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CITY OF DALLAS

TO Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

SUBJECT **Return to In-Person City Council Meetings**

On Thursday, May 6, the Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance was briefed on the City's Return to Work Plan for City Councilmembers and employees. As the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) guidelines continue to be adjusted based on population vaccination numbers, the City is moving forward with the next phase of opening City facilities and to employee and public access.

In consultation with Mayor Johnson, and based on the information we have today, the city manager is proposing a *hybrid* return to City Council meetings in the City Council Chamber on Wednesday, May 26. At this time, staff and any external presenters are expected to participate virtually until further notice. The meetings will begin as routinely scheduled at 9 a.m. Any public wishing to speak before City Council will continue to have virtual access through the City Secretary's Office.

We expect that most City Councilmembers will return to in-person attendance at the May 26th meeting. Staff has begun meeting to plan for hybrid logistics which may accommodate in-person and virtual City Councilmembers. We will provide an additional update as testing is completed over the next week.

As the City of Dallas community, and the nation, look ahead to all facets of life post-pandemic, we are leveraging what we have learned over the past year to improve access for our community. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 214.670.3302, or Carrie Rogers, Director of the Mayor and City Council Office at 214.670.5682 or carrie.rogers@dallascityhall.com.

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SUBJECT **Proposed Economic Development Policy and Economic Development Entity**

On Wednesday, May 19, 2021, the Dallas City Council will hear a briefing on the proposed economic development policy and economic development entity and will hold a public hearing to receive public feedback on these topics.

Below you will find a summary of the proposed economic development policy and the recommendations for creation of an economic development entity. These are provided to assist in public review of the documents.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY

The proposed economic development policy is a ten-year document to be updated regularly. The document consists of four distinct policy areas with specific actions, lead coordination, and ten-year aspirational goals for each area. The proposed policy is designed as an alignment document realizing we can achieve more together working in collaboration with our internal and external stakeholders.. The four policy areas are as follows:

1. Economic Vitality

- a. Dallas will proactively correct for the past impacts of public and private sector policies and activities on Southern Dallas communities in how it allocates and deploys resources and measures success.
- b. Dallas will build a robust, equitable economy by prioritizing small business growth and expanding well-paying employment opportunities.
- c. Dallas will invest in its downtown and neighborhoods to create attractive and inclusive physical spaces reflective of the city's diversity.
- d. Dallas will incentivize the availability of a diverse and affordable range of housing to meet needs across all neighborhoods.

2. Community Sustainability

- a. Dallas will invest in physical and programmatic infrastructure of its communities to create inclusive, safe, and dynamic neighborhoods.
- b. Dallas will align planning and investment to promote strong neighborhoods, with housing, recreation, and retail opportunities as well as employment opportunities.
- c. Dallas will reduce the racial wealth gap by creating new wealth building opportunities for communities of color.
- d. Dallas will invest and promote public safety and economic growth.

3. Smart Growth and Development

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- a. Dallas will center environmental sustainability and climate change resilience in its long-term growth plans.
- b. Dallas will develop accessible transportation options across a series of mobility modes.
- c. Dallas will encourage business growth and redevelopment in infill locations at a scale conducive to supporting walkable communities

4. Responsive Governance

- a. Dallas will practice good governance in how it develops and deploys economic development policies, programs, partnerships, and initiatives.

The recommendation for the City Council to consider is adoption of the policy with a one year delayed effective date of May 2022. The one year transition period will help staff ensure policy success by using this time to support policy alignment and ensuring that any needed additions and/or policy/operating guidelines are adjusted prior to the effective date.

It is also recommended that the City Council adopt the creation of an 11-member advisory committee to be appointed by the City Manager to support the alignment and policy refinement process during the 12 months before the policy's effective date.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENTITY

TIP Strategies was engaged to make recommendations for the formation of a new economic development entity to support the economic development efforts of the City of Dallas. After benchmarking the models of regional, state, and national peer cities, TIP made the following recommendations:

1. **Structure:** The entity should be created as a local government corporation and should seek 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. This would allow the entity to accomplish the governmental purposes assigned by the city and permit the entity to receive charitable donations that support the ten-year aspirational goals.
2. **Functions:** The new entity would support the work of the City's Office of Economic Development. The scope of work for the new entity would include two functions:
 - a. **Business Development:** The entity will lead business recruitment, expansion, and retention efforts and economic development marketing activities.
 - b. **Public Developer:** The entity would also serve as a public developer of City-owned properties, as well as conduct land acquisition in support of redevelopment and job growth (especially in historically underdeveloped areas of southern Dallas) to advance real estate projects that the City could not do on its own.
3. **Board:** The entity will be governed by a board of 11 to 15 members representing the public, nonprofit, and private sectors. The board should be composed of high-level experts

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representing such areas as real estate, planning, equity, business, economic and community development, finance, workforce development, marketing, resource development, architecture and design, and philanthropy. A small working group of stakeholders and City staff should identify the specific constituencies and areas of expertise that will be represented on the board.

4. **Staffing and Management:** Once a board is in place the entity will hire an executive director and other staff. The entity will operate under an agreement with the City of Dallas, overseen by the Office of Economic Development.
5. **Funding and Budget:** TIP estimates that the budget for the new entity will be \$3-5 Million by year three. The entity will need funding from the City of Dallas during the start-up phase. Future operating expenses may come from donations and revenue derived from real estate transactions. Over time, the entity would become financially self-sufficient.

Staff will work with the City Attorney's Office to draft formation documents for the new legal entity after council's adoption of the entity recommendation, and those documents will be subject to future council approval. Once formation is approved by the City Council and directors are in place, the entity can begin hiring staff and commencing operation. TIP Strategies recommends that all this work be complete, and the entity formally launched, by the second quarter of 2022.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or Robin Bentley, Director, Office of Economic Development at 214-671-9942.



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SUBJECT **2021 Dallas City Council Inauguration Update**

Provided below is updated information you will need prior to being formally sworn to the 2021-2023 Dallas City Council on Monday, June 14, at the Meyerson Symphony Center, 2301 Flora Street, Dallas, 75201.

Based on recent guideline adjustments made by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), COVID-19 testing will not be required for City Councilmembers, City officials or City staff who have been vaccinated prior to arriving at the Meyerson Symphony Center. Any individuals not vaccinated must receive a COVID-19 negative test prior to entering the Meyerson.

2021 Mayor and City Council Inauguration

The virtual 2021 Dallas City Council Inauguration will take place on Monday, June 14, at the Meyerson Symphony Center, 2301 Flora Street, Dallas, 75201. Below is the timeline of events in preparation for the day. Due to current emergency regulations, guests in the auditorium are limited at this time to only your immediate household or close family members.

Councilmembers will travel to the event location with City Council colleagues. Guests of the elected member must travel separately. Please send the names of household members or your closest relatives who will attend to carrie.prysock@dallascityhall.com by Tuesday, June 8.

The [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) has guidelines in place for public-convening events. We are fortunate that the Meyerson has [been operating under these guidelines](#) since September 2020, including throughout its 2020-21 Dallas Symphony Orchestra season.

You will be escorted backstage where you will remain until you line up off stage prior to the ceremony. For safety reasons, no one will be allowed backstage except for you, your City Council colleagues, and designated staff

Valet parking for your guests will be available on Flora Street. Additional parking will be available at the Hall Arts Parking Garage (Entrance at the corner of Crocket and Flora, or Northbound Pearl and Flora, under the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe); Lexus Red Garage (Entrance on Jack Evans between Flora and Woodall Rogers, under the Winspear Opera House); and Lexus Silver Garage (Entrance on Jack Evans between Flora and Ross Ave, under the Moody Performance Hall).

Inside the Meyerson, assigned staff will be present to assist your guests to their assigned seating. All social distancing guidelines will be in effect. Immediately following the ceremony, City Councilmembers will travel back to City Hall for a Special Called Meeting scheduled at 11:30 a.m. for the election of officers and selection of offices. At this time, it is expected that the Special Called Meeting will occur in person in City Council Chambers.

Following the Special Called meeting, a group photo of the 2021-2023 City Council will take place on the City Hall Plaza, weather permitting. Solid colored clothing is recommended for the photo. There will also be an opportunity to have a headshot photo taken for online materials.

Draft Itinerary

Monday, June 7

9:00 a.m. Inauguration Rehearsal – Meyerson Symphony Center, 2301 Flora Street, Dallas, 75201. The District City Council Liaison will represent you in the rehearsal and be prepared to assist you leading up to and on the day of the inauguration.

Monday, June 14

8:00 a.m. Breakfast – Individually boxed meals provided by H-E-B/Central Market

All City Councilmembers and Executive Staff attending must be vaccinated or receive a negative COVID-19 test that morning.

8:15 a.m. Ad Hoc Canvassing Committee for Committee Members Only
L1 Room A-C – City Hall

8:20 a.m. Special Called Council Meeting for elected members of 2021-23 City Council
Oath of Office – City Hall

9:00 a.m. City Councilmembers and Councilmembers-Elect will be transported to the Meyerson; family guests must arrive at the Meyerson separately

10:00 a.m. Inauguration Ceremony – Meyerson Symphony Center

11:30 a.m. Special Called Meeting for the Election of Mayor Pro Tem and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem and Seating/Office Selection – City Hall (*in person for City Council. Public viewing will be virtual*)

1:00 p.m. 2021-2023 City Council Group Photo – City Hall Plaza, weather permitting
Solid colored clothing is recommended for the photo.

