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**The City of Glenn Heights to reveal new Social Justice Public Art Mural
Black Lives Matter realism portrait to be unveiled on February 5, 2021**

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[Glenn Heights, TX](#) – As we celebrate Black History Month, the City of Glenn Heights is pleased to announce the completion and unveiling of the Social Justice Public Art Mural at Heritage Community Park. The mural, designed by Dallas-based portrait artist Carl Hess, was approved and commissioned by the Glenn Heights City Council on October 6, 2020. The three-sided mural was designed on the sides of the park concessions and restroom facility and depicts portrait images of 16 recognizable, slain black and brown victims aligned with the Black Lives Matter movement. The mural also features a large, heart-shaped word cloud and an immersive protest image that helps to depict the social dynamics that have defined the last decade.

A community survey was conducted to solicit input from residents for words and phrases included in the community word cloud mural. After previewing the completed project Glenn Heights Mayor Harry Garrett stated, “this will serve as a constant reminder to all of us that we are better when we live together in peace & harmony.” Mayor Garrett thanked the city council for supporting the project initiative and described the Social Justice Public Art Mural as “something the community can be proud of for years to come.” State Representative Carl Sherman (TX-109) applauded the City of Glenn Heights’ courage in approving this project and stated that “healing is an important part of the journey to social justice reform.”

The mural will be unveiled to the public on Friday, February 5, 2021, via a video to be released on all City-owned social media channels and the website. Residents are encouraged to stay engaged throughout the month to learn more about the City Council action for the design, have a chance to hear from the artist and converse with elected officials about the mural through separate digital engagements. All information can be found on the Black History Month webpage, <http://bit.ly/GHBHM21>.

Heritage Community Park is located at 400 E. Bear Creek Rd, Glenn Heights, TX, 75154. Visitors are encouraged to follow social distance guidelines and practice safety protocols while viewing the public art.

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About the City of Glenn Heights – Incorporated in 1969, Glenn Heights is perfectly positioned along IH-35 East. Glenn Heights is a hospitable, business friendly, rapidly growing community divided between Dallas and Ellis counties. The City has a total area of 7.2 sq. miles (18.8 km sq.)