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Workforce, Education, and Equity Committee

August 10, 2020

9:00 AM

The Workforce, Education, and Equity Committee meeting will be held by videoconference. The meeting will be broadcast live on Spectrum Cable Channel 95 and online at bit.ly/cityofdallastv.

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2020 CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

COUNCIL COMMITTEE	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Atkins (C), Blewett (VC), Gates, McGough, Narvaez, Resendez, West	ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY Narvaez (C), Atkins (VC), Blackmon, Blewett, Gates
GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT Gates (C), Mendelsohn (VC), Arnold, Bazaldua, Kleinman, Narvaez, Thomas	HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS West (C), Thomas (VC), Arnold, Blackmon, Kleinman, Mendelsohn, Resendez
PUBLIC SAFETY McGough (C), Arnold (VC), Bazaldua, Blewett, Medrano, Mendelsohn, Thomas	QUALITY OF LIFE, ARTS, AND CULTURE Arnold (C), Gates (VC), Atkins, Narvaez, West
TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE Kleinman (C), Medrano, (VC), Atkins, Bazaldua, Blewett, McGough, West	WORKFORCE, EDUCATION, AND EQUITY Thomas (C), Resendez (VC), Blackmon, Kleinman, Medrano
AD HOC JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE McGough (C), Blewett, Mendelsohn, Narvaez, West	AD HOC LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS Johnson (C), Blackmon (VC), Atkins, Gates, Mendelsohn
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 RECOVERY AND ASSISTANCE Thomas (C), Atkins, Blewett, Gates, Mendelsohn, Narvaez, Resendez	

(C) – Chair, (VC) – Vice Chair

Note: A quorum of the Dallas City Council may attend this Council Committee meeting.

Call to Order**MINUTES**

- A. [20-1506](#) Approval of the June 8, 2020 Workforce, Education, and Equity Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

BRIEFING ITEMS

- B. [20-1505](#) 2020 Census Update
[Kimberly Bizzor Tolbert, Chief of Staff, City Manager's Office; Elizabeth Saab, External Affairs Manager, Office of Strategic Partnerships and Government Affairs]

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

- C. [20-1504](#) Equity and Inclusion Efforts
- a. Evictions Assistance Initiative
[Beverly Davis, Director, Office of Fair Housing and Human Rights]
 - b. Welcoming Communities Initiatives
[Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion, City Manager's Office]
 - c. Bridging the Digital Divide
[Genesis D. Gavino, Resilience Officer, Office of Resilience]

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

ADJOURNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. seeking the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.071]
2. deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.072]
3. deliberating a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the city if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.073]
4. deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee unless the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.074]
5. deliberating the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.076]
6. discussing or deliberating commercial or financial information that the city has received from a business prospect that the city seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the city and with which the city is conducting economic development negotiations; or deliberating the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect. [Tex Govt. Code §551.087]
7. deliberating security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology, network security information, or the deployment or specific occasions for implementations of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices. [Tex Govt. Code §551.089]



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Agenda Information Sheet

File #: 20-1506

Item #: A.

Approval of the June 8, 2020 Workforce, Education, and Equity Committee Meeting Minutes

Workforce, Education and Equity Committee Meeting Record

The Workforce, Education, and Equity Committee meetings are recorded.
Agenda materials are available online at www.dallascityhall.com. Recordings may be reviewed online at <https://dallastx.swagit.com/city-council>
Note: This meeting was conducted via teleconference to comply with a social distancing mandate during a declared state of disaster.

Meeting Date: June 8, 2020

Convened: 9:02 a.m.

