



# CITY OF RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS

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## **Response to News Articles Regarding Former Personnel**

Recently there have been news reports regarding the employment of former police chief Barbara Childress. As a normal practice, the City of Richland Hills does not comment on the specifics of personnel matters. However, it is of the utmost importance to us that our residents maintain confidence and trust in city staff. As such, we want you to be aware that news reports contain numerous inaccurate statements as to the reasons why Ms. Childress is no longer employed by the City. The City does not discriminate on the basis of age or any other factor. All employment decisions, including those involving disciplinary actions and/or terminations, are based strictly on verifiable performance related issues and violations of city policies. We will vigorously defend our actions and our reputation if pressed to do so as a result of inaccurate statements and accusations.

The City appreciates the service Ms. Childress provided to the community and wishes her well in any future endeavors.