

# 2026 MAURA WOMEN HELPING WOMEN AWARD RECIPIENT



## KIM BIZER TOLBERT

Dallas City Manager

Kimberly Bizer Tolbert was appointed Dallas City Manager on January 22, 2025, after being named Interim City Manager in May 2024. She previously served as Deputy City Manager and Chief of Staff since rejoining the City in 2017. As City Manager of the 9<sup>th</sup> largest city in the country, she oversees a budget of \$5.2 billion and a workforce of 13,000+ Dallas team members. She is the first African American female to serve as Dallas City Manager, and the only woman leading a top ten city in the United States with a council-manager form of government.

Leveraging her 33 years in the public sector, Tolbert brings a strong business acumen and a commitment to making Dallas more responsive, accountable, open and honest for its 1.3 million residents. Upon assuming the role of Interim City Manager, she launched an ambitious 100-day plan to address immediate improvements. Within her first 45 days, she led a citywide realignment, streamlining and reimagining functions, resulting in \$13+ million in savings and enhanced cross-departmental collaboration.

She is fostering a culture of customer-centricity through the principles of Connect, Collaborate, and Communicate, driving the City team to deliver Service First, with the urgency of Now! She is passionate about Dallas’ evolution into a globally recognized city, with a thriving and inclusive community that sets the standard for excellence through innovation, efficient government, and targeted economic growth. The Dallas Business Journal recently named her as a Texas 100 – headliner to watch in 2025.

Tolbert’s notable achievements include closing a \$38+ million revenue shortfall to deliver a balanced biennial FY 2024 – 25 budget, the largest single-year property tax reduction in modern history, leading negotiations to bring the Dallas Wings and Dallas Trinity FC teams to the City, the implementation of the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center Master Plan, overhauling residential and commercial permitting, navigating City Council’s adoption of the land use strategic plan, ForwardDallas 2.0, and Parking Reform. She also spearheaded the City’s cross-agency collaboration on rapid rehousing for unsheltered residents in Downtown and the surrounding area. These efforts have seen a 28% reduction since 2021 in unsheltered homelessness across Dallas and Collin counties. An advocate for public private partnerships, since May 2024, Tolbert has leveraged roughly \$300+ million in infrastructure and affordable housing investments to champion communities that have not historically benefitted from the City’s economic growth and social vibrancy.

Known for her dynamic servant leadership, support of the business community, and commitment to community service, Tolbert has received numerous awards for her community impact. Most recently, she was honored with the Pearl C. Anderson Trailblazer Award by the Women’s Leadership Summit (2025); Nancy Lieberman Women of Inspiration Award – Businesswoman of Inspiration (2025) by the Dallas Wings; International Soaring Award (2024) by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; Humanitarian Award (2024) by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated; Quality & Excellence Legacy Award (2025) by the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; and the Chairman’s Award (2024) by the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce.

A transformational, results-driven leader, Tolbert is a Texas native, holds a Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of North Texas. She is also a graduate of the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative, an International City/County Management Association Credentialed Manager (ICMA-CM), and a member of the North Texas City Management Association and Charter 100.

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