

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 26, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Bachman Lake Dredging Presentation to Parks Board**

Dallas Water Utilities is currently completing engineering efforts for the Bachman Lake Dredging Project. This project will return the lake to recreational levels and prevent invasive aquatic vegetation by removing accumulated sediment. A project update will be presented to the Parks Board on March 4, 2021.

The Bachman Lake Dredging is being completed in accordance with the Bachman Lake Task Force's recommendation to "Maintain the Lake". Several dredging alternatives were evaluated, and the recommended alternative involves hydraulic dredging with mechanical dewatering. Upon completion, a minimum depth of 8 feet will be created across the lake. Construction bids will be taken in Summer 2021 followed by City Council consideration of a construction contract. Dredging efforts are expected to begin in Fall 2021 and last approximately 8-10 months. Project information can be found at <https://bachmanlakedam.com/> for the duration of the project.

Please contact Terry Lowery, Director of Dallas Water Utilities, at 214-670-3143 should you have any questions or require further information.

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SUBJECT **City License Applications**

Attached is a list of the most recent Dance Hall, Sexual Oriented Business, Billiard Hall, and/or Amusement Center license applications received for the week of February 8, 2021 – February 12, 2021 by the Criminal Investigation Bureau Licensing Squad of the Dallas Police Department.

Please have your staff contact Major Juan Salas, at 214. 670.4811 and/or by email at juan.salas@dallascityhall.com should you need further information.

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WEEKLY APPLICATION LOG REPORT

DISTRICT	NAME OF BUSINESS	STREET ADDRESS	TYPE OF LICENSE	DATE OF APPLICATION	STATUS (RENEWAL/NEW)	APPLICANT NAME
D6	UNKNOWN AT PRESENT-STRIP MALL	2535 MANANA DR.	SOB	2/8/2021	RENEWAL	STEVEN WILLIAM CRAFT
D6	CABARET ROYALE/CHICAS LOCAS	10723 COMPOSITE DR.	SOB	2/9/2021	RENEWAL	STEVEN WILLIAM CRAFT
D14	MINSTRELL LLC - STARS AND SPIRITS	2505 PACIFIC AVE	DH/A	2/10/2021	RENEWAL	SUSAN DEBBIE BASKIND

License Definitions

- DH - Class "B" Dance Hall - Dancing Permitted Less Than Three Days a Week*
- DH - Class "C" Dance Hall - Dancing Scheduled One Day At A Time*
- DH - Class "E" Dance Hall - Dancing Permitted Seven Days A Week for Persons Age 14 through Age 18 Only*
- LH - Late Hours Permit - Can Operate A Dance Hall Until 4:00*
- BH - Billiard Hall - Billiards Are Played*
- SOB - Sexually Oriented Business - Adult Arcade / Adult Book/Video Store / Adult Cabaret / Adult Adult Theater / Escort Agency / Nude Model Studio*
- AC - Amusement Center*

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SUBJECT **February 24, 2021 City Council Agenda Item #69**

On Wednesday, February 24, 2021, the City Council authorized agenda item #69, approval of the City's Federal Legislative Program for the 117th Session of the United States Congress.

An updated version that includes a Welcoming Communities section on page 18 of the Federal Legislative Program was provided on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. The last page of the Program was inadvertently left out of the Exhibit in the Legistar system.

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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GENERAL STATEMENTS OF CITY'S LEGISLATIVE FOCUS

The City of Dallas' legislative efforts focus on legislation that the City can influence and that will directly and positively impact the City of Dallas. The City appreciates its long-standing relationship with the congressional delegation to advance its federal priorities.

The City of Dallas supports legislation that:

- Creates more opportunities for individuals and businesses to thrive and prosper;
- Provides an equitable distribution of federal funds; and
- Addresses the concerns and issues confronting large metropolitan center cities, which range from the enhancement of urban transportation to reduction in crime to the availability of affordable housing and the development of neighborhoods that support quality family life.



The City of Dallas opposes any federal legislative action that would erode the home rule authority of municipalities or establish unfunded mandates that effectively constrain the ability of cities to allocate scarce resources to locally determined priorities.

Federal Mandates

The City of Dallas recognizes two basic types of federal mandates: those that impose costs directly on the City and those that, while not directly imposing costs on the City, intrude on the autonomy of the City by interfering with local decision making authority and impacting the allocation of scarce local resources.

The City of Dallas opposes the imposition of either type of federal mandate.

The federal government calls on municipal governments, including the City of Dallas, to administer many federal government programs, requiring municipal governments to absorb all or most of the cost. In the interest of fairness and equity to its municipal government partners, the federal government should provide adequate funding for the local conduct of each of its programs.

Deficit Reduction

The City of Dallas supports a balanced approach to reducing the federal deficit. Elimination of the federal deficit solely through non-defense discretionary spending cuts is both impossible and ill-advised.

The reduction of the federal deficit should not disproportionately harm national defense and our troops, safety net programs or our nation's cities. In particular, the City opposes deficit reduction efforts that disproportionately focus on core local government programs or reduce or delay much-needed investments in our nation's infrastructure.

PANDEMIC RELIEF

The City of Dallas appreciates the swift action that Congress took in early 2020 to help local governments address the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic and social impacts. Early in the pandemic, the CARES Act and its companion bills provided government at all levels with tools and resources to directly address the pandemic as well as a safety net to help businesses and households absorb the social and economic impacts of the pandemic. Indeed, most economist agree that the fiscal and monetary boost provided by the CARES Act backstopped our nation's economy during the first six months of the COVID-19 pandemic, limiting the pandemic's social and economic impacts and preventing an economic freefall.

The City also appreciates the December 2020 enactment of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, especially its provisions providing emergency assistance for rent and utility payments, extended and expanded unemployment benefits, emergency nutrition assistance, and public health funding. However, the City remains deeply disappointed that it did not include direct and flexible fiscal assistance to local governments.

As our nation continues to grapple with COVID-19, the City urges the federal government to continue to use all fiscal and monetary tools at its disposal to see our nation through this pandemic and to backstop the economy in a manner that allows for a swift economic recovery from the pandemic.

In particular, the City urges the federal government to provide additional pandemic relief that includes:

- Direct and flexible fiscal assistance to local governments to prevent budget cuts and layoffs that economist broadly agree will hurt pandemic response and stifle economic recovery and to help cities implement vaccination and testing programs,
- Fiscal assistance to transit agencies and airports, include support for airport enterprises, to prevent layoffs, ensure post-pandemic continuity of operations, and avoid delays to much-needed capital investments,
- Assistance to homeowners and renters and foreclosure and eviction protections to avoid foreclosures and evictions,
- Additional investments in federal, state, and local public health infrastructure to ensure strong pandemic response,
- Additional assistance to small business, including targeted assistance to the smallest businesses and disadvantaged businesses and targeted assistance to small businesses in the hardest hit industries such as live entertainment and leisure and hospitality (Save Our Stages and similar proposals), and
- Expanded unemployment insurance.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Surface Transportation

The City of Dallas supports legislation to reauthorize federal surface transportation programs that:

- Provide for an equitable distribution of highway and transit funds;
- Maintains a guaranteed funding mechanism that ensures that all Highway Trust Fund revenues are spent on surface transportation programs;
- Maintains a strong metropolitan planning process that maximizes the decision making power of local elected officials and communities;
- Increases sub-allocation to metropolitan areas;
- Continues and build on the federal investment of the past decade in transit and enables complete local flexibility regarding mode choices;
- Directly provides funds to cities for mode neutral, innovative urban transportation solutions;
- Directly addresses urban congestion and mobility, including incentives for metropolitan areas and cities that raise revenue and implement innovative financing mechanisms;
- Expands mode neutral choices and funding for cities and metropolitan areas;
- Expands sub-allocation via creation of a new program focused on cities and metropolitan areas or through increased sub-allocation of existing programs;
- Robustly funds the Transportation Alternatives Program and increase sub-allocation of TAP funds to metropolitan areas;
- Fully funds the CMAQ program in order to help metropolitan areas meet federal clean air mandates
- Addresses resiliency and makes investments in improving the resilience of surface transportation infrastructure;
- Builds on the FAST Act's investments in intercity passenger rail; and
- Does not increase the required local share of funding for federally-assisted highway or transit projects.

Broadband

The COVID-19 pandemic has made clear that the lack of broadband in many communities and among many households presents a major barrier to economic development, education, health care, and overall equity. Current federal programs, including those included in the various pandemic relief bills, have helped address this disparity. However, the pandemic has confirmed our nation's need for a bold and comprehensive federally-supported program to provide broadband deployment and access to all Americans. In 2021, it is simply unacceptable for entire communities to lack broadband access or for schoolchildren to fall behind because they lack reliable Internet access. The City notes that the digital divide is as much an urban as a rural issue and urges that federal efforts to expand broadband deployment and access address the needs of underserved urban communities and households.

DART Core Capacity

The City of Dallas fully supports DART's Capital Investment Grant projects:

- Platform Extensions along the Red and Blue Lines (Core Capacity),
- Phase 1 of the Downtown Dallas 2nd light rail alignment (Core Capacity) and
- The Central Dallas Streetcar Link (Small Starts).

High-Speed & Intercity Passenger Rail

The City of Dallas supports the development of high-speed rail between Houston and the North Texas Region. The City's long-term plans envision an intermodal hub on City property across I-30 from the Texas Central Railway high-speed rail station, providing travelers with a seamless connection between intercity passenger rail (including high-speed rail), commuter rail, light rail, and local transit. A strong federal-state-regional-local partnership will be needed to make this vision a reality. The City of Dallas also supports the development of a robust national passenger rail system and strongly supports full funding of passenger rail corridor improvement programs.

Water, Wastewater & Flood Control

The City of Dallas supports legislation that provides grants and financing assistance for high priority projects such as combined and separate sanitary sewer overflows and other wet weather projects, security-related projects, repair and replacement of aging infrastructure and water supply acquisition. Increased funding to local water and wastewater utilities for the improvement and maintenance of water and wastewater infrastructure and additional water supplies is of paramount importance. The City is especially supportive of federal assistance to provide water and wastewater service to underserved and unserved communities, including those in urban areas.

The City of Dallas also supports legislation which sustains and increases funding for, and increases the flexibility of, the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Authority (WIFIA) programs, as well as federal funding for dam safety and reservoir modifications that will reduce the potential for structural failure.

The City of Dallas greatly appreciates the Dallas delegation's support of the critical Trinity River flood control projects and the strong federal partnership that the City has developed with the Army Corps of Engineers. The City appreciates the funding the congressional delegation work to obtain critical federal funding for the Dallas Floodway, the Dallas Floodway Extension, Lewisville Dam. Looking ahead, the City desires to continue this strong intergovernmental relationship, including preserving this critical federal funding for these flood control projects.

The City understands the level of effort expended towards clarifying authority and supports efforts to address changing environmental conditions, specifically through Executive Order 13690's revisions to the Federal Flood Risk Management Standards (FFRMS) set by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). However, the City does not support a one-size-fits all approach. All watersheds behave differently, reflecting different climates, base geology, cover and topography.