Schedule subject to change

After Inauguration

Following is information related to events *after* inauguration. Your City Council Liaison will ensure you are prepared and have the information you need.

Your City Council office will be ready for move-in on that Monday evening following the Special Called Meeting and selection of offices.

Tuesday, June 15

9:00 a.m. New Councilmember Orientation (open to all City Councilmembers) – Virtual
During this session, you will meet with the City Manager and additional senior staff to receive important information related to your term as a Councilmember. You will also meet with the City Secretary. Please let the District City Council Liaison know of any questions or specific topics you would like to ensure we cover in this initial briefing.

Wednesday, June 16

9:00 a.m. Budget Workshop – Materials will be provided to you by assigned City Council Office staff

Thursday, June 17

9:00 a.m. New Councilmember Orientation (open to all City Councilmembers) – Virtual
During this session, you will meet with the City Attorney and City Auditor additional senior staff to receive important information related to your term as a Councilmember. Please let the District City Council Liaison know of any questions or specific topics you would like to ensure we cover in this initial briefing.

Councilmember Healthcare Benefits Walk-In Sessions – Virtual/5FN
The Council Office Director and representatives from Human Resources will be available to meet with you to answer questions and sign you up for City benefits.

Should you have any questions regarding inauguration and related activities, please contact me at 214.670.5682 or carrie.rogers@dallascityhall.com. Questions regarding the election and City Council meeting rules and procedures, please contact Bilierae Johnson, City Secretary, at 214.670.5654.

With kindness,



Carrie Rogers
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2021 CITY COUNCIL INAUGURATION CEREMONY



Monday, June 14

10:00 a.m.

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DEL CONCEJO DE LA CIUDAD 2021



Lunes, 14 de junio de 2021

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TO Honorable Members of the Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee

SUBJECT **Follow Up to the March 22, 2021 Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee Meeting – “Fair Housing Updates: Overview of the Fair Housing Assessment Tool and Amendments to the Fair Housing Ordinance”**

The following information is provided in response to questions posed during the briefing entitled “Fair Housing Updates: Overview of the Fair Housing Assessment Tool and Amendments to the Fair Housing Ordinance” that was presented to the Housing and Homelessness Solutions (HHS) Committee on March 22, 2021.

Background: Fair Housing Assessment Tool

The City of Dallas Office of Equity and Inclusion – Fair Housing Division has worked to develop the Fair Housing Assessment Tool. The tool consists of three parts including the scoring of goals, a summary analysis, and department updates. The tool will be utilized to assess proposed housing projects or developments that require fair housing review due to an applicant seeking city funds and/or a letter of no objection or support for tax credit projects. This includes, but is not limited to, Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), and economic development incentive housing projects.

Can the City provide a map of LIHTC projects within City Council Districts?

The requested map has been created for LIHTC projects between 1990 to the present. Please see Attachment A (page 6).

Can staff provide a map of Fair Housing complaints?

The requested map has been created for fair housing complaints with cause between 2018 to the present. Please see Attachment B (page 7).

The map provided specifies cases where a violation has been found in the complaints filed with the Fair Housing Division.

What is the Fair Housing Division’s time frame for assessment of a project?

The 9% Housing Tax Credit (HTC) applications have a schedule built around the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) submission deadlines; typically completed by the end of February. The 4% HTC applications are received year-round and submitted to the Fair Housing Division for review once the Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Department confirms the application’s completeness and threshold requirements have been met. NOFA applications are completed on a case-by-case basis.

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Once applications are submitted to the Fair Housing Division, assessments are generally completed within a two-week time frame. In cases where a large number of applications are submitted at the same time, the two-week time frame may require an additional time extension. When questions arise, Fair Housing staff send inquiries for follow-up with the applicant. In the case of inquiries, assessment usually extends beyond the two-week time frame pending an applicant response.

Is it possible to change the name of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)?

The LIHTC program is a federal program and naming is determined at the federal level, not the local level. Chair Casey Thomas and the Office of Government Affairs have sent letters to the Dallas legislative delegation advocating for a change in the name of LIHTC to “Affordable Housing Tax Credit.”

What is the law that allows the State to halt a locally approved project? How can local authority be protected?

LIHTC projects are scored by the TDHCA based on the requirements of the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP). The QAP is issued by the TDHCA and establishes a point system. The 2021 Chapter 11, Qualified Allocation Plan can be found at the following [LINK](#).

Under the QAP, a State Representative can provide a letter in support of (+8 points), neutral to (0 points), or in opposition (-8 points) of a project. The specific QAP language specifies:

“(5) Community Support from State Representative. (§2306.6710(b)(1)(J); §2306.6725(a)(2); §2306.6710(g)) Applications may receive up to eight (8) points for express support, zero points for neutral statements, or have deducted up to eight (8) points for express opposition.”

Therefore, a letter of opposition can lead to a project being halted.

Due to the fact the LIHTC program is a federal program and administered at the state level, municipalities like the City of Dallas cannot alter the scoring method. However, the TDHCA regularly conducts public meetings to receive comments on the QAP. This is where the City can provide its feedback on the scoring process.

Can an analysis of crime rates at all LIHTC properties be provided?

The Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization is currently working with Community Prosecution, Dallas Police Department, Code Compliance, the Office of Innovative Public Safety Solutions, and other departments to analyze crime rates at LIHTC properties. This analysis will include identifying the source and causes of crime at LIHTC properties.

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Can the City Council's input and community engagement be included in projects proposed to the City?

City Council input and community engagement is facilitated outside of the fair housing assessment.

Currently the Comprehensive Housing Policy does not require applicants seeking resolutions of support or no objection to conduct community engagement. TDHCA requires applicants to notify elected officials, school districts, affected neighborhoods, and other associated community organizations as part of the application process. Public Notification specifications can be found in the Qualified Allocation Plan on page 110 at the following [LINK](#). City Council input is inherently sought when being requested by staff to approve or deny a project.

To what extent community engagement should be added to the process requires further review. It would also require amending the Comprehensive Housing Policy.

Can a safety component be added to LIHTC projects, including onsite security cameras and establishment of a neighborhood site coalition?

Adding a public safety scoring component would require amending the Comprehensive Housing Policy. The Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization is currently working on a standardized process by which developers work with the Office of Integrated Public Safety Solutions to ensure adherence to best practices in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design.

Background: Recommendation to Amend the Fair Housing Ordinance (Ch. 20A)

The Office of Equity and Inclusion – Fair Housing Division is an enforcement agency authorized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as “*substantially equivalent*” to HUD. This means the Fair Housing Division administers laws that provides substantive rights, procedures, remedies and judicial review that are materially and considerably equivalent to the Fair Housing Act. The Fair Housing Division received certification April 24, 1995, as a Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) to administer and enforce fair housing laws throughout the city.

To remain certified, the City of Dallas must acknowledge that it will prohibit discrimination pursuant to the full extent of its fair housing law and affirmatively enforce said laws which includes adopting policies and procedural practices to support the agency's ability to carry out these measures.

From February 1 – 4, 2021, HUD conducted a Performance Assessment of the Fair Housing Division. Pursuant to this Assessment, HUD cited the City's subpoena process in the Fair Housing Ordinance as compromising the confidentiality of parties associated with fair housing cases and potentially hampering the investigative process.

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On March 22, 2021, the Fair Housing Division presented a proposal to HHS Committee requesting to amend the Fair Housing Ordinance, Ch. 20A, such that the Fair Housing Division is authorized to issue subpoenas without approval from the City Council.

Do other cities have the same or similar subpoena authority as the City of Dallas?

In addition to the City of Dallas, the State of Texas has three other local FHAP organizations that enforce fair housing laws and investigate complaints of housing discrimination. These cities are Fort Worth, Austin, and Corpus Christie.

The Fair Housing ordinances in each of these cities grants their respective FHAP agency the right to issue subpoenas directly without city council review or approval. Each of these cities have operated in this manner for at least five years.

Dallas has the only FHAP organization that is required to seek city council review and approval before a subpoena can be issued to assist in its effort to end housing discrimination.

Do other City departments have the authority to issue subpoenas without City Council approval?

Six boards and commissions have express authority to issue subpoenas without city council approval including the ethics advisory commission, civil service board, trial board, community police oversight board, employee retirement fund, and police and fire pension fund. Subpoenas may also be issued without city council approval by assistant city managers when investigating an employee appeal or grievance under Chapter 34 of the Dallas City Code and by department directors in investigating consumer affairs issues under Chapter 50 of the Dallas City Code.

Previously, the City Council granted subpoena authority for complaints and issues related to Paid Sick Leave, which was managed by the Office of Equity and Inclusion prior to the Paid Sick Leave ordinance being permanently enjoined.

The Fair Housing Administrator in his or her capacity over Fair Housing and Sexual Orientation & Gender Equality may utilize subpoenas but is required to seek City Council approval.

Why does the Fair Housing Ordinance require City Council approval to issue subpoenas? What is the legislative history?

The Fair Housing Ordinance was originally adopted on November 17, 1971. At that time, the subject of “fair housing” was a novel concept both nationally and locally.

Staff conducted a thorough research on the history and background of the Fair Housing Ordinance. Staff has found that there is no definitive explanation why the City Council prescribed the procedural requirement for City Council approval necessary for issuing subpoenas.

