevent discrimination and harassment against our communities, but that deliberate and intentional efforts be taken to oppose and proactively reduce social stigma driving violence against transgender persons, we make the following demands:
 1. We demand that all charges against Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz be dropped because they are based in the biased and discriminatory actions of a prejudicial DART employee, prejudicial police processing, and prejudicial prosecution by the DA's office.
 2. We demand that disciplinary action be taken by DART against Mr. Bell-Wilson for discrimination and for the intentional harm he has caused in violation of federal policy, and the further harm he is attempting to cause, Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz.
 3. We demand that DART publish on their web site and in all documentation discussing passenger rights and nondiscrimination policy the full nondiscrimination coverage as per the FTA Master Agreement, and that documentation will expressly identify as prohibited all discrimination due to sex and gender identity.
 4. We demand an investigation into and an official public explanation why the DART police, the Dallas Police Department, the Dallas Sheriff's Department, and the Dallas County District Attorney failed to correctly identify the legal gender documented for Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz, as per policy.
 5. We demand disciplinary action against all employees of the above-mentioned departments for discriminatory conduct and for harm related to deliberately misidentifying the legal gender of Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz.

Further Recommendations

TPI provides the following recommendations that, at a minimum, we feel are necessary to begin addressing the bias and stigma that exists against transgender persons in Dallas, which will contribute to reducing the violence such as experienced by Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz, Ms. Booker, and other transgender persons:

1. The Dallas Police Department must document all interactions with persons who



- a. identify as transgender, intersex, or gender diverse, or
 - b. who are perceived by officers to be transgender, intersex, or gender diverse;
 - c. confidential individual data must be provided to independent governmental or non-governmental research and civil rights offices on request; and
 - d. aggregate data must be provided to the public documenting, at a minimum, the number of interactions by legal and identified gender, the gender used in documentation recording the interactions, the outcome of interactions, and violence related to police interactions.
2. The Dallas Sheriff's Department must document all interactions—including all arrests, custody holds, and detentions for any reason—with persons who
- a. identify as transgender, intersex, or gender diverse, or
 - b. who are perceived by officers to be transgender, intersex, or gender diverse;
 - c. confidential individual data must be provided to independent governmental or non-governmental research and civil rights offices on request;
 - d. aggregate data must be provided to the public documenting, at a minimum, the number of interactions by legal and identified gender, the gender used in documentation recording the interactions, the outcome of interactions, housing placement in custody, and violence related to Sheriff's Department employee interactions; and
 - e. a representative of the LGBTQI community, specifically a representative of the transgender community, must be identified and pre-authorized by security for participation on the Transgender Review Board, as required under General Orders Chapter 11.2, Section VIII.
3. City of Dallas must adopt changes to the City Code Chapter 46 as were proposed in 2014 and 2015, including:
- a. Lower the number of employees that exempt a business from compliance from 15 to 1.
 - b. Eliminate the religious exemption or provide a requirement that each time a complaint is filed against an organization wishing to use the religious exemption, the organization must specifically state in a public request that they are applying for an exemption so they may be allowed to discriminate, and must specifically identify the target group of the discrimination.
 - c. Require all housing services providers operating in the city to accept and house persons according to gender identity.



- d. Eliminate questionable coverage of restrooms in managed office buildings so that these and other like spaces are considered public accommodations so they are without question covered under the City of Dallas nondiscrimination policy.
4. Parkland Hospital must discontinue allowing its physicians to discriminate against transgender persons and commit to treat transgender affirming healthcare issues as medically necessary as per professionally accepted standards of care at all clinics, and must discontinue the use of hidden "separate" clinics that are limited and not listed publicly in Parkland service directories.
5. City of Dallas must identify and resolve discriminatory hiring practices through active investigation of employers disadvantaging transgender persons by withholding employment opportunities due to transgender status or perceived transgender status.

