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### KEYNOTE: STEVE ADLER

Steve Adler was elected Austin's 52nd Mayor in December 2014. Mayor Adler and his brother were the first in their family to graduate from college. After completing his undergraduate studies at Princeton, Mayor Adler moved to Austin to work his way through law school at The University of Texas. Like many others, he fell in love with Austin and has made it his home for nearly four decades. He practiced civil rights law for many years, and later founded a successful eminent domain law practice representing landowners. Mayor Adler also served nearly ten years as Chief of Staff and General Counsel for Texas State Senator Eliot Shapleigh, working primarily on school finance, equity and access issues. He has been deeply involved with, and has chaired, many Austin civic and non-profit institutions over the past 20 years. He and his wife, Diane Land, are the proud parents of three wonderful daughters.

### MALIK AZIZ

Malik Aziz is Deputy Chief of the Dallas Police Department, with over 25 years' experience in law enforcement, including three years with the Dallas Sheriff's Office. Chief Aziz also serves as National Chair of the National Black Police Association and a director of the Dallas Police Athletic/Activities League. He previously served as a commanding Patrol Division Commander and Field Services (SWAT and Traffic). He earned a BA in criminology and criminal justice from the University of Texas at Arlington and represented the International Association of Chiefs of Police on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Task Force on Policing. With over 20 career commendations, his many certifications and honors include: Master Peace Officer; Cultural Awareness Instructor; Islam and Middle Eastern Instructor; and Crime Prevention specialist. He received the "Outstanding Texan Award" from the Texas legislature in 2007.

### GARY BLEDSOE

Gary Bledsoe has been president of the Texas NAACP since 1991, and is chair of the NAACP's National Criminal Justice Committee. A lawyer based in Austin, he specializes in public interest law, employment and civil rights law. In his capacity as Texas NAACP leader, he has been responsible for substantial civil rights changes in state law enforcement, including dismantling racial barriers that prevented minorities and women from becoming Texas Rangers. Mr. Bledsoe has received several lawyers of the year awards from the Texas Attorney General and the Travis County Bar Association, the Austin and national NAACP, and the Austin Area Urban League, among others; and he has been recognized by a variety of civil organizations for his legal acumen and civil rights efforts. He earned a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the University of Texas School of Law, where he is the permanent class president of the Class of 1976.

## MARY ANGELA BOCK

Mary Angela Bock is an assistant professor in the University of Texas at Austin School of Journalism. A former TV journalist-turned-academic with an interest in the sociology of photographic practice, the relationship between words and images, and digital media, she is particularly concerned with the way visual messages shape our ideas about social justice. Her research has appeared in publications such as *the Journal of Communication*, *Journalism Practice and Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly*. Her 2012 book, *Video Journalism: Beyond the One Man Band* (Peter Lang) studied the impact of individualized video production on news narrative.

## DAVID CARTER

David Carter was appointed Chief of Police of The University of Texas at Austin on July 1, 2013. Chief Carter began his career as a patrol officer with the Austin Police Department in 1985. His law enforcement career has included many specialized assignments and a range of unique professional experiences. His achievements include development of the Austin Regional Intelligence Center (ARIC), serves central Texas public safety organizations around the state. Chief Carter earned his bachelor's degree in geography from Texas A & M University, and he is a graduate of the FBI's National Executive Institute (NEI) class of XXXV. One of APD's most decorated officers, Carter has earned many distinguished awards, including the Austin Police Department's: Distinguished Service Cross for Valor, the Distinguished Command Medal, the Life Saving Medal, and three Meritorious Service Medals. The US Army 1st Cavalry Division also awarded Chief Carter Combat spurs in recognition of his being engaged by enemy insurgents in Iraq, where he was tasked with providing police leadership concepts training to the US Army.

