

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 19, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **2020 Census and 2021 Redistricting Update**

The U.S. Census Bureau officially announced last week that the 2020 Census data, used for redistricting, will be further delayed and is now expected to be delivered by Sept. 30, 2021. According to the Bureau, COVID-19-related delays and prioritizing the delivery of the apportionment results, used to reapportion seats in the US House of Representatives, delayed the Census Bureau's original plan to deliver the redistricting data to the states by March 31, 2021.

Moving forward, we will adjust, as necessary, the redistricting schedule presented to you during the January 6, 2021 City Council briefing to reflect final delivery of 2020 Census data. We may also need to make additional adjustments to the schedule, depending on when the Redistricting Commission is fully appointed by the City Council and ready to begin their work. We will provide an update to the City Council when more information becomes available.

In the meantime, we are continuing with the procurement process to hire a third-party redistricting consultant for consideration by the City Council in late March/early April. The consultant will bill the City for work performed, on an hourly rate, so our recommendation is to move forward with a contract now, in order to secure a qualified firm, even though any substantial work on the project might not begin until later this year.

We will continue to keep you updated on Census 2020 and Redistricting. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Brett Wilkinson, Director of the Office of Government Affairs, at (469) 271-0399 or brett.wilkinson@dallascityhall.com.

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