We the following signatories support the above propositions,

1. Nell Gaither, Dallas, Texas 75224. Signed: April 16, 2019
2. Danny Browning, Dallas, Texas 75216. Signed: April 16, 2019
3. Jane Rice, Dickinson, Texas 77539. Signed: April 17, 2019
Comments: Justice and fairness for all
4. Courtney Morgan, Dallas, Texas 75254. Signed: April 17, 2019
5. Karli Rampage, Irving, Texas 76401. Signed: April 17, 2019
6. William Beattie, Plano, Texas 75023. Signed: April 17, 2019
7. Ben Robinson, Dallas, Texas 75254. Signed: April 17, 2019
8. Cassandra Swart, Aledo, Texas 76008. Signed: April 17, 2019
9. Edith Graham, Humble, Texas 77396. Signed: April 18, 2019
10. Josh Crabtree, Dallas, Texas 75207. Signed: April 18, 2019
11. Valerie Davis, Dallas, Texas 75214. Signed: April 18, 2019
12. Jennifer Orthwein, Alameda, California 94501. Signed: April 18, 2019
13. EJ Smith, Dallas, Texas 75214. Signed: April 18, 2019
14. Meenadchi Gunanayagam, Los Angeles, California 95138. Signed: April 18, 2019
15. Ryan Pollock, Austin, Texas 78745. Signed: April 18, 2019
16. Akeira Forbes, Houston, Texas 77089. Signed: April 18, 2019



17. Riley Davis, Dallas, Texas 75218. Signed: April 18, 2019
Comments: Justice for Estrella!
18. Heather Allen, The Colony, Texas 75056. Signed: April 18, 2019
19. Stacey Monroe, Dallas, Texas 75220. Signed: April 18, 2019
20. Marcy Sutton, Waxahachie, Texas 75165. Signed: April 18, 2019
Comments: JUSTICE EQUALITY FOR ALL!
21. Casper Cendre, CA, California 94611. Signed: April 18, 2019
22. Joel Saucedo, Dallas, Texas 75217. Signed: April 18, 2019
Comments: Please stand for Estrella, for she deserves her right to be herself! Stop the hate, and end oppression towards her and many within the transgender community.
23. Edith Graham, Humble, Texas 77396. Signed: April 18, 2019
24. Lydia Landry, Seabrook, Texas 77586. Signed: April 18, 2019
25. Eden Henson, Denton, Texas 76207. Signed: April 19, 2019
Comments: DART should be safe for all of us. Follow the rules and regulations to which you are bound, and do what is right. Atone for this injustice, and make reparations to Estrella.
26. Joel Constantine, Dallas, Texas 75201. Signed: April 19, 2019
27. Sarah Aldrich, Dallas, Texas 75214. Signed: April 19, 2019
28. Mariah Garza, Lewisville, California 90813. Signed: April 19, 2019
29. Danny Gentile, Dallas, Texas 75063. Signed: April 19, 2019
30. Timothy LeDuc, Irving, Texas 75039. Signed: April 19, 2019
31. Cat Rose, Waxahachie, Texas 75165. Signed: April 19, 2019
32. Albert Jones, Fort Worth, Texas 76116. Signed: April 19, 2019
Comments: The civil rights of the minority should never be subject to the whims of the majority
33. Caitlin Dowdy, Fort Worth, Texas 76116. Signed: April 19, 2019
34. Pinky Shear, Marietta, Georgia 30066. Signed: April 19, 2019
35. Aliena Davis, Fort Worth, Texas 76179. Signed: April 19, 2019
36. Natalie Frodin, Mesquite, Texas 75149. Signed: April 19, 2019
37. Dan Rose, Winston Salem, North Carolina 27103. Signed: April 20, 2019
38. Timothy Cruise, Fort Worth, Texas 76116. Signed: April 20, 2019
39. Chanda Davis, Covington, Texas 76636. Signed: April 20, 2019



