

Memorandum



DATE May 14, 2021

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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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberly Bizer Tolbert', written over a horizontal line.

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