

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 14, 2025

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Community Court Initiative**

The Dallas Police Department, in collaboration with Municipal Court, Office of Homeless Solutions, Office of Emergency Management and Crisis Response, Metrocare, and private organizations, is launching an initiative aimed at improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods. This initiative will begin Thursday, February 13, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., and continue every Thursday until further notice.

This action focuses on individuals violating City of Dallas ordinances and/or laws, and those who also have outstanding warrants. Instead of established procedures, these individuals will be taken to the Community Court, 2014 Main Street, and if unsheltered, offered wrap-around services aimed at helping them reestablish their lives. These services may include access to housing assistance, job training programs, addiction recovery facilities, or mental health support, among other resources designed to address the root causes of their challenges.

This approach offers individuals an opportunity for positive change, while addressing underlying issues in a way that promotes rehabilitation rather than punitive measures. If the individual declines the services or chooses not to engage with the Court's resources, traditional arrest procedures will apply.

By partnering with other city departments, we are taking a more holistic approach to law enforcement, one that holds individuals accountable while offering each person an opportunity to improve their circumstances. We believe this initiative will help reduce recidivism and create a safer, more supportive environment for all who live, visit, or work in Dallas.

Should you have questions, or need additional information, please contact Interim Police Chief Michael T. Igo at michael.igo@dallaspolice.gov.

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