

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE **September 14, 2017**

Honorable Members of the Human and Social Needs Committee:  
Councilmember Casey Thomas, II (Chair), Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano (Vice Chair),

TO Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine R. Caraway, Councilmember Omar Narvaez,  
Councilmember Mark Clayton, Councilmember B. Adam McGough

SUBJECT **Citizen Homeless Commission**

On Monday, September 18, 2017, you will be briefed on the Citizen Homeless Commission by Kenn Webb, Chair. The briefing materials are attached for your review.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nadia'.

Nadia Chandler-Hardy  
Chief of Community Services

[Attachment]

c: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
T.C. Broadnax, City Manager  
Larry Casto, City Attorney  
Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor  
Biliera Johnson, City Secretary (Interim)  
Daniel F. Solis, Administrative Judge  
Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff to the City Manager  
Majed A. Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager

Jo M. (Jody) Puckett, Assistant City Manager (Interim)  
Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager  
Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager  
M. Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer  
Raquel Favela, Chief of Economic Development & Neighborhood Services  
Theresa O'Donnell, Chief of Resilience  
Directors and Assistant Directors

# Citizen Homeless Commission

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# Overview

- Summarize background and purpose of the Citizen Homeless Commission (CHC)
- Review membership and frequency of meetings
- Discuss future agenda items

# Background

- Mayor established Dallas Commission on Homelessness (DCH) May 2016
- DCH published a report in November 2016 that included a recommendation to develop a community-wide system of leadership and accountability
- April 12, 2017, City Council approved the creation of two formal bodies
  - Citizen Homeless Commission
  - Dallas Area Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness (joint local government corporation with Dallas County)

# Purpose of CHC

- Assure participation from, and inclusion of, all stakeholders, including those with past or present experience with homelessness, in order to develop policy recommendations to ensure alignment of city services with regional services to enhance efficiency, quality, and effectiveness of the community-wide response to homelessness
- Serve as an advisory body to the City Manager and City Council

# Meetings & Membership

- Monthly meetings
  - First meeting held 8/24/17
  - Chair may call additional meetings
- Advisory body of 15 members
  - Appointment by each City Councilmember
    - Currently seven (7) appointments
  - Chair appointed by the Mayor
  - Two (2) members must be persons who have experienced or are currently experiencing homelessness
  - One (1) faith-based organization representative
  - Two (2) year terms with initial term expiring 9/30/19

# Potential Future Agenda Items

- Funding process
  - Detailed briefings on City's funding sources for homeless services and prevention
  - Opportunities for input into grant/allocation processes
- Community engagement strategies
  - Town hall meetings
  - Service providers and their clients
  - Neighborhood associations
  - Commercial organizations (chambers of commerce, DDI, etc.)
  - Faith communities
  - Advocates for special needs populations
- Enhancing coordination among agencies, nonprofits and housing developers/ providers
  - Complementary services
  - Information sharing and data collection
  - Incentives for affordable housing development
  - Dedicated source of funding

# Potential Future Agenda Items

- Best practices related to services across the continuum of care
  - Emergency, short-term, permanent housing options
  - Prioritization
  - Street outreach
  - Supportive services
  - Jail diversion
  - Quality-of-life issues
- Management Agreement of the City-owned emergency shelter (The Bridge)
- Regular updates on the Office of Homeless Solutions initiatives and outcomes
- Public safety and law enforcement



# Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

4:00 pm-5:30 pm

City Hall, 6E South

1500 Marilla Street

Dallas, TX 75201

\*Commission will vote on a standing day and time during next meeting

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