

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 18, 2022

TO Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBJECT **Update – Office of Homeless Solutions, Office of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization, and Code Compliance on the Meyers Jeffries Site**

The following memorandum is a high-level overview of the ongoing property development process and our holistic strategy to address homelessness equitably at the Meyers Jeffries site. The progress made on this property is detailed below:

## **Upcoming Actions:**

- This site has had several in-depth engagements with the unsheltered population, with plans for continued engagement via a working group including: the Office of Homeless Solutions, the Office of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization, Code Compliance, Dallas Police Department, and Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance.
- Property developers are preparing to fence their lots with July 2022 as the tentative date for breaking ground on new homes.

## **Prior Actions:**

- Since 2020, the Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability has been working with home builders and property owners to navigate the environmental assessment process ensuring the land is ready for housing development.
- Community Prosecution has active litigation against negligent property owners.
- For several months, Code Compliance has been managing dumpsters, removing debris and maintaining a presence in the area.
- January 24-28, 2022: the Office of Homeless Solutions has been onsite continuously engaging the unsheltered residents and diffusing situations that could have been confrontational.
- January 24-28, 2022: Dallas Police Department has been onsite, patrolling the area and helping to educate other departments on needed safety precautions.
- February 1, 2022: Homebuilders were onsite conducting surveys and soil tests needed to move forward with construction and there were no incidents with homeless activists or the unsheltered residents occupying the neighborhood.

To ensure ongoing communication, transparency, and opportunity for community engagement, regular updates are delivered to Councilmember Bazaldua on a weekly basis. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me, or Christine Crossley, Director

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of the Office of Homeless Solutions, David Noguera, Director of the Office of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization, or Andrew Espinoza, Interim Director, Code Compliance.



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