## GARNET F. COLEMAN

Garnet F. Coleman (D) has served the people of District 147 in the Texas House of Representatives continuously since 1991. He is currently the senior ranking member of the Public Health Committee as well as the Chairman of the County Affairs Committee. He is a past chair and current member of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus. Rep. Coleman also currently serves a Co-Chair of the Progressive States Network, an organization that promotes and advances key progressive economic and social policies. His legislative efforts have been recognized in numerous ways. On two occasions he was named to the prestigious *Texas Monthly* Ten Best Legislators List, and in 2005 he received the Eli Lilly Reintegration Award for his efforts to increase services and decrease the stigma associated with mental illness. Most recently, he was awarded the Texas Academy of Family Physicians' 2009 Patient Advocacy Award. Raised in Houston, Rep. Coleman attended Howard University in Washington, D.C. and in 1990 graduated from the University of St. Thomas cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts. He also completed the prestigious Harvard University Senior Executive Program for State and Local Government.

## JOE DOMANICK

Joe Domanick is Associate Director of the Center on Media, Crime and Justice and West Coast Bureau Chief of The Crime Report. His latest book, *Blue: The Los Angeles Police Department and the Battle to Redeem American Policing* has received glowing national reviews. Earlier books include: *Cruel Justice: Three Strikes and the Politics of Crime in America's Golden State*; and *To Protect and Serve: The LAPD's Century of War in the City of Dreams*, (which won the 1995 Edgar Allan Poe Award for Best Non-Fiction Book). He is a frequent contributor to magazines and newspapers across the U.S., including over 50 criminal-justice related op-ed pieces for *the Los Angeles Times*. From 1999-2012 he taught journalism at the School of Journalism at USC Annenberg's School for Communication. Based in Los Angeles, Domanick was the principal coordinator of the CMCJ's police-media roundtables (2009-2012), and co-

author of a Department of Justice booklet on police crisis management. Mr. Domanick holds graduate degrees in social science from Hunter College CUNY; in sociology/education from Columbia University; and in broadcast journalism from the USC's Annenberg School of Journalism. Before becoming a journalist, he worked as a public schoolteacher in the South Bronx and in Los Angeles.

## ED GONZALEZ

Ed Gonzalez was elected Harris County sheriff in November, 2016. The former Houston police officer and city council member is the second Latino to be elected sheriff in Harris County after Adrian Garcia in 2008. Gonzalez served 18 years in the Houston Police Department, first as a civilian, then a police officer, retiring as a sergeant in 2009. He got elected to Houston City Council District H in 2009 and served as mayor pro tem and chairman of the public safety committee, until term limits ended his time on the council in 2015.

## STEPHEN HANDELMAN

Stephen Handelman is Director of the Center on Media, Crime and Justice (CMCJ) at John Jay College, and Executive Editor of *The Crime Report*. He also serves as host of "Criminal Justice Matters," a monthly TV show at CUNY-TV. An award-winning journalist, columnist and foreign correspondent with over 30 years' experience in reporting and editing from Moscow, Latin America, Europe and the Middle East, he has worked for TIME Magazine, *The Toronto Star*, and other publications. A specialist in transnational crime, Mr. Handelman has been a consultant to U.S. law enforcement agencies and the United Nations, and has lectured and taught at universities around the country. He is the author of three books: *Comrade Criminal: Russia's New Mafiya*; *Biohazard*; and *Uncommon Kingdom*; and the co-editor of the anthology, *How They Got Away With It: White Collar Criminals and the Financial Meltdown*.

## SCOTT HENSON

Scott Henson writes the nationally known weblog, *Grits for Breakfast*. A former associate editor at the *Texas Observer*, he became engaged in criminal-justice reform work after helping victims respond to a serious police brutality incident in his Austin neighborhood in 1995. His ventures on the web began during Austin's 1996 municipal elections, where he created a web site called the "Austin City Council Candidate Hall of Shame," which soon became a key resource for journalists and insiders. He followed that up with the "Austin Police Department Hall of Shame," which published excerpts from police disciplinary reports procured under the Open Records Act and, later, weekly media roundups of police misconduct cases from around the state. In 1998, Mr. Henson co-founded a local political action committee, the Sunshine Project for Police Accountability and, from 2000 to 2006, served as director of the Police Accountability Project at the ACLU of Texas. Mr. Henson has served as a consultant for the Innocence Project of Texas, the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition and the Drug Policy Alliance. He briefly served as Executive Director of the Innocence Project of Texas before joining Just Liberty as Policy Director in 2016.

