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## Plano Downtown Historic District Named to Prestigious National Register of Historic Places

The National Park Service has confirmed that the Plano Downtown Historic District has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation.

The Plano Heritage Commission initiated the designation in February. The National Register designation will provide a prestigious recognition for Downtown Plano, promote tourism and economic development, and provide eligibility for individual property owners to apply and receive state and financial incentives for rehabilitation of buildings. The designation imposes no restrictions on property owners. The Plano Downtown Historic District will now be listed with some of the nation's most prestigious historic districts including Charleston, South Carolina and New Orleans' French Quarter.

The National Register of Historic Places is a federal program administered in our state by the Texas Historical Commission in coordination with the National Park Service. There are over 300 districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places in Texas today, including four in Collin County (three in the City of McKinney and one in the City of Fairview). Before today, Plano was the largest city in Texas without a district listed on the National Register.

City of Plano staff has been working with a consultant since 2015 to conduct individual property surveys, research historical photos, and prepare the district for National Register nomination.

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### About Plano

Plano, Texas, is the largest city in Collin County with a population of 277,720 as of January 2017. Incorporated in 1873, the city is located 20 miles north of Dallas. Plano was recently named the third Best Run City in America by 24/7 Wall Street. The City offers a high quality of life that includes: nationally-recognized schools, award-winning parks and sustainability initiatives, designation as one of America's safest cities by Forbes magazine, and a wide variety of multi-cultural neighborhoods appealing to families, young singles and retirees. Plano is home and future home to the headquarters or regional operations of major international corporations such as Toyota, Liberty Mutual, JPMorgan Chase, Fannie Mae, FedEx Office, JC Penney, Dr. Pepper/Snapple Group, Rent-A-Center, Cinemark Holdings, Denbury Resources and Alliance Data

Systems. The dynamic community features excellent restaurants, vibrant shopping and entertainment venues, a lively historic downtown district and active local arts scene. Easy access to DART light rail and major highways makes Plano a convenient place to live, work and visit. To learn more about Plano, go to our website at [plano.gov](http://plano.gov).