Finally, the City supports the continued exemption of the water sector from the **Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards** under the Department of Homeland Security. Since water and wastewater facilities are already in compliance with provisions in the Clean Air Act, the Emergency Response and Community Right to Know Act, and the Bioterrorism Act, local governments should be allowed to continue to manage these risks through existing laws.

National Flood Insurance Program

In general, the City of Dallas supports a long-term and fiscally responsible reauthorization of the NFIP that:

- Provides long-term financial solvency for the program;
- Ensures that flood insurance rate increases do not impose undue hardship on Dallas property owners or stymie central Dallas economic development plans;
- Includes a rate and premium structure that differentiates between flood plains that are protected by certified levees and those that are not;
- Provides remapped areas, newly designated as flood hazard areas, with a grace period before the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory, provided that local officials educate affected property owners about flood risk and flood insurance availability, and develop an evacuation plan for neighborhoods affected by flood hazard remapping; and
- Provides an exemption to the mandatory purchase of flood insurance in areas deemed flood hazard areas due to recently decertified levees, provided that local officials are implementing an approved plan to repair newly decertified levees, educating affected property owners about flood risk and flood insurance availability, and developing an evacuation plan for neighborhoods affected by flood hazard remapping.

Aviation

The City of Dallas supports a federal aviation program that:

- Maintains a guaranteed funding mechanism that ensures that all Airports and Airways Trust Fund revenues are spent on aviation programs;
- Maximizes the flexibility of the Airport Improvement Program (AIP);
- Increases the outdated cap on Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) revenue to empower local investment in aviation infrastructure; and
- Provides local governments and airport authorities with the resources they need to provide for a safe and efficient aviation system.

MUNICIPAL BONDS

The City of Dallas strongly opposes any efforts to cap or eliminate the tax exemption for municipal bonds, including “private activity” bonds. The elimination or capping of tax-exempt municipal bonds would increase City borrowing costs, resulting in delayed infrastructure investment or higher local taxes and utility rates, which would disproportionately impact low- and moderate-income households.

State and local governments are responsible for building and maintaining 75 percent of the nation’s infrastructure, which is mostly financed through tax-exempt bonds. The tax exemption for municipal bonds represents an ideal federal-state-local partnership, allowing the federal government to assist infrastructure investment in a manner that maximizes local decision making and minimizes federal bureaucracy.

In Dallas, municipal bonds finance core infrastructure that is the basis of civilized society and the foundation of our economy: water and wastewater, storm drainage, streets and sidewalks, hospitals, schools and other capital projects. In an era of diminishing grants and expanding mandates on local governments, eliminating or capping the tax exemption for municipal bonds would effectively signal a federal abandonment of infrastructure investment.

Per Texas law, all City of Dallas general obligation bonds are subject to voter referendum. The City’s process is an example of open government and broad citizen participation, ensuring that bond dollars are targeted to broadly supported infrastructure priorities.

Advanced Refunding

The City specifically urges Congress to reinstate the advanced refunding of tax exempt municipal bonds. The ill-advised repeal of advanced refunding by the Tax Cut & Jobs Act of 2017 means that the City cannot take advantage of lower interest rates to reduce borrowing costs and maximize infrastructure investment.

Build America Bonds

The City also urges Congress to protect Build America Bonds from annual Budget Act sequestration. The reduction of Build America Bond payments is a breach of contract between the federal government, the City, and bondholders.

House Municipal Finance Caucus

The City urges its House delegation to join the bipartisan House Municipal Finance Caucus.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Franchising, Rights-of-Way & Zoning

The City of Dallas opposes any legislation or regulatory effort that would erode City authority to manage public rights-of-way and collect reasonable compensation for their use. The City also opposes any federal preemption of City zoning authority.

The City is especially concerned about recent Federal Communications Commission (FCC) actions (the '5G Order', the 'Moratoria Order', and the 'Cable Franchise Proposed Order') that can only be described as a broad and unprecedented federal government assault on local government authority and local government budgets. The 5G Order is especially egregious in that it seeks to preempt the City's authority to manage City property and to collect fair market value for its use. If allowed to stand, the 5G Order would establish a troubling precedent of allowing the federal government to dictate the terms of access to non-federal property.

Franchising is the backbone of local government telecommunications policy. It creates a framework for local management of public rights-of-way, collection of compensation for the use and management of public rights-of-way and resolution of consumer complaints. Federal law specifically preserves the authority of state and local governments to manage public rights-of-way and to collect compensation for their use by telecommunications providers.

A major goal of the telecommunications industry remains federal preemption of local control over public rights-of-way and the preemption of local fees collected from the industry for the use and management of public rights-of-way. In addition, industry has also sought legislation and regulation that would preempt local zoning authority over the location of telecommunications antennae and towers.

The City of Dallas would have to reduce services or raise taxes by more than \$100 million a year if revenue from rent charged to private corporations for the use of public rights-of-way was eliminated. In addition, City control of public rights-of-way and zoning for the placement of telecommunications facilities provides important public safety benefits, preserves City infrastructure investments and ensures that property values will not be impacted by incompatible uses.

PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Core Grant Programs

The City of Dallas calls on Congress to fully fund public safety assistance programs that directly benefit local governments, including the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and others.

The City strongly opposes proposals that would consolidate state and local Homeland Security grant programs into a single block grant to the State, or otherwise shift funds away from high-risk, major metropolitan areas. In addition, formulas for the distribution of funding for public safety should emphasize crime data, and homeland security funds should be more targeted based on risk and threat.

Public Safety Broadband Network (FirstNet)

The City of Dallas supports the development of national public safety communication networks and encourages FirstNet to include local input in the structure and framework development process. Large metropolitan cities have already made extensive investments in towers, fiber optic lines and other infrastructure that will be valuable to the deployment of the PSBN.

Prisoner Re-Entry

The City of Dallas supports full funding of Second Chance Act programs and legislation that would provide additional resources for education, training, and work experience during incarceration. Programs authorized by the Second Chance Act provide valuable assistance to state and local governments for a wide array of programs to help ex-offenders reintegrate.

Urban Areas Security Initiative Grants

Dallas and its regional partners also benefit from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). UASI provides targeted assistance to major metropolitan areas and has helped ensure that the Metroplex is prepared to respond to a terrorist attack or other catastrophic incident. These programs have promoted regional cooperation and greatly improved readiness.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Brownfields

The City of Dallas supports full funding of federal brownfields grant programs and continuation of the Brownfields Tax Incentive.

The Brownfields Program and the Brownfields Tax Incentive put property in the City of Dallas on a more level playing field with raw undeveloped properties, encouraging economic development and neighborhood revitalization. The City of Dallas enjoys a strong national reputation for its innovative projects that have redeveloped several formerly abandoned sites. Dallas has used these programs to redevelop several sites and has been designated by the EPA as one of its Brownfield Showcase Communities in recognition of the City's success in redeveloping Brownfields.

New Markets Tax Credit/Community Development Financial Institutions

The City of Dallas appreciates the five-year extension of NMTC through 2025 and supports additional rounds of NMTC and full funding of other CDFI programs.

The New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) and other programs administered by the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund at the Department of Treasury provide important incentives for private investment in historically disadvantaged and economically impacted localities. Since its 2009 award, the Dallas Development Fund (DDF) has provided a total of \$185 million in tax credit allocation to twelve projects aimed at improving low-income communities. Total project cost of these seventeen projects is greater than \$195 million. Projects include the Hatcher Station Parkland Clinic, the Girl Scouts STEM Center of Excellence, Dallas Lite & Barricade expansion and Cristo Rey School. These projects have added new, good paying jobs or neighborhood services to their communities and have aided in the revitalization of their neighborhoods.

Community Reinvestment Act

The City recognizes that Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) regulations may be overdue for an update. The banking industry has experienced major changes, notably with the advancement of technology, since federal banking regulators updated them.

However, the City urges that any updates to CRA regulations are undertaken with the primary goal of meeting CRA's underlying statutory goals of strengthening investment in historically underserved neighborhoods rather than simply making it easier for banks to receive a positive CRA rating under the guise of reducing the burden of CRA compliance for banks. While the goal of reducing CRA's regulatory burden on banks may have some merit, it does not override the importance of CRA's core goal of ensuring that banks meet the financial services needs of all communities, including the needs of Dallas' historically underserved and redlined communities.

The City is disappointed with changes to CRA regulations implement by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency in 2020. The City fears that these regulations will lead to a concentration of CRA-qualifying investments in the low- and moderate-income communities perceived as the "safest" target for such investments. Such a result would exacerbate the already considerable divide between the nation's most

economically successful and dynamic metropolitan areas and those that continue to struggle. On the surface, Dallas would appear to be a beneficiary of such a result. However, the City recognizes that the success of Dallas rests on the success of our nation as a whole. In addition, such a policy could exacerbate disparities within our city and metropolitan area, further driving up housing costs in favorable locations and decreasing access to opportunity for low- and moderate-income Austinites.

The City believes that changes to CRA outlined by the Federal Reserve in its 2020 Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking are more responsive to the priorities on non-bank stakeholders and hold much more promise to modernize CRA in a manner that better meets the primary goal of meeting CRA's underlying statutory goals of strengthening investment in historically underserved neighborhoods.

The City appreciates the more balanced proposal recently issued by the Federal Reserve and urges OCC and FDIC to work with the Federal Reserve to improve their CRA regulations.

SOCIAL SECURITY

The City of Dallas requests that the federal government work closely with local jurisdictions on the fiscal impacts of mandatory inclusion of local government employees in Social Security, especially as it relates to the potential impacts on local pension systems and budgets.

The Social Security Act of 1935 excludes state and local employees from mandatory participation in Social Security. The Federal Advisory Commission on Social Security has called for including all newly hired local government employees in Social Security. Doing so could have major implications on state and local governments and their taxpayers.

HOUSING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND HEALTHCARE

CDBG, HOME, HOPWA & Homeless Assistance

The City of Dallas calls on Congress and the Administration to fully fund CDBG, HOME, HOPWA and Homeless Assistance Grants. The City opposes any effort to limit the City's flexibility in using these funds. The City also strongly opposes any effort to shift control of these programs away from the local level or decrease the cap on administrative and planning costs.

In FY 2020, the City of Dallas was allocated \$15.1 million from CDBG, \$6 million from HOME, \$7.4 million from HOPWA and \$1.2 million in Emergency Solutions Grants. Despite the immense positive impact that these flexible, locally controlled programs have had on the nation's cities, they have been inadequately funded for many years. CDBG and HOME have an especially long and successful track record of providing quick, flexible and effective assistance to cities and states. In Dallas, they bolster City efforts to stabilize and sustain neighborhoods, preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing, expand economic opportunities, meet critical social needs and fund other critical needs in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. The City of Dallas would be hard-pressed to meet these needs without direct and flexible federal assistance.

Affordable Housing

The City of Dallas supports the preservation and expansion of federal programs and tax incentives that support City efforts to expand and preserve affordable housing. The City specifically supports full funding of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and preservation and enhancement of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit.