Adjourned: 10:56 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

CM Casey Thomas, Chair
CM Jaime Resendez, Vice Chair
MPT Adam Medrano
CM Lee Kleinman
CM Paula Blackmon

Committee Members Absent:

N/A

Presenters:

Jordana Barton, Senior Community Development Advisor, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
Dottie Smith, President, Commit Partnership
Jack Kelanic, Chief Technology Officer, Dallas Independent School District
Drexell Owusu, Senior Vice President, Education and Workforce, Dallas Regional Chamber
Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion
Laila Alequresh, Chief Innovation Officer
Genesis Gavino, Resilience Officer, Office of Resilience
William Snead, Assistant Director, Information and Technology Services

Other Council Members Present:

DMPT Adam McGough
CM Jennifer S. Gates

AGENDA

Call to Order (9:02 a.m.)

A. Approval of the May 11, 2020 Workforce, Education and Equity Committee Meeting Minutes

Presenter(s): Chair Casey Thomas

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): A motion was made to approve the minutes for the May 11, 2020 Workforce, Education and Equity Committee meeting minutes.

Motion made by: Vice Chair Jaime Resendez

Motion seconded by: CM Paula Blackmon

Item passed unanimously: X

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed unanimously:

Item failed on a divided vote:

B. Approval of the May 28, 2020 Special Called Workforce, Education, and Equity Committee Meeting Minutes

Presenter(s): Chair Casey Thomas

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): A motion was made to approve the minutes for the May 28, 2020 Special Called Workforce, Education, and Equity Committee meeting minutes.

Motion made by: Vice Chair Jaime Resendez

Motion seconded by: CM Paula Blackmon

Item passed unanimously: X

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed unanimously:

Item failed on a divided vote:

C. Community Broadband Solutions in Response to COVID-19 and Beyond

Presenters: Jordana Barton, Senior Community Development Advisor, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas; Dottie Smith, President, Commit Partnership; Jack Kelanic, Chief Technology Officer, Dallas Independent School District; Drexell Owusu, Senior Vice President, Education and Workforce, Dallas Regional Chamber; Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion; Laila Alequresh, Chief Innovation Officer; Genesis Gavino, Resilience Officer, Office of Resilience; William Snead, Assistant Director, Information and Technology Services

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Ms. Barton provided an overview of community broadband solutions in response to COVID-19 and beyond and covered the following points:

- Dallas ranks sixth among 75 U.S. Cities with 100,000+ households by “worst connection.” The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed the extent to which the digital divide is a principle vulnerability that prevents the development of resilient communities.
- Government-owned fiber and wireless broadband networks may be used to bridge the digital divide in communities across the country and are vital assets for economic development.
- Cities can leverage public vertical assets and/or fiber to support educational institutions’ private wireless networks in low-income neighborhoods via interlocal agreements to develop a point-to-multipoint wireless network with the purpose of providing low-income students with home wireless internet connection to close the homework gap.
- Federal Reserve Bank guidance issued in March 2020 encourages banks to work constructively with borrowers and customers to meet the financial needs of those affected by COVID-19 through the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA). This may include loans, investments or services that support digital access or access to health care for low- to moderate-income individuals or communities.
- Committee members discussed the need for comprehensive and current data on internet access in the City, how a lack of internet affects low- to moderate-income households and children, how internet access is no longer a luxury, but a necessity, and the role of internet service providers in bridging the digital divide. Ms. Barton stated that the City’s actionable steps to bridge the digital divide include developing a digital inclusion plan in the City’s COVID response and invest in infrastructure, fiber networks, and wireless technology. Chair Thomas directed Vice Chair Resendez and Chief Cedillo-Pereira to lead the City’s internet access efforts make Dallas an equitable and resilient city.

Ms. Smith, Mr. Kelanic, and Mr. Owusu presented on Internet for All, a coalition of over 40 leaders from school districts, cities, non-profits, and other stakeholders, whose vision is that all households in Dallas County have highspeed, reliable internet and access to devices in their homes. Highlights from the presentation include:

- The coalition created a Dallas County and state-wide connectivity analysis, identifying zip codes with the greatest connectivity need. The coalition is collaborating with the Dallas Regional Chamber and the four leading internet providers to help co-create solutions.
- The coalition’s short-term goals include developing a scope of work for consulting services to conduct feasibility study; mid-term goals include piloting bus and school community Wi-Fi projects in high-need neighborhoods, lobbying at the State and national level, engaging incumbent service providers to analyze infrastructure & adoption issues, and completing a feasibility study and issue Request for Information/Proposal; long-term goals include developing public-private partnerships and appropriate business models, identifying and recommending policy solutions, subscribing families to available services, building infrastructure as necessary and launching services in January 2021, if feasible - broadband connectivity for all Dallas students.
- Committee members asked questions about costing out internet deployment and consulting efforts and how efforts will be targeting and including non-students.

