

Memorandum



DATE January 26, 2025

CITY OF DALLAS

TO 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 **Citizen Homelessness Commission (CHC) Update**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update to the Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee (HHSC) on the Citizens Homeless Commission (CHC), an advisory body established by City Council in 2017, to align City and regional services through stakeholder input, including lived experience, to strengthen the homelessness response. The CHC was created by City Code, Sec. 2-147, 148, and 149 on April 12, 2017, attached as Exhibit A.

Commission Body

The CHC is a fifteen-member body appointed by the Mayor and City Council, including Mark Nunneley as Chair, Tramonica Brown, Vice-Chair, and members with lived experience of homelessness and faith-based representation, the full list of criteria can be found in the attached Exhibit A. The CHC meets in the L1FN Auditorium at City Hall every 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm. The following is a list of current commission members:

| District Commissioner | and | Term | District Commissioner | and | Term |
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| District 1 – Vacant | | | District 9 – Rev. Mitchell Boone (<i>Faith based</i>) | | 10/18/2023 – 9/30/2025 |
| District 2 – Elizabeth Gifford | | 10/1/2025 – 9/30/2027 | District 10 – Daniel Roby (<i>Faith based</i>) | | 11/6/2025 - 9/30/2027 |
| District 3 – Natasha Gerald | | 9/15/2025 – 9/30/2027 | District 11 – Dr. Marshal Goldberg | | 10/28/2025 - 9/30/2027 |
| District 4 – James Hauck | | 9/6/2023 – 9/30/2025 | District 12 – Matt Jacob | | 9/27/2023 – 9/30/2025 |
| District 5 – Soraya Santos | | 8/7/2024 – 9/30/2025 | District 13 – Diana Einstein | | 2/21/2024 – 9/30/2027 |
| District 6 – Jasmin Flores | | 10/25/2023 – 9/30/2027 | District 14 – Gailya Silhan | | 9/6/2023 – 9/30/2027 |
| District 7 – Tramonica Brown, Vice Chair | | 10/25/2023 – 9/30/2027 | District 15 – Mark Nunneley, Chair | | 10/8/2025 – 9/30/2027 |
| District 8 – Vacant | | | | | |

Commission Annual Reports

From 2020 through 2024 the CHC annual reports show consistent engagement around (1) reducing unsheltered homelessness via rapid rehousing and partnership programs, (2) efforts to strengthen data transparency and system performance measures, and (3) an increasing emphasis on localized, district-level engagement and advising City leadership on coordinated responses. The CHC documents reflect both progress and ongoing system challenges.

Key CHC Areas of Focus Over the Years

- **Rapid Rehousing and Funding Utilization:** Ongoing focus on rapid rehousing initiatives leveraging ARPA and other one-time funding to expedite housing placements.
- **Data and Accountability:** Previously examined OHS Street Outreach outcomes tracking and performance reporting, with greater emphasis on transparency and measurable results.
- **District-Level Engagement:** Prioritization of localized, district-based strategies promoting collaboration between City Council offices and community providers.
- **System Capacity Needs:** Examination of limited outreach resources, persistent encampments, and rising chronic homelessness as priority challenges.
- **Governance and Coordination:** Examination of alignment among City departments, regional partners, and commissions with focus on streamlining efforts and enhancing accountability.

Annual Reports, Citizens Homelessness Commission (CHC), 2020 through 2024:

- **CHC — 2024 Annual Report**
 - [Dallas City Hall](#)
- **CHC — 2023 Annual Report**
 - [Dallas City Hall](#)
- **CHC — 2022 Annual Report**
 - [Dallas City Hall](#)
- **CHC — 2021 Annual Report**
 - [Dallas City Hall](#)
- **CHC — 2020 Annual Report**
 - [Dallas City Hall](#)

Next Steps

Staff continue to work with the Chair and Commissioners to build on the Commission's established foundation of prioritizing alignment, accountability, and action. Strengthening collaboration across City departments and partner agencies, advancing the use of data to guide decision-making, and maintaining focus on equitable, district-level engagement

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will be critical to sustaining progress. With continued leadership and coordination, the Commission is well positioned to translate strategic goals into measurable outcomes and further the City's commitment to making homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring.

Commissioners do participate in the Annual Point in Time Count. The most recent one took place on January 22, 2026. The results will be briefed at an upcoming CHC meeting.

Should you have any questions or concerns, 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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