# Memorandum

DATE March 25, 2022

<sup>TO</sup> Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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### Dallas Public Library Adds Little Love Library to the Little Love Lounge

Families looking to escape the bustle of the terminal at Love Field take refuge in the recently redesigned Little Love Lounge. Now there is a small library of books provided by Dallas Public Library. Kids can read the books while they are there or take them on the plane. They do not have to be returned. Similar bookshelves have been placed at family shelters across the city as part of Dallas Public Library's efforts towards early childhood literacy. The shelves will be replenished as needed. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact for more Jo Giudice, Director of Dallas Public Libraries.



### **Community and Business Survey**

The biennial Community and Business surveys launched on March 14 and will run through the end of April. Budget and Management Services (BMS) has partnered with Allied Supply Chain Support & Services, Inc (Allied-SCSS) to administer the survey and to help us understand community priorities regarding City services. Over 5,600 surveys will be distributed at random to ensure high quality survey methods and results are statistically significant. The surveys are available in English and Spanish, and in additional languages of Chinese and Vietnamese.



The survey is customized for Dallas and developed in close cooperation with City staff to ensure comparability with previous surveys and allow for trend analysis. Survey results will be briefed to City Council in June. BMS is working with COM to implement a full Community Survey campaign to include media alert, One Dallas update, blog post, and social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, NextDoor, etc.), as well as digital materials to encourage residents to complete the survey if they are selected (attached). More information about the surveys can be found in the Friday memo sent out on March 11, 2022. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jack Ireland, Director of the Office of Budget and Management Services.

### **Small Business Center Award**

During the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual State of Entrepreneurship held on March 10, 2022, the City of Dallas Small Business Center was awarded the Startup Evangelist of the Year which honors and supports local startups. The City was recognized for its involvement with outreach that navigates communication among all major stakeholders and with the City of Dallas. This is demonstrated through the collaborative partnership of the B.U.I.L.D. Ecosystem Network led by DeNita Lacking-Quinn.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Regina Onyeibe, Economic Development Coordinator at the Small Business Center or visit online at: http://wwwSourceDallas.org.



### **Code Compliance Community Cleanups**

Code Compliance gladly assisted with three different neighborhood cleanups last Saturday. The department provided resources to help the Joppa neighborhood as residents cleaned and refurbished an old school building as they prepare to turn it into a multi-purpose center. Code also remained in District 7 to help the non-profit Not My Son with their cleanup event in South Dallas. Lastly, the department helped the Southern Hills Neighborhood Association with a community cleanup in District 4. DATE March 25, 2022

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Code is always willing to provide tools and resources to the community for any cleanup event scheduled. All the information on how to request assistance can be accessed through the department's <u>Community Hand Tool Program</u>. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact, Eric Onyechefule, CCS Public Information Coordinator.

# Summer 2022 College Intern Program

The City of Dallas is preparing for the upcoming **Summer 2022 College Intern Program**. This 9-week program will run from **June 6 – August 5, 2022**. The internship is an opportunity to enhance classroom learning through practical careerrelated work experience. It is an excellent way to enhance the workforce of today and tomorrow at the City of Dallas. Some of the benefits of the program include:

- New perspectives
- Help to reduce employee workload
- Potential leadership opportunity for current employees
- A future talent pipeline
- Investment in the workforce and community
- Lots of energy!

Departments that participate in this program are asked to provide a meaningful experience that includes genuine opportunities for interns to learn about and gain experience in their desired career path. In addition to working with the departments, the interns will also be involved in the following:

- Professional Development Workshops
- Volunteer Event
- Networking Event
- Internship Closeout Program and Celebration

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Arias or Sonya Batts, Human Resource Department.



### Redistricting

The Redistricting Commission met on Monday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. via videoconference and at Dallas City Hall – Council Chambers – 6EN. They received an update on map submissions and heard two map presentations from residents who met the required map submittal criteria. The Commission accepted one of the map submissions for further consideration and rejected the other after some discussion. They deferred a discussion on a final map selection process until their next meeting.

The next Commission meeting will be on Monday, March 28 at 3:30 p.m. at Dallas City Hall – Briefing Room – 6ES.

Individuals who wish to address the Redistricting Commission may do so virtually or in person by attending a regular meeting. For a complete list of meetings or to submit your very own map, visit <u>www.DallasRedistricting.com</u> or call 214-671-6197. All map submissions must be submitted by April 15, 2022.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brett Wilkinson, Director of the Office of Government Affairs.

### **City 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 <u>electronic bid</u> <u>portal</u>:

Opportunity No.	Opportunity Name
CIZ22-PBW-2030	Street Reconstruction Group 17-3003, by Public Works
CIZ22-TRN-2029	Mockingbird Lane Pedestrian Improvements Engineering Services, by Transportation
BV22-00019008	Aggregates
BBZ22-00018947	Peer Support Contact App for Dallas Fire–Rescue
BVZ22-00018774	Rehabilitation Sanitary Sewer Cured-In-Place-Pipe (CIPP)

We are also pleased to share the latest, <u>Procurement Quarterly</u> listing citywide opportunities for the current quarter (of the fiscal year) and published on the OPS <u>website</u>.

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.

#### **OHS Street Outreach Update**

The DRTRR team of homeless service providers, co-led by OHS and MDHA, is currently targeting several encampments, which will result in closure through the housing of those unsheltered individuals throughout the year. The team will outreach to these sites and meet with various persons experiencing homelessness to assess their needs in preparation for site closure via housing. During this time, the OHS Street Outreach Team will continue to engage with unsheltered residents through normal street outreach, connecting people with the needed resources, such as: getting IDs, working with Community Courts on expunging eligible tickets and offenses from their records, identifying medical needs, and getting them access to the Coordinated Access System (CAS).

Please see the attached schedule for homeless encampment cleaning the weeks of March 14 through March 25, 2022. Please note that these will be for debris removal and outreach only. All encampment cleaning requests are being resolved as time allows. We appreciate everyone's patience.

March 7 – March 11	March 14 – March 18
LOCATION	LOCATION
175 & Forest	I 75 & Forest
7100 Cockrell Hill	635 & Coit
I 20 & I 67 East Ramps	635 & I 20
I 20 & I 67 West Ramps	I 75 & Lovers (tentative)
1555 Hastings Drive	1700 Chestnut
1700 Baylor	2900 Hickory
2400 Combs	2500 Hickory
2400 S. Cesar Chavez Blvd.	

#### Encampment Resolution (Cleaning) Schedule March 14 – March 25, 2022

OHS continues to urge people who see an encampment to report it via 311 or 311's OurDallas smartphone app to ensure strategic alignment with comprehensive OHS outreach. The OHS Service Request dashboard can be utilized to track the progress of encampment resolution efforts. Please visit the <u>dashboard</u> and feel free to share this tool with residents. If you have any questions please reach out to Christine Crossley, Director of the Office of

### **Media Inquiries**

As of March 17, the Communications, Outreach, and Marketing (COM) Department has received various media inquiries available to view by clicking <u>here.</u> Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Catherine Cuellar, Director of the Office of Communication, Outreach and Marketing.

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The following storylines reference the major media inquiries addressed by Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) during the period dating from March  $15^{th} - 21^{st}$ . A more detailed account of the department's responses to those inquiries, and others, can be viewed at <u>this link</u>. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact <u>Fire Chief</u>, <u>Dominique Artis</u>.

### Highlights include:

- Greenville Avenue Restaurant Patio Set on Fire
- DFR Members Deploy to Assist in Texas Wildfires
- Southeast Dallas Duplex Set on Fire

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Genesis D. Gavino, Chief of Staff.

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