Chief Cedillo-Pereira, Chief Alequresh, Officer Gavino, and Assistant Director Snead presented on the City’s immediate internet equity initiatives.

- Immediate efforts to close the digital divide include leveraging existing WiFi at City facilities to extend into parking lots or 300 feet beyond central signal point; securing private sector infrastructure donations

to support WiFi extension; coordinating with DISD to create a wireless mesh network; and participating in the Internet for All coalition with consultation from the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

- Other efforts include the Smart Cities pilot. In the next 3 – 6 months, a design and installment of up to three pilots will be executed through public-private partnerships.
- CM Kleiman requested the valuation of the Cisco donation and Chair Thomas requested a one pager or memo to City Councilmembers on the Cisco donation and potential to expand to other library locations.

Information only.

D. 2020 Census Update Briefing Memorandum

Presenters: Brett Wilkinson, Director, Office of Strategic Partnerships and Government Affairs

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): There was no discussion on this item. Information only.

E. Update on City of Dallas Ongoing Efforts to Address COVID-19 Health Access Disparities

Presenters: Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): There was no discussion on this item. Information only.

Adjourn (10:56 a.m.)

APPROVED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

Casey Thomas, Chair
Workforce, Education & Equity Committee

Sommer Iqbal, Coordinator
Workforce, Education & Equity Committee



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Agenda Information Sheet

File #: 20-1505

Item #: B.

2020 Census Update

[Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff, City Manager's Office; Elizabeth Saab, External Affairs Manager, Office of Strategic Partnerships and Government Affairs]



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2020 Census Update

Workforce, Education, and Equity
August 10, 2020

Kimberly Bizer-Tolbert, Chief of Staff, City of Dallas
Brett Wilkinson, Director and Elizabeth Saab, External Relations Manager,
Office of Strategic Partnerships and Government Affairs

Presentation Overview



- 2020 Census Deadline Update
- 2020 Census Self-Response Rates
- Update on Outreach during COVID-19
- City of Dallas Census Strategy Forecast
- Call to Action
- Update on 2020 Census Vendor / Next Steps



2020 Census Deadline Update



- On August 3, 2020, the United States Census Bureau officially announced **September 30** as the new 2020 Census deadline
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the deadline had initially been moved to October 31, 2020
- The Census Bureau cited the need to deliver numbers to the White House on December 31, 2020 as their reason for moving up the deadline



2020 Census Self-Response Rates*



City of Dallas Census Response Rates as of Friday, July 31, 2020

City of Dallas: 54.4%
Dallas County: 58.5%
State of Texas: 57.8%
Unites States: 62.8%

1	City Council District 9	67.15%
2	City Council District 3	62.04%
3	City Council District 13	61.85%
4	City Council District 12	61.72%
5	City Council District 10	56.38%
6	City Council District 14	56.21%
7	City Council District 11	55.56%
8	City Council District 5	54.66%
9	City Council District 8	54.42%
10	City Council District 1	53.91%
11	City Council District 6	51.82%
12	City Council District 4	51.58%
13	City Council District 7	50.50%
14	City Council District 2	47.93%



www.2020.census.gov

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**Provided by Alpha Business Images, as of July 31, 2020*



Update on Outreach During COVID-19



- Shifted boots on the ground outreach and awareness to virtual engagement
- Pursued opportunities to engage City departments to participate in virtual Census challenges and assist with outreach and awareness
- Engaged the Mayor's 2020 Census Complete Count Committee through volunteering for a virtual phone bank organized by the Census vendor Alpha Business Images (ABI)



