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Statement from the Office of Uvalde Mayor Don McLaughlin on City Council Swearing-In and Lt. Governor Dan Patrick

"Uvalde City Council members were sworn in today as per the City Charter. Out of respect for the families who buried their children today, and who are planning to bury their children in the next few days, no ceremony was held.

Our parents deserve answers and I trust the Texas Department of Public Safety/Texas Rangers will leave no stone unturned. Our emotions are raw, and hearts are broken, and words are sometimes exchanged because of those emotions. I want Lt. Governor Dan Patrick to know that I misunderstood statements I thought he said. We both attended the same law enforcement briefing. We appreciate the concern Dan Patrick has for the citizens of Uvalde and local law enforcement. I ask everyone to pray for us, the citizens of Uvalde as we grieve, and live through the pain, and the healing process."

--Don McLaughlin, Mayor of Uvalde