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Update from Uvalde Mayor Don McLaughlin on Uvalde Incident, Department of Justice Review, and City Council

“Our focus on Tuesday is on our families who lost loved ones. We begin burying our children tomorrow, the innocent victims of last week’s murders at Robb Elementary School. The special City Council meeting will not take place as scheduled.

Pete Arredondo was duly elected to the City Council. There is nothing in the City Charter, Election Code, or Texas Constitution that prohibits him from taking the oath of office. To our knowledge, we are currently not aware of any investigation of Mr. Arredondo.

The Texas Department of Public Safety/Texas Rangers is conducting the investigation into the Robb Elementary School incident.

Local law enforcement has not made any public comments about the specifics of the investigation into the incident or mislead anyone.

Statements by Lt. Governor Dan Patrick that he was “not told the truth” are not true.

All statements and comments made to date about the ongoing investigation are being handled by DPS/Texas Rangers.

I thank the U.S. Department of Justice for accepting my request to conduct an independent Critical Incident Review of law enforcement’s response to the mass shooting. I trust the assessment will be fair, transparent, and independent. The victim’s families deserve answers, and the truth will be told. The DOJ is available to answer questions about the review process.”

--Don McLaughlin, Mayor of Uvalde

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