Update on Outreach During COVID-19



- Provide weekly self-response updates and social media graphics directly to each City Council member and their Census appointees
- Include Census reminders in Parks and Recreation and Dallas Public Library well-being calls
- Distribute collateral material during Library curbside book pick-ups
- Provided framework for partners to host virtual awareness events



Update on Outreach During COVID-19



- Additionally, City Census Staff initiated outreach and awareness through the following outlets:
 - Digital signage at the American Airlines Testing Site
 - Yard signs at various COVID-19 testing sites
 - Materials for Parkland Health and Hospital to include in their COVID-19 test health packets
 - Worked with school districts to ensure that 2020 Census was included in online learning portals
 - Materials to include in the Mayor's Milk Giveaway
 - Materials to include in the Office of Resilience Mask initiative
 - 2020 Census reminder in the 211 automated hotline
 - 2020 Census reminder in the hold prompt and online for the Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program
 - 2020 Census reminder through the City of Dallas water bill
 - Virtual online events for internal and external partners
 - The Communities Foundation of Texas provided door hangers, yard signs, posters, and flyers to distribute to City Council and CCC members



City of Dallas Census Strategy Forecast



- Upcoming City Census Staff Initiatives:
 - Working with City of Dallas testing sites to deploy additional materials and signage
 - Initiating a virtual phone bank through the Communities Foundation in partnership with Shiftsmart to call 125,000 numbers provided by ABI between now and September 30
 - Coordinating with district appointees in the 6 lowest response-rate districts to contact large apartment complexes to deploy door hangers and materials
 - Partnering with U.S. Census Bureau to deploy their Census Recruiting Assistants to help with handing out materials at apartment complexes
 - Partnering with The North Texas Food Bank and the U.S. Census Bureau to hand out materials at major distribution sites
 - Working with the MLK Center Back to School Event to provide information during school supply distribution
 - Working with the Mayor's Back to School Event to provide information during school supply distribution



Call to Action for City Council



- Continue to share and post social media graphics
- Assist with rallying and recruiting residents to participate
- Continue deploying materials throughout districts
- Ask residents to each enlist 5 people to fill out the 2020 Census
- Identify partners to participate in Census giveaways
- Participate in block walking events being organized by ABI



Update on 2020 Census Vendor



- Alpha Business Images (ABI), the 2020 Census vendor shifted to virtual outreach beginning in March
- ABI, the City of Dallas, and Dallas County participate in weekly strategy calls
- Some of ABI's outreach includes:
 - Partnering with local food distribution outlets, including community food pantry's and Dallas ISD distribution
 - Robust earned and paid media, including via minority outlets
 - Targeted outreach in the LatinX community
 - Deployment of block-walkers in Hard to Count Areas
 - Amplifying partner engagement
 - Create graphics and weekly social media messaging



Update on 2020 Census Vendor/Next Steps



- ABI's contract with Dallas County expired on July 31
- Dallas County Commissioners Court approved renewing the contract through October 31
- Currently, the City of Dallas, Dallas County, and ABI are working to re-calibrate the strategy to account for the new September 30 deadline
- ABI is gathering and analyzing data to help inform where and how best to deploy resources through September 30
- ABI will provide to City Council in early September a thorough update and a final call to action
- During October, ABI will prepare a report / lessons learned





2020 Census Update

Workforce, Education, and Equity

August 10, 2020

Kimberly Bizer-Tolbert, Chief of Staff, City of Dallas
Elizabeth Saab, External Relations Manager,
Office of Strategic Partnerships and Government Affairs





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File #: 20-1504

Item #: C.