40. Andy Richardson, Arlington, Idaho 76291. Signed: April 20, 2019
41. Rachel Gollay, Fort Worth, Texas 76104. Signed: April 21, 2019
42. Rebecca Hernandez, Fort Worth, Texas 76111. Signed: April 21, 2019
43. Elizabeth Brignac, Prosper, Texas 75078. Signed: April 21, 2019
Comments: Drop the charges!
44. Cynthia Dixon, Irving, Texas 75038. Signed: April 21, 2019
45. Sandra Phillips, Irving, Texas 75061. Signed: April 21, 2019
46. Kyra [No last name given], Dallas, Texas 75246. Signed: April 21, 2019
47. Juli Anastasios, Dallas, Texas 75231. Signed: April 22, 2019
48. Andreu Lafleur, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70611. Signed: April 22, 2019
49. Megan Goodman, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70605. Signed: April 22, 2019
50. Anonymous, Arlington, Texas 76017. Signed: April 22, 2019
51. Hannah McSherry, Taylors, South Carolina 29687. Signed: April 22, 2019
52. Araceli Cruz, Denton, Texas 76201. Signed: April 22, 2019
53. James Dietz, Rochester, New York 14620. Signed: April 22, 2019
54. Lizzie Maldonado, Fort Worth, Texas 76116. Signed: April 22, 2019
55. Sophia Cline, Plano, Texas 75075. Signed: April 22, 2019
56. Taylor Bolinger, Irving, Texas 75062. Signed: April 22, 2019
Comments: DART needs to ensure your customers safety above the bigotry of your employees.
57. Margaret Hargis, Garland, Texas 75042. Signed: April 22, 2019
Comments: It is repulsive that a woman is being persecuted for peacefully standing up for herself against harassment.
58. Jennifer Forester, Denton, Texas 76209. Signed: April 22, 2019
59. Amelia Gaines, Arlington, Texas 76014. Signed: April 22, 2019
60. Katherine Krisak, Richardson, Texas 75080. Signed: April 22, 2019
61. Shannon Keen, Westminster, Colorado 80031. Signed: April 22, 2019
62. Robert Holguin, El Paso, Texas 79905. Signed: April 22, 2019
63. Daniel Sullivan, Dallas, Texas 75202. Signed: April 22, 2019
Comments: I just feel like most people don't really have any idea how unsafe it is just to be a trans person, and if you don't understand that, you really can't understand what happens in a case like this.



64. Sascha Sinopa, Mansfield, Texas 76063. Signed: April 22, 2019
65. Lee Daugherty, Dallas, Texas 75219. Signed: April 22, 2019
66. Matthew Heitkamp, Denton, Texas 76209. Signed: April 22, 2019
67. Satya Stark-Bejnar, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. Signed: April 22, 2019
68. Anita Núñez, Dallas, Texas 75218. Signed: April 22, 2019
69. Brett Morris, Dallas, Texas 75248. Signed: April 22, 2019
70. Juliana Alvarado, Arlington, Texas 76017. Signed: April 22, 2019
71. America Yamaguchi, Redwood City, California 94063. Signed: April 22, 2019
72. Marie O'Toole, Astoria, New York 11103. Signed: April 22, 2019
73. Cooper Feste, Rockwall, Texas 75087. Signed: April 22, 2019
74. Laurel Pyle, Rockwall, Texas 75032. Signed: April 22, 2019
Comments: This is disgraceful of the dart employee. Harassment to a customer. Minding their own business. When is this city going to stand proud for all LGBTQ people and people of color and difference of religion!
Shame on Dallas!!!
75. Jennifer Miller, Arlington, Texas 76002. Signed: April 22, 2019
76. David Penn, Fort Worth, Texas 76114. Signed: April 22, 2019
Comments: DART is public - you don't have to like the way someone presents themselves. The police need to harass criminals, and stop being criminals when they violate the public's rights. The DA needs to serve the law and not antiquated moral values.
77. Natalie Johnson, Irving, Texas 75063. Signed: April 22, 2019
78. Sarah Shields, Dallas, Texas 75233. Signed: April 22, 2019
79. Violet Hunt, Waxahachie, Texas 75165. Signed: April 22, 2019
80. Maddy Jenkins, Dallas, Texas 75248. Signed: April 22, 2019
Comments: The safety of transgender people is important!
81. Heather Ruby, Fort Worth, Texas 76148. Signed: April 22, 2019
82. Elisabeth Milam, Dallas, Texas 75228. Signed: April 22, 2019
83. Daniel Gibson, Kansas City, Missouri 64109. Signed: April 22, 2019
84. Jenny Garrett, Arlington, Texas 76013. Signed: April 22, 2019
85. Tanya Nguyen, New York, New York 10029. Signed: April 22, 2019
86. Roxanne [No last name given], Denton, Texas 76201. Signed: April 22, 2019



