

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 11, 2025

TO Honorable Chair and Members of the Workforce, Education, and Equity Committee

SUBJECT **Upcoming Agenda Item for Office of Community Care and Empowerment - Lease Extension for Lake June Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) Clinic**

On April 23, 2025, City Council will consider Real Estate agenda item for the Office of Community Care and Empowerment authorizing a lease extension for an existing program site.

Item 25-1181: Authorize an amendment to an existing lease agreement with Marcer Investments, LLC to extend the lease agreement for an additional five years for approximately 7,400 square feet of office space located at 6925 Lake June Road, to be used as a Women, Infants and Children Clinic for the period August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2030 – Not to exceed \$757,122.96 - Financing: Health and Human Services Commission Grant Funds (subject to annual appropriations)

Background

WIC at the Lake June Clinic

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) provides nutrition counseling, breastfeeding support, and nutrition benefits to low income families at clinic locations across the community, including the Lake June WIC Clinic. This agenda item authorizes, on behalf of the Office of Community Care and Empowerment, an amendment to an existing lease agreement with Marcer Investments, LLC to extend a lease agreement for an additional five years for approximately 7,400 square feet of office space located at 6925 Lake June Road.

The Lake June WIC Clinic has been opened since August of 2008. The clinic currently serves on average 8,600 participants a month and is the 3rd largest clinic that serves the community in the City of Dallas WIC program. From 2020 to 2024, the participation grew 31%.

Fiscal Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Participation	7094	7598	8094	9783	9317

This clinic serves the southeast Dallas population around the Pleasant Grove area with the highest number of participants coming from the zip codes 75217, 75253, and 75180. The Lake June WIC Clinic is among the City's largest WIC clinics in terms of participation and offers unique services on site such as serving as a test kitchen for WIC food demonstrations using WIC recipes and hosting events like Diaper Days, Farmer's

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Market, and SNAP ED (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Education) projects. This location was also selected in 2019 as a pilot clinic for the agency’s client-centered facility innovations, a partnership with Child Poverty Action Lab. In 2020, the clinic was updated to improve the participant experience with new flooring and paint, and new furniture was added in 2023.

The WIC program provides avenues to improve the health of low-income women, infants, and children up to age five (5) who are at nutritional risk by providing nutritious foods to supplement diets, information on healthy eating, breastfeeding support, and referrals to healthcare and other community programs. Research data reflects how WIC improves infant feeding practices, reduction of healthcare costs, decreases infant death rates, improves school readiness, and increases high school graduation rates; and this contract authorizes the City of Dallas to serve as the local agency for the WIC program, continuing a role it has held since 1974 and provides funding for operation of the program. The WIC program is fully funded through a contract with Texas Health and Human Services Commission that establishes the City of Dallas as the local agency to delivery WIC services in Dallas County.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact myself or Jessica Galleshaw, Director of Office of Community Care, at 214-670-5113 or Jessica.Galleshaw@dallas.gov.

Sincerely,



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