Equity and Inclusion Efforts

- a. Evictions Assistance Initiative
[Beverly Davis, Director, Office of Fair Housing and Human Rights]
- b. Welcoming Communities Initiatives
[Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion, City Manager's Office]
- c. Bridging the Digital Divide
[Genesis D. Gavino, Resilience Officer, Office of Resilience]



City of Dallas

Equity and Inclusion Efforts Update

**Workforce, Education, and Equity
Committee**

August 10, 2020

Beverly Davis, Director,
Fair Housing and Human Rights
Genesis D. Gavino, Resilience Officer,
Office of Resilience

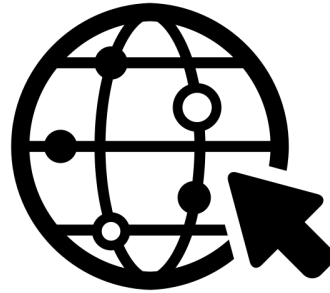
Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion

Presentation Overview



- Interactive Webpages
- Evictions Assistance Initiative
- Welcoming Initiatives
- Bridging the Digital Divide
- Next Steps





Interactive Webpages

Genesis D. Gavino, Resilience Officer
Office of Resilience

Interactive Website



Resilient Dallas

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Dallas will foster a practice of resilience thinking by building opportunities for strategic engagement, leveraging community partnerships, and collaborating and strengthening communication with all residents and constituents.

INTRODUCING GOALS

Goal 1

Advance Equity

4 Initiatives | 8 actions

88% Complete

Goal 2

Welcoming City

3 Initiatives | 9 actions

83% Complete

Goal 3

Economic Mobility

4 Initiatives | 9 actions

67% Complete

Goal 4

Equitable Access

3 Initiatives | 7 actions

93% Complete

Goal 5

Healthy Communities

3 Initiatives | 9 actions

67% Complete

Goal 6

Neighborhood Infrastructure

1 Initiatives | 3 actions

83% Complete

Goal 7

Environmental Sustainability

2 Initiatives | 4 actions

100% Complete

All Goals

Learn More

20 Initiatives | 49 actions

83% Complete

[Resilient Dallas Strategy](#)

Dallas Equity Indicators

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The Equity Indicators are designed to measure equity, or the fairness and justice in outcomes for and treatment of groups of people, across five thematic areas.

39.8

Overall Equity Score

The Overall Score is Comprised of 5 Themes of Equity Indicators

40.75

Economic Opportunity

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38.5

Education

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47.42

Neighborhoods & Infrastructure

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32.25

Justice & Government

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39.92

Public Health

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[Dallas Equity Indicators](#)

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Eviction Assistance Initiative

Beverly Davis, Director
Office of Fair Housing and Human Rights



COVID-19 Impact on Evictions



- Unemployment due to COVID-19 has directly affected tenants' ability to pay rent
 - June 2020 unemployment rate in Texas was 8.6%
- Eviction avalanche: Due to financial constraints, eviction proceedings are expected to increase exponentially once tenant protections expire
- [COVID-19 Housing Policy Score Card](#) – The Eviction Lab at Princeton University
 - Analyzes and ranks state eviction protections
 - Texas was ranked at #50 out of 50 states
 - Few to no tenant protections in Texas were identified in the score card review



COVID-19 Housing Policy Scorecard



STATE 

TEXAS

State score: **0.00/5.00**

RENTING POPULATION 






9,601,665

RATING 







CLOSE OUTLINE 





INITIATION OF EVICTION

-  No notice to quit
-  No filing if tenant has COVID-19 hardship
-  No filing for nonpayment
-  No filing, except emergencies
-  CARES certification required




TENANCY PRESERVATION MEASURES

-  No late fees
-  No rent raises
-  Housing stabilization
-  Legal counsel for tenants

COURT PROCESS

-  Hearings suspended
-  Judgments of possession stayed
-  Deadlines extended or tolled
-  Eviction records sealed

ENFORCEMENT OF EVICTION ORDER

-  No removal if tenant has COVID-19 hardship
-  No removal of tenant for nonpayment
-  No removal of tenant, except emergencies

