

# Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Human and Social Recovery and Assistance Meeting Record

The Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Human and Social Recovery and Assistance meetings are recorded. Agenda materials are available online at [www.dallascityhall.com](http://www.dallascityhall.com).

**Meeting Date:** March 22, 2020

**Convened:** 6:45 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 8:09 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Chair Adam McGough  
Chair Cara Mendelsohn  
CM Jennifer Gates  
CM Carolyn King Arnold  
CM Omar Narvaez  
CM David Blewett  
CM Jaime Resendez

**Committee Members Absent:**

**Presenters:**

Carl Simpson, Code Compliance  
Kevin Oden, Office of Homeless Solutions  
Chief U. Renee Hall, Dallas Police Department  
Jon Fortune, City Manager's Office  
Liz Cedillo-Pereira, City Manager's Office  
Chris Caso, City Attorney's Office

**Other Council Members Present:**

CM Adam Bazaldua  
CM Chad West

## AGENDA

Call to Order (6:45 p.m.)

### 1. Introduction

**Presenter(s):** DMPT Adam McGough

Chair Adam McGough presented an overview of the COVID-19 situation in the City of Dallas and broader Dallas County. Chair McGough further detailed the need for the creation of the Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Human and Social Recovery, and read a statement from Mayor Eric Johnson, tasking the committee with the following priorities to: (1) minimize the negative impact on the quality of life for residents of the City of Dallas, particularly the homeless, seniors and other vulnerable populations, and (2) monitor and ensure compliance with the City's emergency regulations and lay the groundwork for the long-term recovery from COVID-19.

Chair Adam McGough then presented the committee members and their respective focus areas:

Area of Focus	Committee Members
Education and Youth Services	Councilmember Jaime Resendez
Senior Services and Elder Care Facilities	Councilmember Omar Narvaez
Healthcare System, Hospital System; Family and Domestic Violence	Councilmember Jennifer Gates
Transportation and Aviation, Arts and Parks	Councilmember David Blewett
Community Coordination and Neighborhood Needs	Councilmember Carolyn King Arnold
Housing and Homelessness; Technology	Chair Cara Mendelsohn
Public Safety, Enforcement & Compliance; Philanthropic Coordination	Chair Adam McGough

Suggestions:

Suggestion was made that another Ad Hoc meeting occur, either Thursday or Friday to review assigned action items related to:

- (1) identify and recruit best and brightest who can be working group or working partners in their respective collaborative spaces;
- (2) identify corporate partners, nonprofits and available resources that are also working in the aforementioned collaborative spaces;
- (3) identify City staff designee;
- (4) evaluating the needs assessment;
- (5) reviewing, and issuing top 3 recommendations for each area.

## 2. Structure and Charges for Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Human Social Recovery and Assistance

**Presenter(s):** Chair Adam McGough

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Chair Adam McGough invited comments and concerns regarding actions to take following the end of the COVID-19 situation.

## 3. Identify Specific Areas of Focus and Need

**Presenter(s):** Chair McGough

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Chair Mendelsohn provided an overview of affected areas such as shelters, homeless centers, etc. Councilmember Gates shared that she will be reviewing needs of the Domestic Violence task force, which is scheduled to meet Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. City Attorney Chris Caso presented Amended Order of County Judge Clay Jenkins and fielded questions. Council members asked Mr. Caso if chiropractors, construction workers, and landscaping workers fall under the new order. Another question concerned whether retailers like Dillard's and Macy's that carry household items does it fall within definition of an essential business. It was noted that additional guidance would be provided in FAQs.

### Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS)

The Office of Homeless Solutions has secured 50 hotel rooms to house guests starting tomorrow. OHS priority groups are:

- Persons experiencing homelessness, in need of quarantine
- Persons in shelters and on the "Priority Housing list"

### Department of Code Compliance and Department Police Department

Both departments are working alongside to ensure residents are following temporary regulations towards COVID-19.

- Chief Hall gave an update on public safety and stated that the department is running low on sanitizers, Lysol wipes and are working with donors to provide more supplies.

### 311 Customer Service

There are two types of services request that residents can use to report violations to the recently enacted community gathering regulations:

- Emergency Regulations Violation
- Parks Emergency Regulation Violation

## 4. Timelines, plans for meetings and receiving recommendations

**Presenter(s):** Chair McGough

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** A meeting date was discussed for March 27, 2020. Time TBD.

Adjourn (8:09 p.m.)

**APPROVED BY:**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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DMPT Adam, McGough, Chair

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Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion