

**OCTOBER 19, 2016 CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING AGENDA
CERTIFICATION**

This certification is given pursuant to Chapter XI, Section 9 of the City Charter for the City Council Briefing Agenda dated October 19, 2016. We hereby certify, as to those contracts, agreements, or other obligations on this Agenda authorized by the City Council for which expenditures of money by the City are required, that all of the money required for those contracts, agreements, and other obligations is in the City treasury to the credit of the fund or funds from which the money is to be drawn, as required and permitted by the City Charter, and that the money is not appropriated for any other purpose.



A.C. Gonzalez
City Manager



Date



M. Elizabeth Reich
Chief Financial Officer



Date

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DALLAS, TEXAS



COUNCIL BRIEFING AGENDA

October 19, 2016

Date

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(La Información General Y Reglas De Cortesía Que Deben Observarse
Durante Las Asambleas Del Consejo Municipal Aparecen En El Lado Opuesto, Favor De Leerlas.)

General Information

The Dallas City Council regularly meets on Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 6th floor, City Hall, 1500 Marilla. Council agenda meetings are broadcast live on WRR-FM radio (101.1 FM) and on Time Warner City Cable Channel 16. Briefing meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Council agenda (voting) meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays. Anyone wishing to speak at a meeting should sign up with the City Secretary's Office by calling (214) 670-3738 by 5:00 p.m. of the last regular business day preceding the meeting. Citizens can find out the name of their representative and their voting district by calling the City Secretary's Office.

If you need interpretation in Spanish language, please contact the City Secretary's Office at 214-670-3738 with a 48 hour advance notice.

Sign interpreters are available upon request with a 48-hour advance notice by calling (214) 670-3738 V/TDD. The City of Dallas is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Council agenda is available in alternative formats upon request.

If you have any questions about this agenda or comments or complaints about city services, call 311.

Rules of Courtesy

City Council meetings bring together citizens of many varied interests and ideas. To insure fairness and orderly meetings, the Council has adopted rules of courtesy which apply to all members of the Council, administrative staff, news media, citizens and visitors. These procedures provide:

- That no one shall delay or interrupt the proceedings, or refuse to obey the orders of the presiding officer.
- All persons should refrain from private conversation, eating, drinking and smoking while in the Council Chamber.
- Posters or placards must remain outside the Council Chamber.
- No cellular phones or audible beepers allowed in Council Chamber while City Council is in session.

"Citizens and other visitors attending City Council meetings shall observe the same rules of propriety, decorum and good conduct applicable to members of the City Council. Any person making personal, impertinent, profane or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous while addressing the City Council or while attending the City Council meeting shall be removed from the room if the sergeant-at-arms is so directed by the presiding officer, and the person shall be barred from further audience before the City Council during that session of the City Council. If the presiding officer fails to act, any member of the City Council may move to require enforcement of the rules, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the City Council shall require the presiding officer to act." Section 3.3(c) of the City Council Rules of Procedure.

Información General

El Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Dallas se reúne regularmente los miércoles en la Cámara del Ayuntamiento en el sexto piso de la Alcaldía, 1500 Marilla, a las 9 de la mañana. Las reuniones informativas se llevan a cabo el primer y tercer miércoles del mes. Estas audiencias se transmiten en vivo por la estación de radio WRR-FM 101.1 y por cablevisión en la estación *Time Warner City Cable* Canal 16. El Ayuntamiento Municipal se reúne el segundo y cuarto miércoles del mes para tratar asuntos presentados de manera oficial en la agenda para su aprobación. Toda persona que desee hablar durante la asamblea del Ayuntamiento, debe inscribirse llamando a la Secretaría Municipal al teléfono (214) 670-3738, antes de las 5:00 pm del último día hábil anterior a la reunión. Para enterarse del nombre de su representante en el Ayuntamiento Municipal y el distrito donde usted puede votar, favor de llamar a la Secretaría Municipal.

Si necesita interpretación en idioma español, por favor comuníquese con la oficina de la Secretaría del Ayuntamiento al 214-670-3738 con notificación de 48 horas antes.

Intérpretes para personas con impedimentos auditivos están disponibles si lo solicita con 48 horas de anticipación llamando al (214) 670-3738 (aparato auditivo V/TDD). La Ciudad de Dallas está comprometida a cumplir con el decreto que protege a las personas con impedimentos, *Americans with Disabilities Act*. **La agenda del Ayuntamiento está disponible en formatos alternos si lo solicita.**

Si tiene preguntas sobre esta agenda, o si desea hacer comentarios o presentar quejas con respecto a servicios de la Ciudad, llame al 311.

Reglas de Cortesía

Las asambleas del Ayuntamiento Municipal reúnen a ciudadanos de diversos intereses e ideologías. Para asegurar la imparcialidad y el orden durante las asambleas, el Ayuntamiento ha adoptado ciertas reglas de cortesía que aplican a todos los miembros del Ayuntamiento, al personal administrativo, personal de los medios de comunicación, a los ciudadanos, y a visitantes. Estos reglamentos establecen lo siguiente:

- Ninguna persona retrasará o interrumpirá los procedimientos, o se negará a obedecer las órdenes del oficial que preside la asamblea.
- Todas las personas deben de abstenerse de entablar conversaciones, comer, beber y fumar dentro de la cámara del Ayuntamiento.
- Anuncios y pancartas deben permanecer fuera de la cámara del Ayuntamiento.
- No se permite usar teléfonos celulares o enlaces electrónicos (*paggers*) audibles en la cámara del Ayuntamiento durante audiencias del Ayuntamiento Municipal.

"Los ciudadanos y visitantes presentes durante las asambleas del Ayuntamiento Municipal deben de obedecer las mismas reglas de comportamiento, decoro y buena conducta que se aplican a los miembros del Ayuntamiento Municipal. Cualquier persona que haga comentarios impertinentes, utilice vocabulario obsceno o difamatorio, o que al dirigirse al Ayuntamiento lo haga en forma escandalosa, o si causa disturbio durante la asamblea del Ayuntamiento Municipal, será expulsada de la cámara si el oficial que esté presidiendo la asamblea así lo ordena. Además, se le prohibirá continuar participando en la audiencia ante el Ayuntamiento Municipal. Si el oficial que preside la asamblea no toma acción, cualquier otro miembro del Ayuntamiento Municipal puede tomar medidas para hacer cumplir las reglas establecidas, y el voto afirmativo de la mayoría del Ayuntamiento Municipal precisará al oficial que esté presidiendo la sesión a tomar acción." Según la sección 3.3(c) de las reglas de procedimientos del Ayuntamiento.

Handgun Prohibition Notice for Meetings of Government Entities

"Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun."

"De acuerdo con la sección 30.06 del código penal (ingreso sin autorización de un titular de una licencia con una pistola oculta), una persona con licencia según el subcapítulo h, capítulo 411, código del gobierno (ley sobre licencias para portar pistolas), no puede ingresar a esta propiedad con una pistola oculta."

"Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly."

"De acuerdo con la sección 30.07 del código penal (ingreso sin autorización de un titular de una licencia con una pistola a la vista), una persona con licencia según el subcapítulo h, capítulo 411, código del gobierno (ley sobre licencias para portar pistolas), no puede ingresar a esta propiedad con una pistola a la vista."

AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016
CITY HALL
1500 MARILLA
DALLAS, TEXAS 75201
9:00 A.M.

9:00 am Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance 6ES

 Special Presentations

 Open Microphone Speakers

VOTING AGENDA 6ES

1. Approval of Minutes of the September 28, 2016 City Council Meeting
2. Consideration of appointments to boards and commissions and the evaluation and duties of board and commission members (List of nominees is available in the City Secretary's Office)

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

City Secretary's Office

3. An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 30163, as amended by Ordinance No. 30238 and Ordinance No. 30244, to change certain early voting locations for the Tuesday, November 8, 2016, special election, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City, on the question of amending Chapter 40A of the Dallas City Code, known as the employees' retirement fund of the city of Dallas - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

BRIEFINGS 6ES

- A. 2017 City Calendar
- B. Proposed Legislative Program for the 85th Session of the Texas Legislature & FY 2016-17 Lobbyist Contracts

Lunch

- C. Housing Policy

AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016

- Closed Session 6ES
Attorney Briefings (Sec. 551.071 T.O.M.A.)
- City of Dallas v. Cary "Mac" Abney, et al., v. Sabine River Authority of Texas, No. D-150045-C, City of Dallas v. Sabine River Authority of Texas, No. D-1-GN-15-000398.
 - Energy Future Holdings Corporation, et al., Case No. 14-10979.
 - Legal issues related to the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System.