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Next Steps

On May 24, 2021, the Fair Housing Division will present a briefing memorandum for action to the HHS Committee. Staff will propose recommendations to amend the Fair Housing Ordinance that addresses the issue of subpoena authority.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Barksdale Haggins, Fair Housing Administrator, Office of Equity and Inclusion at barksdale.haggins@dallascityhall.com.



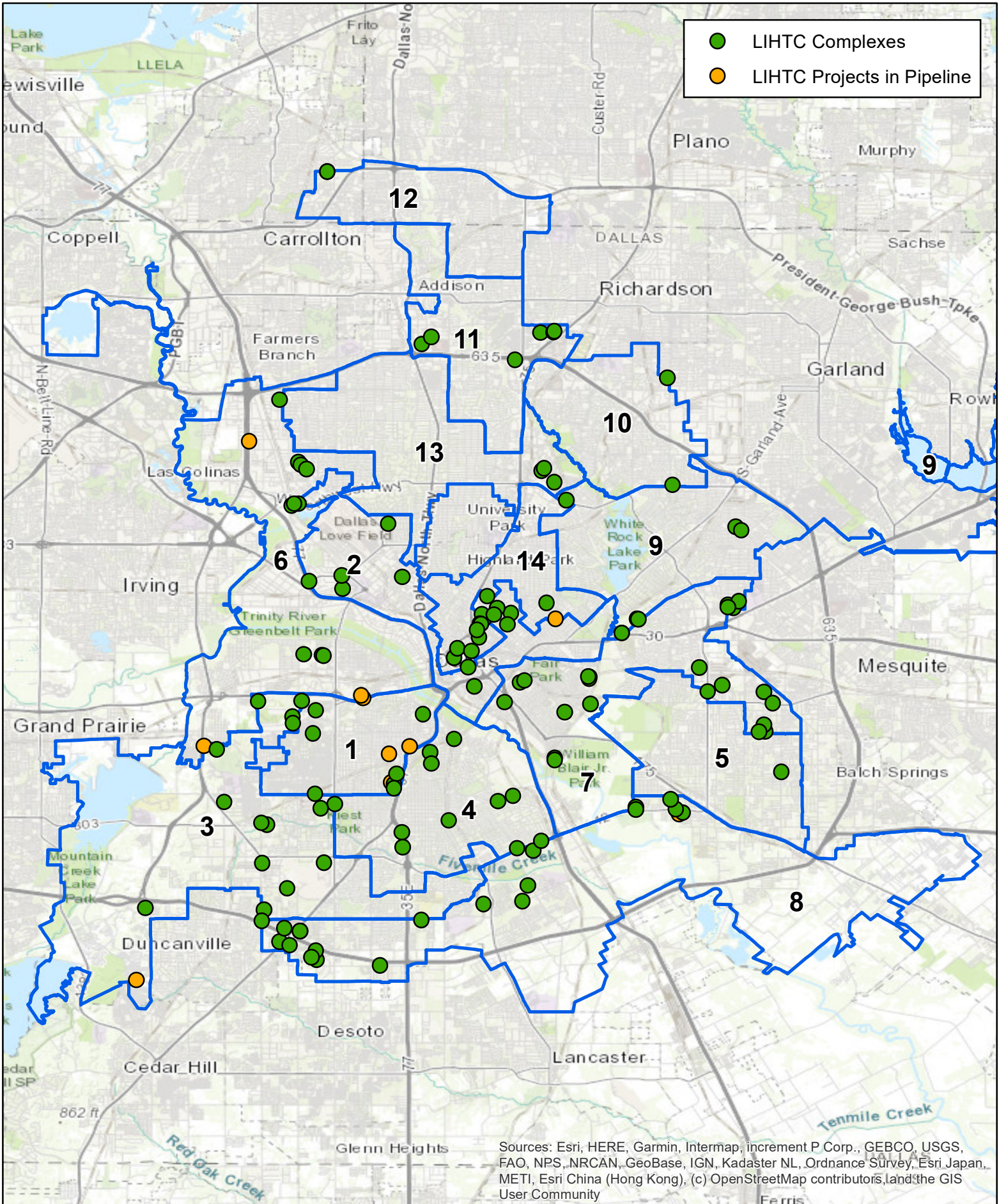
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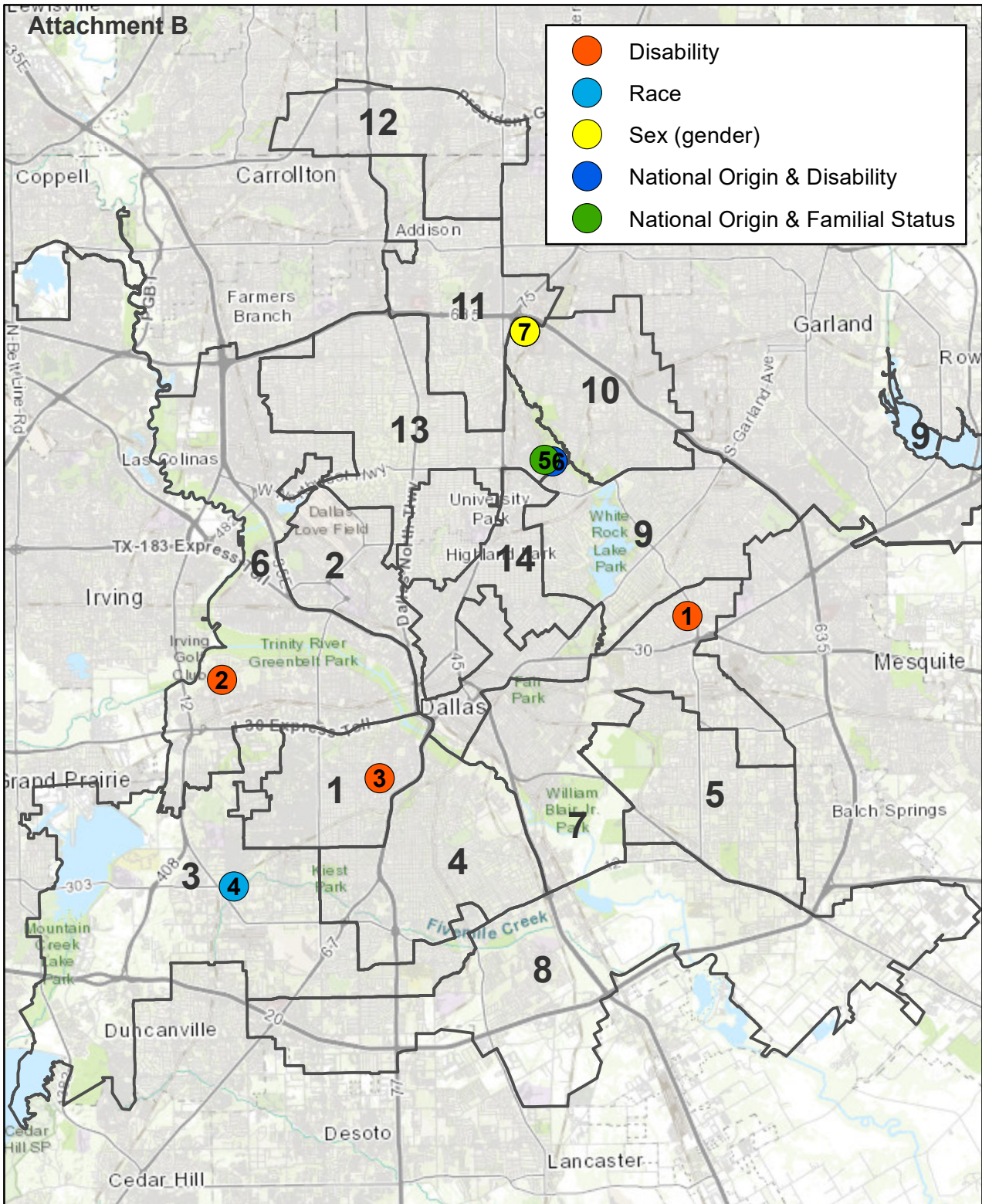
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Dallas LIHTC Projects 1990-Present



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Locations of Fair Housing Cases Determined Cause 2018-Present

1	1721 John West Road Dallas, TX 75228 Disability
2	3531 Abilene St Dallas, TX 75212 Disability
3	435 W 9th St Dallas, TX 75208 Disability
4	4554 W Kiest Blvd Dallas, TX 75236 Race
5	6808 Eastridge Dr Dallas, TX 75231 National Origin & Familial Status
6	6832 Larmanda St Dallas, TX 75231 National Origin & Disability
7	8322 Campanella Dr Dallas, TX 75243 Sex (Gender)

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SUBJECT **Ribbon Cutting – Palladium Redbird**

Summary

The Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization is excited to commemorate the Ribbon Cutting ceremony in for the Palladium Redbird single-family housing development in District 8.

Background

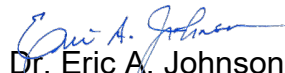
Since being approved by City Council in February 2019, the total development cost for this project was \$61 million. The City of Dallas and City Council has invested \$6.3 million in HOME/CDBG funds, \$2 million in bond funds, and \$8.3 in total funds invested into affordable housing at the Redbird Mall Redevelopment. With 300 total units, 70% will be affordable and 30% will be at market rate. Palladium Redbird is the gold standard of affordable housing in the City of Dallas and the speed at which Palladium Redbird has leased up is a testament to the need and demand of new, high quality affordable housing in District 8 and the City as a whole. Below are some pictures of the completed property.