87. joshua bouton, Dallas, Texas 75235. Signed: April 22, 2019
88. Melanie Nelson, Denton, Texas 76208. Signed: April 22, 2019
89. Greyson von Trapp, Lake Dallas, Texas 75065. Signed: April 22, 2019
90. Slade Virgadamo, Stites, Idaho 70303. Signed: April 22, 2019
91. Tabitha Lewis, Dallas, Texas 75214. Signed: April 22, 2019
92. Cas Rice, Dallas, Texas 75230. Signed: April 22, 2019
93. Dariel Hernandez, Dallas, Texas 75212. Signed: April 22, 2019
94. Ada Yaeger, Garland, Texas 75042. Signed: April 22, 2019
95. Calum Fawthrop, Dallas, Texas 75240. Signed: April 22, 2019
96. Melody Valek, Austin, Texas 78751. Signed: April 22, 2019
97. Cynthia Egan, Liverpool, New York 13090. Signed: April 22, 2019
98. Jenniy French, Climax, Georgia 39834. Signed: April 22, 2019
99. Moniqa Pullet, Richardson, Texas 75080. Signed: April 22, 2019
100. Carol Hargis, Richardson, Texas 75081. Signed: April 22, 2019
101. Jeannot Jonte Boucher, Dallas, Texas 75208. Signed: April 22, 2019
102. Wilhelmina Watts, Plano, Texas 75074. Signed: April 22, 2019
103. Stella Szendrey, Grapevine, Texas 76051. Signed: April 22, 2019
104. Allison Kline, Richardson, Texas 75082. Signed: April 22, 2019
105. Traci Coates, Arlington, Texas 76006. Signed: April 22, 2019
106. Linda Creglow, Arlington, Texas 76013. Signed: April 22, 2019
107. Kelsea Barlow, Austin, Texas 78716. Signed: April 22, 2019
108. Kristi Daniel, Plano, Texas 75025. Signed: April 22, 2019
109. Griff Radulski, Branford, Connecticut 06405. Signed: April 22, 2019
110. Adrianna Braddock, Mesquite, Texas 75149. Signed: April 23, 2019
111. Chandler Robertson, Wichita Falls, Texas, 76310. Signed: April 23, 2019
112. Jacqueline Orr, San Diego, California 92124. Signed: April 23, 2019
113. Andy Ordiway, Fort Worth, Texas 76108. Signed: April 23, 2019
114. Shayn St Pierre, Syracuse, New York 13204. Signed: April 23, 2019
115. Maxine Webb, Arlington, Texas 76013. Signed: April 23, 2019
116. Elizabeth Kingfield, Dallas, Texas 75208. Signed: April 23, 2019



