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## The City of Dallas Welcomed Governor Kotek

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The City of Dallas welcomed Governor Kotek on Friday, April 14, 2023. The Governor met with Mayor Woods at Tater's Café for breakfast, where they discussed important issues affecting the city.

During their meeting, Mayor Woods and Governor Kotek talked about the success the City of Dallas, and their partners, have had addressing homelessness by providing transitional housing and case managers for individuals from Polk County. They also discussed infrastructure funding, including the Raw Water Storage Expansion. Mayor Woods highlighted the Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation (MWACT) and the recent approval of the Aurora-Donald I-5 Interchange to be fully funded.

Apart from the serious topics, Mayor Woods and Governor Kotek took the time to get to know each other personally. They discovered that they had several connections and talked about those they know in common over a delicious breakfast. Mayor Woods said of the Governor, "She is a regular person, she laughs and smiles like everyone else. It was a nice meeting."

After the visit, Governor Kotek reached out to Mayor Woods from her personal phone to thank him for the great conversation. "So very nice to meet you today and enjoy a yummy breakfast," she said.

This meeting was a great opportunity for Governor Kotek to learn about the City of Dallas and get to know Mayor Woods and his background. It also gave the Governor a chance to discuss important issues affecting the state and to hear from local leaders about their vision for the future of the city.



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