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Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 214-670-3619 or David.Noguera@dallascityhall.com


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SUBJECT **Sales Tax Receipts**

The March 2021 sales tax receipts from the State Comptroller's Office are \$33.7 million, a 25.2 percent increase in total collections compared to those in the same reporting period last year which was at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic (March 2020). Over the most recent 12 months, sales tax receipts have decreased by 3.5 percent.

- March 2020 actual \$26,900,241
- March 2021 budget \$27,992,061
- March 2021 actual \$33,669,367

For FY 2020-21, we budgeted \$296.3 million for sales tax revenue. Sales tax receipts are currently \$20.1 million better than budget for the first six months of the fiscal year. Previously, we projected to exceed the budgeted amount by \$16.3 million. We will continue to work with our economist, Dearmon Analytics, LLC, to provide a revised forecast for the March Budget Accountability Report (BAR) to be released next week, on May 21.

Thank you for your support. Please contact me with any questions.

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M. Elizabeth Reich
Chief Financial Officer

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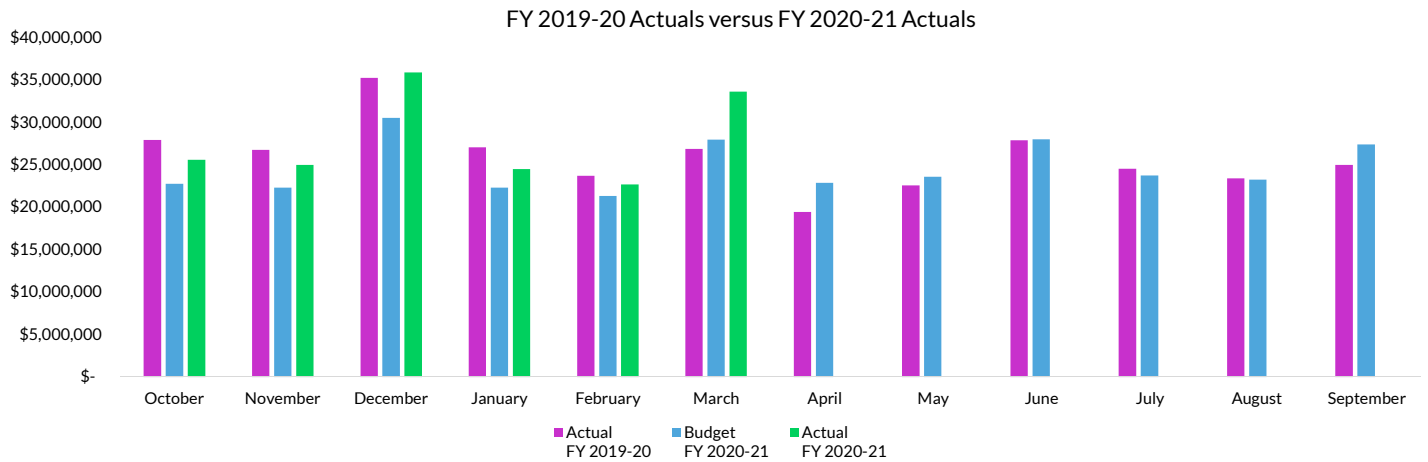
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Sales Tax

as of March 2021

Month	Actual FY 2019-20	Budget FY 2020-21	Actual FY 2020-21	YTD Variance FY 2020- 21 Actuals versus FY 2019-20 Actuals (\$)	YTD Variance FY 2020- 21 Actuals versus FY 2019-20 Actuals (%)	FY 2020-21 Actuals versus Budget (\$)	FY 2020-21 Actuals versus Budget (%)
October	\$ 27,942,608	\$ 22,757,735	\$ 25,607,902	\$ (2,334,706)	-8.4%	\$ 2,850,167	12.5%
November	\$ 26,805,867	\$ 22,339,564	\$ 25,010,956	\$ (1,794,911)	-6.7%	\$ 2,671,392	12.0%
December	\$ 35,274,527	\$ 30,546,181	\$ 35,927,004	\$ 652,477	1.8%	\$ 5,380,823	17.6%
January	\$ 27,074,542	\$ 22,334,940	\$ 24,532,918	\$ (2,541,624)	-9.4%	\$ 2,197,978	9.8%
February	\$ 23,738,211	\$ 21,368,002	\$ 22,686,079	\$ (1,052,132)	-4.4%	\$ 1,318,077	6.2%
March	\$ 26,900,241	\$ 27,992,061	\$ 33,669,367	\$ 6,769,126	25.2%	\$ 5,677,306	20.3%
April	\$ 19,483,347	\$ 22,902,432					
May	\$ 22,615,759	\$ 23,621,251					
June	\$ 27,891,265	\$ 28,031,574					
July	\$ 24,568,195	\$ 23,753,049					
August	\$ 23,433,307	\$ 23,262,607					
September	\$ 25,009,630 ¹	\$ 27,414,969					
Total	\$ 310,737,499	\$ 296,324,365	\$ 167,434,226	\$ (301,770)	-0.2%	\$ 20,095,743	13.6%

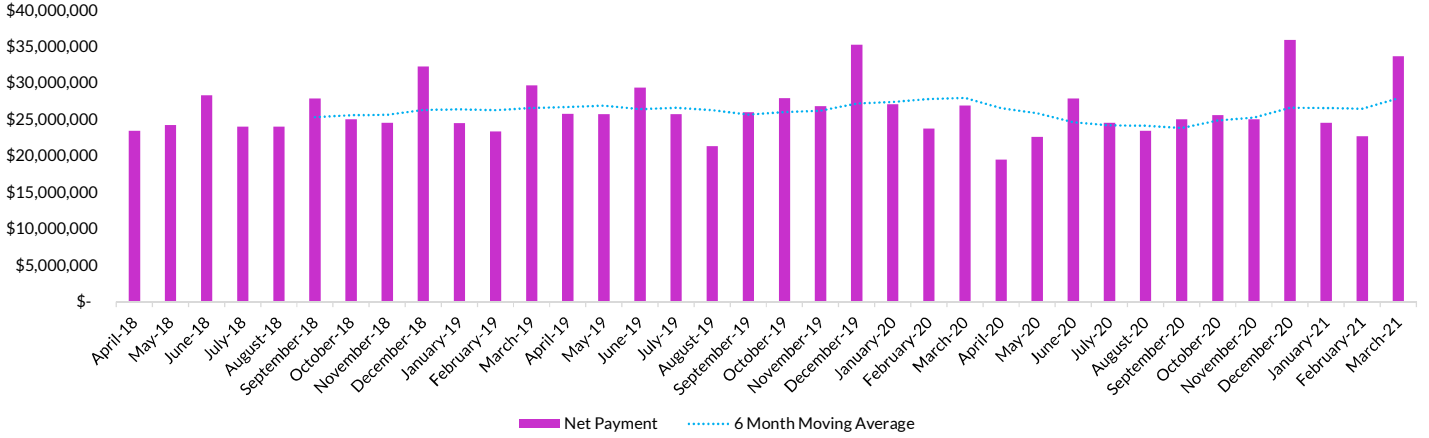
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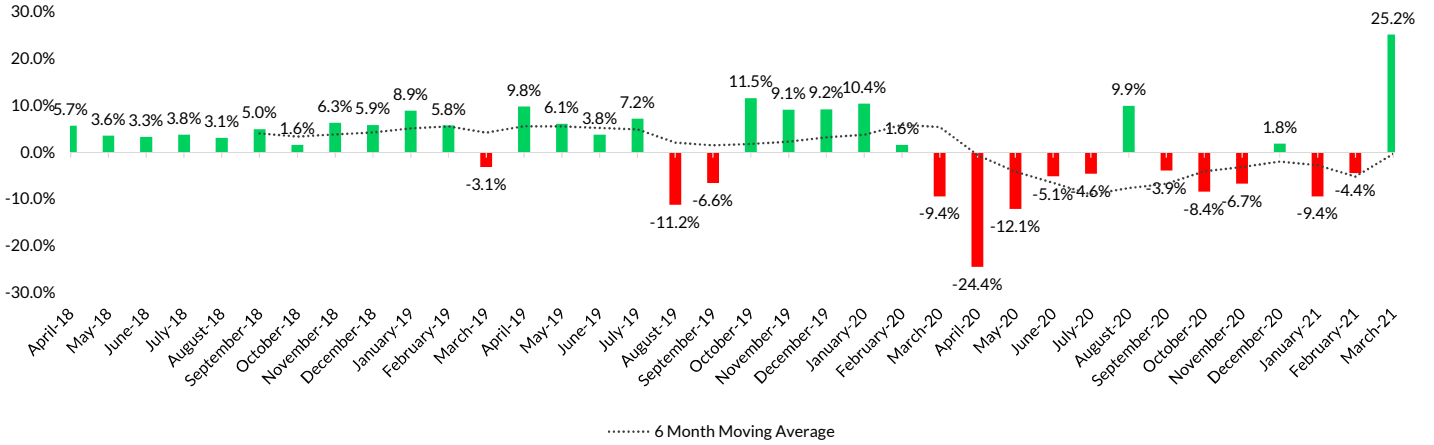
Sales Tax

as of March 2021

Sales Tax Net Payments (36 Months)



Sales Tax Net Payments - Year over Year Change (%)



Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 14, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – May 13, 2021**

New Updates

Encampment Resolution Schedule

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS), in partnership with City Square, Prism Health, OurCalling, Community Courts, Code Compliance, Metro Relief, and the VA, engaged with the unsheltered residents located at Meyers, Jeffries, and Merlin Street on Friday, May 7th. We engaged with roughly 40 residents. Some are already working with organizations on documentation, the VA was able to connect with multiple veterans, and Community Courts helped those with outstanding tickets/warrants. OHS will continue engaging with these unsheltered residents, coordinating with other outreach agencies, to better meet and serve them where they are at, ahead of encampment resolutions.