VIEW FULL REPORT 

SHORT-TERM SUPPORTS

-  Moratorium extends past emergency declaration
-  No utility disconnection
-  Free utility reconnection
-  Grace period to pay rent
-  No report to credit bureau
-  Foreclosure moratorium

LAST UPDATED 5/26/2020



Eviction Protections Updates as of 8/6/2020



Federal: CARES Act eviction moratorium and tenant protections

- Applied only to federally-backed mortgage loans
- Expired July 25, 2020
- Landlords free to issue the 30-day notice to vacate

State: Texas Supreme Court Requires landlords to certify compliance with the CARES Act

County: Eviction moratoria and Justice of the Peace Courts

- Dallas County Courts issued a second eviction moratorium in July, which expired on August 5, 2020
 - The moratorium applied to nonpayment of rent
 - Did not apply to people evicted for family violence, criminal activity, or actions outside nonpayment of rent
 - As of August 6, 2020, 8 out of 10 Justice of the Peace Courts agreed to not set eviction cases until August 24, 2020
- Collin and Denton County Courts require certification that the CARES Act is being followed. Cases are being heard as they are filed.

City: COVID Notice of Possible Eviction ordinance



COVID Notice of Possible Eviction Ordinance



- Requires landlords to provide a COVID notice of possible eviction prior to a notice to vacate
 - The ordinance is a pre-requisite to the issuance of a notice to vacate
 - Reduces the possibility of exposure of the COVID-19 virus and promotes the health and safety of Dallas residents
 - Enables residential property owners/landlords and tenants to work collaboratively, allowing tenants negatively impacted by COVID-19 and unable to pay their rent to remain in their homes



COVID Notice of Possible Eviction Ordinance



Who Qualifies?

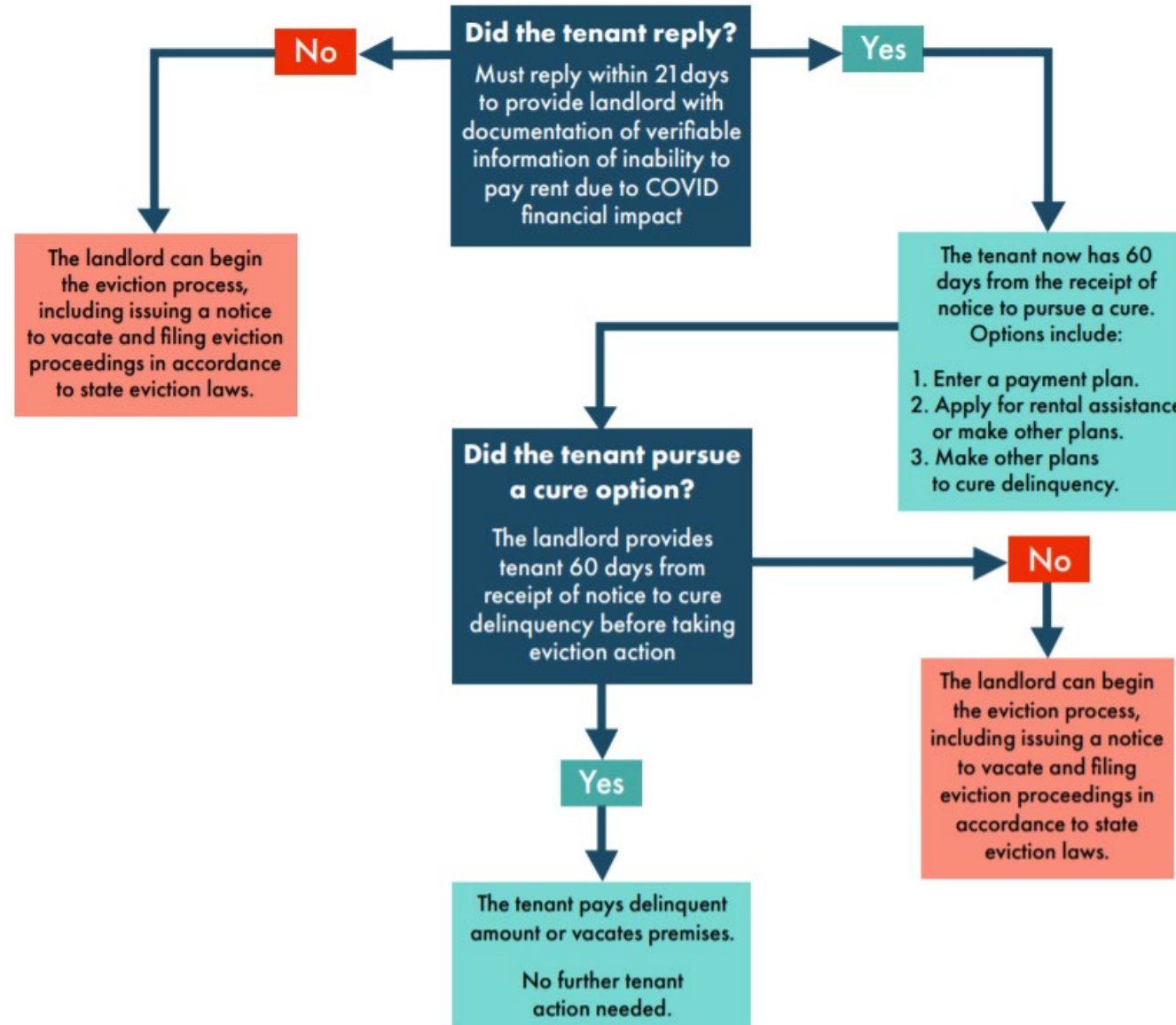
- City of Dallas residential tenants who fail to pay rent due to COVID financial impact and provide objectively verifiable information to their landlord while the Ordinance is in effect:
 - Within 21 days of a tenant receiving the COVID Notice of Possible Eviction; or
 - Tenant who provides property owners/landlord with a COVID Notice of Hardship before landlord provides COVID Notice of Possible Eviction.

Expiration:

- “This ordinance expires on the later of the termination of the Governor's declared state of disaster due to the COVID-19 Pandemic or the Mayor's declared state of local disaster due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.”
 - Governor Abbott renewed the Declared State of Disaster on July 10, 2020 and extends for the next 30 days, or August 10th.



What happens when a tenant receives a COVID notice of possible eviction by their landlord?



Evictions Assistance Initiative



- Provide legal support to prevent evictions and assist in preventing homelessness
- Developing a Request for Applications (RFA) for non-profit legal service organizations, law firms, or law school legal clinics to provide legal support and representation to residential tenants who may face loss of housing due to the COVID-19 pandemic
 - The successful proposal will contain the elements of direct legal representation, counseling, training, and education
- CARES Act funding in the amount of \$500,000 will be utilized for this purpose



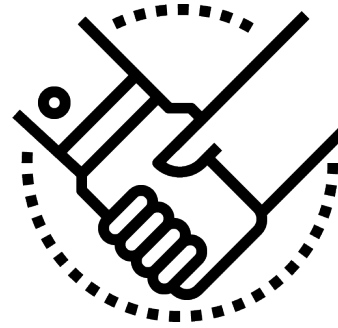
Evictions Assistance Initiative



Next Steps

- August 10 – August 20
 - Request for Applications Open
- August 21
 - Pre-Proposal Conference
- September 4
 - Proposals Due
- September 11
 - Award Recommendation
- September 23
 - City Council Voting Agenda





Welcoming Initiatives

Liz Cedillo-Pereira
Chief of Equity and Inclusion



City of Dallas Emma Lazarus Resilience Fund



- Public-private effort providing \$500,000 in financial assistance to Dallas immigrant and refugee individuals and families who are impacted by COVID-19 and ineligible for federal COVID-19 relief programs
- Administered by the Communities Foundation of Texas (CFT)
- Funding will be disbursed through non-profit organizations
- One-time support of \$500 - \$1,000 per family



