

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 26, 2026

Honorable Members of the Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee: Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Lorie Blair (Vice Chair), Adam Bazaldua, Zarin Gracey, Jesse Moreno, Jaime Resendez, Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **Update on the State of Dallas Homelessness Presentation**

The purpose of this memorandum is to brief the Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee (HHSC) of the timing of the State of Dallas Homelessness presentation as requested through the 5-signature memo dated April 8, 2026. The memo requested a comprehensive briefing on the State of Homelessness, featuring local, regional, and state experts who will present current data, trends, and evidence-based best practices.

On April 1, 2026, the Office of Housing and Community Empowerment (OHCE) delivered the State of Housing, Dallas, Texas at a full council briefing. This briefing included data and local approach to address homelessness in Dallas.

Dallas is Home was presented as a framework to guide a new policy to address housing and homelessness in the city of Dallas. To develop Dallas is Home, OHCE is engaging with you as council members, having focus groups, exploring national and regional best practices to be inclusive of strategies that can be applied here in Dallas and continue to uplift the work of the strong partnerships we have through the Continuum of Care lead by Housing Forward.

This briefing will include:

- Current local and regional homelessness data, including trends in unsheltered and sheltered populations;
- Key drivers of homelessness, including housing costs, mental health and substance use challenges, and system gaps;
- The capacity and performance of the existing homelessness response system, including shelters, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing;
- Coordination efforts among the City, County, service providers, and nonprofit partners;
- State and national best practices, including successful models from peer cities; and
- Opportunities to strengthen the City's strategic approach, improve outcomes, and align resources more effectively.

Given the scope of this briefing and to ensure that it supports the development of Dallas is Home, The State of Homelessness, Dallas will be presented at the June 22, 2026, HHSC.

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Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact myself or Thor Erickson, Director, Office of Housing and Community Empowerment, at 214-670-3632 or Thor.Erickson@dallas.gov.

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