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Present **Recognition Of The Texas Comptroller's Platinum Leadership Circle Award For Financial Transparency.**

BACKGROUND:

The Comptroller of Public Accounts launched the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle program in December 2009 to recognize local governments across Texas striving to meet a high standard for financial transparency online. The program spotlights those local governments that are:

- opening their books to the public
- providing clear, consistent pictures of spending
- sharing information in a user-friendly format that lets taxpayers easily drill down for more information.

The program looks for those local governments that go beyond the basics of posting three recommended documents - the Budget, the Annual Financial Report (or Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) and the Check Register - in a user friendly manner.

Prior to 2014, there were three award levels: Gold, Silver and Bronze. "Gold" highlights those entities that are setting the bar with their transparency efforts. "Silver" encourages those who are making progress. "Bronze" inspires those who are just beginning their transparency efforts. For 2014, a new "Platinum" award level was added to spotlight entities that go above and beyond providing financial transparency.

The City of Carrollton was been recognized with a Gold Award under this program for years 2011 to 2013 and was awarded the Platinum Award for 2014. We are pleased that for 2015, the City of Carrollton has again been award the Platinum Award based on information included on the City's "Financial Reports" webpage. This webpage is easily accessible from a button on the home page at www.cityofcarrollton.com or through the City Services dropdown menus.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Financial transparency is an ongoing goal for the City of Carrollton. The financial reports provided on the City's website give taxpayers a transparent look at where their money goes.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION/ACTION DESIRED:

Recognize staff for receipt of the Texas Comptroller's Platinum Leadership Circle award for financial transparency.