Gerard Hudspeth
Pledge to Enforce Proposition B
for 2023 Denton City Council Members & Candidates

I, Gerard Hudspeth, as the current **Mayor of Denton, pledge to direct the City Manager to direct the Chief of Police to fully enforce Denton's cannabis decriminalization ordinance known as Proposition B** (codified as Chapter 21, Article V - “Marijuana Enforcement” in the Code of Ordinances) or face termination of employment for refusing to enforce a democratically-decided, certified, city law that their job requires them to enforce, regardless of their personal opinions on Proposition B's perceived compatibility or incompatibility with the "political climate" in the county or with the state and federal laws with which Proposition B–in its scope, limitations, and built-in exceptions–was expressly written to conform and comply.

I recognize that **Proposition B is the overwhelming will of Denton voters citywide and in each of Denton's four voting districts**; and I believe that in a representative democracy, any personal objections and opinions of hired City administrators, including fears of possible litigation or imagined future legal outcomes, should never override the will of the people, whom it is my duty to represent on City Council.

I acknowledge the fact that as of today's date, **there have been no successful legal challenges against Proposition B or against similar ordinances in other Texas cities; nor has there been any legal or political action or opinion that carries any actionable legal weight or sets any binding legal precedent whatsoever to override, undo, or alter Proposition B as it is written.**

I sign this pledge in deference to the will of the **33,000 or 72% of voters citywide who voted in support of Proposition B as it is written.**

Signed,

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