Open Microphone Speakers 6ES

The above schedule represents an estimate of the order for the indicated briefings and is subject to change at any time. Current agenda information may be obtained by calling (214) 670-3100 during working hours.

Note: An expression of preference or a preliminary vote may be taken by the Council on any of the briefing items.

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. Contemplated or pending litigation, or matters where legal advice is requested of the City Attorney. Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
2. The purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. Section 551.072 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
3. A contract for a prospective gift or donation to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. Section 551.073 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
4. Personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee. Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
5. The deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices. Section 551.076 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
6. Deliberations regarding economic development negotiations. Section 551.087 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

AGENDA ITEM # 3

KEY FOCUS AREA: E-Gov

AGENDA DATE: October 19, 2016

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): N/A

DEPARTMENT: City Secretary

CMO: Rosa A. Rios, 670-3738

MAPSCO: N/A

SUBJECT

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 30163, as amended by Ordinance No. 30238 and Ordinance No. 30244, to change certain early voting locations for the Tuesday, November 8, 2016, special election, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City, on the question of amending Chapter 40A of the Dallas City Code, known as the employees' retirement fund of the city of Dallas - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

BACKGROUND

The special election for Tuesday, November 8, 2016, was ordered on August 17, 2016 by adoption of Ordinance No. 30163. The Exhibit B attached to Ordinance No. 30163, passed by the city council on August 17, 2016, as amended by Ordinance No. 30238, passed by the city council on September 28, 2016, as amended by Ordinance No. 30244, passed by the city council on October 11, 2016, is replaced by reference to the early voting locations and during the early voting dates and times established by Dallas County, Texas, as may be changed by Dallas County.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On October 11, 2016, City Council approved Ordinance No. 30244, which amended Ordinance No. 30163, to adopt revised city election precincts for the special election to be held on November 8, 2016.

On September 28, 2016, City Council approved Ordinance No. 30238, which amended Ordinance No. 30163, to adopt revised city election precincts for the special election to be held on November 8, 2016.

On August 17, 2016, City Council approved Ordinance No. 30163, which ordered a special election to be held on November 8, 2016.

FISCAL INFORMATION

No cost consideration to the City.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 30163, passed by the city council on August 17, 2016, as amended by Ordinance No. 30238, passed by the city council on September 28, 2016, as amended by Ordinance No. 30244, passed by the city council on October 11, 2016; providing updated early voting locations, dates, and times for the special election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016; providing email addresses for early voting in Dallas, Denton, and Collin Counties; providing a saving clause; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. That the Exhibit B attached to Ordinance No. 30163, passed by the city council on August 17, 2016, as amended by Ordinance No. 30238, passed by the city council on September 28, 2016, as amended by Ordinance No. 30244, passed by the city council on October 11, 2016, is replaced by reference to the early voting locations and during the early voting dates and times established by Dallas County, Texas, as may be changed by Dallas County, and which information can be found by visiting this Dallas County webpage: <http://www.dallascountyvotes.org/wp-content/uploads/EVLocations.pdf> or by contacting:

Dallas County Elections Department
2377 N. Stemmons Freeway, Suite 820, Dallas, Texas 75207
Tel: (214) 819-6389

SECTION 2. That in addition to the addresses provided for in Section 8 of Ordinance No. 30163, passed by the city council on August 17, 2016, applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail may, pursuant to Section 84.007 of the Texas Election Code, be sent to the following email addresses:

- For Dallas County: evapplications@dallascounty.org
- For Denton County: elections@dentoncounty.com
- For Collin County: election@collincountytx.gov

SECTION 3. That the manner of conducting the special election must be in accordance with the ordinances, Dallas City Charter, and the laws of the State of Texas applicable to holding a special election. The official ballots, together with such other election materials as are required by the Texas Election Code, as amended, must be printed in both the English and Spanish languages and must contain such provisions, markings, and language as may be required by law.

SECTION 4. That Ordinance Nos. 30163, 30238, and 30244 shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance will take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Dallas City Charter, and it is accordingly so ordained.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LARRY E. CASTO, City Attorney

By _____
Assistant City Attorney

Passed _____

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 14, 2016
TO The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
SUBJECT 2017 City Calendar

On Wednesday, October 19, 2016, the Office of Financial Services will brief the City Council on the 2017 City Calendar. We have attached the briefing for your review.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Elizabeth Reich".

M. Elizabeth Reich
Chief Financial Officer

Attachment

c: A.C. Gonzalez, City Manager
Larry Casto, City Attorney
Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor
Rosa A. Rios, City Secretary
Daniel F. Solis, Administrative Judge
Ryan S. Evans, First Assistant City Manager
Eric D. Campbell, Assistant City Manager

Jill A. Jordan, P.E., Assistant City Manager
Mark McDaniel, Assistant City Manager
Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager
M. Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer
Sana Syed, Public Information Officer
Elsa Cantu, Assistant to the City Manager – Mayor & Council

2017 City Calendar

CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING - OCTOBER 19, 2016



Purpose

Review the City Calendar for January 2017 through December 2017

- City Council meetings
- Council Committee meetings
- Campaign Finance Reports
- Council-staff planning session
- FY 2017-18 budget schedule
- Holidays

Next Steps

Note: Council Resolution #89-3796 requires the City Council to adopt an annual calendar.

City Council Meetings

Regular meetings of the City Council are typically scheduled on each Wednesday (except 5th Wednesday)

- 1st and 3rd Wednesday – briefing meetings typically begin at 9 a.m. at City Hall in room 6E-South
- 2nd and 4th Wednesday – agenda meetings typically begin at 9 a.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers
- 5th Wednesday – no meeting

City Council Meetings

Some City Council meetings have been canceled, moved, or adjusted

- February 15 – cancel due to Council-staff planning session
- March 8 – cancel due to National League of Cities Congressional City Conference and Spring Recess
- March 15 – cancel due to Spring Recess
- May 3 – cancel week of City election
- July – cancel due to July recess in accordance with Council resolution #90-2673
- October 4 – cancel due to Texas Municipal League Conference
- November 15 – move to Tuesday, November 14 due to National League of Cities Conference
- November 22– cancel week of Thanksgiving
- December 20 – cancel week before Christmas
- December 27 – cancel week before New Year's

Committees – 1st and 3rd Mondays

Economic Development

- 1st and 3rd Monday – 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Housing

- 1st and 3rd Monday – 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Budget, Finance, and Audit

- 1st and 3rd Monday – 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Arts, Culture, and Libraries

- 3rd Monday – 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Economic Development	Housing	Budget, Finance, and Audit	Arts, Culture, and Libraries
1 st & 3 rd Monday	1 st & 3 rd Monday	1 st & 3 rd Monday	3 rd Monday (adjusted for cancelations)
9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
January 3 (Tuesday) – Moved from Monday to Tuesday due to New Year’s Day (City holiday) January 17 (Tuesday) – Moved from Monday to Tuesday due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (City holiday)			
February 6 (Monday) February 21 (Tuesday) – Moved from Monday to Tuesday due to Presidents’ Day (City holiday)			
March 6 (Monday) – Canceled due to Spring Recess March 20 (Monday)			
April 3 (Monday) April 17 (Monday)			
May 1 (Monday) – Canceled week of City election May 15 (Monday)			
June 5 (Monday) – Includes Arts, Culture, and Libraries since 3 rd Monday canceled for Council Inauguration June 19 (Monday) – Canceled due to Council Inauguration			
July 3 (Monday) – Canceled due to July recess July 17 (Monday) – Canceled due to July recess			
August 7 (Monday) August 21 (Monday)			
September 5 (Tuesday) – Moved from Monday to Tuesday due to Labor Day/ Cesar E. Chavez Day (City holiday) September 18 (Monday)			
October 2 (Monday) October 16 (Monday)			
November 6 (Monday) – Includes Arts, Culture, and Libraries since 3 rd Monday canceled week of Thanksgiving November 20 (Monday) – Canceled due to Thanksgiving holiday			
December 4 (Monday) – Includes Arts, Culture, and Libraries since 3 rd Monday canceled week before Christmas December 18 (Monday) – Canceled week before Christmas			