## KENNETH CASADAY

Detective Kenneth Casaday was born and raised in Dallas. He knew from a young age he wanted to become a police officer. What better way to get started than by graduating from Sam Houston State University in 1993 with a BA in Criminal Justice? He then served as a Military Police Officer for 5 years in the United States Army. These credentials were enough to get him accepted into the Austin Police Academy in 1998. Since then, he's been a patrol officer, metro tactical officer, Corporal, Detective, APA

Union Rep, and Austin Police Association President. Today, Detective Ken Casaday proudly represents over 1,775 Austin Police Officers.

## DEVEN DESAI

Deven Desai was appointed interim police monitor for the city of Austin in January, 2017 by interim City Manager Elaine Hart. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Desai was the city's chief labor relations officer. He was earlier employed as an assistant city attorney in 2007. In that position, he acted as the city's primary legal representative for the police monitor's office before being promoted in 2011. He represented the city of Austin in previous negotiations of the police union contract. The police monitor's office is a civilian oversight panel that works exclusively with Austin police but is not a part of the Police Department. It deals with cases related to alleged violations of police departmental policy. Mr. Desai is a graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School for Senior Executives in Local and State Government.

## WILLIAM KELLY

William R. Kelly is a Professor of Sociology and Director of the Center for Criminology and Criminal Justice Research at the University of Texas at Austin. He has taught and conducted research in criminology and criminal justice for over 25 years, and is the author of two books on reforming the American criminal justice system: **"Criminal Justice at the Crossroads: Transforming Crime and Punishment"** (Columbia University Press: 2015); **"The Future of Crime and Punishment: Smart Policies for Reducing Crime and Saving Money"** (Rowman and Littlefield: 2016), and is co-author, with collaboration Robert Pitman and William Streusand, of a third, **"From Retribution to Public Safety: Disruptive Innovation of American Criminal Justice"** (Rowman and Littlefield: forthcoming June 2017).

Prof. Kelly's consulting work spans local, state and federal governments and has given him the opportunity to collaborate with a large number of justice agencies including law enforcement, probation departments, prisons and jails, state and federal prosecutors, judges, the defense bar, the court system, problem solving courts, parole agencies, and a variety of criminal justice service providers. He has provided expert advice and counsel on big-picture justice policy issues as well as the design, implementation, operation and evaluation of very specific justice programs and initiatives.

## MICHAEL LAUDERDALE

Michael Lauderdale, Ph.D., is the Clara Pope Willoughby Centennial Professor in Criminal Justice, and Chair of the Administration and Policy Practice Concentration at the School of Social Work. He is the principal investigator of the Institute for Organizational Excellence, which evolved from his long established research program assessing organizational functioning and effectiveness. Since 1975, he has worked with the State of Texas to develop tools and procedures to improve services of state agencies. This work is based on previous work that he had done in the Southwest, Mexico and Europe. Since 2000, Dr. Lauderdale has worked in particular with law enforcement entities. Born in Oklahoma and educated at the University of Oklahoma and Penn State University. He joined the faculty of The University of Texas at Austin in 1970, having previously taught at the University of Oklahoma, New Mexico State University, and the University of Texas at El Paso. His interests include serving on many community boards and using computers for forecasting.

## MARC A. LEVIN

Marc A. Levin, Ph.D., is Right on Crime's Policy Director, as well as the Director of the Center for Effective Justice at the Texas Public Policy Foundation. Based in Austin, Texas, Dr. Levin is an attorney and an

accomplished author on legal and public policy issues. He served as a law clerk to Judge Will Garwood on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and Staff Attorney at the Texas Supreme Court. In 1999, he graduated with honors from the University of Texas with a B.A. in Plan II Honors and Government. In 2002, Dr. Levin received his J.D. with honors from the University of Texas School of Law. His articles on law and public policy have been featured in national and international media outlets that regularly turn to him for conservative analysis of states' criminal justice challenges.