Affordable housing remains a critical issue for the nation's cities. The City of Dallas has developed a robust plan to address the City's housing needs. The focus of the plan is to maximize City resources by alleviating poverty, empowering neighborhoods, addressing concentrations of blight, and enhancing rental options. The City is also aiming to attract and retain the middle class by pursuing initiatives that will expand homeownership. A key component of the City's plan is to increase the supply of affordable and workforce housing and revitalize neighborhoods in a manner that creates truly mixed-income neighborhoods and avoids the displacement of longtime neighborhood residents.

Low-Income Housing Tax Credit

In addition, the City support legislation to enhance the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit. The City appreciates the increase in the annual LIHTC ceiling for FY 2018 through FY 2021 that Congress enacted, along with an income averaging option expands LIHTC eligibility and is targeted at high-cost areas such as like Austin.

Looking ahead, the City supports further LIHTC enhancement to offset the predicted decline in affordable housing production related to the corporate and personal income tax rate reductions enacted by the Tax Cut & Jobs Act of 2017. In the 116th Congress, Representatives Suzan DelBene (D-WA) Donald Beyer (D-VA), Kenny Marchant (R-TX), Jackie Walorski (R-IN) introduced legislation (HR 3077) that would further enhance the LIHTC. Senators Maria Cantwell (D-WA) and Todd Young (D-IN) have introduced a companion bill (S 1703) in the Senate. The bills would:

- Increase the LIHTC ceiling to \$2.76 per capita in FY 2019, increasing incrementally to \$4.96 in FY 2024 (indexed to inflation in subsequent years),
- Extend the average income test to affordable properties financed with private activity bonds,
- Allow existing tenants to be considered low-income for recapitalization projects provided their income has not risen above 120 percent of AMI,
- Establish a 4 percent minimum credit rate for LIHTC used to finance acquisitions and bond-financed properties,
- Simplify the “10-Year Rule” to allow for LIHTC acquisition of certain properties,
- Allow tenant relocation costs to be included in rehabilitation projects, and
- Repeal the Qualified Census Tract population cap.

Social Services Block Grant & Community Services Block Grant

The Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) is a flexible source of funds that states use to support a wide variety of social services activities. SSBG is an important main source of federal funds for protective services, which benefit elderly and disabled adults, and child protective services.

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds the delivery of services to low income Texas residents in all 254 counties. These funds support a variety of direct services to residents whom are among the most vulnerable in the community.

While the City of Dallas does not directly oversee the SSBG and CSBG, the funds they provide are important to the community and work to protect the City’s most vulnerable populations. Any decrease in SSBG and CSBG funds will only place additional stress onto the City’s taxpayers, and defenseless residents.

Healthcare

The City of Dallas urges Congress to take into consideration the effect that national health care legislation has on the nation’s cities; to build upon, not tear down, the progress that has been made in recent years to the healthcare system; and to ensure that individuals are not left without health care coverage. In addition, the City encourages the new Administration and Congress to include mental health in any comprehensive health care reform measures.

Municipalities share a responsibility for the health and well-being of communities, which includes ensuring access to comprehensive and affordable health care. The City of Dallas has one of the highest rates of uninsured residents in the nation and seeks solutions that will provide its residents with easy access to health insurance. The City opposes health care programs that deny desperately needed access to care to individuals and families; place an undue burden on local hospitals; and do not provide safeguards for patients currently suffering from chronic and terminal illnesses.

CLEAN AIR & HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

The City of Dallas looks forward to working with our partners in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area to meet air quality goals outlined by the Clean Air Act and water quality goals outlined by the Clean Water Act. Our nation faces the challenges of ensuring protection of public health, air, and water supply while continuing to encourage economic growth and energy independence. Although the challenges created by pollution and energy security are international and national in scope, local governments are well placed to implement policies and pursue innovations to meet those challenges, especially if they are given the resources and authority to do so.

The City of Dallas, and the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area has invested hundreds of millions of dollars into the regional transit system, converted municipal fleets to alternative fuels, and made public buildings more energy efficient. In addition, the City of Dallas supports the development of high-speed rail between Houston and the North Texas Region and other large transit-related infrastructure projects that provide a positive impact on our quality and might mitigate the impact of mobile source emissions on public health. The City of Dallas has been a national leader in this area, implementing a number of nationally-recognized and replicated sustainability programs that have decreased the City's operating and energy costs along with its environmental impact.

Direct Federal assistance is crucial to local governments that are well suited to meeting the challenge of protecting the environment. Local governments benefit from direct federal assistance that can be used to promote energy efficiency and conservation, alternative fuel, public education initiatives and other programs to reduce ozone and other air pollutants. The Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington Metropolitan Area faces a likely rating of "severe non-attainment" for ground level ozone this year, increasing the urgency of such assistance.

The City urges Congress and the Administration to empower the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Transportation, and the Department of Energy, as well as the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, so they may protect air quality at a broader, regional level. The City also urges EPA to explore national, carbon-free energy solutions that would result in economic growth and enhanced protection of public health and the environment.

The City of Dallas encourages Congress and the Administration to pursue imaginative solutions using reliable, peer-reviewed sources of scientific information in the effort to address clean air and energy security. The City further urges Congress to fully fund any mandates it imposes on local governments to meet these challenges.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant

The City reiterates its disappointment that EECBG was only funded once and calls on Congress to reauthorize and fully fund this innovative and forward looking federal-local partnership.

The City thanks Representative Marc Veasey for his sponsorship of legislation to reauthorize EECBG in the 116th Congress and for quickly reintroducing his bill in the 117th Congress. The City urges its entire delegation to support his bill and subsequent full funding of the program.

EECBG provided direct, flexible formula funding to Dallas and other local governments for a wide array of energy conservation and efficiency purposes. It was authorized by the 2007 Energy Act at \$2 billion a year for FY 2008 through FY 2012, but only funded once, in FY 2009, at \$3.2 billion.

The City of Dallas used its FY 2009 EECBG allocation of \$12.7 million to:

- Improve the efficiency of 248 City-owned buildings, reducing City electricity costs by \$1 million per year and
- Launch the Green Dallas Initiative, a comprehensive program to address air quality, climate change, energy, food, land, waste, and water.

These small projects provided significant return on investment, decreasing the City's energy costs.

EDUCATION, AFTER SCHOOL CARE, CHILD NUTRITION & EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The City of Dallas urges Congress and the Administration to provide schools with the resources (including technology) they need and to reauthorize, expand and fully fund early childhood, extended learning time, child nutrition programs and to maximize resources and flexibility for out-of-school time and other education programs.

A strong public education system is crucial to the economic health and future of the City of Dallas and requires a strong federal investment in schools and children. Out-of-school time and child nutrition programs are a vital component of a strong educational system and play an important role in preventing youth crime and delinquency.

In particular, the City urges robust funding of youth job training programs and of the **21st Century Learning Centers Program**, which helps DISD and the City provide after school programming that provides Dallas children with enriching activities in a safe environment.

TRAVEL, TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE

The City of Dallas is a major global city that attracts millions of visitors each year. Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport is among the busiest in the world, The Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area hosts hundreds of major conventions each year and draws tourists from around the world for its world-class cultural offerings.

As the business and cultural hub of the nation's top exporting state and with plans for a major intermodal transportation hub to handle international freight traffic, the Dallas economy relies more than ever on international business and vacation visitors.

In addition, the arts have played a central role in the renaissance of downtown Dallas and are a cornerstone of the downtown Dallas economy. The federal government plays a small but important role in fostering and promoting the arts. The City supports the missions and the adequate funding of the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The City of Dallas further encourages federal policies, including tax policies, which foster the arts and recognize the important role they play in tourism and central city economies. The City also calls for federal policy that recognizes the role that art education plays in fostering artists and audiences.

WELCOMING COMMUNITIES

The City of Dallas supports federal legislative initiatives that promote diversity and ensure equity and human rights for all people in this country.

Immigration

The City of Dallas strives to be a welcoming city for all. In 2017, the City established the Office of Welcoming Communities and Immigrant Affairs to bridge the space between newcomers and existing Dallas residents, to find common ground, foster informed understanding and promote shared leadership.

The city's population continues to grow with 25 percent of residents being foreign born. Immigrants make up 32 percent of the employed labor force of the Dallas-metro area and they play a critical role in several key industries including construction and STEM fields. Their work contributes directly to the economic strength of the Dallas-Fort Worth region, earning \$47.7 billion and contributing \$12.3 billion to state and local taxes in 2018.

The City of Dallas urges common sense, comprehensive immigration reform with increased access to citizenship for immigrants, including recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and TPS holders. The City of Dallas also supports policies that keep families together and out of detention centers, provide for immediate reunification of families already separated, and opposes any immigration policy that results in criminal prosecution or mass incarceration of migrants, including children or families being forcibly separated

The City of Dallas also supports the proposed legislation on the creation of the National Office of New Americans, which seeks to welcome and assist immigrants and refugees as they adapt to life in America. This office would greatly assist with coordinating federal, state, and local efforts that help immigrants and refugees integrate into US, including economic systems, increasing language access and civic engagement.

Racial Equity

The City of Dallas is proud of its diversity and is committed to ensuring that residents are protected regardless of race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. The City is recognized by the Human Rights Campaign for its leadership in non-discrimination protections in employment, housing, and public accommodations.

The City of Dallas implements strategies to advance equity and increase economic mobility for vulnerable and marginalized residents under the Resilient Dallas plan.

The City of Dallas supports a comprehensive approach to racial equity that would advance local efforts for all, including people of color and others who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality. This includes the expansion, refinement, and transparency of datasets, assessment, and evaluation of federal programs for racial outcomes, and an investment in historically underserved communities.

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 26, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Racial Equity Resolution**

Please find attached to this memorandum a draft resolution that seeks to reaffirm the City of Dallas' commitment to equity and inclusion and direct the Office of Equity and Inclusion, on behalf of the City Manager, to begin working with external stakeholders to prepare a racial equity plan. This resolution will be considered by the Workforce, Education, and Equity Committee on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or Dr. Lindsey Wilson, Equity Officer, Office of Equity and Inclusion, at lindsey.wilson@dallascityhall.com.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liz Cedillo-Pereira'.

