

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 10, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Update – Office of Homeless Solutions Point in Time Count**

Preparation for the 2022 Homeless Point-In-Time (PIT) Count is underway. The annual Count is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is the responsibility of Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA), the lead agency of the Continuum of Care (CoC) for Dallas and Collin Counties.

The 2022 Count is scheduled to begin the evening of January 25<sup>th</sup> running through the evening of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and will be conducted by a combination of volunteers and street outreach teams from various organizations in the CoC. Dallas, as the largest city in the CoC, is once again taking an active role in supporting our partners at MDHA. We are, therefore, pleased to report that MDHA has arranged for you all to participate. Many of you participated in the PIT Count prior to 2021 before the pandemic made it impossible to use volunteers.

For 2022, all training will be conducted virtually, with maps being provided via e-mail. The Count may be conducted on any day starting on the evening of January 25<sup>th</sup> and ending on the evening of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Blessing bags containing water provided by the City and other items such as hand sanitizer, snacks, toiletries, masks, hand warmers, blankets, ponchos, and gloves prepared by volunteers under the direction of MDHA will be provided for distribution to unsheltered individuals participating in the count. These blessing bags will be available for pick up prior to or on the day of the Count.

If you would like to participate in the Count as the leader of a four-member team, please contact Gloria Sandoval, Program Administrator, in the Office of Homeless Solutions. Please provide names and e-mail addresses for all team members. Please note that all individuals must be vaccinated against COVID-19.

This year, you may also request a specific location, if any, where you would like to be assigned. First assignments are being made to the City of Dallas representatives; therefore the Office of Homeless Solutions must receive your information by December 17, 2021. If, for some reason, you must cancel after an assignment is made, OHS will work with MDHA to have your route reassigned.

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Please contact Gloria Sandoval, Program Administrator, or Christine Crossley, Director of the Office of Homeless Solutions, if you have any questions.



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