The following sites (see attached) are scheduled for homeless encampment cleaning the weeks of May 10th – 14th and May 17th – May 21st. Please note that these will be for debris removal and outreach only. There are 3 sites (see attached) scheduled for removal from Parks land on May 14th per the updated encampment resolution memorandum sent out in March 2021. The OHS Street Outreach teams have continued to engage with individuals to provide notice of clean-up and connect to resources and shelter. Last week, the OHS Street Outreach Team:

- Engaged a total of 80 unsheltered residents
 - Linked 3 unsheltered residents to MLK Community Service program through Night Court to expunge existing tickets. This helps remove barriers for recovering IDs
 - Transported 10 to shelter

The OHS Service Request dashboard can be utilized to track the progress of encampment resolution efforts. Please visit the dashboard using the link below and feel free sharing this tool with residents:

<https://dallasgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/ccd41f0d795f407a94ae17e2c27bf073>

Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Christine Crossley Director of the Office of Homeless Solutions.

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City Manager's Corner

Dallas Public Library staff were all-hands-on-deck to prepare for their successful reopening on May 4. After closing their doors 14 months ago and implementing curbside pickups and virtual programs only, staff were equal parts excited and apprehensive about welcoming people into the buildings again. Staff spent weeks preparing for a new service model that included enforcing masks, hand sanitizing stations, grab-and-go visits and acrylic shields. Furniture was rearranged to accommodate social distancing. Communication team members launched a full-court press to get out the news that the Library was open, including updating the web, [shooting videos](#), creating new signs, and blasting to social media. When things did not go exactly to plan, staff improvised. Nearly 1,500 people visited Dallas Public Library on May 4, and the overwhelming reaction from customers was “We missed you.” A customer at the Bachman Lake Branch told staff “The library is what I missed the most this whole year.” “The DPL branches opening again was like a special holiday for our family, the kids couldn’t stop talking about it.” Several customers took the opportunity of being face to face with the library to thank staff for their services during the shutdown. “Will you please tell the folks at the Dallas Public Library that their online services for kids have been a LIFESAVER for my family! From yoga to art classes to storytelling to storm-chasers, my kids have taken full advantage of all the DPL does, and we are so grateful!” A wifi hotspot borrower gushed, “It has helped me and my son look for work. The wifi is a blessing and thank you for this program that helps us in the community that cannot afford to purchase a monthly subscription to the big cable companies. The Library along with City of Dallas and other generous donors don't know how much of a blessing this little device helps.” Keep up the great work library staff!



Office of Arts and Culture Annual Funding Programs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022:

The Office of Arts and Culture annually participates in contracts with artists and non-profit organizations for approximately \$5 million in cultural services to Dallas residents and visitors through three programs. Community Organizations Program (COP) for year-round cultural services by established arts and culture non-profits, ArtsActivate for cultural projects, and Community Artists Programs (CAP) for performances and workshops highlighting ALAANA (African, Latinx, Asian, Arab, Native American) cultures. For the

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Fiscal Year 2021-2022, the COP application period is currently open through June 14, the CAP application period will be open between June 7 – 28, and the first of three rounds of Arts Activate project funding will be open from June 28 – July 26. Further details and timelines are on OAC's Grants and Calls website at <https://dallasculture.org/grants-and-calls/>. Should you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Scripps, Director of Arts and Culture.

[Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance \(MDHA\) State of Homelessness Address](#)

This past Tuesday, the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA) delivered the annual State of Homelessness Address (SOHA). In a live streaming meeting, MDHA shared the results of the 2021 COVID-19 Homeless Count, analysis of these results juxtaposed with actions taken by the homeless rehousing system, and the next steps all of us in Dallas and Collin Counties must take to make homelessness rare, brief, and nonrecurring. Our Dallas City Manager, T.C. Broadnax participated, reflecting on the silos torn down and partnerships forged through our approach to homelessness services in 2020 as a City – watch the recording [here](#). Please contact Christine Crossley, Director of the Office of Homeless Solutions for additional information.

[Dallas Park and Recreation Annual Report](#)

The Dallas Park and Recreation's FY 19-20 annual report is now available at DallasParks.org. This report highlights how park professionals continued to provide essential recreation and leisure programs to communities during the global pandemic. Detailed in the report are the many ways the department transformed traditional recreation programs into virtual activities for all ages. It recalls how the department supported Dallas residents in new ways with drive-thru events and community outreach activities where employees assisted with area food giveaways and handmade and sewed more than 5,000 masks distributed to residents. Should you need additional information, please contact Director of Park and Recreation John Jenkins.

[Community Clean Trash-Off](#)

The Community Clean Trash-Off program is an interdepartmental collaborative between the Department of Code Compliance, Department of Sanitation, Dallas Parks and Recreation, and Community Courts. The Department of Code Compliance initiated this program to reduce illegal dumping and blight in some of our most challenged neighborhoods. On Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 10:00am - 2:00pm the initiative will take place in City Council District 10 at Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet Elementary School. For additional information, please contact Carl Simpson, Director of Code Compliance.

[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
CIZ1985	Kidd Springs Park – Japanese Garden Renovation, by Park and Recreation Department
CIZ1986	Alley Reconstruction- Group No. 17-9001 (Package A), by Public Works Department
BP21-00015963	City of Dallas, State of Texas, and U.S. Flags
BI21-00016454	Digitization Services
BV21-00016241	Maintenance of Mast and Street Lights for Dallas Water Utilities locations
BB21-00016024	Third Party Administrator Services for the PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) Program

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

May 19, 2021

- Economic Development Policy and Economic Development Entity
- DWU Underserved Areas
- Vacant Lot Registration Program
- Update on Recovery Services Center
- Sustainable Procurement and Chapter 2 Procurement Amendments

Media Inquiries

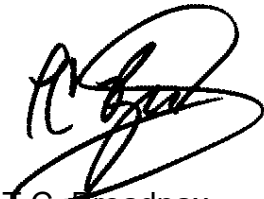
As of May 12, 2021, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- DISD Elementary School Evacuated After Smoke Discovered in Classroom
- Fireworks Set Off from Top of Downtown Dallas Parking Garage
- Uptown Restaurant/Bar Damaged by Fire
- DFR Fire Weighs in on His Reasons for Getting Vaccinated
- Fire at Uptown Restaurant/Bar Determined to Be Accidental
- Request from DMN about vaccinations
- OHS/lewd suspect
- Code violations issued at The Doral Apartments

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- COVID Return to Work
- Questions for City Attorney about Tony Timpa case
- Living Wage for Sanitation workers
- Rental Assistance funds distributed to date
- Dallas Youth Commission
- Request for information about QAnon event relocation to KBHCCD
- Fence around the Shingle Mountain property
- Ordinance about public camping in Dallas
- Event permits/For God & Country patriot roundup

Please see the attached document compiling information provided to media outlets, during the period from May 4 – May 12, 2021, for your reference. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff.



T.C. Broadnax
City Manager

c: Chris Caso, City Attorney
Mark Swann, City Auditor
Biliera Johnson, City Secretary
Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge
Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff
Majed A. Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager

Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager
Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager
Dr. Eric A. Johnson, Chief of Economic Development and Neighborhood Services
M. Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer
M. Elizabeth (Liz) Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion
Directors and Assistant Directors

Encampment Resolution (Cleaning) Schedule May 13th, 2021

LOCATION	LOCATION
May 10th – May 14th, 2021	May 17th – May 21st, 2021
1800 South Blvd	E Northwest Highway and Shiloh Rd.
1700 Chestnut Street	635/ Lyndon B Johnson and TI Blvd
700 2nd Avenue	Forest Lane and North Central
2500 Dawson Ave	Royal Lane and Manderville Road
2700 Taylor	1392 Cadiz St.
130& Beckley	S. Cesar Chavez Ramp NB & Bluebell St.
183/ John West Carpenter and Mockingbird Lane	650 S. Griffin St.
35/Stemmons at Mockingbird Lane	I-30 @ Munger Ave
35/Stemmons at Medical District Drive	I-30 @ Peak St
35/Stemmons at Continental	I-30 @ Haskell Ave

Encampment Resolution (Removal) Schedule May 13th, 2021

LOCATION
May 14th, 2021
White rock/Green belt
Sopac Trail
Flag Pole Hill

GRANTS & CALLS TIMELINES

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

- **Cultural Organizations Program (COP)**

COP provides operational support to established Dallas-based arts and culture organizations with budgets over \$100,000 for year-long programming.

Application Period: May 3 – June 14, 2021

- **ArtsActivate 2022**

A project-based funding program. Funding is provided for qualifying arts and cultural projects from non-profit arts/cultural organizations, social services organizations, individual artists, artist collectives, and other eligible non-profit organizations.