Liz Cedillo-Pereira
Chief of Equity and Inclusion

c: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
Chris Caso, City Attorney
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WHEREAS, the City of Dallas' definition of racial equity is a situation that is achieved when people are thriving and race no longer statistically dictates, determines, or predicts one's social outcome or ability to thrive; and

WHEREAS, Dallas is a city with a population of just under 1,344,000, including 24.3 percent African-American residents, 41.8 percent Hispanic/Latinx residents, and 3.4 percent Asian residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas seeks to provide equitable access and opportunities for success for all of its residents; and

WHEREAS, nationally, numerous data sources demonstrate a lack of equity among people of different races, ethnicities, and national origins; and

WHEREAS, equity is a critical factor in individual, family, neighborhood, and community success over a number of metrics – economic, education, housing, health, and access to public facilities and essential services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas has a deep resolve to promote racial equity, inclusion, and diversity in all aspects of city government; and

WHEREAS, the City's commitment is exemplified by the adoption of the Resilient Dallas Strategy, which helps fosters a practice of resilience thinking by building opportunities for strategic engagement, leveraging community partnerships, and collaborating and strengthening communication with all residents and constituents; the creation of the Office of Equity and Inclusion in an effort to institutionalize and advance equity in city government to provide equitable access and opportunities for success for all Dallas residents; the collaboration with the City University of New York's Institute for State and Local Governance, Every Texan (formerly, the Center for Public Policy Priorities) and the Communities Foundation of Texas for the Dallas Equity Indicators project which helps measure disparities and advance equity in our community to focus public policy efforts on improving outcomes for all residents; and contracting with Race Forward dba Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) to assist with equity implementation across the city; and

WHEREAS, the City Council passed Resolution No. 19-0804 that recognized racial inequities brought on by a legacy of systemic racism and unjust practices and resolved to promote equity and committed to make every effort possible to commit more resources to areas and populations where data demonstrates the needs are greatest by establishing a baseline of where the organization is as it relates to equity, providing equity training to all city employees, creation of an Equity Core Team who is responsible for designing, coordinating, and organizing equity plans across the organization, and creation of an Equity Budget Team that received additional training on the utilization of the equity tool for budget development purposes; and

WHEREAS, racial equity is accepted as an imperative and priority throughout the organization and within the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas recognizes short and long-term reforms and remedies focused on building racial justice must consider the breadth of issues and interactive relationships between policy areas, extending not only into substantive reform, but also into budget, procurement, and personnel decisions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas pledges to demonstrate its commitment to racial equity through equitable investment and future funding decisions for specific projects, inclusive practices, and socially just policies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas understands that government is needed to help solve the problem created by governmental policies and practices and recognizes that humanity and residents of the City of Dallas are inextricably bound to one another; and

WHEREAS, we desire the City of Dallas to be a place where all are welcome and treated with empathy, respect, fairness, and trust; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas seeks a meaningful and thoughtful way to heal the wounds of our past, reconcile the differences of our present, and unify around the path forward toward a future of hope for all of our residents.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. The City will continue to promote equity through all policies of the city and enhance educational efforts aimed at understanding, addressing, and dismantling racism and how it affects the delivery of human and social services, economic development, and public safety.

SECTION 2. The City will continue to use equity principles in developing and evaluating the city's budget.

SECTION 3. The City supports groups and initiatives that promote racial equity and will work with the community to find innovative solutions and resources and solidify alliances and partnerships with other organizations that are confronting racism.

SECTION 4. The City will work to progress as an equity and justice-oriented organization, with the City Council and its staff leadership continuing to identify specific activities to further enhance diversity and inclusion and to ensure antiracism principles across the city's leadership, staffing, and contracting.

SECTION 5. The City is committed to continuing to make equity a priority for its residents of all racial, ethnic, and national origins, and will make equity a focal point through all policies, initiatives, and programs of the city.

SECTION 6. The City Council hereby directs the city manager to begin working with external stakeholders to prepare a racial equity plan.

SECTION 7. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly resolved.

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Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 26, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

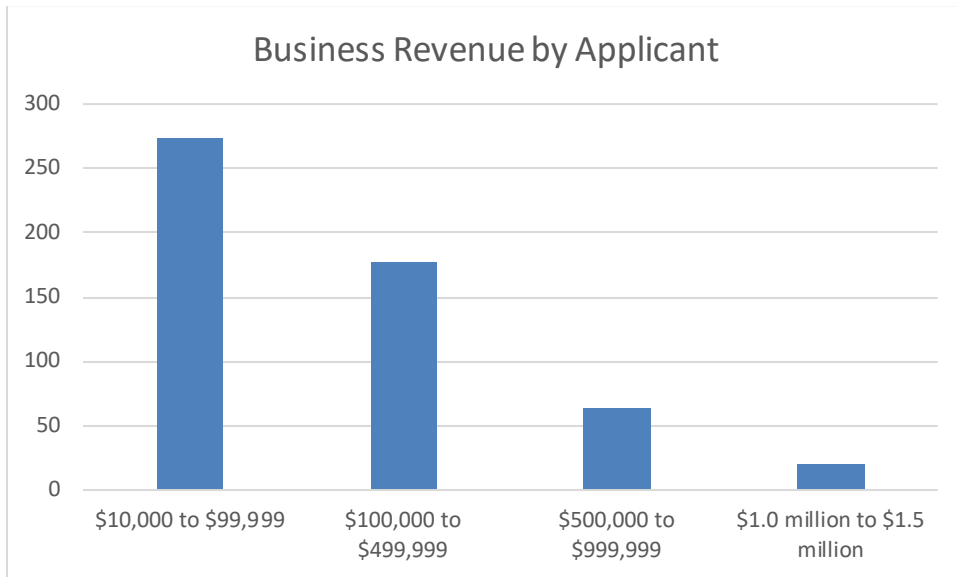
SUBJECT **Small Business Continuity Fund (SBCF) Update**

We wanted to provide you with an update on the Small Business Continuity Fund (SBCF). As you know, the second round of applications were accepted from February 3 to February 10. A total of 1552 responses were received. Of those, 528 did not meet the screening criteria (not being a Dallas-based business or being a non-profit were the primary reasons), 359 responses were partially completed but not submitted, and 655 were complete and submitted. Staff conducted a review of the complete applications for duplications, previous SBCF awards, and non-Dallas businesses. After that review, 537 businesses were entered into the lottery.

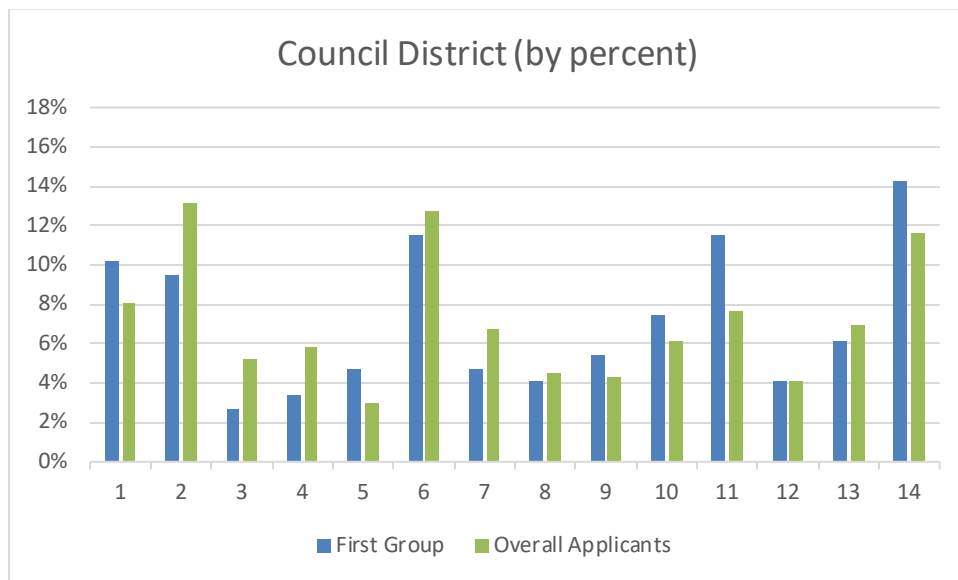
A ranked order was selected by lottery on February 19, and general results of the lottery were sent out on February 19th. One hundred and fifty businesses (“first group”) were notified that they were eligible to receive funding upon review and verification of documentation submitted to the NDC online portal. An additional 100 applicants were notified that they may be able to receive funding, subject to availability of funding when their application is reviewed. Applicants with a lottery ranking below 250 were notified that we did not anticipate funding being available for their business at this time.

As with the previous application round, the majority of the applicants were small and micro-businesses; by business revenue, approximately 84% of applicants had revenue under \$500,000.

February 26, 2021
SBCF Follow-up

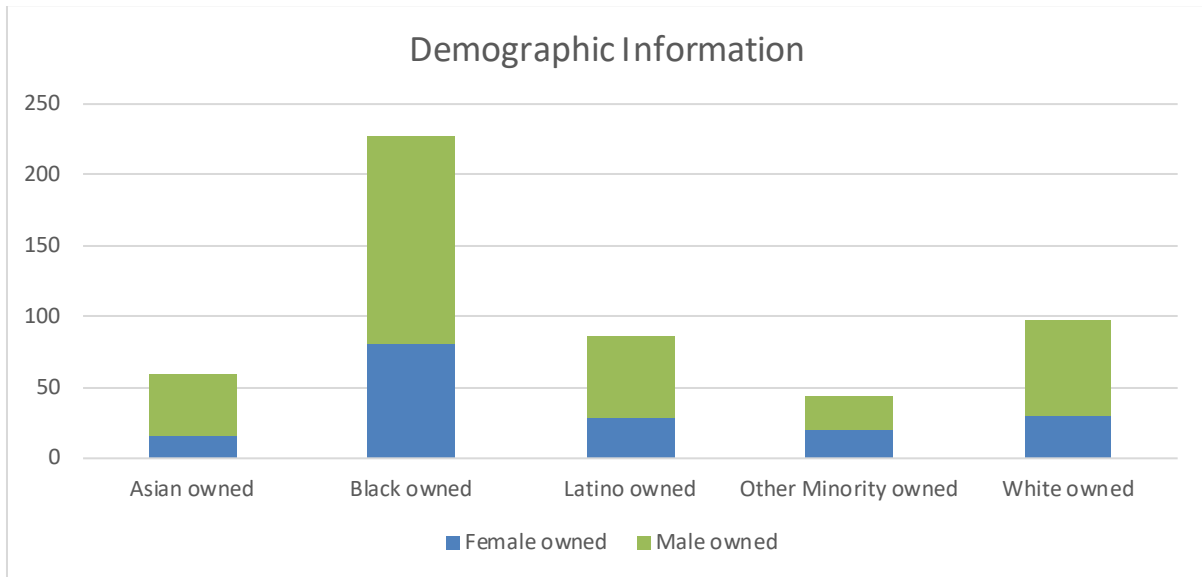


Council district information for the first group versus the overall applicants follows.



Demographic information for the applicants is below. Applicants could select more than one category.

February 26, 2021
SBCF Follow-up



The first group was invited to submit documents earlier this week, with funding expected to be available to businesses within 2 weeks after all documents are submitted.

We will continue to update you on our efforts to assist our small businesses. Please contact me with any questions.

Dr. Eric Anthony Johnson
Chief of Economic Development & Neighborhood Services

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CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 26, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – February 25, 2021**

New Updates

[City Manager's Corner - Severe Winter Weather Week](#)

We all experienced the unfathomable weather conditions of extreme freezing temperatures, ice, snow, and widespread power outages of the recent winter that hit Texas. The winter storm also tested Dallas Water Utilities' (DWU) system infrastructure. Under the extraordinary events, DWU Department wide activities have been led by Randy Payton, Joel Tillery and Pat Donovan to oversee and repair the water delivery system to ensure delivery of safe drinking water during and after the winter storm.