117. Luis Saenz, Katy, Texas 77449. Signed: April 23, 2019
118. Drew Esseltine, Dallas, Texas 75230. Signed: April 23, 2019
119. Heather Moore, Garland, Texas 75044. Signed: April 23, 2019
120. Alec Hayes, Carencro, Louisiana 70520. Signed: April 23, 2019
121. Bryson White, Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033. Signed: April 23, 2019
122. Charlie Fredrick, Aurora, Colorado 80010-3909. Signed: April 23, 2019
123. Emily Tewey, Garland, Texas 75044. Signed: April 23, 2019
124. William Craft, Plano, Texas 75075. Signed: April 23, 2019
125. Phen Bowman, Dallas, Texas 75233. Signed: April 23, 2019
Comments: The irony of Dallas producing a video about PRIDE then turning around to disrespect and violate a trans woman's personal safety is not lost on me and hopefully not on the DA, either.
126. Koda Dollinger, Carrollton, Texas 75010. Signed: April 23, 2019
127. Kent McCabe, Wichita Falls, Texas 76309. Signed: April 23, 2019
Comments: Drop all charges against Estrella.
128. Benjamin Kraft, Austin, Texas 78725. Signed: April 23, 2019
Comments: No person should be made to feel as though their life is in danger. Those that are in danger have every right to protect themselves. Justice for Estrella. Now.
129. Juliana Volberding, Tyler, Texas 75706. Signed: April 23, 2019
130. Tina Green, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19143. Signed: April 23, 2019
131. amanda hatley, Watauga, Tennessee 37694. Signed: April 23, 2019
132. Dara Prati, Denton, Texas 76201. Signed: April 23, 2019
133. Cody Kuhn, Austin, Texas 78701. Signed: April 23, 2019
Comments: Inappropriate conduct for a city attempting to be metropolitan and attract good people.
134. John Patterson, Dallas, Texas 75212. Signed: April 23, 2019
Comments: Acab
135. Mayra Fierro, Dallas, Texas 75210. Signed: April 23, 2019
136. Erica Roman, Pine, Colorado 80470. Signed: April 23, 2019
137. Ryan Gleason, Dallas, Texas 75237. Signed: April 23, 2019
Comments: As a DART passenger, a normal human being and a transgender man the right to defend yourself when you feel threatened is a basic core right.
138. Brandon Wolfe, Tama, Iowa 52339. Signed: April 23, 2019



139. Alice Hayes, Arlington, Virginia 22201. Signed: April 23, 2019
140. Sophia Echavarria, Long Beach, California 90813. Signed: April 23, 2019
141. ashley gardner, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80908. Signed: April 23, 2019
142. Keara Soller, Dallas, Texas 75204. Signed: April 23, 2019
Comments: I am dissapointed in DART, as a daily patron of DART trains this concerns me greatly. Please look into this matter.
143. Sarah Smith, Denton, Texas 76201. Signed: April 23, 2019
144. Arianna Gonzalez, La Joya, Texas 78560. Signed: April 23, 2019
145. Ashley Givens, Garland, Texas 75040. Signed: April 23, 2019
146. Teresa Hennessy, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19147. Signed: April 23, 2019
147. Morgan Van Aken, Denton, Texas 76201. Signed: April 23, 2019
148. Cara Holland, McKinney, Texas 75071. Signed: April 23, 2019
149. Marie Camacho, Dallas, Texas 75228. Signed: April 23, 2019
150. Nic Valenti, Denton, Texas 76205. Signed: April 23, 2019
151. Ryan Hearne, Denton, Texas 76201. Signed: April 23, 2019
152. Petite Pointer, Fort Worth, Texas 76119. Signed: April 23, 2019
153. Indigo Poirier, Fredericton, New Brunswick E3B 3P4. Signed: April 23, 2019
154. Anonymous, Austin, Texas 78741. Signed: April 23, 2019
155. Brandon Corpus, Dallas, Texas 75219. Signed: April 23, 2019
156. Zahra Johnson, Garland, Texas 75040. Signed: April 23, 2019
157. Rina Gallegos, Denton, Texas 76203. Signed: April 23, 2019
158. Viviana Rios, Dallas, Texas 75228. Signed: April 23, 2019
159. Danielle Corcione, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19146. Signed: April 23, 2019
160. Melanie Brand, Carrollton, Texas 75040. Signed: April 23, 2019
161. Christina Thomas, Dallas, Texas 75214. Signed: April 23, 2019
162. Sean Messer, Denton, Texas 76205. Signed: April 23, 2019
163. Michael Clarke, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19154. Signed: April 23, 2019
164. Nat Olmo, Denton, Texas 76201. Signed: April 23, 2019
165. Clem Farone, Dallas, Texas 75287. Signed: April 23, 2019
166. Madeleine Fenn, Denton, Texas 76201. Signed: April 23, 2019