## BRIAN MANLEY

Brian Manley, Chief of the Austin Police Department, leads a department of 2,646 sworn law enforcement and support personnel. Since joining the APD in 1990, he has served in and supervised areas including Patrol, Narcotics, Child Abuse, Homicide, Highway Enforcement, Internal Affairs, Special Operations & Homeland Security, and Recruiting & Training. Additionally, he led a delegation of APD officers during the 2009 Presidential Inauguration in Washington DC, commanded a group of Special Response Team officers in a deployment to Houston, TX in the wake of Hurricane Ike, and attended the Senior Counterterrorism Officials Seminar in Israel. Chief Manley earned his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1992, and a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership and Ethics (MSOLE) degree from St. Edward's University in Austin in 2004. He is also a graduate of the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police, the Major Cities Chiefs Association's Police Executive Leadership Institute, and is an IACP certified Leadership in Police Organizations instructor.

## SEAN MANNIX

Sean Mannix has been the police chief in Cedar Park since January 21, 2013, after retiring as an Assistant Chief with the Austin Police Department. Chief Mannix began his career with the Alameda, California Police Department in 1983 as a police officer. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree in Homeland Security, and is a graduate of the 234th FBI National Academy, the LAPD West Point Leadership Program, the Blackwood Institute Leadership Command College and the Police Executive Research Forum Senior Management Institute. He has earned a Master Police Officer Certification and is a licensed instructor through the Texas Commission for Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE). Chief Mannix leads a combined workforce of 111 officers and support personnel dedicated to the safety of his community in central Texas.

## KATHLEEN McELROY

Kathleen McElroy, Ph.D., is the School of Journalism's associate director and a senior lecturer at the University of Texas at Austin. She received her Ph.D. from the School of Journalism in December 2014, after nearly 30 years as a professional journalist. At *The New York Times*, she held various management positions, including associate managing editor, dining editor, deputy sports editor and deputy editor of the website. She previously worked for *The National*, an all-sports daily, and *Newsday* on Long Island as well as the *Austin American-Statesman*, *The Huntsville Item* and the *Bryan-College Station Eagle* in Texas. While earning her doctorate, she was a Harrington Graduate Fellow and received awards for teaching and research. Her research interests include racial discourse, collective memory, sports media and obituaries. She previously was an assistant professor at Oklahoma State University, where she taught news reporting and sports media. She received a Masters of Arts from New York University, with a focus on race and media, and a Bachelor of Arts in broadcast journalism from Texas A&M.

## KATHY MITCHELL

Kathy Mitchell is Grassroots Sentencing Campaign Coordinator for the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition (TCJC). She has been an organizer and policy advocate in a variety of local and national movements for social change for almost 30 years. While at the Texas Office of Public Insurance Counsel, she conducted research and wrote policy reports on access to insurance, claims payment, and insurance pricing models. Following that, she lobbied the Texas Legislature and managed policy research for Consumers Union's Texas office. In that role, Kathy authored more than a dozen major reports on Texas public policy, and she supervised research on a dozen more. Over the past decade, Kathy led *Consumer Reports'* national digital campaigns, where she built a 1.5 million-person email list and helped policy advocates win countless battles around the country. At TCJC, she is bolstering the organization's efforts to reduce incarcerated populations, including through local advocacy and base-building. Kathy is also a founding member of the Texas Electronic Privacy Coalition, on the Board of EFF-Austin, and a Math Pentathlon Coach at a local elementary school.