Round 1

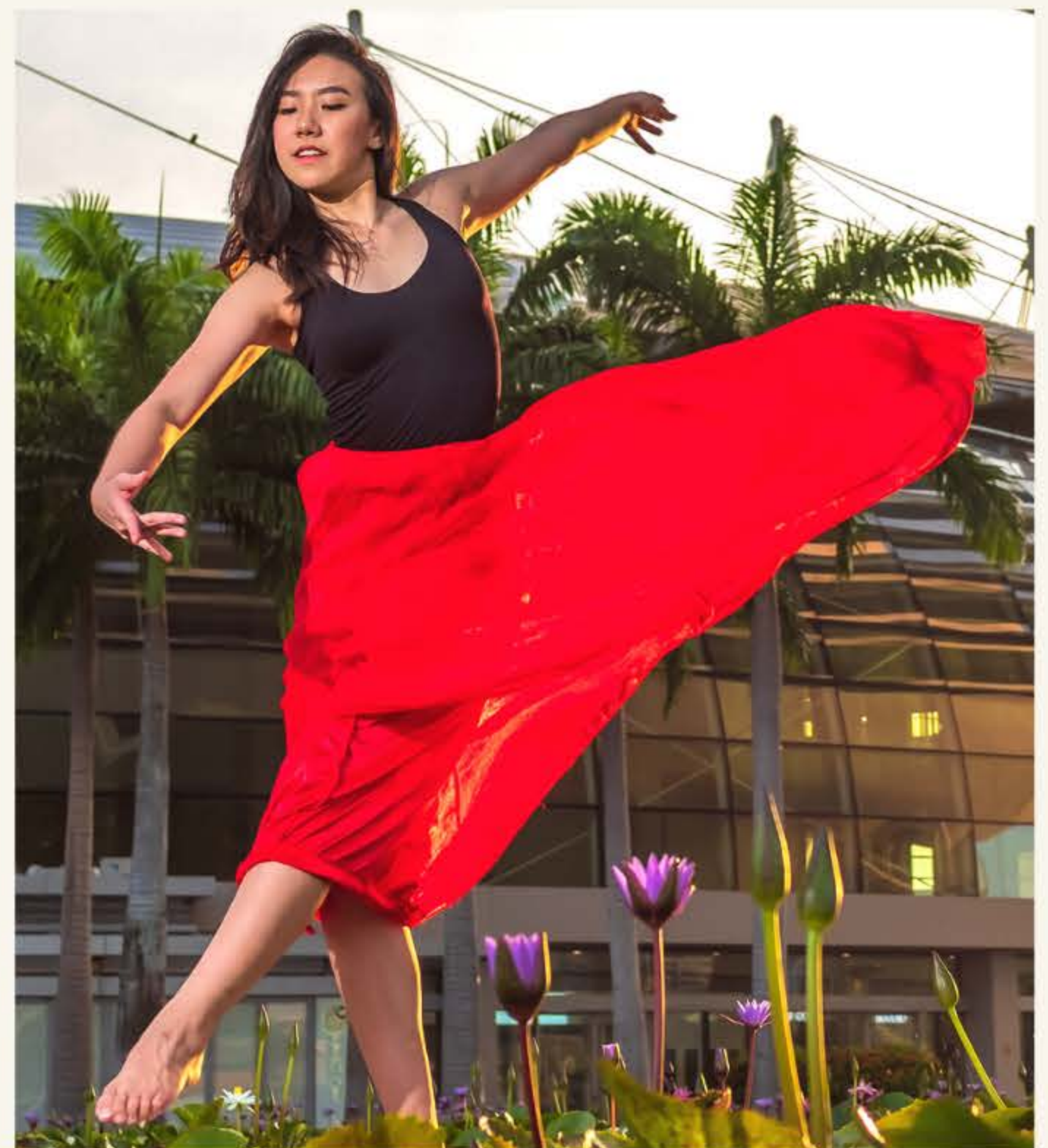
Application Period: June 28 – July 26, 2021

Round 2

Application Period: Sept. 7 – Oct. 4, 2021

Round 3

Application Period: Dec. 6, 2021 – Jan. 3, 2022



- **Community Artist Program (CAP)**

CAP supports and provides opportunities for ALAANA artists and organizations to teach, perform, and exhibit at host facilities in Dallas Neighborhoods.

Application Period: June 7 – 28, 2021





Office of
Arts & Culture

CRONOGRAMA DE OPORTUNIDADES PARA FINANCIAMIENTO

PARA EL AÑO FISCAL 2021-2022

• Programa de Organizaciones Culturales (COP)

COP propone apoyo operativo para programación a las organizaciones artísticas y culturales establecidas en Dallas con presupuestos superiores a \$100,000.

Período de Aplicación: May 3 – June 14, 2021

• ActivarArte 2022

Se proporciona financiación para proyectos basado en arte y cultural de organizaciones artísticas/culturales sin fines de lucro, organizaciones de servicios sociales, artistas individuales, colectivos de artistas y otras organizaciones sin fines de lucro elegibles.

Ronda 1

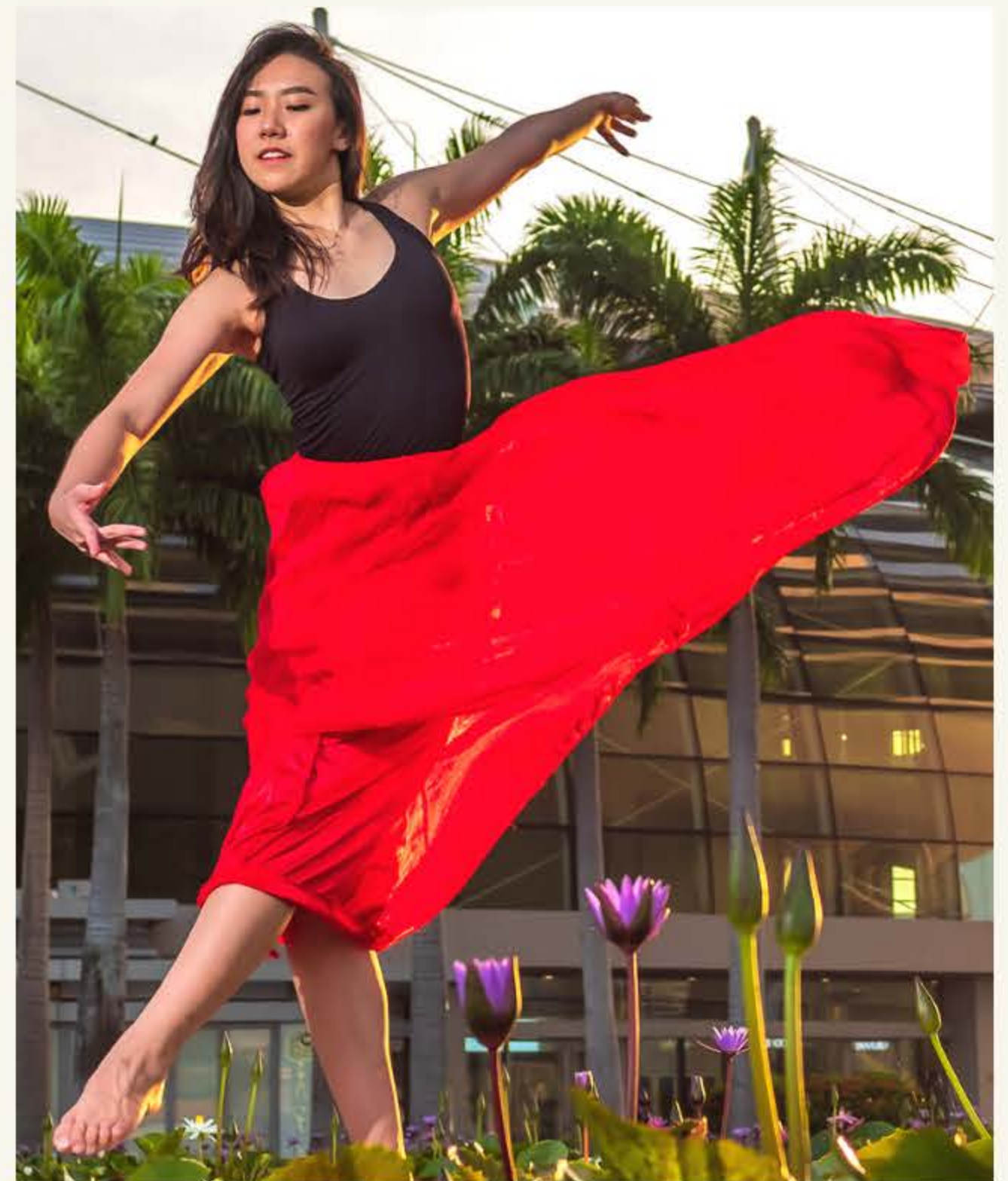
Período de Aplicación: June 28 – July 26, 2021

Ronda 2

Período de Aplicación: Sept. 7 – Oct. 4, 2021

Ronda 3

Período de Aplicación: Dec. 6, 2021 – Jan. 3, 2022



• Programa de Artistas Comunitario (CAP)

CAP apoya y brinda oportunidades a artistas y organizaciones de ALAANA para enseñar, actuar y exponer en vecindarios de Dallas.