167. Adriana Valls, Denton, Texas 76201. Signed: April 23, 2019
168. Hel Bee, Torpoint, England P111 2hj. Signed: April 23, 2019
169. Amy Zapien, Dallas, Texas 75227. Signed: April 23, 2019
170. Kevin Morykwas, Farmers Branch, Texas 75234. Signed: April 23, 2019
171. alexandra heavenhill, Plano, Texas 75025. Signed: April 23, 2019
172. Jacqueline Speer, Austin, Texas 78704. Signed: April 23, 2019
173. Rebecca Renteria, Irving, Texas 75061. Signed: April 23, 2019
174. Blake Foster, Austin, Texas 78758. Signed: April 23, 2019
175. Jason Lindial, Salem, Oregon 97301. Signed: April 23, 2019
176. Susan Harper, Irving, Texas 75062-2197. Signed: April 23, 2019
177. Veronica Cordonnier, Dallas, Texas 75224. Signed: April 23, 2019
Comments: This is egregious behavior on the parts of everyone involved besides Ms. Rodriguez-Ruiz and we need to show her that this behavior and these actions will not be tolerated in our city.
178. Timothy Patterson, Sachse, Texas 75048. Signed: April 23, 2019
179. Paula Ellis, Dallas, Texas 75226. Signed: April 23, 2019
Comments: I know Estrella personally, and simply cannot imagine she's guilty of the charges filed against her.
180. Adelaide Newton, College Station, Texas 77840. Signed: April 23, 2019
181. Lisa Brank, Garland, Texas 75042. Signed: April 23, 2019
182. Jeanna Harwood, Plano, Texas 75093. Signed: April 23, 2019
Comments: Trans persecution will not be tolerated by me and should not be tolerated by are local government and its entities!
183. Sehrish Alhassan, Plano, Texas 75094. Signed: April 23, 2019
184. Kevin Pyle, Rockwall, Texas 75032. Signed: April 23, 2019
185. Rebecca Bennett, Dallas, Texas 75252. Signed: April 23, 2019
186. Liz Crissey, Plano, Texas 75074. Signed: April 23, 2019
187. Julia Broyles, Dallas, Texas 75204. Signed: April 23, 2019
Comments: This shouldn't be an issue.
188. Heather Allen, The Colony, Texas 75056. Signed: April 23, 2019
189. Alexander Pyle, Rockwall, Texas 75032. Signed: April 23, 2019



190. Valerie Collins, Euless, Texas 76040 . Signed: April 23, 2019
Comments: Are we seriously having a Rosa Parks moment in 2019? How disappointing. This DA needs to step down or be removed.
191. Ashley Theriault, Lewisville, Texas 75077. Signed: April 23, 2019
192. Spencer Elkins, Grand Prairie, Texas 75052. Signed: April 23, 2019
Comments: Everyone should feel safe and respected, regardless.
193. Keegan Murphy, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53221. Signed: April 23, 2019
194. Jenny Barrow, Denton, Texas 76201. Signed: April 23, 2019
195. Emily Assunto, Lewisville, Texas 75077. Signed: April 23, 2019
196. Maria de Jesus Garza, Fort Worth, Texas 76123. Signed: April 23, 2019
197. Roshni Janakiraman, McKinney, Texas 75070. Signed: April 23, 2019
198. Jasmine LeNoir, Garland, Texas 75044. Signed: April 23, 2019
199. Miles Fabiano, Welland, Ontario L3b2a2. Signed: April 23, 2019
200. Jodi Voice, Cockrell Hill, Texas 75211. Signed: April 23, 2019
201. Michelle Cates, Fort Worth, Texas 76103. Signed: April 23, 2019
202. Emma Kerr, Houston, Texas 77009. Signed: April 23, 2019
203. Adam Callaghan, Seattle, Washington 98103. Signed: April 23, 2019
204. Heidi Hickman, Irving, Texas 75038. Signed: April 23, 2019
205. Austin Strube, Paris, Texas 75460. Signed: April 24, 2019
206. Laura Deerfield, Dallas, Texas 75201. Signed: April 24, 2019
207. Elizabeth Clinton, Denton, Texas 76209. Signed: April 24, 2019
208. alex miller, Denton, Texas 76205. Signed: April 24, 2019
209. Destin Germany, Dallas, Texas 75241. Signed: April 24, 2019
210. Alistair Butzow, Aurora, Colorado 80010. Signed: April 24, 2019
211. Michael LeMaster, Plano, Texas 75075. Signed: April 24, 2019
212. Chris Goode, Irving, Texas 75039. Signed: April 24, 2019
213. Glenn Long, Dallas, Texas 75206. Signed: April 24, 2019
214. Ash Roberts, Auburn, Washington 98092. Signed: April 24, 2019
215. Margaret Richter, The Colony, Texas 75056. Signed: April 24, 2019
216. Jayden MacTavish, Hurst, Texas 76053. Signed: April 24, 2019



