

April 5, 2016

Dallas County Board of Supervisors
121 N. 9th Street
Adel, IA 50003

Dear Supervisors,

We, the undersigned Mayors of Dallas County, are writing to encourage you to adopt a resolution putting before the voters a proposal to increase the membership of the Board of Supervisors in Dallas County from three to five.

We believe that now is the time for the Board to take independent action to place the measure on the ballot. As you are well aware, Dallas County is the fastest growing county in the State of Iowa, the seventh fastest growing county in the United States, and local government in Iowa is increasingly complex.

Two additional Supervisors would provide better representation on the Board to the more than 66,135 people (2010 Census) that live in Dallas County. Further, two more Supervisors would make it much easier for the Board to comply with Chapter 21 of the Iowa Code (the Open Meetings law). Finally, we believe that additional points-of-view contribute significantly to better decision making processes.

We understand that Section 331.306 of the Iowa Code allows us to collect signatures on a petition which, "is valid if signed by eligible electors of the County equal to at least ten percent of the votes cast in the county for the office of President or Governor at the preceding general election." Furthermore, it is important to note that the communities which have signed this letter of support represent over 76% of the Dallas County populous as well as 72% of the taxable base.

In the last General Election there were 28,983 votes cast in Dallas County for the office of Governor and there was no presidential election. Meaning that we only need to collect 2,899 signatures – which we are prepared to do.

The next General Election will host a presidential race and voter turnout will be higher so the time for us to act is now. However, we believe that it is appropriate to give the Board an opportunity to act on its own before we begin collecting signatures.

Sincerely,

<Signatures on following page>

C: Mayor Allan Adams
Mayor Jay Pattee
Mayor Steve Gaer
Dallas County Auditor, Gene Krumm

Mayor Bill Peard
Mayor James Peters
Mayor Michael Kidd

Mayor Robert Andeweg
Mayor Scott Cirksena

Mayors of Dallas County



Mayor James Peters - City of Adel



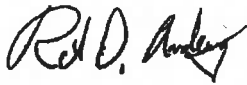
Mayor Scott Cirksena - City of Clive



Mayor Michael Kidd - City of Dallas Center



Mayor Jay Pattee - City of Perry



Mayor Robert Andeweg - City of Urbandale



Mayor Allan B. Adams - City of Van Meter



Mayor Bill Peard - City of Waukee



Mayor Steven K. Gaer - City of West Des Moines