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Legendary politician to be featured at Feb. 28 Authorspeak *Willie L. Brown, Jr., was the first African-American Mayor of San Francisco*

Dallas, TX – Willie L. Brown, Jr., widely regarded as the most influential African-American politician of the late 20th century, will discuss his experiences and views of the world Feb. 28 at the Dallas Central Library. The long-time California State Assemblyman and mayor of San Francisco is part of the Authorspeak series presented by the Library and the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth.

The author of *Basic Brown: My Life and Our Times* has been at the center of California politics, government and civic life for four decades, from President Lyndon Johnson in the 1960s, to the present day George W. Bush. He is the head of the Willie L. Brown, Jr. Institute on Politics and Public Service in San Francisco, where he shares his political knowledge and skills with a new generation of California leaders.

After a 6 p.m. reception, the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the O'Hara Exhibit Hall, located on the 7th Floor of the Central Library at 1515 Young St. Admission is \$20 for members of the World Affairs Council and Friends of the Library, and \$30 for non-members. For tickets, go to www.dfworld.org and click on Events Calendar, or call (214) 965-8412. Authorspeak is sponsored by KTVT-CBS11, TXA21 and WRR Classical 101.1 FM. A book signing will be held after the program and books will also be available for purchase.

The final Authorspeak program will feature Ted Fishman author of the bestselling *China, Inc.: How the Rise of the Next Superpower Challenges America and the World*, on Thursday, March 6. Fishman's essays and reports have appeared in *The New York Times Magazine*, *Money*, *Harper's*, *Esquire*, *USA Today*, *GQ* and *Chicago* magazine. A former floor trader and member of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, he ran his own trading firm until 1992.

For more than half a century, the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth has been educating and enlightening metroplex residents on the crucial issues of international affairs and foreign policy. With a mission of connecting North Texas with the world, the nonprofit, nonpartisan Council presents more than 85 events each year and directs the City of Dallas' Protocol Office, the International Education Initiative and the International Visitor Program. For more information, visit www.dfworld.org.

The Dallas Public Library operates the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library and 25 branch locations. A library card is free for any Dallas resident. For information on the many free programs and services available at the Dallas Public Library, go to: <http://dallaslibrary.org/home.htm>.

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