217. Christine Bible, Irving, Texas 75062. Signed: April 24, 2019
Comments: Estrella was bullied and should not be held or charged for being a victim of harassment.
218. Joel Wasinger, Plano, Texas 75074. Signed: April 24, 2019
219. Dorothy Fischer, Dallas, Texas 75231-8426. Signed: April 24, 2019
220. Denise Johnson, Arlington, Texas 76014. Signed: April 24, 2019
Comments: Bigotry has no place in PUBLIC services! Unless taxes paid by everyone for the service's upkeep are removed and the service becomes privatized, it should be open to all who pay taxes, regardless of any marginalized label!
221. Eli Del rio, Trenton, Florida 32693. Signed: April 24, 2019
222. Brittni Greenfeld, Garland, Texas 75042. Signed: April 24, 2019
223. Zitziki Sanluiseno, Dallas, Texas 75214. Signed: April 24, 2019
224. Ronnie Draper, Bellmead, Texas 76279. Signed: April 24, 2019
225. Amanda Sims, Arlington, Texas 76006. Signed: April 25, 2019
226. Sunny Bundy, Dallas, Texas 75223. Signed: April 25, 2019
227. [No first name given] Savage, Irving, Texas 75063. Signed: April 25, 2019
228. Jamie Bowden, Garland, Texas 75042. Signed: April 25, 2019
229. Jeriva Traylor, Garland, Texas 75041. Signed: April 25, 2019
230. Adam Richards, Dallas, Texas 75248. Signed: April 25, 2019
231. Michael Gonzales, Dallas, Texas 75218. Signed: April 25, 2019
232. Desirae Golis, Anacortes, Washington 98221. Signed: April 25, 2019
233. Jared Lewis, Dallas, Texas 75287. Signed: April 26, 2019
Comments: This is reprehensible treatment from public employees. Stop the harassment!!
234. Jennifer Miller, Arlington, Texas 76002. Signed: April 26, 2019
235. Madeleine Freeman, Dallas, Texas 75204. Signed: April 26, 2019
236. Rex Davis, Denton, Texas 76205. Signed: April 26, 2019
237. Cordell Rasco, Dallas, Texas 75243. Signed: April 26, 2019
238. Lancelot Kokojan, Austin, Texas 78748. Signed: April 26, 2019
239. Xy Hawkins, Austin, Texas 78751. Signed: April 26, 2019
240. Benjamin Busdicker, Austin, Texas 78721. Signed: April 26, 2019