Committees – 2nd and 4th Mondays

Quality of Life and Environment

- 2nd and 4th Monday – 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Public Safety

- 2nd and 4th Monday – 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Transportation and Trinity River Project

- 2nd and 4th Monday – 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Quality of Life and Environment	Public Safety	Transportation and Trinity River Project
2 nd & 4 th Monday	2 nd & 4 th Monday	2 nd & 4 th Monday
9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
January 9 (Monday) January 23 (Monday)		
February 13 (Monday) February 27 (Monday)		
March 13 (Monday) – Canceled due to Spring Recess March 27 (Monday)		
April 10 (Monday) April 24 (Monday)		
May 8 (Monday) May 22 (Monday)		
June 12 (Monday) June 26 (Monday) – Canceled following Council Inauguration		
July 10 (Monday) – Canceled due to July recess July 24 (Monday) – Canceled due to July recess		
August 14 (Monday) August 28 (Monday)		
September 11 (Monday) September 25 (Monday)		
October 9 (Monday) October 23 (Monday)		
November 13 (Monday) November 27 (Monday) – Canceled week following Thanksgiving		
December 11 (Monday) December 25 (Monday) – Canceled week of Christmas holiday		

Campaign Finance Report Due Dates

Council campaign dates are mandated by the State and subject to change

- January 17 – Campaign finance report due (semi-annual)
- July 15 – Campaign finance report due (semi-annual)

Council-Staff Planning Session

Council and staff planning meetings are scheduled for

- Wednesday, February 15
- Thursday, February 16

FY 2017-18 Budget Schedule

Schedule for development of the FY 2017-18 budget includes:

December 7, 2016	Budget Workshop
February 15-16	Council-Staff Planning Session
March 1	Budget Workshop
March 22	Budget Public Hearing
May 17	Budget Workshop
May 24	Budget Public Hearing
June 21	Budget Workshop
July 25	Appraisal Districts certify 2017 tax roll
August 4	Deliver City Manager's recommended budget to Council Members
August 8	Budget Workshop: City Manager's Recommended Budget
August 8 to Sept 1	Budget Town Hall Meetings
August 16	Budget Workshop
August 23	Budget Public Hearing
August 30	Budget Workshop (5 th Wednesday – optional)
September 6	Budget Workshop
September 6	Adopt Budget on First Reading
September 12	Budget Workshop (optional)
September 20	Adopt Budget on Second Reading and Adopt Tax Rate
October 1	Begin FY 2017-18

Budget Schedule

- August 2017 has five Wednesdays
 - Budget Workshop on Wednesday, August 30 is included as a placeholder to allow more time for us to brief Council on the recommended budget, if needed
- Budget Amendments
 - Two potential dates are included on calendar – Wednesday, September 6 and Tuesday, September 12
- Last day to adopt tax rate is Wednesday, September 20, as agreed to in City's tax collection contract with Dallas County

Holidays

The City recognizes the following holidays:

New Year's Day	Monday, January 2
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 16
Presidents' Day	Monday, February 20
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4
Labor Day/Cesar Chavez	Monday, September 4
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 23
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday, November 24
Christmas Day	Monday, December 25

Next Steps

Adoption of the 2017 Calendar is scheduled for City Council consideration on October 26 addendum

Appendix

January through December 2017 Calendar

January 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>Committee Meetings moved to January 3rd</p> <p style="text-align: center;">New Year's Day - City Holiday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>Council Committees: 9:00am-Economic Development 11:00am-Housing 1:00pm-Budget, Finance, & Audit</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>Council Briefing 9:00am</p>	5	6	7
8	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>Council Committees: 9:00am-Quality of Life & Environment 11:00am-Public Safety 1:00pm-Transportation & Trinity River Project</p>	10	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>Council Agenda 9:00am</p>	12	13	14
15	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>Committee Meetings moved to January 17th</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Martin Luther King, Jr. Day -City Holiday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>Council Committees: 9:00am-Economic Development 11:00am-Housing 1:00pm-Budget, Finance, & Audit 3:00pm-Arts, Culture, & Libraries</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Campaign Finance Report Due - Semi Annual</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>Council Briefing 9:00am</p>	19	20	21
22	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>Council Committees: 9:00am-Quality of Life & Environment 11:00am-Public Safety 1:00pm-Transportation & Trinity River Project</p>	24	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>Council Agenda 9:00am</p>	26	27	28
29	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fifth Monday - No Council Committee Meetings</p>	31				

February 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Council Briefing 9:00am	2	3	4
5	6 Council Committees: 9:00am-Economic Development 11:00am-Housing 1:00pm-Budget, Finance, & Audit	7	8 Council Agenda 9:00am	9	10	11
12	13 Council Committees: 9:00am-Quality of Life & Environment 11:00am-Public Safety 1:00pm-Transportation & Trinity River Project	14	15 Council Meeting Canceled Council-Staff Planning Session	16 Council-Staff Planning Session	17	18
19	20 Committee Meetings moved to February 21 st President's Day – City Holiday	21 Council Committees: 9:00am-Economic Development 11:00am-Housing 1:00pm-Budget, Finance, & Audit 3:00pm-Arts, Culture, & Libraries	22 Council Agenda 9:00am	23	24	25
26	27 Council Committees: 9:00am-Quality of Life & Environment 11:00am-Public Safety 1:00pm-Transportation & Trinity River Project	28				

March 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Council Briefing 9:00am Budget Workshop	2	3	4
5	6 Council Committee Meetings Canceled Council Recess	7 Council Recess City of Dallas Legislative Reception – Austin, TX	8 Council Meeting Canceled Council Recess	9 Council Recess	10 Council Recess	11 National League of Cities Congressional City Conference - Washington, DC
12 National League of Cities Congressional City Conference - Washington, DC	13 Council Committee Meetings Canceled Council Recess National League of Cities Congressional City Conference - Washington, DC	14 Council Recess National League of Cities Congressional City Conference - Washington, DC	15 Council Meeting Canceled Council Recess National League of Cities Congressional City Conference - Washington, DC	16 Council Recess	17 Council Recess	18
19	20 Council Committees: 9:00am-Economic Development 11:00am-Housing 1:00pm-Budget, Finance, & Audit 3:00pm-Arts, Culture, & Libraries	21	22 Council Agenda 9:00am Budget Public Hearing	23	24	25
26	27 Council Committees: 9:00am-Quality of Life & Environment 11:00am-Public Safety 1:00pm-Transportation & Trinity River Project	28	29 Fifth Wednesday – No City Council Meeting	30	31	

April 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Council Committees: 9:00am-Economic Development 11:00am-Housing 1:00pm-Budget, Finance, & Audit	4	5 Council Briefing 9:00am	6	7	8
				Campaign Finance Report Due - 30 Days before election		
9	10 Council Committees: 9:00am-Quality of Life & Environment 11:00am-Public Safety 1:00pm-Transportation & Trinity River Project Passover (Begins at Nightfall)	11	12 Council Agenda 9:00am	13	14	15
		Passover Second Night Seder			Good Friday	
16	17 Council Committees: 9:00am-Economic Development 11:00am-Housing 1:00pm-Budget, Finance, & Audit 3:00pm-Arts, Culture, & Libraries	18	19 Council Briefing 9:00am	20	21	22
Easter Sunday						
23	24 Council Committees: 9:00am-Quality of Life & Environment 11:00am-Public Safety 1:00pm-Transportation & Trinity River Project General Election Early Voting begins	25	26 Council Agenda 9:00am	27	28	29
					Campaign Finance Report due	
30						

May 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Council Committee Meetings Canceled	2 General Election Early Voting ends	3 Council Meeting Canceled	4	5	6 Election Day
7	8 Council Committees: 9:00am-Quality of Life & Environment 11:00am-Public Safety 1:00pm-Transportation & Trinity River Project	9	10 Council Agenda 9:00am	11	12	13
14	15 Council Committees: 9:00am-Economic Development 11:00am-Housing 1:00pm-Budget, Finance, & Audit 3:00pm-Arts, Culture, & Libraries	16	17 Council Briefing 9:00am Budget Workshop Canvass General Election Results Call Runoff Election (if necessary)	18	19	20
21	22 Council Committees: 9:00am-Quality of Life & Environment 11:00am-Public Safety 1:00pm-Transportation & Trinity River Project	23	24 Council Agenda 9:00am Budget Public Hearing	25	26	27
28	29 Fifth Monday – No Council Committee Meetings Memorial Day – City Holiday Runoff Early Voting begins (subject to change)	30	31 Fifth Wednesday – No Council Meeting			