## EVA RUTH MORAVIC

Eva Ruth Moravec is an Austin-based freelance journalist with more than a decade of reporting experience. Currently, she is reporting on officer-involved shootings in Texas for a grant-funded series called Point of Impact that runs in the *Houston Chronicle*, *Austin American-Statesman* and *San Antonio Express-News*. Ms. Moravec previously covered the Texas Legislature for the Associated Press and was a crime reporter and then government reporter for the *Express-News*. She regularly free-lances for *The Washington Post* and her work has also appeared in *The Daily Beast*, *The New York Times* and several local and state publications. She plans to complete her Master's degree in journalism research in August.

## CELIA MORENO

Celina Moreno, an attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), focuses on education, immigrants' rights and political access issues. She has represented DREAMer students, who defended against a challenge to Texas' in-state tuition law for undocumented immigrants and successfully preserved access to in-state tuition and state financial aid in *IRCOT v. Texas/ULI*. As the legislative staff attorney for MALDEF's Southwest Regional Office, Ms. Moreno serves as the co-chair for the Senate Hispanic Caucus/Mexican American Legislative Caucus (MALC) Education and Immigration Task Forces and as co-administrator of the statewide TRUST (Texas Residents United for a Stronger Texas) Coalition on immigrant rights. Earlier, Ms. Moreno served as an attorney and Equal Justice Works Fellow at Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA), where she directed the organization's School-to-Prison Pipeline Project. Ms. Moreno received a Bachelor's of Journalism from the University of Texas at Austin, a law degree from the University of Houston, and a Master's of Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School.

## CURRIE MYERS

Sheriff (Ret) Currie Myers, Ph.D., is a Visiting Senior Fellow with Right on Crime. He has a combined 30 years of professional experience as a state trooper, special agent, sheriff, criminologist, professor, and university executive. He ended his law enforcement career as the sheriff of Johnson County, Kansas--one of the largest sheriffs' offices in the Midwest. Dr. Myers has developed and taught more than 25 courses at both the undergraduate and graduate level including disciplines within criminal justice, criminology, organizational management, leadership, ethics, and in the humanities. While serving as dean of the school of justice studies at Rasmussen College in Bloomington, Minnesota, Dr. Myers led a student population of nearly 2,000 along with approximately 150 faculty and staff to include a state-of-

the-art police academy and corrections academy. He is currently the Chief Operating Officer of a large transportation services company in Kansas City. Dr. Myers is also an adjunct professor at Benedictine College, the University of Missouri at Kansas City in the criminology department, and at Baker University in the MBA program. He resides in Mission, Kansas with his wife and has five children.

## RANDY PETERSEN

Randy Petersen is a senior researcher for Right on Crime and the Center for Effective Justice at the Texas Public Policy Foundation. Mr. Petersen spent 21 years in law enforcement in Bloomington, Illinois, working in patrol, investigations, administration, and management. After retiring from the Bloomington Police Department, he moved to Texas where he was an instructor and Director of the Tarrant County College District Criminal Justice Training Center, of one of the largest police academies in the state. The academy was responsible for basic police training for over 40 different police agencies in the DFW Metroplex as well as in-service training for current law enforcement officers from all over the country. He is passionate about law enforcement and criminal justice policy issues and is pursuing his Doctor of Management in Homeland Security. His research specialties include the militarization of law enforcement, police training, and police assisted diversion programs. Mr. Petersen holds a B.S. in Legal Studies and a M.S. in Justice Administration and Crime Management from Bellevue University. His free time is spent with his wife, kids and horses.

## STEVEN RADIL

Steven Radil is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Idaho in Moscow, ID, USA. As a political geographer, his research examines the geographical dimensions of international and domestic politics. He is currently interested in the spatial politics of policing and law enforcement; the geographical spread of armed conflicts; and the issues involved in using geospatial technology to explore political topics. Prof. Radil has published on a diverse set of political issues, including terrorism, interstate war, civil war, urban violence, participatory governance, and policing. His research often cuts across traditional disciplinary boundaries and he routinely collaborates with a diverse set of scholars in geography, political science, criminology, and urban planning. Widely published, he is currently a board member of the Political Geography Specialty Group as well as a member of the American Association of Geographers and the International Studies Association.