241. Jasmine Whitney, Austin, Texas 78751. Signed: April 26, 2019
242. Dominique Jones, Fort Worth, Texas 76104. Signed: April 26, 2019
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244. Jade S, Grand Island, Nebraska 68801. Signed: April 26, 2019
245. Lindsey Davis, Austin, Texas 78724. Signed: April 26, 2019
246. Jess F, Raleigh, North Carolina 27615. Signed: April 26, 2019
247. Chris Moore, Fort Worth, Texas 76104. Signed: April 27, 2019
Comments: As someone who also uses DART when I am in Dallas, i am appalled at the action of the DART employee and the customer, this trans woman, was repeatedly misgendered and mistreated. This type of treatment is absolutely unacceptable for a city like Dallas that is trying to tout itself as open and accepting to everyone. Immediate action needs to be taken towards this DART employee and further training is obviously needed so that trans folks may be safe and accepted members of Dallas. This makes me question coming to Dallas and spending my dollars there as opposed to staying at home spending my dollars in Fort Worth.
248. Laura Makarwich, Burleson, Texas 76028. Signed: April 27, 2019
Comments: Trans women deserve to be treated with respect and dignity. They have a right to defend themselves against harassers.
249. Kelly Pelkey, Carrollton, Texas 75007. Signed: April 27, 2019
250. Wendy Struhs, Carrollton, Texas 75007. Signed: April 27, 2019
251. Bella Kaplan, Grapevine, Texas 76051. Signed: April 27, 2019
Comments: All people should be able to ride public transportation without fear of being harassed by an EMPLOYEE!!! And the POLICE!! Trans women are women. Get over it.
252. Kellie Garpole, Plano, Texas 75074. Signed: April 27, 2019
253. Joe Engebretsen, Plano, Texas 75025. Signed: April 27, 2019
254. Katrena Leininger, Denton, Texas 76208. Signed: April 27, 2019
255. Sandy Lantz, Richardson, Texas 75081. Signed: April 27, 2019
256. Laurel Bloedorn, Whitewright, Texas 75491. Signed: April 27, 2019
Comments: This is an outrage! Charges must be dropped and the employee must be held accountable as well as DART!
257. Kristen Fox, Denton, Texas 76201. Signed: April 27, 2019
258. Anna Clinkscales, Garland, Texas 75040. Signed: April 28, 2019
259. Shannon Ratliff, Denton, Texas 76209. Signed: April 28, 2019



260. Edward Chvatal, Dallas, Texas 75219. Signed: April 28, 2019
Comments: Trans Rights are Human Rights
261. Timothy Patterson, Sachse, Texas 75048. Signed: April 29, 2019
262. Mirja Blixt, Östersund, Jämtlands län 83296. Signed: April 29, 2019
263. Jennifer Blackley, Dallas, Texas 75227. Signed: April 29, 2019
264. Dominick Donahue, Carrollton, Texas 75006. Signed: April 29, 2019
265. Erica Gammill, Austin, Texas 78756. Signed: April 29, 2019
266. Cris Hernandez, Dallas, Texas 75243. Signed: May 1, 2019
267. Yesenia Herrera, Dallas, Texas 75243. Signed: May 1, 2019
268. C.B. Hernandez, Dallas, Texas 75243. Signed: May 1, 2019
269. B Allen, Fort Worth, Texas 76114. Signed: May 1, 2019
270. Gregory Hanson, Carrollton, Texas 75006. Signed: May 2, 2019
271. Amy Zapieb, Dallas, Texas 75227. Signed: May 2, 2019
272. Jayla Wilkerson, Dallas, Texas 75236. Signed: May 2, 2019
273. Kat Jimenez, Denton, Texas 76201. Signed: May 2, 2019
274. Kim Villa, Dallas, Texas 75227. Signed: May 2, 2019
275. Domitila Villa, Dallas, Texas 75227. Signed: May 2, 2019
276. Cristal Benitez, Irving, Texas 75063. Signed: May 2, 2019
277. Christopher Dawson, Carrollton, Texas 75006. Signed: May 2, 2019
278. Shawn McCormick, McKinney, Texas 75069. Signed: May 3, 2019
279. Zackary Gentry, Irving, Texas 75063. Signed: May 3, 2019
280. Kilo Dean, Dallas, Texas 75231. Signed: May 3, 2019
281. Dezra Loving, Arlington, Texas 76010. Signed May 5, 2019
Comments: Police and other city service workers should protect and serve ALL citizens,
NOT harass and oppress citizens--including those of our trans community!
282. Diana Ramirez, Dallas, Texas 75253. Signed: May 6, 2019
283. Elliot P., Dallas, Texas 75230. Signed May 7, 2019