

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 30, 2016

TO Housing Committee Members: Scott Griggs, Chair, Carolyn King Arnold, Vice-Chair, Mayor Pro-Tem Monica R. Alonzo, Tiffinni A. Young, Mark Clayton, and Casey Thomas, II

SUBJECT Dallas Commission on Homelessness

On Tuesday, January 3, 2017, you will be briefed on a possible ongoing Dallas Commission on Homelessness. A copy of the briefing is attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

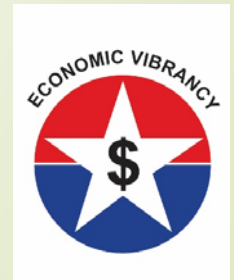
*for*   
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Chief of Neighborhood Plus

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# Dallas Commission on Homelessness

A Briefing to the Housing Committee

January 3, 2017



## Purpose

- ▶ Review the recommendations of the Dallas Commission on Homelessness
- ▶ Discuss the establishment of an ongoing Homeless Commission

## Dallas Commission on Homelessness Recommendations

- Increase targeted street outreach, housing placement, and supportive services
- Convert to community-wide coordinated entry and single system HMIS
- Facility development and shelter capacity
- Increase permanent supportive housing
- Prevent homelessness within criminal justice and treatment facilities
- Ongoing and formal organizational structure

## A City Homeless Commission

- ▶ Advise the City Council on issues related to homelessness
- ▶ Provide a forum for voicing homeless concerns
- ▶ Assist the City in identifying programs and services needed in the community to solve homelessness

## Structure of Commission

- ▶ 15 members representing the Mayor and each Council District
- ▶ Term of two years with a two year renewal option
- ▶ Mayor will appoint the chair and the full Council will appoint the vice chair

## Qualifications & Responsibilities

- ▶ Must be a resident of Dallas for at least 6 months prior to appointment
- ▶ Must be appointed by a Councilmember and reside in his/her district
- ▶ Must attend monthly meetings

## Administration

- ▶ The Housing/Community Services Department will provide assistance to the Commission in the performance of its duties and responsibilities
- ▶ The Department will identify external partners to help support the Commission's efforts



# Homeless Commission Outside of City Organization

- ▶ Other models have been less formally arranged
- ▶ Houston model has representatives from City, County, public housing, other cities, providers, consumers, Veteran's Administration, workforce representatives, etc...
  - ▶ This is a less formal, non-appointed, group
- ▶ Los Angeles, Columbus, and Richmond utilize their Continuum of Care Boards to serve as the drivers of homeless concerns

## Next Steps

- Direction from Housing Committee as to the establishment of a Homeless Commission
- Briefing to City Council
- City Council consideration of the Ordinance (drafted by City Attorney's Office)
- Nominations accepted by City Secretary
- City Council consideration of nominees
- Set first meeting