## ROSS RAMSEY

Ross Ramsey is executive editor and co-founder of *The Texas Tribune*. Before joining *The Tribune*, he was editor and co-owner of *Texas Weekly* for 15 years. He did a 28-month stint in government as associate deputy comptroller for policy and director of communications with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Before that, he reported for the *Houston Chronicle* from its Austin bureau and for the *Dallas Times Herald*, first on the business desk in Dallas and later as its Austin bureau chief, and worked as a Dallas-based freelance business writer, writing for regional and national magazines and newspapers. He got his start in journalism in broadcasting, covering news for radio stations in Denton and Dallas.

## MATT SIMPSON

Matt Simpson has served as a senior policy strategist at the ACLU of Texas since 2008. He advocates for civil rights and civil liberties at the state legislature and assists with local campaigns related to criminal justice reform, such as prison and jail policy, law enforcement information sharing, and ending the school-to-prison pipeline. Mr. Simpson holds a J.D. from Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, Ore.,

and a B.A. in political science from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Through his work in the Texas legislature, he helped stop the passage of Arizona-style, anti-immigrant legislation; helped outlaw the dangerous and unnecessary practice of shackling incarcerated women during delivery and childbirth; and helped ensure the continuation of smart criminal justice policies. Outside his in-session advocacy, Matt has worked with local activists and the Austin City Council to develop city policies regulating the newly created Austin Regional Information Center, a law enforcement intelligence-sharing hub; those policies have provided a model statewide.

## JOHNATHAN SILVER

Johnathan Silver reports on the state's criminal justice system for *The Texas Tribune*. Prior to the *Tribune*, Mr. Silver was a Texas Associated Press Managing Editors Buster and served as intern and staff reporter at the *Victoria Advocate* in South Texas, where he covered three counties and politics. Before that, he was a contributor to *Latino Leaders Magazine*. A Fort Worth native, he got his start in journalism through his campus newspaper at the University of Texas at Arlington. Mr. Silver worked his way up to the managing editor post at *The Shorthorn* and graduated with bachelor's degrees in political science and criminal justice.

## FRANK STRAUB

Frank Straub, Ph.D., a 30-year veteran of law enforcement, currently serves as Director of Strategic Studies for the Police Foundation. Dr. Straub last served as Chief of the Spokane, Wash., Police Department, where he received national recognition for major reforms, including a mandate that all members of the department receive 40-hours of crisis intervention training. As Director of Public Safety for the City of Indianapolis, he presided over a reduction of homicides to the lowest level in 20 years. Previously, he served as the Public Safety Commissioner for the City of White Plains, NY, where he established the first police-community mental health response team in Westchester County to proactively assist persons challenged by mental illness, homelessness and domestic violence. Dr. Straub has also served as the Deputy Commissioner of Training for the New York City Police Department; and as a federal agent. He holds a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from the City University of New York's Graduate Center, and an M.A. in Forensic Psychology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He co-authored a book on performance-based police management and published several articles regarding community policing, police reform and jail management.

## PHILLIP C. TINGIRIDES

Phillip C. Tingirides is a deputy chief in the Los Angeles Police Department. A United States Army veteran, he began his career with the LAPD in 1980. Over the next 27 years he worked assignments in Patrol, Vice, Metropolitan Division, Gangs, Detectives, and administrative positions. In 2007-2015, as Commanding Officer of the Southeast, he worked closely with the community of Watts focusing on youth, breaking down barriers and building relationships with a community that had been at odds with law enforcement for decades. The Community Safety Partnership program implemented in Watts focuses on changing the culture of policing in such communities. Deputy Chief Tingirides is now assigned to Operations-South Bureau as the Commanding Officer overseeing South Los Angeles. He earned his degree in Criminal Justice at National University in 2014; Together with his Wife, Lieutenant Emada Tingirides, they were recognized as one of *Governing Magazine's* Public Officials of the Year in 2015: He received the Helene and Joseph Sherwood Prize from the Anti-Defamation League in 2016 for Combatting Hate. Phil and Emada have a blended family of six kids ranging in ages from 14 to 28.



