

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

Date September 9, 2015

To The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject Climate Extremes Conference

Changing climate patterns have had a great impact on Texas in recent years in the form of extreme weather events such as drought, floods, and extreme heat. An upcoming conference will address questions such as: How might these changes impact Dallas in the years to come? What are some ways the public, private, and non-profit sectors are collaborating to address these challenges? What more can we do locally, and nationally, to address the threats posed to our security and our community from extreme changes in our climate?

Ahead of the 21<sup>st</sup> Session of the Conference of Parties in Paris, France (COP21/CMP11), the Consul General of France Monsieur Sujiro Seam has worked with City staff, Southern Methodist University, and others to plan and host the first ever Climate Extremes Conference in Dallas.

On Thursday, September 17, 2015, the SMU Hunt Institute for Engineering & Humanity will present "*Climate Extremes: A Forum on Adaptation & Building Resilience in Texas*" in the Martha Proctor Mack Ballroom on the SMU campus.

The half-day program features remarks by SMU President Gerald R. Turner (invited), Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings, Consul General Seam, and two panels of noted experts whose scholarship and experience in the area of climate extremes have contributed significantly to understanding this issue and its far reaching effects.

As elected representatives for the citizens of Dallas, we have all been invited on behalf of our constituents to participate in this discussion. I encourage each of you to RSVP to the invitation we have received in order to secure your seat and lunch. There are only 40 seats remaining.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandy Greyson".

Sandy Greyson, Chair  
Quality of Life and Environment Committee