June 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Campaign Finance Report due – 8 Days before Runoff Election	3
4	5 Council Committees: 9:00am-Economic Development 11:00am-Housing 1:00pm-Budget, Finance, & Audit 3:00pm-Arts, Culture, & Libraries	6 Runoff Early Voting ends (subject to change)	7 Council Briefing 9:00am	8	9	10 Runoff Election Day (subject to change)
11	12 Council Committees: 9:00am-Quality of Life & Environment 11:00am-Public Safety 1:00pm-Transportation & Trinity River Project	13	14 Council Agenda 9:00am	15	16	17
18	19 Council Committee Meetings Canceled Canvass Runoff Election Results Inauguration (morning) & Office/Seating Selections (afternoon)	20	21 Council Briefing 9:00am Budget Workshop	22	23 U.S. Conference of Mayors Miami Beach, FL	24 U.S. Conference of Mayors Miami Beach, FL
25 U.S. Conference of Mayors Miami Beach, FL	26 Council Committee Meetings Canceled U.S. Conference of Mayors Miami Beach, FL	27	28 Council Agenda 9:00am	29	30 Eid Al-Fitr Observance	

July 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Eid Al-Fitr National Holiday	3 Council Recess Per Resolution 90-2673 Passed August 22, 1990	4 Independence Day – City Holiday	5 Council Recess Per Resolution 90-2673 Passed August 22, 1990	6	7	8
9	10 Council Recess Per Resolution 90-2673 Passed August 22, 1990	11	12 Council Recess Per Resolution 90-2673 Passed August 22, 1990	13	14	15 Campaign Finance Report due – Semi Annual
16	17 Council Recess Per Resolution 90-2673 Passed August 22, 1990	18	19 Council Recess Per Resolution 90-2673 Passed August 22, 1990	20	21	22
23	24 Council Recess Per Resolution 90-2673 Passed August 22, 1990	25	26 Council Recess Per Resolution 90-2673 Passed August 22, 1990	27	28	29
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August 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Council Briefing 9:00am	3	4	5
6	7 Council Committees: 9:00am-Economic Development 11:00am-Housing 1:00pm-Budget, Finance, & Audit	8 Budget Workshop (Presentation of City Manager's recommended Budget 9:00am) Town Hall Meetings Begin	9 Council Agenda 9:00am	10	11	12
13	14 Council Committees: 9:00am-Quality of Life & Environment 11:00am-Public Safety 1:00pm-Transportation & Trinity River Project	15	16 Council Briefing 9:00am Budget Workshop	17	18	19
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27	28 Council Committees: 9:00am-Quality of Life & Environment 11:00am-Public Safety 1:00pm-Transportation & Trinity River Project	29	30 Budget Workshop (optional) 9:00am	31		

September 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Town Hall Meetings End	2
3	4 Committee Meeting Moved to September 5th Labor Day/Cesar E. Chavez Day – City Holiday Eid Al-Adha	5 Council Committees: 9:00am-Economic Development 11:00am-Housing 1:00pm-Budget, Finance, & Audit	6 Council Briefing 9:00am Budget Workshop Vote to Adopt Budget 1 st Reading	7	8	9
10	11 Council Committees: 9:00am-Quality of Life & Environment 11:00am-Public Safety 1:00pm-Transportation & Trinity River Project	12 Budget Workshop (Optional) 9:00am	13 Council Agenda 9:00am	14	15	16
17	18 Council Committees: 9:00am-Economic Development 11:00am-Housing 1:00pm-Budget, Finance, & Audit 3:00pm-Arts, Culture, & Libraries	19	20 Council Briefing 9:00am Vote to Adopt Budget 2 nd Reading	21 Rosh Hashanah (Begins at Sundown)	22 Rosh Hashanah	23
24	25 Council Committees: 9:00am-Quality of Life & Environment 11:00am-Public Safety 1:00pm-Transportation & Trinity River Project	26	27 Council Agenda 9:00am	28	29	30 Yom Kippur

October 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Council Committees: 9:00am-Economic Development 11:00am-Housing 1:00pm-Budget, Finance, & Audit	3 Texas Municipal League Annual Conference – Houston, Texas	4 Council Meeting Canceled Texas Municipal League Annual Conference – Houston, Texas	5 Texas Municipal League Annual Conference – Houston, Texas	6 Texas Municipal League Annual Conference – Houston, Texas	7
8	9 Council Committees: 9:00am-Quality of Life & Environment 11:00am-Public Safety 1:00pm-Transportation & Trinity River Project	10	11 Council Agenda 9:00am	12	13	14
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29	30 Fifth Monday – No Council Committee Meeting	31				

November 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Council Briefing 9:00am	2	3	4
5	6 Council Committees: 9:00am-Economic Development 11:00am-Housing 1:00pm-Budget, Finance & Audit 3:00pm-Arts, Culture & Libraries	7	8 Council Agenda 9:00am	9	10	11
12	13 Council Committees: 9:00am-Quality of Life & Environment 11:00am-Public Safety 1:00pm-Transportation & Trinity River Project	14 Council Briefing 9:00am	15 Council Meeting Moved to November 14 th National League of Cities Conference - Charlotte, NC	16 National League of Cities Conference - Charlotte, NC	17 National League of Cities Conference - Charlotte, NC	18 National League of Cities Conference - Charlotte, NC
19	20 Council Committee Meetings Canceled	21	22 Council Meeting Canceled	23 Thanksgiving Day - City Holiday	24 Day after Thanksgiving Day - City Holiday	25
26	27 Council Committee Meetings Canceled	28	29 Fifth Wednesday – No Council Meeting	30		

December 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Council Committees: 9:00am-Economic Development 11:00am-Housing 1:00pm-Budget, Finance & Audit 3:00pm-Arts, Culture & Libraries	5	6 Council Briefing 9:00am	7	8	9
10	11 Council Committees: 9:00am-Quality of Life & Environment 11:00am-Public Safety 1:00pm-Transportation & Trinity River Project	12	13 Council Agenda 9:00am	14	15	16
17	18 Council Committee Meetings Canceled	19	20 Council Meeting Canceled	21	22	23
24 Eight Days of Hanukah (Begins at Sundown)	25 Council Committee Meetings Canceled Christmas Day/ Hanukah – City Holiday	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27 Council Meeting Canceled	28	29	30
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Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 14, 2016

TO The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Proposed Legislative Program for the 85th Session of the Texas Legislature & FY 2016-17 Lobbyist Contracts**

On October 19, 2016 the Dallas City Council will receive a briefing on the Proposed Legislative Program for the 85th Session of the Texas Legislature and the recommended FY2016-17 Lobbyist Contracts. The briefing will be provided by Larry Casto, City Attorney, Brett Wilkinson, Managing Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Services and Anna Lamberti Holmes, Legislative Manager, Office of Intergovernmental Services.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

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A.C. Gonzalez
City Manager

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PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR THE 85TH SESSION OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE

As approved by the Dallas City Council on October 26, 2016

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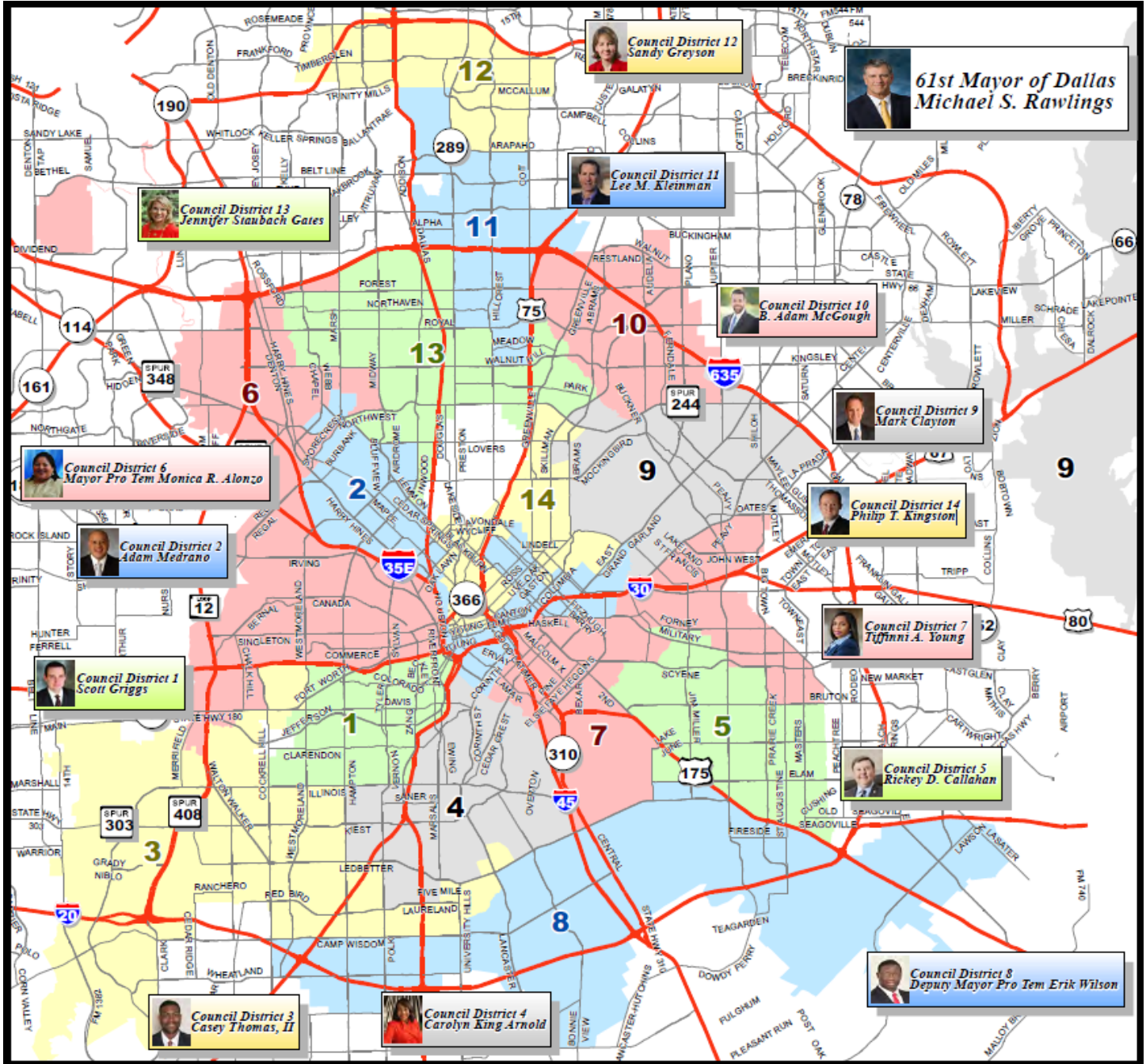


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GENERAL PRINCIPLES: PLAYING DEFENSE

As the largest city in North Texas, Dallas is responsible for providing high quality services to its residents while creating policies that work to grow the local economy. Over the years, the City's judicious planning and fiscal responsibility have fostered a top-tier standard of living for its residents in addition to consistent regional economic growth.

The City of Dallas provides its residents with high quality services which supports our growing economy. Recently, Dallas has been able to accomplish the following:

- Hold an unemployment rate lower than the state of Texas for the past two years.
- Maintain a lower cost of living than major U.S. cities including Chicago, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and New York.

- Lead contributions to the nation's 4th largest MSA in terms of real GDP.
- Reduce the violent crime rate significantly over the past 10 years.
- Lower the City's debt obligations while providing necessary capital for community and economic development.
- Reduce the 2016-17 total budget by 1.53% while bolstering needed residential services such as police, fire, and street maintenance.

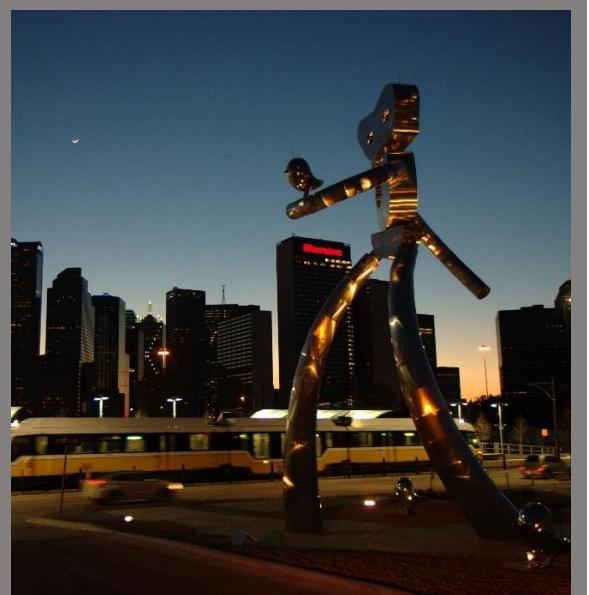
Based on its past successes and desire for continued prosperity, **Dallas does not support any legislation that will preempt its ability to serve its constituents or limit the City's ability to be a strong fiscal steward.**

PREEMPTION

The City of Dallas opposes any legislation that hinders the City's ability to meet the diverse and nuanced needs of its residents. As north Texas' most populous and economically robust city, Dallas strives to provide the best service for its residents. The City of Dallas has proven that its local officials are well-equipped to serve its constituents.

DEFEND FISCAL CONTROL

The City of Dallas opposes any legislation that would limit the City's ability to be a strong fiscal steward. Dallas' tax base is continuously subject to external threats such as economic recessions, unfunded state and federal mandates, and natural disasters. The City's funding structure must maintain fiscal control to meet the needs of its residents.





DALLAS PRIORITY ISSUE: PENSION AND PAY REFERENDUM

The City of Dallas recognizes the challenges related to the Police and Fire Pension and the pay referendum lawsuit. Legislative resources will be utilized to find solutions to these fiscal issues as they can have significant financial consequences.

The Police and Fire Pension has an estimated \$3.5 billion of unfunded liability. This represents an actuarial funding percentage of about 45% at the end of 2015, a drop from 64% at the end of 2014. The fund is projected to be insolvent by 2030 or sooner if changes are not made. Solving the Police and Fire Pension's challenges will require commitment and collaboration from all involved parties including the City, the contributing members, the retired members and the Legislature. The City will continue its work with the Police and Fire Pension Fund to develop a local solution to present to the State of Texas.



Additionally, the 1979 pay referendum lawsuit poses a potential \$2 billion jury verdict that could have damaging fiscal impacts on the City if it is not resolved. By reconfirming sovereign immunity, the City can avoid the harmful impacts that the pay referendum poses to its financial health. This legislative session, the City of Dallas will work diligently to resolve the pension and pay referendum challenges.

DALLAS SPECIFIC ITEMS

In addition to the uniform pension and pay referendum items, the City of Dallas has specific legislative requests for which staff and council members will find sponsors and usher initiatives through the legislative process.



PUBLIC SAFETY

INCLUDE TEXAS TASK FORCE 2 IN STATEWIDE PLAN

Texas Task Force 2 is a regional urban search and rescue team that deploys to communities that are impacted by catastrophic events. Texas Task Force 2 is comprised of highly trained rescue personnel capable of operating in hazardous environments. In the 85th session, the City of Dallas will work in conjunction with the Texas Engineering Extension Service and the Texas Department of Emergency Management to secure \$2 million to sustain the operational capabilities of Texas Task Force 2 as a part of a statewide network of regional teams.

PUBLIC SAFETY RESOURCES

Following the tragic events of July 7, it is critically important that the City equips its men and women in uniform with all of the tools they need to safely protect the residents of Dallas. The Dallas Police Department will work with the State of Texas and other organizations in order to increase resources to train, protect and support community policing and de-escalation efforts.

FACILITATE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS PROSTITUTION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The City of Dallas strives to eliminate prostitution and human trafficking through innovative administrative actions and ordinances. The City supports legislation that will assist with these local efforts.

