

Texas Halts Muslim-Centered 'EPIC City' Amid Investigations

Texas Governor Greg Abbott has ordered a halt to the construction of EPIC City, a proposed 400-acre Muslim-centered community near Josephine, Texas, citing multiple ongoing investigations into the project.

The development, spearheaded by the East Plano Islamic Center, aims to include more than 1,000 homes, a mosque, schools, parks and commercial spaces.

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Abbott announced that the state has launched approximately a dozen investigations into EPIC City, encompassing potential violations of financial, housing and consumer protection laws. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Justice has initiated a federal civil rights investigation following concerns raised by Senator John Cornyn. Cornyn expressed apprehension that the development could discriminate against non-Muslims and potentially enforce Islamic law, which would contravene constitutional protections.

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EPIC City representatives have refuted these allegations, asserting that the community is designed to be inclusive and compliant with all legal requirements.

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Attorney Dan Cogdell, representing EPIC City, criticized the

investigations as politically motivated and rooted in anti-Muslim bias, noting that similar scrutiny is not applied to Christian or Jewish developments.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations has condemned the probes as unjust and discriminatory, emphasizing the importance of equal treatment under the law.

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