To maintain water delivery to our customers DWU implemented a 24/7 operation to respond to leaks and burst pipes. Staff from all programs have stepped in to provide assistance to our team. The highest priority is given to leaks that impede traffic flow, damaging real property or pose an eminent danger to health and safety. The water delivery groups has received a total of 879 distribution systems calls related to mains, hydrants, services, valves, and water quality; 327 total main leak and breaks verified calls. Staff has also repaired over 207 main leaks and breaks and currently has 120 pending leak repairs. DWU's daily water pumpage and consumption are continuing to decrease which indicates progress with water delivery and loss.

Thru staff efforts within the entire system, DWU has continued to treat and deliver safe, potable water to its customers throughout and after the winter weather event. Water quality continues to meet or exceed regulatory standards and DWU's potable water system, including pumping distribution assets, remain stable.

DATE February 19, 2021
SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – February 18, 2021**

[Free Seminar for Dallas Residents with Title Issues](#)

The Department of Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization and Cadillac Law Firm are hosting a free informational seminar on The Title & Property Assistance Program (TAPA). This seminar will provide a brief overview of fixing direct ownership issues, tax penalties, liens, heirship challenges and a host of other title issues.

To join in English for February 27, 2021 from 11:00 am to- 2:00 pm [Click Here](#)

This information seminar is open to all City of Dallas Residents. To qualify for program services, you must meet program criteria. Information on TAPA can be found [Click Here](#)

Should you have questions or concerns, please contact David Noguera, Director for Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization.

[Hensley Field Master Plan Progress Report](#)

The second Hensley Field Master Plan Stakeholder and Technical Advisory Groups (SAG & TAG) meeting will be held virtually via [zoom](#) on Thursday, February 25 from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. This meeting marks the culmination of Phase I of the master planning process. The consultant team led by McCann Adam Studio will summarize the findings from the site opportunities & constraints analysis, the preliminary market analysis and stakeholder focus group meetings. They will also facilitate a discussion on the guiding principles and goals in preparation for Phase II of the master planning process - the scenario planning stage. A Hensley Field project website has been launched and can be viewed [here](#). The Opportunities & Constraints Report, the Preliminary Market Analysis and the draft Project Guiding Principles & Goals will be posted on the City's website for public viewing and comment after the SAG & TAG meeting. For more information, please contact Peer Chacko, Director of Planning and Urban Design.

[Dallas Police Department's Community Affairs Division will have the following social media engagements:](#)

- Ask the Attorney Fridays (English and Spanish). The topic for this week is Evictions.
- COVID-19 PSA (English and Korean). This is a COVID-10 PSA for the Korean Community
- Home Repair Scams. This is an informative piece on how not to become a victim of home repair/Insurance Fraud.
- Implicit Bias and Mental Health Symposium. This is part of our Black History Month Educational outreach.

Attached please find social media flyers with dates and instructions for participation.

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[Office of Community Police Oversight](#)

At the February 9, 2021 Community Police Oversight Board (CPOB) meeting, the Board welcomed DPD's new Police Chief Eddie Garcia and introduced him to the work of the Board. Chief Garcia gave the Board an overview of his goals and he also addressed questions and comments from each Board member. The Board also adopted an onboarding document for the community members that will be part of the five CPOB Subcommittees. The community members will participate in an orientation to the Board in March and start their work on the subcommittees. The Board also set their goals for 2021. One of the goals is to have quarterly events in their district. Board members will work with their Council member, the Mayor and OCPO to schedule these events. Board members are excited about the opportunity to engage residents of Dallas and educate them on the work of the Board. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Police Monitor Tonya McClary.

[New artist residency program launched by South Dallas Cultural Center](#)

The Office of Arts and Culture's (OAC) South Dallas Cultural Center (SDCC) is pleased to announce the official launch of the Juanita J. Craft House Artist Residency Initiative—an immersive program for artists of all disciplines, meaningfully connecting them with South Dallas neighborhoods. The residency initiative supports artists by offering non-living studio space and connecting them with residents, organizations, and institutions to develop a unique body of work centering community activism. This opportunity opens space for artists to capture the present moment, where historical neighborhoods are rapidly changing due to socio-economic shifts, collecting various visions of South Dallas for future residents, visionaries, and developers. Applications will open April 2021.

For more information, please visit our [webpage](#). Should you have any questions or concerns, contact John Spriggins at john.spriggins@dallascityhall.com

[Dallas Animal Services Responds Increased Call Volume During Winter Storm Uri](#)

Between February 11-17, DAS received 1,338 Service Requests, a 26% increase in requests from the week before. Most of these calls were welfare checks on pets that were outdoors in the record-setting frigid weather Dallas saw last week. DAS Animal Services Officers worked around the clock, including mandatory overtime, to ensure that Dallas pets were safe. Other DAS staff braved the dangerous road conditions to continue to provide care, enrichment, surgeries, and medical care to pets at the shelter. Thanks to their commitment, we were able to provide top-notch care and find positive outcomes for pets throughout the storm. Please contact Ed Jamison, Director for Dallas Animal services for questions or additional information.

[New Procurement Opportunities](#)

The Office of Procurement Services (OPS) is excited to announce the following new contract opportunities. More information can be found on the City's [electronic bid portal](#):

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Opportunity No.	Opportunity Name
CIZ1971	East Side Water Treatment Plant Residuals Handling – Phase 1, by Dallas Water Utilities
CIZ1972	Schedule A: Water And Wastewater Main Replacements At Various Locations, And Schedule B: University Hills Boulevard Wastewater Main Installation, And Schedule C: Luna Road From Northwest Highway To Royal Lane Water And Wastewater Main Replacements, by Dallas Water Utilities
BJZ21-00014965	Citywide Janitorial Services
BV21-00015595	Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS)

We are also pleased to share the latest [Procurement Quarterly](#), listing citywide opportunities for the current quarter (of the fiscal year) and published on the OPS [website](#). Please be advised that once an opportunity is advertised, it is considered an open procurement until the City Council awards the contract. The Code of Ethics prohibits communication between councilmembers and vendors/ suppliers on open procurements. Should you have any questions, please contact Chhunny Chhean, Director of Procurement Services.

Look Ahead

[City Council Briefings](#)

March 3, 2021

- Illegal Dumping & Blight Abatement Strategic Plan
- Final Draft of Strategic Mobility Plan/Connect Dallas Plan
- City Manager 2021 Goals

April 7, 2021

- Dallas Executive Airport Development Update
- Ad Valorem Tax Limit for Over-65 or Disabled Homeowners
- Redeployment of Neighborhood Code Resources
- Update to Violent Crime Reduction Plan

[Media Inquiries](#)

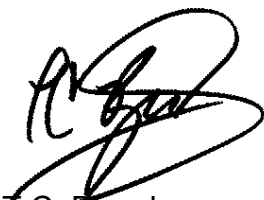
As of February 22, 2021, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- Residents without water
- Resources for residents following winter storms
- Netflix franchise fees
- Camp Rhonda
- 24 Apartment Destroyed in North Dallas Apartment Fire

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- DFR Sees Increase in Hypothermia and Carbon Monoxide Related Calls
- DFR Inundates with “Turn Off Water” Calls for Ruptured Pipes
- DFR Attending to Citizens and Convention Center Warming Center
- Firefighter Extinguish Northeast Dallas Apartment Fire
- Dallas Morning News Inquires About Cold-Related Fatalities
- Residents Displaced After Fire at Northeast Dallas Townhomes
- Number of Ruptured Pipes Continues to Rise as Cold Temperatures Persist
- Twenty Residents Displaced from South Dallas Apartment Fire
- DFR Responds to Inquiries About Hypothermic and Carbon Monoxide Calls
- Firefighters Face Multiple Challenges Fighting Fire in Freezing Temperatures
- Responding to Ruptured Pipes Among Top Calls During Winter Storm
- DFR Battles Two Overnight Fires at Same Downtown High-Rise Residence
- Cutting Off Water for Bursted Pipes Continues to Be Number One Call Type
- Dallas Captain Gives “Boots on the Ground” Perspective to Two Media Outlets
- DFR Experiences Record Call Volume During Winter Storm
- More Media Inquiries About Winter Storm Related Call Volume
- Firefighters Come to the Aid of Two Police Officers Hit by Gunfire
- Fire at Northeast Dallas Apartments Displaces 7 Residents
- Texas Tribune Inquires About Cold-Related Fatalities
- Overnight Fire Destroys Southeast Dallas Tire Shop

Please see the attached document compiling information provided to media outlets, during the period from February 17 – February 22, 2021, for your reference. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff.



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La aplicación se abrirá en APRIL 2021

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"I am a native of South Dallas and dreamed of making an impact on my neighborhood," said South Dallas Cultural Center Manager John Spriggins. "I know the power of a residency and at the time, there weren't many artist residencies in Dallas that focused on supporting artists of the African Diaspora. Residencies like Project Row Houses in Houston and Rebuild Foundation by Theater Gates in Chicago provided the inspiration, where specifically Black artists went into Black communities and developed art projects with a community focus, making a cultural impact. My hope is to connect creativity with community in South Dallas. It is the right time to launch the residency with all of the changes happening in the area."

Spriggins has lead the cultural center since 2017. The pandemic offered him the opportunity to hyper-focus on the development of the Juanita J. Craft House Artist Residency Initiative , which will begin accepting applications in April 2021.

In Fall of 2020, Spriggins worked with artist Nitashia Johnson to pilot the program. Johnson was raised in South Dallas and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts in 2008. Some of her work includes, *The Smart Project*, a creative after-school program for artistic teens and her 2018 photographic book series, *The Self Publication*, created to uplift the Black community and dismantle harsh stereotypes associated with the culture. Johnson's unique voice and community-oriented work made her an excellent candidate to pilot the residency.

"The art of storytelling has always influenced my multimedia artwork," said Johnson. "My eagerness and love for the world and others have pushed me to produce a body of work highlighting environmental spaces, communities, and individual muses. When I started working on the residency project which I've titled *The Beauty of South Dallas, Capturing the Now Before the Future*, I was excited yet nervous about where to begin. South Dallas is a large area, and I wanted to make sure to capture the spirit of the

people and the land.” To inquire about the Juanita J. Craft House Artist Residency Initiative, or to learn more SDCC programming, please visit <http://sdcc.dallasculture.org/> or contact John Spriggins.

To share your personal South Dallas photos and memories as part of Nitashia Johnson’s *The Beauty of South Dallas, Capturing the Now Before the Future*, visit <https://www.thebeautyofsouthdallas.com/>.

South Dallas is experiencing rapid trends and changes with infrastructure, housing and socio-economic shifts. Since the 1950s, South Dallas has been predominately populated by African Americans with 15 neighborhoods which vary from working middle class to working poor. Now, like many other near-downtown-neighborhoods around the country, its proximity makes it appealing for urban renewal and redevelopment. The area is being carved into trendy districts. The impact of this transformation is determined by perspective and this residency encourages artists of the African Diaspora to explore this with new working methods, such as developing socially engaging art experiences that interact with and are immersed within the neighborhoods of the South Dallas area.

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(February 4–10, 2021 vs. February 11–17, 2021)

TOTAL CALLS

+26%

1,338

(2/11 – 2/17)

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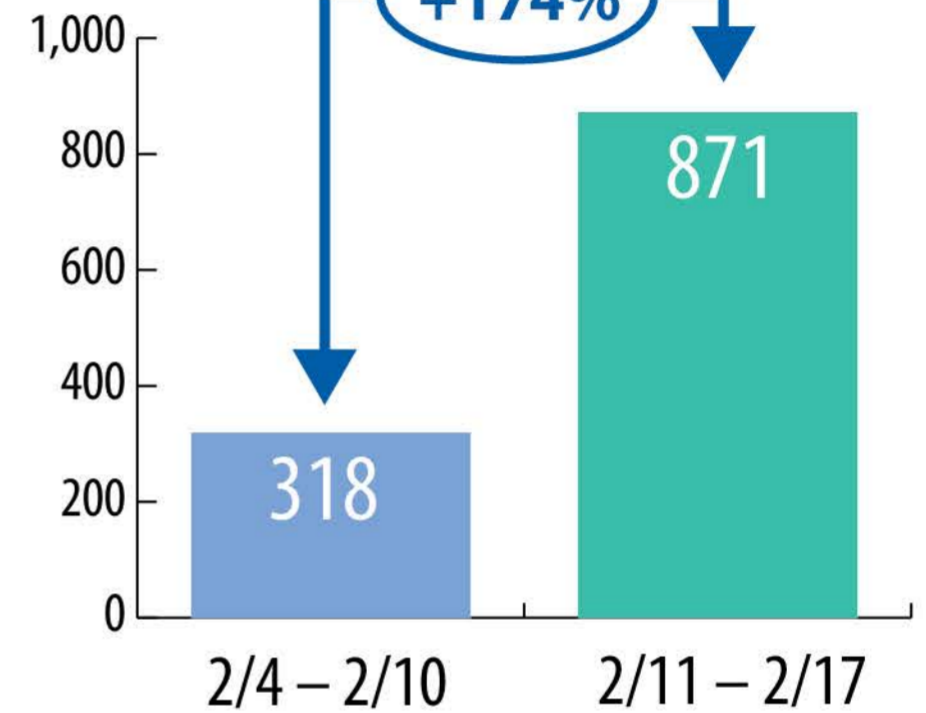
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(2/4 – 2/10)



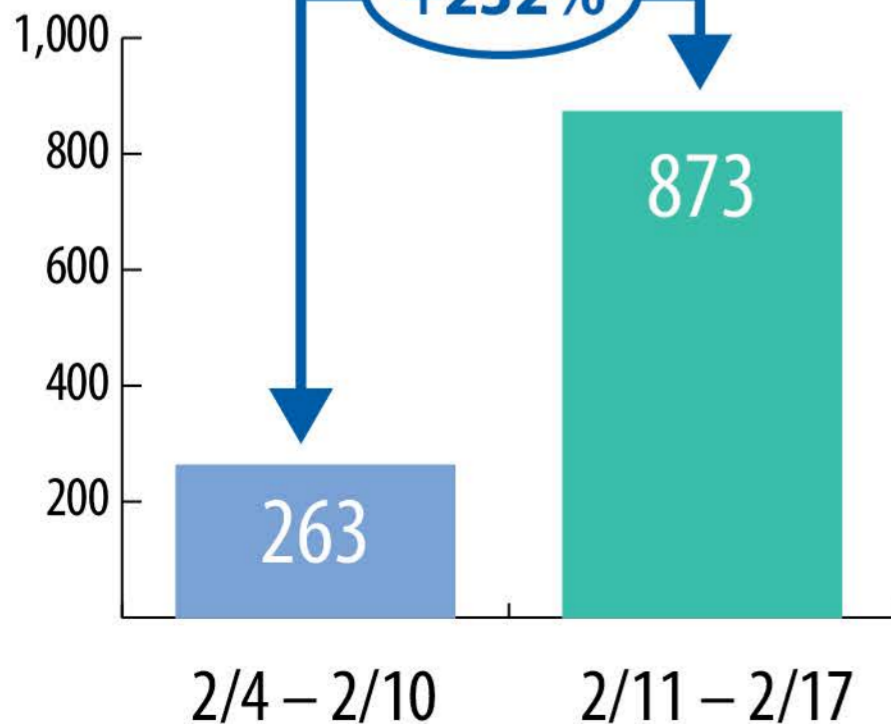
CLOSED CALLS HIGH PRIORITY (1-3)

+174%



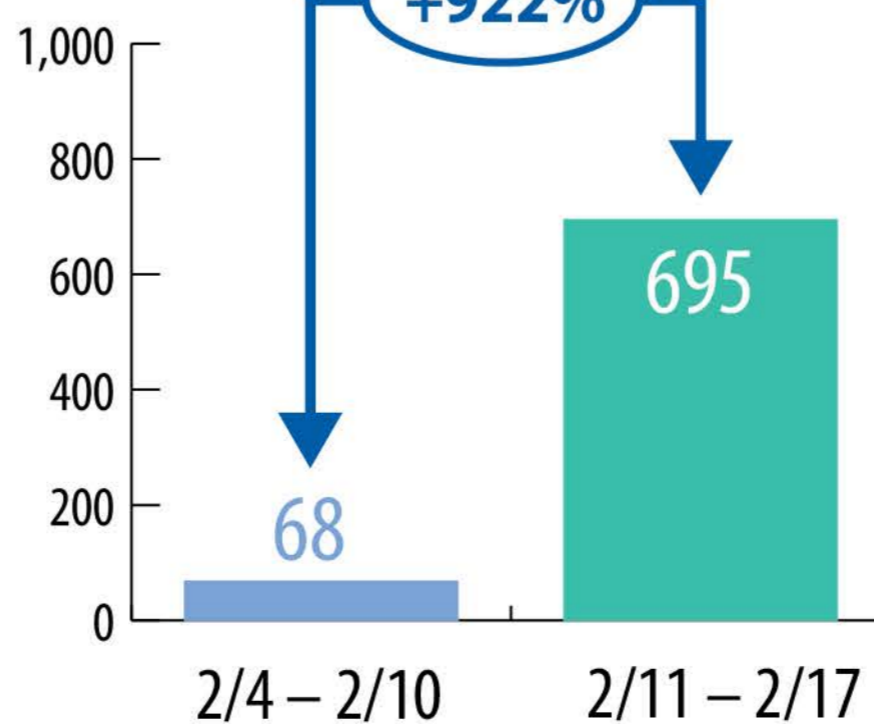
“LACK OF CARE” CALLS

+232%



WITHIN THE “LACK OF CARE” GROUP, “WEATHER” CALLS

+922%



NOTE: The emergency declaration did not go into effect until 2/12; however, as temperatures began to drop on 2/11 DAS began to see an increase in calls. Due to some connectivity issues with city systems during this time, there may be a slight variance in data when published in the future. These numbers reflect External, Proactive, and Follow-Up call types.



Communications, Outreach & Marketing
Media Requests
Feb. 16 – Feb. 22

Date Submitted: 2/22/2021

Topic: CBS 11 – Sanitation

Inquiry: referred to information on dallascityhall.com/weatherupdates

Submitted by: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity – CBS 11

Date Submitted: 2/21/2021

Topic: WFAA – water issues

Inquiry: The following information was shared: As of now, we've received reports of 782 main breaks, 298 have been verified, 163 repaired with 135 pending.

We have added additional contractor crews and DWU staff from other areas to assist with repairs. We will continue work 24 hours a day to catch up on the pending repairs. The locations are being prioritized based on water loss and risk. They are also being monitored and reevaluated for priority.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: WFAA

Date Submitted: 2/21/2021

Topic: Camp Rhonda

Inquiry: The following information was shared: Code Compliance educates property owners on what they need to do to comply with city code for the health and safety of all.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: Dallas Observer

Date Submitted: 2/22/21

Topic: DBJ – Netflix franchise fees

Inquiry: The following information was shared: The City Attorney is seeking the City Council's approval to pursue video service providers Netflix, Hulu and Disney+ for failure to apply for a state-issued certificate of franchise authority under Tex. Util. Code Chapter 66 and pay the 5% franchise fee to Dallas. If approved by the City Council, counsel will seek consent from the Office of the Attorney General of Texas to retain outside counsel to pursue the matter on a contingency fee basis.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: Dallas Business Journal

Date Submitted: 2/17/2021

Topic: KERA – water issues

Inquiry: The following information was shared: The City of Dallas Water Utilities Department operates and maintains approximately 5,011 miles of water pipeline encompassing 399 square miles throughout the city. Since the storm's arrival, DWU personnel have received notification of 137 main leaks/breaks

within its pipeline network. DWU has also responded and assisted approximately 1,100 of its customers with private burst pipes.

DWU uses a work management system to track its operational and maintenance related activities however it doesn't have a mechanism to calculate total persons impacted per each individual isolation.

During FY20, DWU personnel repaired nearly 1,100 main leaks/breaks within the system, averaging 3.0 repairs per day. At this time, DWU personnel is receiving more than 30 main leaks/breaks per day.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: KERA

Date Submitted: 2/18/2021

Topic: Telemundo - KBHCC

Inquiry: Telemundo requested to interview KBHCC staff about shelter operations. Interview was cancelled by Telemundo.

Submitted By: Nakoya Moss (KBHCC)

Media Entity: Norberto Hernandez (Telemundo)

Date Submitted: 2/18/2021

Topic: Univision-Winter Weather Updates

Inquiry: Telemundo requested a Spanish speaking City Representative to participate in a Univision special program LIVE this Sunday to discuss shelter operations and resources. No response from staff.

Submitted By: Nakoya Moss (KBHCC)

Media Entity: Felicitas Cadena (Univision)

Date Submitted: 2/16/2021

Topic: Univision-warming shelter

Inquiry: Univision requested footage of the KBH warming shelter. Univision was advised media is welcome to record outside the shelter, but not enter while it is occupied.

Submitted By: Roxana Rubio (CES, OEM)

Media Entity: Daniel Tuccio (Univision)

Date Submitted: 2/16/2021

Topic: NBC/Telemundo – warming shelters

Inquiry: At this time, the City advised NBC and Telemundo that The City of Dallas continues working to identify additional resources that can serve as neighborhood warming centers. The KBHCCD warming center is the only center open at this time.

Submitted By: Roxana Rubio (OEM)

Media Entity: Lizbeth Licon (NBC)

Date Submitted: 2/22/2021

Topic: Univision – Residents w/o water

Inquiry: Univision inquired about residents without water, the City advised residents can report water outages to 3-1-1, if living in a complex also advise property management. The City also shared the following information: we've had 4200 meter related calls, 690 calls related to main breaks and leaks. The City is surveying residents through partnership organizations like Apartment Association of Greater Dallas in the next 48 hours.