ADDRESS ANIMAL CONTROL ISSUES

The increased occurrence of harmful animal-related incidents necessitates the City to look towards potential state legislative solutions.

HOMELESSNESS, MENTAL HEALTH, PRISONER REENTRY

The City of Dallas will seek legislation to facilitate a coordinated regional effort to address homelessness.

Through pursuing funding opportunities, utilizing available facilities and supporting programs, the City will work with its partners to help remediate the impacts of homelessness.

In addition, the City will pursue funds and program support to address mental health and prisoner reentry.



WATER, INFRASTRUCTURE, ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION

PRESERVE WATER SUPPLY AND STORAGE OPTIONS

Dallas will work to ensure that projects in the statewide water plan continue to be viable and that no further hurdles are created which would make it more difficult to implement the statewide water plan and provide customers with reliable and reasonably priced water. The City of Dallas will support legislation to preserve its water supply and storage options.

IMPROVE AIR QUALITY COMPLIANCE

The City of Dallas has historically been an ardent supporter of the environment. Exemplifying its support, the Dallas City Council unanimously approved a resolution calling on the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to support stronger ozone pollution standards. The City of Dallas will support legislation that protects its air to advance the wellbeing of its citizenry and create robust economic growth.

PROTECT TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

In conjunction with other cities and organizations, Dallas will continue to protect multi-modal options for transportation including high speed rail, light rail, streetcars, surface roads, and pedestrian/bicycle trails. Dallas will encourage robust funding options that maintain flexibility for projects.



EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT

DAWSON JAIL

The City of Dallas supports legislation that will allow for the purchase or lease of Dawson Jail at below market value for public purpose use as designated by the Dallas City Council.

MANDATE COMMERCIAL SALES PRICE

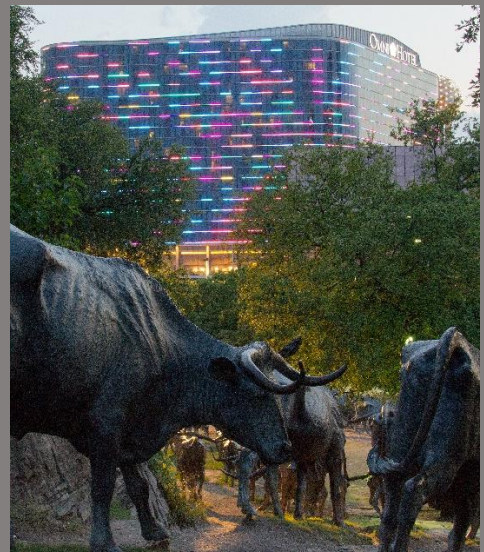
The inability for appraisers to view the commercial property sales price prevents them from assessing properties at their fair market value. By not having enough tools to assess fair market value, commercial properties in Dallas are consistently undervalued forcing an unfair tax burden on residential properties. However, Dallas understands that forced disclosure can have an effect on business operations. Through commercial sales price disclosure mandated 3-5 years after sale, business operations can be protected while providing appraisers with necessary information.

REMOVE LIMITATION ON ALCOHOL SALES IN PUBLIC FACILITIES

Limitations in State statutes inhibit Dallas' utilization of public facilities for the sale of alcohol. The City will seek opportunities to remove limitations on alcohol sales in public facilities – similar to legislation that benefits AT&T stadium and Globe Life Park.

ADDRESS MOBILE NOISE SOURCES

In many areas throughout the city, cars and motorcycles are disrupting communities due to additional upgrades done to their vehicles, such as custom made mufflers and speakers which significantly increase noise. The City of Dallas seeks to lower the decibel threshold in and on mobile vehicles. This threshold would be tested during state vehicle inspection.



COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS

In the past, the City of Dallas has worked with organizations such as the Texas Municipal League, North Texas Commission, Dallas Regional Mobility Commission, Regional Transportation Council, North Central Texas Council of Governments, Dallas Regional Chamber, and City commissions and task forces, to further its legislative agenda. By collaborating with these entities, the City can leverage its resources in a more inclusive and impactful manner. For the 85th legislative session, the City of Dallas intends to utilize these relationships to successfully promote its legislative agenda.





FY2016-17 LOBBYIST CONTRACTS

As approved by the Dallas City Council on October 26, 2016

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LOBBYIST CONTRACTS FY 2015-16 & FY 2016-17

Lobbyist Name	First Year with the City of Dallas	FY 2015-16 Contract Amount	Proposed FY 2016-17 Contract Amount
Julianne Acevedo	2016	N/A	\$25,000
Randy Cain	1995	\$83,100.00 <i>(includes \$8,100 for office space)</i>	\$107,100.00 <i>(includes \$8,100 for office space)</i>
Jesse Romero	2003	\$30,000.00	\$39,000.00
Kwame Walker	1999	\$45,000.00	\$51,000.00
HillCo Partners	2007	\$87,000.00	\$87,000.00
CapitalEdge Strategies	1988	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00
Hector Alcalde	1999	\$73,800.00	\$53,400.00
Paul Schlesinger	1999	\$43,650.00	\$31,600.00
		<i>Total:</i> \$522,550.00	\$545,250.00



CAPITALEEDGE - FEDERAL

Dallas is represented in Washington DC by CapitalEdge (Ralph Garboushian). Activities performed by CapitalEdge include:

- Monitor federal legislation impacting Dallas and work with the Texas Congressional Delegation and the Executive Branch to advance the City's interests and priorities as directed by City Council
- Work closely with national municipal organizations, including National League of Cities and US Conference of Mayors, to ensure awareness of the City's position and agenda
- Brief Council Members and staff at annual meetings of NLC
- Visit the City annually and at other times requested by the City
- Work closely with City officials and staff to develop legislative and grant strategies



In 1988, through CapitalEdge, the City of Dallas joined the Texas Cities Legislative Coalition (TCLC). In addition to Dallas, TCLC includes Austin, Arlington, and Denton.

HECTOR ALCADE AND PAUL SCHLESINGER - FEDERAL

Hector Alcade and Paul Schlesinger provide legislative advocacy on water infrastructure and transportation to support the City Council's strategic priorities including:

- Efforts to secure funding
- Promoting adoption of legislative provisions that are beneficial to the City
- Opposing legislation or regulations that might compromise the City's ability to complete projects
- Assisting with the development of strategies to facilitate Army Corps of Engineers and Department of Transportation implementation of City priorities

GENERAL LOBBYISTS – STATE

At the state level, the City of Dallas currently employs Randy Cain, Jesse Romero, Kwame Walker, and Hillco Partners. In order to prepare for the 85th Texas Legislature, increases in state lobbyist funding, including the addition of Julianne Acevedo, are recommended to bolster the City's presence. All lobbyists conduct necessary research, information gathering, and other supporting activities by maximizing the use of legislative contacts. Other activities performed by the lobbyists include:

- Review, analyze and monitor interim committee activities as requested by City Attorney staff
- Study and recommend legislative initiatives for the upcoming state legislative session
- Draft legislation as directed by city staff
- Hillco Partners represents the City on water issues in the Texas legislature and with State Agencies

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS?



Memorandum



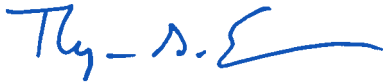
DATE October 14, 2016


TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Housing Policy**

On Wednesday, October 19, 2016, you will be briefed on the Housing Policy. The briefing is attached for your review.

If you have any questions, please let me know.



 A.C. Gonzalez
City Manager

c: Rosa A. Rios, City Secretary
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HOUSING POLICY

A BRIEFING TO THE CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 19, 2016



2 BACKGROUND

- The City of Dallas believes that every resident has the right to safe, decent, affordable, and fair housing, regardless of their race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability, familial status, or source of income
- The City also recognizes that minority and disabled citizens make up a disproportionate number of the city's residents living in poverty and that racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty are harmful to the city of Dallas as a whole
- In support of its citizens and in compliance with HUD's recently issued Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Final Rule and the Voluntary Compliance Agreement, City staff identified areas in ordinances, policies, programs, and practices that could be modified to better address housing choices throughout Dallas

3 HOUSING POLICY & POVERTY

- A new policy provides affordable housing options for low income families
 - By prioritizing ownership opportunities, the City will provide:
 - an opportunity to build wealth,
 - a stable environment for children, and
 - affordable and mixed-income housing
 - By strengthening ordinances related to Housing, the City will:
 - Raise the standard of living for low income families, particularly in rental units
 - Offer affordable housing choices throughout Dallas without discrimination
 - By adopting housing placement policies, low income families will have choices that would allow them to consider better transportation, school, education, health care, and job options

4 ELEMENTS IDENTIFIED FOR THE HOUSING POLICY & FORWARDED BY HOUSING COMMITTEE

- Ownership Housing
- Source of Income (Chapter 20A)
- Housing Placement for Multifamily Projects
- Voluntary Inclusionary Zoning
- Tax Increment Financing Policies for Housing
- Home Improvement Rebates
- Chapter 27 Minimum Housing Standards
- Housing Mobility for Section 8 Voucher Holders
- Fair Housing Reviews

5 INFORMATION REVIEWED BY HOUSING COMMITTEE

- Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in Dallas
- City of Houston and City of Austin Policies & Programs
- Public Housing & Voucher Program- Dallas Housing Authority
- Source of Income Ordinance- Chapter 20 A
- Chapter 27- Minimum Housing Standards
- Tax Increment Financing Districts
- Ownership & Renter Data & other trends

6 ADDITIONAL INPUT

- The Real Estate Council
- Inclusive Communities Project
- The North Texas Community Development Association
- Urban Land Institute
- Habitat for Humanity
- Dallas County
- Other Regional Cities

7 OWNERSHIP HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

- Identified as a significant wealth builder and stabilizer for low income families in the Poverty Task Force Report
- Identified as a significant need in Neighborhood Plus research
- Ownership provides greater housing choices in all areas of Dallas
- Investment in the development of housing lowers the total cost and eventual sales of the homes to buyers, making them more affordable
- The City Council adopted a policy statement in January 2016 (see Attachment A)

8 SOURCE OF INCOME ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 20A)

- In the 2014 HUD/City of Dallas Voluntary Compliance Agreement(VCA), City Council must consider the adoption of an ordinance that would prohibit discrimination on the basis of source of income, including housing choice vouchers
- After the City entered into the VCA, the Texas Legislature enacted a law that prohibits municipalities from adopting source of income ordinances related to federal housing assistance (except as to military veterans and voluntary programs)
- City Council deferred the consideration of this item in June 2016

9 POSSIBLE ORDINANCE CHANGES

- As a first alternative for Council consideration, a proposed amendment to Chapter 20A would prohibit discrimination on the basis of any lawful, regular, verifiable source of income
- As a second alternative for Council consideration, a proposed amendment to Chapter 20A would prohibit discrimination on the basis of any lawful, regular, verifiable source of income, except as prohibited by state law
 - As permitted by state law, the second alternative ordinance would require that residential developments receiving city subsidy or increases in zoning density or floor area ratio refrain from source of income discrimination , including Housing Choice Vouchers and other housing subsidies
 - The second alternative ordinance adds a new “safe harbor” defense, which states that property owners are safe from source of income discrimination claims if at least 10% of their residential units are leased to housing voucher holders
- Further Consideration: If developers receive financial benefit of City funding sources, developers are required to lease to qualified voucher holders

10 HOUSING PLACEMENT POLICY FOR MULTIFAMILY RENTAL UNITS USING HOUSING TAX CREDITS (HTCS)

- This policy would guide the development community to carefully select the site for HTC projects that desire City support (addressing concentrations of poverty and disparate impact)
 - Multifamily rental units seeking to be developed as new construction using housing tax credits shall not receive City support, including a resolution of “no objection” unless they are in census tracts meeting all of the criteria for “High Opportunity Areas”
 - High Opportunity Areas defined as:
 - Dallas census tracts with less than a 15% poverty rate, and
 - In the attendance zone of an elementary school that has a state accountability rating of “met standard” from the Texas Education Agency

II HOUSING PLACEMENT POLICY (CONTINUED)

- Multifamily rental units seeking to be developed as rehabilitation projects using housing tax credits shall be considered city wide, subject to the City's obligations to affirmatively further fair housing and uphold the Fair Housing Act, and shall not receive City support, including a resolution of "no objection" without proposed increased capital improvements, investment, and maintenance
- Allow support of all HTC projects if located in census tracts covered by an approved and funded Concerted Revitalization Plan (CRP)

I2 VOLUNTARY INCLUSIONARY PROGRAM

- Direct staff to develop a proposal for a voluntary inclusionary zoning policy for the purpose of increasing affordable and workforce housing in the city
 - Proposal is following typical development code amendment process including staff research; stakeholder engagement; and ZOAC, CPC, and Council review of an ordinance
- Implement Action 6.2.3 of the draft Neighborhood Plus plan which calls for the City to “develop, adopt and implement a new policy and guidelines for projects requesting increased development rights through zoning changes, to receive density bonuses in proportion to the number of affordable residential units provided”

13 TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICT POLICY

- First option: Require Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District housing or mixed use projects in High Opportunity Areas that receive assistance to provide 20% of the units to households at 80% of the Area Median Family Income (AMFI) with half of the units to households at 50% AMFI and below
- Second option: Require Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District housing or mixed use projects that receive assistance to provide:
 - 10% of the units to be reserved for households at/or below 80% of Area Median Family Income (AMFI) and 10% at 60% AMFI; or,
 - 10% at 50% of AMFI; or,
 - 5% at 30% of AMFI
 - Levels less than 20% of units in total may need to be further negotiated with Dallas County

NOTE: Downtown connection TIF would remain at 10% of units being affordable at 80% of Area Median Family Income

14 HOME IMPROVEMENT REBATE PROGRAM (HIRP)

- As adopted by the Housing Committee:
 - Single family homes and duplexes
 - Homes built on or before 1985
 - Current taxes and insurance
 - Dallas County Appraisal District (DCAD) assessed total value of the property does not exceed \$200,000
 - Maximum of \$5,000 rebate per home
- City Council approved the HIRP policy October 11, 2016 (see Attachment B)

15 CHAPTER 27 MINIMUM HOUSING STANDARD ORDINANCE

- To ensure safe, sanitary, and healthy habitability standards for all residents of Dallas
 - Clarifying the required conditions that must be met in order to have a compliant structure, and removing vague language
 - Introducing healthy housing provisions that address conditions that affect asthma or other respiratory conditions
 - Modifying and clarifying landlord and tenant responsibilities
 - Providing that all required repairs must be performed in a workmanlike manner
 - Restructuring the property standards layout to improve readability
 - Providing a maximum indoor temperature that applies throughout the year, not just April – October
 - Adjusting fine amounts based on severity of violations
 - Strengthening multifamily rental property regulations
 - Introducing single-family rental home inspections
- Adopted on September 28, 2016 by the City Council

16 HOUSING MOBILITY

- In order to promote housing choices, the City of Dallas will encourage regional mobility for housing choice voucher holders by entering into an agreement with the Dallas Housing Authority to support this service along with regional housing mobility and Master Leasing/Guarantor Programs
- The City of Dallas will engage other jurisdictions, including North Central Texas Council of Governments, in an effort to work regionally to affirmatively further fair housing, including housing mobility
- Staff continues to work on the details for these efforts with more information forthcoming

17 FAIR HOUSING REVIEWS

- Each project considered by the Housing or Economic Development Departments shall be evaluated by the Office of Fair Housing to ensure the project affirmatively furthers fair housing and otherwise complies with the City's obligation under the Fair Housing Act
- Require the above noted policy to be implemented upon adoption of the complete Housing Policy document and that procedures be developed to ensure implementation with all relevant departments through an Administrative Directive

18 NEXT STEPS

- Ordinances and Program Policies will continue to be presented to City Council for individual consideration
 - Source of Income Ordinance to be presented October 26, 2016
- Written document expected in November/December 2016
- Fluid document which will be updated annually
- The Housing Policy will continue to integrate other studies and efforts to address the adequacy of housing choices and affordability of the housing stock in Dallas
- Fiscal impact for tracking progress, monitoring, and adding resources for new programs will be presented during budget development in 2017

ATTACHMENT A



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OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM STATEMENT

City of Dallas Owner Occupied Housing Development Program

The purpose of this program is to provide assistance to projects where such assistance is necessary and appropriate to incent private investment in the development of homeownership opportunities in the city of Dallas. The funding and projects are approved by the City Council prior to private investment occurring.