Período de Aplicación: June 7 – 28, 2021



[DALLASCULTURE.ORG/GRANTS-AND-CALLS/](https://dallasculture.org/grants-and-calls/)



Communications, Outreach & Marketing
Media Requests
May 4 – May 10

Date Submitted: 5/5/2021

Topic: Request from DMN about vaccinations

Inquiry: We vaccinated a total of 223 individuals at the pop-up clinics. Beginning on Friday, April 23rd, the Office of Emergency Management began coordinating directly with apartment complex management to communicate with their residents. In most cases, these complexes had the capability to communicate electronically with all their residents, and also updated their webpages or “resident portals” with the information. They were also provided a flyer to provide to residents, as well as post in the most heavily trafficked areas (mail room, gym, office, laundry, etc.). City social media was also used to communicate this opportunity.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar (OEM)

Media Entity: DMN (Julieta Chiquillo)

Date Submitted: 5/4/2021

Topic: OHS/lewd suspect

Inquiry: On Tuesday May 4, 2021, approximately 1641hrs, Dallas Police Right Care Team arrived at the location of Royal Lane / N. Central Expy NB in search for an unknown W/M - approximately 30yrs age range - auburn hair (disheveled) - longish beard - thin build - black short sleeve t-shirt - black light jacket w/stripes down sleeves - black pants as requested. Listed suspect not at listed location nor surrounding areas..

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar (City Attorney's Office)

Media Entity: CBS 11 (Erin Jones)

Date Submitted: 5/6/2021

Topic: Code violations issued at The Doral Apartments

Inquiry: In response to the tragic incident at The Doral Apartments at 1370 Montfort Drive Dallas TX 75240, Code Compliance inspected the property on 5/1. A notice of violation was issued for failure to have a pool enclosure and a notice of violation for a building permit. Code Compliance inspectors observed 21 violations of the Dallas City Code on 5/3. As a result, the inspectors issued a Notice of Violation requiring all violations to be abated on 5/5, 5/6, and 6/3. Additionally, the inspectors required the property owner to install rigid 6-foot safety fencing around the pool and provide 24/7 security to prohibit anyone from entering the pool area until all required repairs are completed and inspected. Code Compliance will inspect the property daily to ensure the integrity of the installed safety fencing and to monitor the abatement of all outstanding code violations. Code Compliance will work diligently to ensure the property owner and management bring the property into compliance.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar (Code Compliance)

Media Entity: Spectrum News (Mike Pool)

Date Submitted: 5/6/2021

Topic: COVID Return to Work

Inquiry: Building Services provided a folder of images with the building upgrades.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar (Building Services Department)
Media Entity: NBC 5 (Ken Kalthoff)

Date Submitted: 5/5/2021

Topic: Questions for City Attorney about Tony Timpa case

Inquiry: CAO responded to inquiry about the Tony Timpa case with the following statement, "This is being appealed and we do not respond regarding pending litigation."

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar (CAO)

Media Entity: Ryan Mills (National Review)

Date Submitted: 5/5/2021

Topic: Living Wage for Sanitation workers

Inquiry: The current contract for temporary industrial labor services for the Department of Sanitation requires the contractor pay at least \$12.38 per hour to its laborers performing work on the contract. This contract expires on August 15, 2021. The new contract will reflect an updated living wage per Dallas City Council Resolution 15-2141. The current minimum wage is \$14/ hour for city staff. The planned budget assumed raising it to \$15/hour on Oct 1. The living wage is used for contractors.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: NBC 5 (Ken Kalthoff)

Date Submitted: 5/6/2021

Topic: Rental Assistance funds distributed to date

Inquiry: City of Dallas has administered \$16.1M in rental assistance since May 2020. We expect more funding to be available pending U.S. Treasury guidance on American Recovery Plan Act funds in coming weeks.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: Univision 23 (Laura Cruces)

Date Submitted: 5/7/2021

Topic: Dallas Youth Commission

Inquiry: Background information about the Dallas Youth Commission and Teens for Dallas Community Service grant initiative was provided to the media outlet.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: Dallas Express (Sarah Downey)

Date Submitted: 5/6/2021

Topic: Request for information about QAnon event relocation to KBHCCD

Inquiry: COM confirmed the event will not be held at KBHCCD.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: Dallas Observer (Jacob Vaughn)

Date Submitted: 5/10/2021

Topic: Fence around the Shingle Mountain property

Inquiry: Code Compliance Services (CCS) and the Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability (OEQS) confirm the only activity currently underway on the CCR site is the finalization of the cleanup as noted at the Former Blue Star Recycling dashboard.

The City has confirmed the owner of the Almira site is making repairs to their property, including fence repair/installation, clearing of overgrown vegetation, and repairs to the road base as the current tenant vacates the property. OEQS and CCS will continue monitoring activity to ensure compliance with applicable industrial zoning and environmental regulation.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar
Media Entity: D Magazine (Matt Goodman)

Date Submitted: 5/07/2021

Topic: Ordinance about public camping in Dallas

Inquiry: Dallas does not have any sanctioned public camping. It is not banned per se but camping without an approved permit has always been illegal. We are, of course, abiding by current CDC guidelines on the spread of COVID and only resolving encampments that pose a safety or health risk to the residents and/or public. Prior to resolution, all residents are offered individualized shelter and access to resources tailored to their needs. For encampments not currently posing a risk of this nature, we monitor and schedule routine debris clearing and continue to offer the same resources (individualized shelter, etc...) as is evident per our list of unsheltered residents engaged and linked to services in the weekly TCB memos, the latest of which is provided within the Encampment Resolution Update March 19, 2021.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar (Parks and Recreation)

Media Entity: Spectrum News 1 (Mike Pool)

Date Submitted: 5/07/2021

Topic: Event permits/For God & Country patriot roundup

Inquiry: The City of Dallas Office of Special Events has not received any permit requests for this activity. If an event were on private property it would not require a permit, but all applicable code would need to be followed.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: NBC 5 (Eva Parks)



CITY OF DALLAS

Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Media Requests: May 4th – 10th, 2021.

Wednesday, May 5th: Fox 4 (Gillian Hughes) and CBS 11 (Robbie Hoy) - Can you send us any info on this north Dallas elementary school evacuation? 29000 Northaven Rd.

City Response - Someone noticed a haze in one of the classrooms and thought it was as fire, but we were not able to find any sign of one. The haze he reported has since dissipated, so it could have been dust or something else.

The school was evacuated, but we tapped it out within 10 minutes of arriving.

Units arrived at the scene of Marcus Elementary, located at 2911 Northaven Road, at 11:43 a.m., the incident was tapped out at 11:51 a.m.

Wednesday, May 5th: CBS 11 (Robbie Hoy), New York Times (Bryan Pietsch) and KRLD (Iris Bekker) – Hearing about an explosion in mid-air, maybe 15-20 stories above Ross Avenue... near the downtown YMCA. Any ideas what's happening?

City Response - On May 5, 2021, at 12:34 pm, DFR and DPD officers were dispatched to the 1200 block of Ross Avenue regarding a disturbance involving fireworks. Officers responded to the location and did not locate anyone setting off fireworks nor did they locate remnants of fireworks being set off.

Thursday, May 6th: All local media outlets - What can you tell me about the fire at McKinney Ave and Lemmon Ave?

City Response - On Thursday, May 6th, at 8:28 a.m., Dallas Fire-Rescue units responded to a 911 call for a structure fire at the Gas Light Restaurant & Bar, located at 3407 McKinney Avenue, in Uptown.

When firefighters arrived at the one-story building, they could see heavy fire coming from the patio area of the business. There was no one in the restaurant when the fire occurred, so firefighters were able to focus the bulk of their efforts on fire suppression. They were able to make quick access to the fire, since it was mostly on the exterior, and extinguish it in approximately half-an-hour.

Fire investigators know the fire originated on the patio area of restaurant, but are working with its ownership, and that of surrounding locations, to determine exactly how it began. As it currently stands the cause of the fire will be listed as undetermined.

Thankfully, there were no injuries reported as a result of the fire.

Friday, May 7th: Dallas Morning News (Elizabeth Souder) - I have a new project, and I thought Fire Chief, Dominique Artis, might be interested in participating. I'm asking a wide variety of people in North Texas to tell me why they chose to get vaccinated. (Assuming he did get vaccinated.) I just need a few sentences, maybe 300 words, tops. Deadline is sometime in the next week or so.

City Response - Outside of my duties as Fire Chief, my primary responsibilities come as a Father and a Husband. That being said, my number one reason for getting vaccinated against COVID-19 was to ensure the safety of my family. On the same note, as the leader of the Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) Department, it is also my sworn duty to ensure the safety of the DFR family. The Command Staff and Medical Direction Team worked diligently to provide the latest science-based information, while incorporating multiple changes to our emergency response procedures and clinical practice guidelines, to ensure the protection of our nearly 2,000 members. Considering the 500-plus who tested positive for the virus over the duration of the pandemic, it was vital that I took initiative to show that the vaccine was not only safe, but that it would be the most significant step toward fostering herd immunity and getting back to some sense of normalcy. More than anything however, I felt it was important to get vaccinated so our members understood that I would not ask them to do anything I wasn't willing to do myself. Tuesday, December 29th, 2020, marked the first day DFR began vaccinating its own members, and I made sure to be among the first in line. Since then, we have fully vaccinated at least half of our members, with several others choosing to get the vaccine on their own. While I can't speak on how much of a factor my example played in those members choosing to get vaccinated, we only hope the guidance we have given has allowed them to make an informed decision regarding what they feel is best for themselves and their loved ones.