Submitted By: Roxana Rubio

Media Entity: Andrea Rega (Univision)

Date Submitted: 2/22/2021

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Submitted By: Roxana Rubio

Media Entity: Emilio Ramos (Telemundo)



CITY OF DALLAS

Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Media Requests: February 16 – 22, 2021.

Tuesday, February 16th: Sent the following information to all the local news desks

- On Monday, February 15th, at 9:55 p.m., Dallas Fire-Rescue units were dispatched to a 911 call for a structure at the Alua Apartments, located at 4300 Horizon North Parkway, in North Dallas.

When firefighters arrived at the three-story apartment building, they observed smoke coming from an apartment on the second floor. They made their way into the unit to find fire within the void spaces between the second and third floors as well as the wall spaces. Considering the weather conditions, the size of the structure and the inability to visualize the extent of the fire, Command requested a second, and eventual third, alarm response. Fire made its way through the roof, forcing Command to pull all firefighters back, assuming a defensive posture. Approximately, 80 firefighters battled the fire, and the elements, well into the morning hours before declaring the fire extinguished around 2:30 a.m. However, crews remained on the scene the entire night/morning, conducting overhaul operations to ensure the flames had been completely extinguished, before clearing the scene around 9:00 a.m.

There were 24 units in the apartment building, and though only eight of them were reported to have suffered fire damage, all the units were left uninhabitable due to varying degrees of smoke and water damage. All residents evacuated the building safely, and there were no injuries reported. Firefighters were able to make it through the entirety of the operation thanks primarily to the efforts of the Box 4 Fire Buffs Organization being on scene and providing food, drinks and warming areas for first responders to take refuge in between rotations.

It is unclear the number of residents who were displaced as a result the fire, as most of them left for shelter with family and friends off-site, or sought refuge inside their vehicles; but property management is working with them to determine their needs going forward.

The extent of damage left the building unsafe for entry; and as a result, the cause of the fire will be listed as undetermined. Custody of the building was passed back over to property management to determine what will ultimately happen to it.

Tuesday, February 16th: Spectrum Media (Mike Pool) - Can you please share the number of hypothermia and carbon dioxide calls the department has responded to in the past 24 hours?

City Response - DFR doesn't have a run category that confirms whether someone is suffering from Hypothermia. That's probably a metric you'd be better off contacting the hospitals, or a private ambulance service, about. The closest run type we have that specifically connects a response to the weather conditions, is an "Environmental Emergency". Over the past 24 hours (11a - 11a), we've responded to 16 such calls, 9 of which resulted in someone being taken to a local hospital for evaluation.

Additionally, DFR has responded to 27 "Carbon Monoxide Detector" calls over that same time span. Thankfully, we have yet to respond to any "Carbon Monoxide Emergency" calls. The difference being that a "detector" call is strictly for a detector that has gone off, with an "emergency" being for someone who has a detector going off, AND has symptoms consistent with CO exposure (dizziness, light-headedness, fatigue, headache, etc.).

I don't have any details indicating the exact reason behind these "detector" occurrences, but it could range anywhere from loss of power to someone actually using an appliance, or other unconventional device intended for outdoor use, to heat their homes to name a couple.

Tuesday, February 16th: NBC 5/Telemundo (Patrick Randolph) - Just wanted to see if there are any numbers for today on calls related to the weather...Water Cut Off/Busted pipe calls?

City Response – Dallas Fire-Rescue has responded to 105 "cut off water" calls since midnight.

Tuesday, February 16th: Univision 23 (Cynthia Cano Ugarte) - With pipes bursting in homes and apartments because of the low temperature, what guidance can you offer residents to prevent this from happening? Is leaving the faucets on the only option? Once the pipes burst and the water is flooding, is this something they can call 9-1-1 for? I understand that in homes there is principal water valve, is this something the fire department does?

City Response - While dripping faucets is something we'd recommend, suggestions for anything more is probably a question best directed to Dallas Water Utilities, or a certified plumber.

As far as your second question is concerned. If your pipes have busted, and water is running, you can call 911 and we'll come out and shut your water off. However, resulting repair work has to be done by a plumber.

Tuesday, February 16th: Dallas Morning News (Cassandra Jaramillo) - I wanted to ask how many Times EMS has been called to give treatment to people at Kay Bailey Center. I heard about a man who had frostbite this morning, if there's any info on his status.

City Response - Since beginning operations, on Friday, February 12th, DFR medics have evaluated 58 patients and transported 15. All transports have come over the past two days (7 and 8 transports respectively).

Tuesday, February 16th: All local news desks - Can you provide information on a 2 alarm fire at Fair Oaks Ave & Pineland Dr?

City Response – Dallas Fire-Rescue units were dispatched at 7:42 p.m., to the Fair Oaks Townhomes, located 7418 Fair Oaks Boulevard. Initial reports indicated smoke and fire coming from the attic of one of the buildings. Firefighters conducted an offensive fire attack and the fire was declared extinguished at 8:47 p.m. Thankfully, there were no injuries reported, but the cause of the fire is undetermined.

Wednesday, February 17th: Dallas Morning News (Cassandra Jaramillo) - I wanted to ask since the freezing temperatures started on Feb.12, how many deaths from hypothermia has DFR responded to?

City Response - Cassandra, unfortunately, this is not going to be a figure I can provide, as DFR doesn't determine cause of death. However, I can tell you the following relative to or responses to "Environmental" calls...

Since February 12th, DFR has responded to 35 Environmental Emergency calls. I see nothing indicating that any of these resulted in a fatality, but I can tell you that 16 of those calls resulted in transports to the hospital.

Wednesday, February 17th: WFAA 8 (Maci Smith) - Is there any information available regarding a possible apartment fire on Flickering Shadow Dr? Incident number 2021042810.

City Response - At 6:40 a.m., Dallas Fire-Rescue units responded to a 911 call for structure fire at a townhome, located on the 9200 block of Flickering Shadow Drive, in Northeast Dallas.

Firefighters arrived to find flames coming from the roof of a two-story townhome. They moved in for an offensive attack, but the fire was already in its advanced stages, so all personnel pulled out and took a defensive posture.

Unfortunately, the location was only one of 5 connected townhomes; and the fire spread to at least four of them. At least 10 residents have been displaced as a result of the fire, but thankfully, no injuries were reported. The American Red Cross is in the process of assisting those families with their needs.

There is no information available on the cause of the fire.

Wednesday, February 17th: All local news desks - We wanted to know how many calls of pipe bursts you guys have responded to?

City Response - Just for today, we've responded to 120 calls to "cut off water".

Wednesday, February 17th: WFAA 8 (Maci Smith) and Univision 23 (Marysol Gonzalez) - Is there any information available regarding a structure fire in the 3600 block of Red Bird Lane? Incident number 2021043298.

City Response – On Wednesday, February 17th, at 10:28 a.m., Dallas Fire-Rescue responded to a 911 call for a structure fire at the Redbird Trail Apartments, located at 3636 W. Redbird Lane. Initial reports indicated smoke coming from an apartment on the first floor of a two-story apartment building. Firefighters conducted an offensive fire attack on the building and, after having a second alarm dispatched for manpower, had it extinguished in about an hour.

Fire Investigators determined that the fire began in an apartment on the first floor. While firefighters limited the fire damage to only 4 units, all 8 apartments in the building were left uninhabitable from loss of power; displacing at least 20 residents.

There were no injuries reported, and the cause of the fire is currently undetermined.

Wednesday, February 17th: Estrella TV (Homar Rojas Cavazos) - Hello Jason it's Homar Rojas, news reporter from Estrella TV. I want to make and interview today for number of Carbon Monoxide and Hypothermia calls.

City Response - Since 2/12 DFR has responded to 74 Carbon Monoxide Detector/Carbon Monoxide Emergency calls. Since the same date, we've also responded to 35 Environmental calls.

Wednesday, February 17th: Univision 23 (Marysol Gonzalez) - I know you guys have been working several fires. Can you tell us how are the freighters dealing with this weather attacking many fires? Can you happen to tell me how many carbon monoxide and water pipes breaks calls have you guys received?

City Response - Fighting fire in these weather conditions is extremely challenging as it puts an extra strain on equipment, personnel and the structure itself. More personnel is needed because of the increased frequency you have to rotate personnel in out of rehab. Water can freeze on the ground, making it a slipping hazard to firefighters, and anyone else, at the scene. Resources are in high demand city-wide.

Since 2/14, Dallas Fire-Rescue has responded to 83 "Carbon Monoxide Detector"/"Carbon Monoxide Emergency" Calls, and 740 calls to "Cut off Water" for ruptured pipes.

Wednesday, February 17th: Univision 23 (Nathalie Palacios) - We wanted to see if there was an updated number of how many water pipe bursts your department has responded to? What is the main concern when working the pipe bursts?

City Response - Since 2/14 we've responded to 740 "cut off water" calls for ruptured pipes. 300 of those calls have come in today (since midnight). The main concern, other than getting water cut off as quickly as possible to limit water damage, is to not damage the shut off valve when closing it.

Wednesday, February 17th: Univision 23 (Joanna Molinero) - I was writing to you to ask if there was any way of knowing how many calls has DFR shown up to regarding a Dallas resident passing away due to the extreme cold weather?

City Response - The only call type we have that points specifically to the cold is an "Environmental Emergency" or "Environmental" call.

Since 2/12 we have responded to 36 such calls, and have transported at least 17 patients to local hospitals for evaluation. However, I find no record of us responding to a deceased person at any of these calls.

Thursday, February 18th: All local media outlets - Do you have any information on these calls from overnight?

99B - HIRIS Structure Fire Wrk
1700 Cedar Springs Rd



Units: 684; 684; 781; 783;
Box: 180018

99B - HIRIS Structure Fire Wrk 2

1700 Cedar Springs Rd
Units: 684; 684; 781; 783;
Box: 180018

City Response - On Thursday, February 18th, at 2:37 a.m., Dallas Fire-Rescue units were assigned to a 911 call for a high-rise structure fire at Gables Park, located at 1700 Cedar Springs Road, near Downtown Dallas.

When firefighters arrived at the 25-story high-rise, they observed smoke coming from the underground parking garage. Upon making their way inside, rather than fire, they observed smoke coming from a generator on the first sub-level. They shut the generator down and ventilated the area; and after making contact with building representation to advise them of what happened, fire personnel cleared the scene in just under an hour.

Later in the morning, at 4:45 a.m., units were dispatched to the same location after reports of a "smoke odor" as high as the top floor of the building. When firefighters arrived the second time, they couldn't see anything from outside the building. They made their way back inside the parking garage, but this time they found a fire in an electrical room on the 3rd sub-level generating even more smoke than the first incident. After insuring the power was shut off, firefighters were able to safely knocked down the flames using dry-chemical extinguishers; but excessive amounts of smoke had already made its way into the building which had to be ventilated.