## B.J. WAGNER

B. J. Wagner has been Director of Smart Justice at the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute since 2016, where she leads the Policy Institute's work assisting communities across Texas transform systems to increase prevention and intervention services and reduce justice involvement for special populations. She began her career in law enforcement as a county jailer and later as a law enforcement officer in North East and Western Texas. In response to the increasing number of contacts with persons with mental illness she experienced as a law enforcement officer, she chose to return to graduate school and completed studies in clinical neuropsychology and counseling psychology at Texas A&M and began working in community mental health clinics. Ms. Wagner has worked for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), where she developed front-end diversion and continuity-of-care systems for offenders with special care needs and guided Medicaid implementation for limited populations within the State's prison systems. She received recognition from the Texas Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council for contributions to elevating awareness of prevention and care needs for Texans living with brain injury. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Qualitative Criminology at the University of Texas at Dallas.

## SAMUEL WALKER

Samuel Walker, Ph.D., a widely quoted expert on issues of civil liberties, policing and criminal justice policy, is Emeritus Professor of Criminal Justice at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He is the author of 14 books on those subjects, which have appeared in a combined total of 36 different editions. His book, *Presidents and Civil Liberties From Wilson to Obama*, won the Langum Prize for the Best Book in American Legal History for 2012. He received a Ph.D. in American history from Ohio State University in 1973. Walker is perhaps best known for his work on police accountability (including two books and two reports on "Driving While Female") and for his definitive history of the American Civil Liberties Union, *In Defense of American Liberties*, which was first published in 1990 and issued in a revised edition in 2000 by Southern Illinois University Press. He was a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police's National Working Group on Sexual Offenses by Police Officers.

## TIMOTHY WALKER

Timothy Walker is an Adjunct Professor in the Social and Behavioral Science Department at Huston Tillotson University, where he teaches Criminal Justice courses in both the traditional and the adult education program. Mr. Walker has worked in the criminal justice field in some capacity, for approximately 15 years. In 1995, Mr. Walker began his career working as a Texas State Trooper in Cameron County. Mr. Walker also worked as a Campus Police Officer in 2001. In 2005, Mr. Walker earned a Master Peace Officer Certification and has recently earned an Instructor Certification in 2017. Mr. Walker has approximately ten years of experience mentoring behavioral challenged students within the public school system and has also mentored youth housed at Travis County Juvenile Justice Center. Mr. Walker has been a volunteer/mentor for approximately 16 years as a youth development coordinator in a faith-based organization (duties focused on developing social skills and work ethic habits for young boys and men). He has also volunteered for five years as a youth football coach in the lower social economic areas of Austin. A primary goal is to reduce recidivism amongst youth.

## ROYCE WEST

Royce West was first elected to the Texas Senate in November 1992 from the 23rd Senatorial District in Dallas County. Sen. West has been named by Texas Monthly as one of the 25 most powerful people in Texas politics, been selected for the magazine's biennial "Ten Best Legislators in Texas" list, and has twice been named as an "Honorable Mention." Sen. West has also received mention on the Associated Press' "Movers and Shakers" list, and Texas Insider named Senator West to its 2009 "Best Legislators" list. He served as President Pro Tempore of the Texas Senate Between 2006 and 2007. He is currently is Vice Chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee and is a member of Senate committees on Administration, Education and Finance. He was also appointed to serve on the Supreme Court of Texas Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth, and Families. His legislation created the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center at Prairie View A&M University; increased funding for at-risk youth programs, awarded greater compensation to victims of violent crime, established new standards for child care, enhanced enforcement of protective orders and instituted more efficient uses of criminal justice resources through legislation that created a system of progressive sanctions. In addition to his senatorial duties, Sen. West is a partner in the law firm of West & Associates, L.L.P.

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