

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 10, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **First Veteran Affairs Commission Meeting Scheduled on September 16th**

We are pleased to announce the first meeting of the Veteran Affairs Commission will be held Thursday, September 16 at 11:00 a.m. In accordance with the newly revised Texas Open Meeting Act requirement effective September 1, this meeting will be held in-person in Dallas City Hall, 6ES and online at the following link:

<https://dallascityhall.webex.com/dallascityhall/onstage/g.php?MTID=e6b917630674fc6b9b0aa9a41e3c1aeb9>

The purpose of the Veteran Affairs Commission is to act as an advisory body to the City Manager and the City Council and provide a forum for voicing the concerns of and meeting the needs of the City's veteran community. The Commission shall:

1. Evaluate and recommend programs, policies, and practices designed to alleviate veterans' difficulties in meeting basic needs, obtaining housing, employment, and comprehensive mental health assistance;
2. Act as a central clearinghouse for information relating to the status of veterans in the Dallas community;
3. Accumulate information about the needs of veterans in the Dallas community, including available services, and making recommendations to the City Council regarding these needs;
4. Recommend ways to educate the community and promote awareness among the public and private sector of veterans' full potential and of the importance of veterans' contributions to the development of the community; and
5. Identify and review the entire range of services available to veterans.

Future Veteran Affairs Commission meetings will be held the second Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. at Dallas City Hall 6ES and online using the hybrid format until further notice. The public is invited to attend these meetings to better serve our veteran community. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity & Inclusion or LaToya Jackson, Human Rights Officer.

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Liz Cedillo-Pereira
Chief of Equity and Inclusion

c: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
Chris Caso, City Attorney
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