Prior to these incidents, the building just recently had power restored to it. As a result, it was not yet fully occupied, making it is unclear as to the number of residents who were temporarily displaced as a result of the fire. However, those who were there, were relocated to a business across the street until DFR could confirm the building was ventilated of Carbon Monoxide.

Despite the challenges faced while making these responses in the inclement weather, the entire operation was helped to run a lot smoother thanks to the outstanding work of Gables Park representation, and the Box 4 Fire Buffs. Building representatives made themselves immediately available for anything DFR and its residents needed, from building plans to assist with ventilation efforts to the swift temporary relocation of it residents. Box 4 was there for the duration of both incidents, making sure firefighters stayed warm, fed and hydrated during their rehab rotations.

Thankfully, there were no injuries as a result of this incident, and the cause of the fire is undetermined.

Thursday, February 18th: Spectrum News (Mike Pool) - How many calls for broken pipes calls has the department responded to since Sunday?

City Response - Since Sunday, DFR has responded to just under 1,400 calls to “cut off water” (1,367) in response to ruptured pipes.

Thursday, February 18th: WFAA 8 (Rebecca Lopez) – Can we do a zoom interview with someone at a fire station about the types of things they’re responding to during the storm. We’d like to get more of a boots on the ground perspective.

City Response – Set up a Zoom interview with Captain, Cristian Hinojosa. Story aired that evening and can be viewed at <https://www.wfaa.com/mobile/article/news/local/dallas-fire-rescue-triples-its-call-load-as-winter-storm-devastates-residents/287-82563b24-8c79-4d0d-84c7-7249ca927c53>

Thursday, February 18th: Dallas Morning News (Brooklynn Cooper) - I hope you've been staying safe and warm. I left a voicemail for you, but wanted to follow up here just so you'd have it in writing.

I'm working on a story about how essential workers and first responders have been managing during the snowstorm, and I was wondering if you could connect me with a firefighter who could talk about the challenges they've faced this week and what it's been like working in this type of weather. If anyone's available before 3pm tomorrow, please let me know. Thank you!

City Response – Did a three-way phone interview with Captain, Cristian Hinojosa. The story can be read at the following link: <https://www.dallasnews.com/news/weather/2021/02/19/busted-pipes-desperate-calls-for-help-what-it-was-like-being-a-first-responder-in-dallas-during-the-winter-storm/>

Thursday, February 18th: NBC 5 (Patrick Randolph) - Can you put in perspective how many calls DFR has responded to over the course of this winter weather compared to the avg number of calls you respond to?

City Response - For the year 2020 DFR averaged 807 calls per day. Over the past three days, DFRs call volume has been as follows:

- Mon 2/15: Total Runs 1939
- Tuesday 2/16: Total Runs 2894
- Wednesday, 2/17: Total Runs 2790

Thursday, February 18th: New York Times (Jack Healy) - Hi guys, I am trying to figure out whether you have any reports of post-storm deaths: have you found anyone dead in their homes due to potential storm related hypothermia or other after effects? Perhaps elderly people being stuck without water and power for several days.

City Response - Unfortunately, this is not going to be information I can accurately provide. The only call types we attribute exclusively to the cold weather are “environmental” and “environmental emergency” calls. Since 2/12 the department has responded to 38 such calls resulting in 18 transports to local hospitals; but no record of fatalities.

Additionally, we’ve responded to 108 “Carbon Monoxide Detector”/“Carbon Monoxide Emergency” over that same span to time; and there was 1 fatality and 1 hospital transport among those responses.

There are several other call types we have that could involve individuals who were deceased; but since the department does not do cause of death determinations, we wouldn’t be able to say that they were the result of the storm.

To be perfectly honest with you, the best data you’re going to get in that regard will probably come by way of the various Medical Examiner’s Offices.

Friday, February 19th: NBC Universal (Lizbeth Licon) and Dallas Morning News (Catherine Marfin) - I hope you are staying safe and warm during this crazy week. I wanted to check in and see if Dallas Fire-Rescue has been responding to any calls related to carbon monoxide poisonings or exposures this week as people try to stay warm. Do you have any totals for those kinds of calls through the week?

Also, have you heard of any other cold-related deaths that may not be carbon monoxide related?

City Response - Since 2/12 DFR has responded to 108 “Carbon Monoxide Detector”/“Carbon Monoxide Emergency” calls. One of them involved a fatality, and there was only one person that had to be taken to the hospital.

Also, you’re better off reaching out to the medical examiner to inquire about cold-related deaths. We’re not able to make an official determination on a cause of death.

The only response we have that specifically identifies an incident as being specifically related to the cold are “Environmental” calls. Over that same time span we responded to 44 such calls and transported 19 patients, but no fatalities.

Friday, February 19th: In response to multiple media requests for information about an incident involving firefighters rescuing 2 DPD Officers who were shot while responding to a call, the following information was posted to Facebook and sent to local media:

<https://www.facebook.com/340809029275626/posts/3880589005297593/>

Sunday, February 21st: **WFAA 8 (Lourdes Vazquez)** - Can you provide information on how many cut off water calls DFR has responded to between Saturday to Sunday?

City Response – Dallas Fire-Rescue has responded to 177 "Cut Off Water" calls from Sat. 2/20 - Sun. 2/21.

Sunday, February 21st: **NBC 5 (Cynthia Garcia), Fox 4 (Steven Dial) and Advocate Magazine (Jaime Dunaway)** – Can you provide any details on the following fire? Dallas, TX (Dallas County)| 2 Alarm Fire| 8285 Southwestern Blvd| 2nd Alarm For Fire On 1st & 2nd Floor Of a 2 Story Apartment Building.| 18:39

City Response - At 18:23 Dallas Fire-Rescue units responded to a 911 call for a structure fire at an apartment complex, located at 8285 Southwestern Boulevard, in Northeast Dallas.

When firefighters arrived at the two-story apartment building, they observed heavy fire coming from the first and second floors. Despite the fire being well into its advanced stages, crews were able to move in for an offensive attack and bring the fire under control in about half-an-hour.

At least two units (and likely more) were damaged by fire, displacing 7 residents. Thankfully, everyone was able to make it out safely, and no injuries were reported as a result of the fire.

Investigators are looking into the matter further, but the cause of the fire is currently undetermined.

Monday, February 22nd: **Texas Tribune (Juan Pablo Garnham)** - I'm working on a story about the impact of the storm among people that are homeless. I was wondering if you can help me with any information regarding cases of people that needed assistance or sadly passed away during this emergency.

What kind of information do you have on this? What I'm trying to find out is:

- How many reports did you receive of people in the street that might have been in trouble?

- How many of these cases have you actually gone and attended during the storm?
- Did you find any people that died in these circumstances, in public areas or outdoors? How many?
- Any other contextual information that you can provide.

Please feel free to call me to my cell if that is easier. 786-498-5634. I'm trying to get this information as soon as possible.

City Response - Unfortunately, I can't be of much help, as our call types don't narrow down the circumstances of a response in this much detail.

The only call type we have that specifically identifies with the weather conditions are "Environmental" calls. Over the span of 2/12 – 2/19 Dallas Fire-Rescue responded to 45 Environmental Emergencies and transported 20 of those people to the hospital for evaluation. There were also no fatalities among those responses.

If you are looking for more accurate figures on fatalities related to the cold conditions, I'd suggest reaching out to the local hospitals or the Medical Examiners Offices.

Tuesday, February 23rd: Univision 23 (Erika Torres Caraban), WFAA 8 (Maci Smith) and CBS11 (Itzel Hernandez) – Can you please provide us with info on a fire at 3717 S Buckner Blvd. around 12:30am?

City Response - On Tuesday, February 23rd, at 12:16 a.m., Dallas Fire-Rescue units were dispatched to a tire shop, located at 3717 South Buckner Boulevard in Southeast Dallas, after a 911 call reporting it was on fire.

Even in the dark of night, a dark plume of smoke, from burning tires, could be seen as firefighters were heading to the scene. When fire companies arrived at the one-story commercial structure, they reported out with fire coming through the roof. With the fire already in its advanced stages, it wasn't very long before a second-alarm response was transmitted. Suppression efforts were mostly defensive from the onset, with as many as three ladder pipes, and a number of hand lines, being used to surround and drown the building. Approximately 50 firefighters brought the fire under control just before 3 a.m.

Fire crews remained on the scene well into the morning hours afterwards digging through the remnants to ensure all hot spots had been extinguished, as the business suffered severe damage throughout. Thankfully, there were no injuries reported as a result of the fire. Investigators are still working with the business owners, as well as neighboring businesses, to gather information on what may have happened; but the cause is currently undetermined and under investigation.

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 26, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Water Distribution Following Severe Winter Storm**

In immediate response to the severe winter storm affecting residents in the City of Dallas and across Texas, the Mayor and City Council Office staff began securing emergency supplies for families without power or potable water in concert with non-profit organizations in each Council District and community volunteers. In the first days of the storm, city staff gathered bottled water, blankets, warm clothes and generators for affected families. Team leads were identified for each of these needs, including identifying water needs and assigning delivery, securing resident transport via community volunteers to the Office of Emergency Management's established warming stations at the Kay Bay Hutchison Convention Center, tracking offers of services from licensed professionals for plumbing repairs, laundry services, food and persons wanting to volunteer.

In a cross-departmental effort, the Office of Procurement Services began fielding large-scale donations from corporations such as Home Depot, Kroger, Wal-Mart, Nestle and Niagra Bottling. Supplies were received, inventoried and distributed each morning under the leadership of Convention and Event Services with partner departments Building Services, Public Works, Dallas Water Utilities and Code Compliance. As power has been restored and water is returning to these communities, the Office of Procurement Services secured delivery services so that departments can return to regular duties.

The Mayor and City Council Office continues to work closely with the Office of Emergency Management, Data Analytics, Welcoming Communities, Code Compliance and Community Prosecution, as well as community volunteers to identify and respond accordingly to ongoing resident conditions.

Should you have any questions regarding the Council Office response to the severe winter storm, please contact me at 214.670.5682 or carrie.prysock@dallascityhall.com.

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Carrie Rogers
Director
Mayor and City Council Office

DATE February 26, 2021

SUBJECT **Water Distribution Following Severe Winter Storm**

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Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 26, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Laundry Services for Residents Impacted by Winter Storm**

The Mayor and City Council Office has partnered with Matthew 25: Ministries (M2M) and Tide Loads of Hope to offer laundry services to residents impacted by the severe winter weather this past week. Dallas residents can drop off two (2) loads of laundry that M2M will wash, dry and fold. Residents are notified when their laundry is finished within 24 hours. The goal of this service is to provide short-term relief to vulnerable residents who may still be without water or otherwise impacted by the storm. A social media infographic is attached.

For additional information on this partnership, please see [Matthew 25: Ministries](#) and the [Tide Loads of Hope program](#).

This effort was made possible with the support of partner departments – Welcoming Communities, Community Care, Office of Emergency Management and Park and Recreation.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 214.670.5682 or carrie.prysock@dallascityhall.com.

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City of Dallas



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DALLAS 75231

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10 A.M. - 5 P.M.

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