Monday, May 10th: KRLD (Austin York) – Any word on what caused that fire at the Gas Light Bar and Restaurant last week?

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Fire Investigators were able to determine that the fire was accidental in nature, and began as the result of an unspecified electrical malfunction of a commercial freezer unit on the outside patio of the business. The fire then spread to the interior by way of a large entry way; causing damage to the inside.

Thankfully, there were no injuries reported as a result of the fire.



THE HUMAN CAPACITY

Our Collective Ability to Thrive

A photograph of a baseball game in progress at sunset. A batter is in a ready stance, and a catcher is crouched behind home plate. The sky is a vibrant mix of orange, pink, and purple. Two tall stadium light towers are visible on either side of the field.

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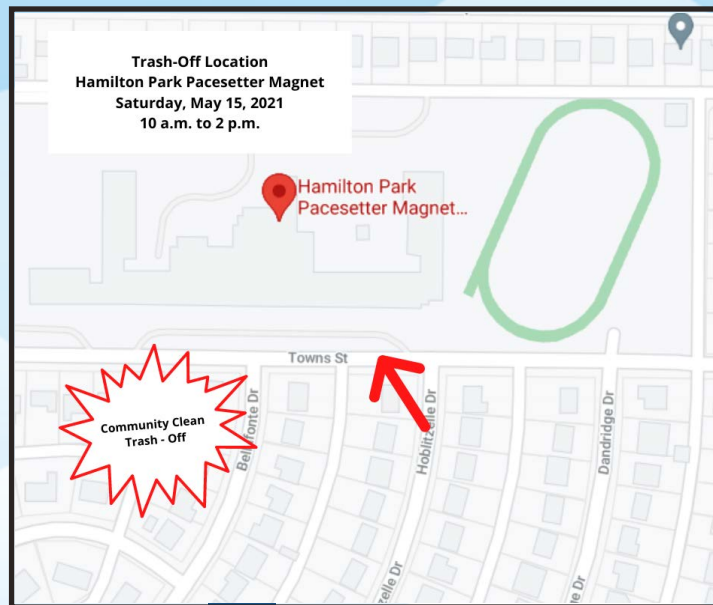
DISTRICT 10

COMMUNITY CLEAN TRASHOFF!

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN
GET RID OF YOUR BULKY ITEMS FOR FREE

Saturday, May 15 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

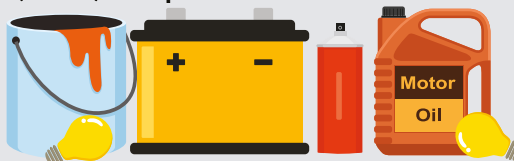
Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet Elementary School | 8301 Towns St, Dallas, Texas 75243



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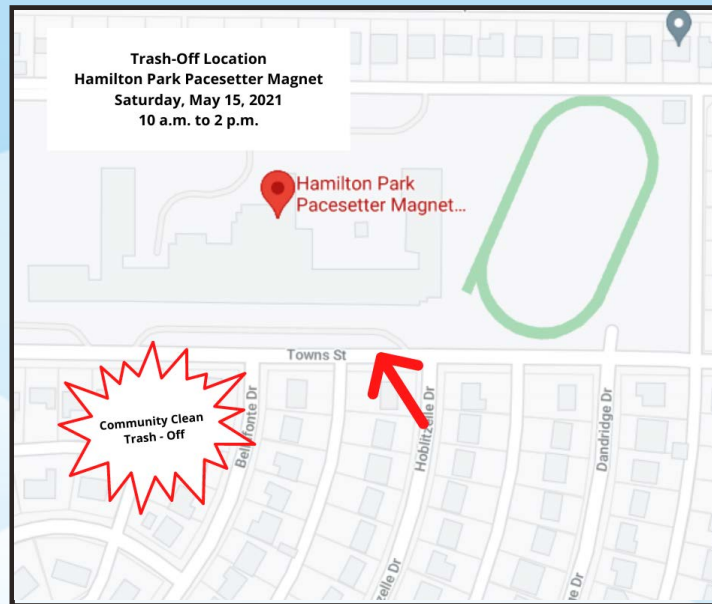
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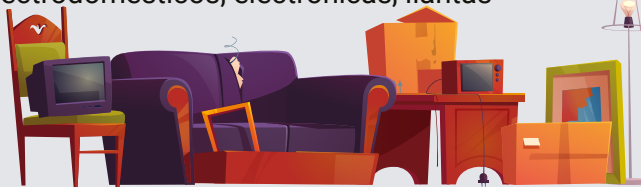
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Sábado 15 Mayo | 10 a.m. a 2 p.m.

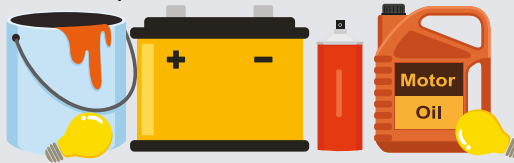
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✓ **Artículos voluminosos:** muebles, alfombras, colchones, electrodomésticos, electrónicas, llantas



✓ **Residuos peligrosos:** baterías, pintura a base de agua solamente, aceite, tóxicos o líquidos



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Para más información, llame al departamento de Cumplimiento del Código al 214-670-5708.

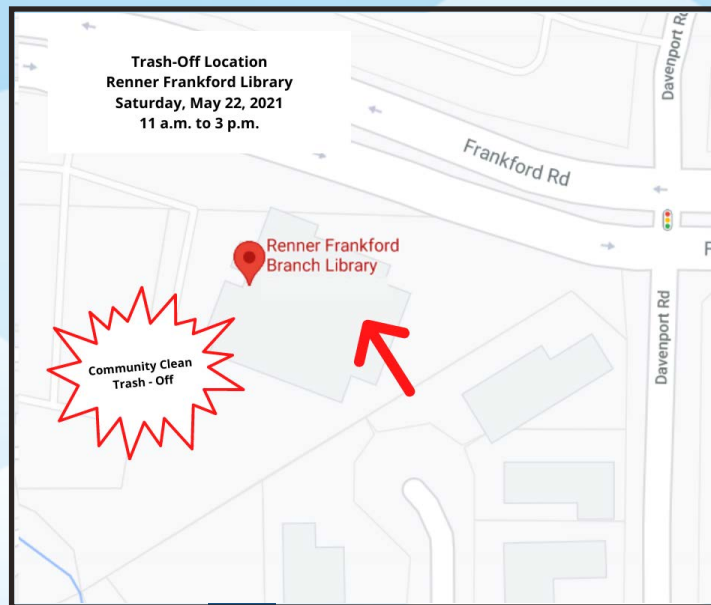
DISTRICT 12

COMMUNITY CLEAN TRASHOFF!

**KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN
GET RID OF YOUR BULKY ITEMS FOR FREE**

Saturday, May 22 | 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

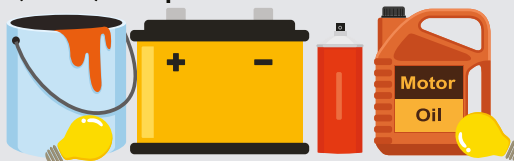
Renner Frankford Library Parking Lot | 6400 Frankford Rd, Dallas, Texas 75252



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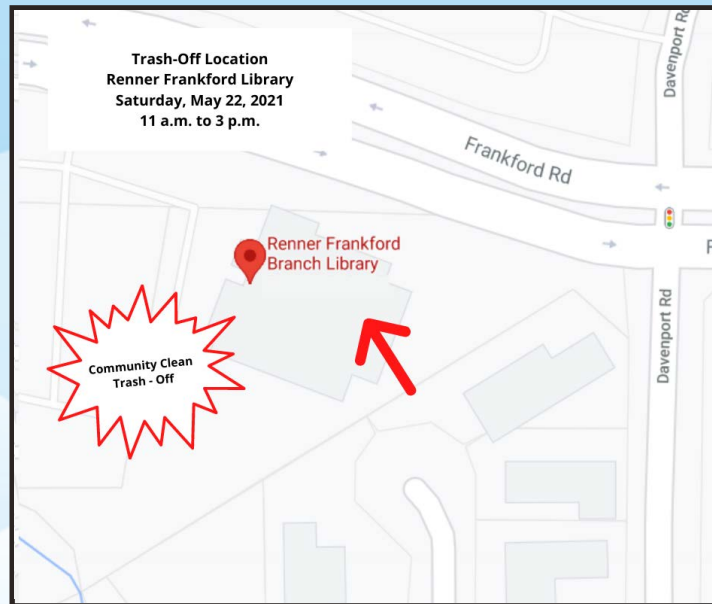
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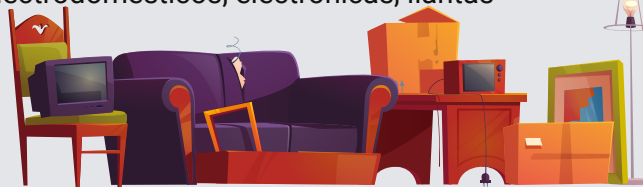
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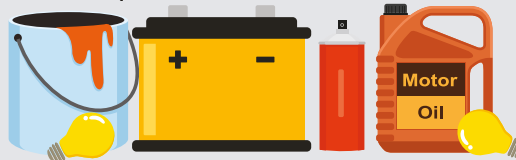
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