Purpose

Owner Occupied Housing Development Program is designed to provide City of Dallas economic support for housing development projects for the following purposes:

- Provide housing choices in all areas of Dallas
- Encourage redevelopment in disadvantaged areas
- Partner with the housing development community to increase ownership opportunities
- Leverage resources with the private sector to maximize housing development
- Increase the property tax base



21 OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Description

This program will provide gap financial support for the following residential and ownership types:

- New Construction
- Rehabilitation
- Townhomes
- Infill or Scattered Sites
- Subdivisions
- Infrastructure (City may fund up to 30% of public infrastructure)

Types of Funding

The types of funding available for FY15-16 include:

- Community Development Block Grant Funds
 - HOME Investment Partnership Funds
 - Neighborhood Stabilization Program Funds
 - General Obligation Bond Funds
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22 OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Other sources that may be available include:

- Land Bank or City owned property
- Tax Increment Financing District Funds
- Section 108 Loan Funds

Staff will determine the best source of funds or combination of funds to maximize housing choices within each proposed development, and to foster areas of opportunity and otherwise comply with federal fair housing obligations. Financial support may be structured as a grant or loan depending upon the project financing needs.

23 OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Notice of Funding Availability

Solicitation for projects will be conducted by posting an annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) on the City of Dallas website at dallascityhall.com. A list of respondents will also be posted to the website following the closing date of the NOFA.

Criteria for Proposals

- First-come-first-served basis
- Project does not actually or predictably result in a disparate impact on protected classes under the Fair Housing Act, and does not create, increase, reinforce, or perpetuate segregated housing patterns in the City of Dallas, unless the City Council is satisfied that the project is necessary to achieve a substantial, legitimate, nondiscriminatory interest of the City that could not be accomplished in a manner that has a less discriminatory effect.
- Helps the City meet its goal of affirmatively furthering fair housing by overcoming patterns of segregation, foster inclusive communities, create areas of opportunity, address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replace segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns, and/or transform racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity

OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Criteria for Proposals (continued):

- Quality of proposed project
- Project design and special accommodations for expected occupants
- Project compatible with existing or anticipated development of area
- Existing or proposed public transit availability
- Financial capacity of applicant to complete the project
- Private interim financing within 120 days of City commitment
- Any other factor relevant to the best interest of the City (includes consideration for housing choices for varying income households)
- The City of Dallas is particularly interested in projects that connect affordable housing to transportation, education, jobs, and healthcare. Applicants should provide some narrative regarding how the project achieves those goals.

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ATTACHMENT B



HOME IMPROVEMENT REBATE PROGRAM STATEMENT (HIRP)

Purpose

The Home Improvement Rebate Program is designed to provide incentives for owners to invest in home improvements:

- Positively affect values in neighborhoods
- Promote neighborhood assets
- Encourage revitalization in Dallas neighborhoods
- Maintain and stabilize existing housing
- Improvement of conditions of housing in neighborhoods

Description

The program will provide financial assistance for the following residential and ownership types:

- Single family homes or duplexes located in the City of Dallas
- Duplexes
- The program will provide rebates to property owners for eligible repairs. The rebate program will reimburse homeowners 25% of the improvement costs up to \$5,000.

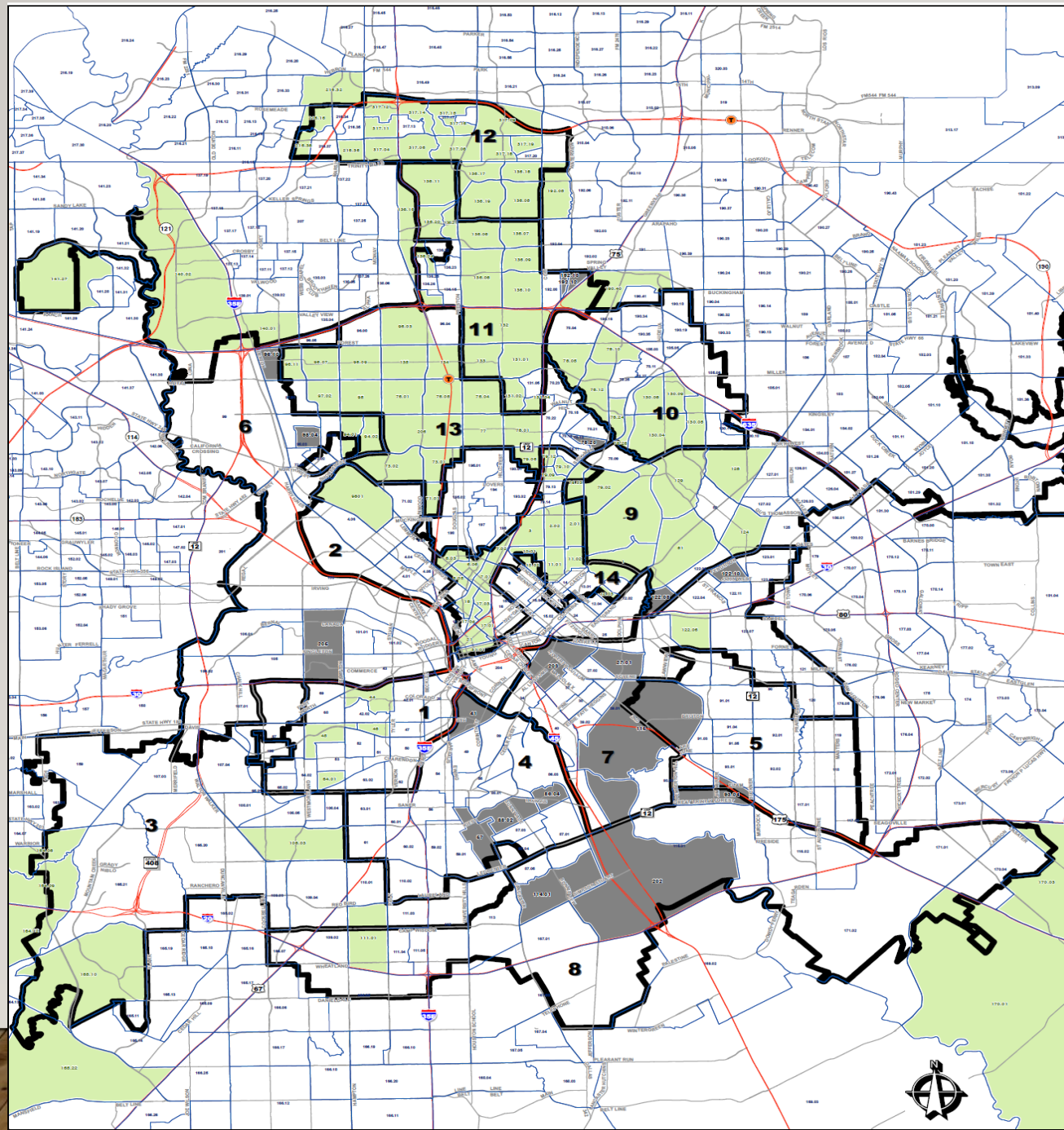
27 HIRP (CONTINUED)

Criteria for Applications:

- Homes within Dallas city limits with preference to Neighborhood Plus and Neighbor Up areas.
- Homes built in 1985 or earlier that are appraised at \$200,000 or less are eligible.
- Repairs requested are eligible for rebate after completion of work.
- Property owner must be current on taxes and insurance.
- Improvements must total 10% or more of the DCAD value of the property.
- 25% rebate on total repair costs, up to \$5,000 limit per property.
- Start within 6 months of application and completion of project must be within 6 months after start.
- Applicant is limited to one rebate per five year period.
- No partial rebates.
- Property owner agrees to periodic inspections of the repair work.
- Eligible expenses include both interior and exterior repairs and upgrades.
- Repairs excluded include the following: new pools, hot tubs, spas and water features, repair or replacement of sprinkler systems lacking digital controllers with functional rain and temperature sensors, detached accessory structures, garage enclosures, carports and condominiums.

ATTACHMENT C





American Community Survey Information Regarding Poverty Rates by Census Tract for 2014

- Green shaded census tracts have 15% or less poverty rates
- Gray shaded census tracts have 40% or greater poverty rates