City of Dallas Emma Lazarus Resilience Fund



Fund Development

- Donations to the fund can be made here:
<https://portal.cftexas.org/emmalazarusresiliencefund>
- Collaborating with other community partners and funding initiatives, such as We Care and the Dallas Immigrant Fund
- Welcoming America Resilient Rapid Response Grant: \$10,000
 - Potential administration through CFT to deploy as capacity-building grants to non-profit organizations selected for the Emma Lazarus Resilience Fund





Next Steps


- August 3 – August 21
 - Non-profit Application Open
- August 24 – August 28 (short review of 100 – 200 applications) or August 24 – September 11 (long review of over 200 applications)
 - Application Review
- September 1 or September 15
 - Award Recommendations
- September 2 or September 15
 - Grants Awarded



Community Resources Hub



<https://communityresources.dallascityhall.com/>

 City of Dallas

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Zip

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COVID-19 Response ×

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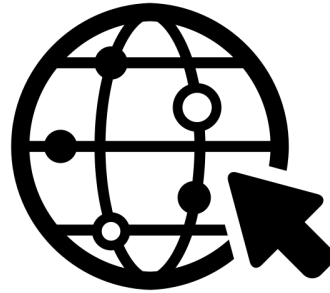
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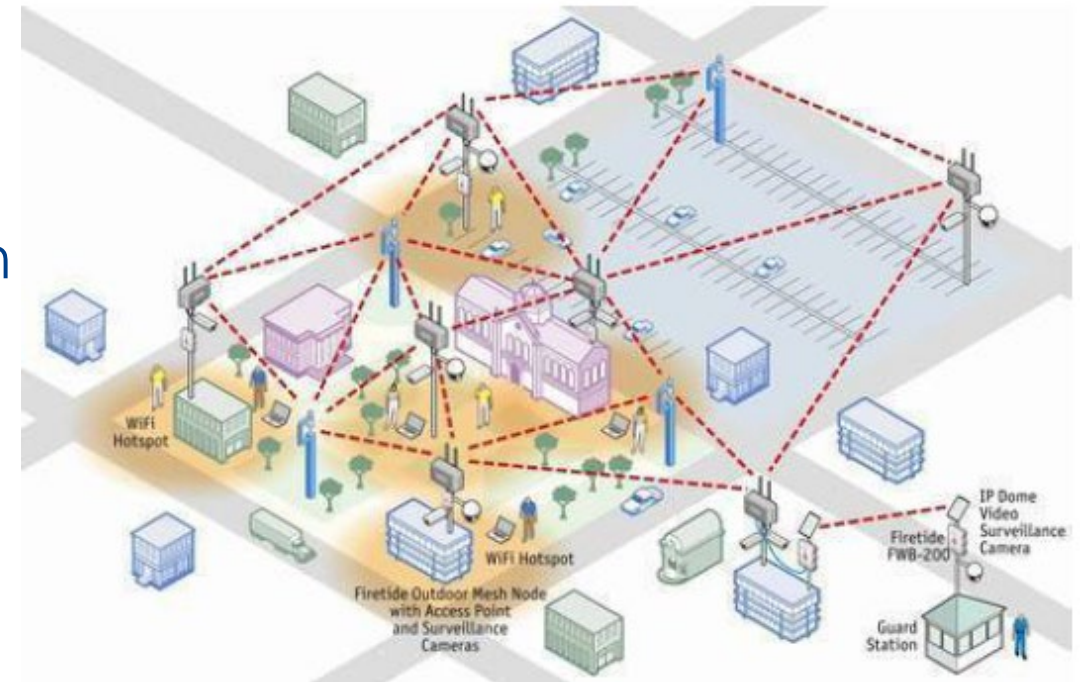
Bridging the Digital Divide

Genesis D. Gavino, Resilience Officer
Office of Resilience

Coronavirus Relief Fund - \$10M



- Technical Assessment
- Single to Multipoint Wireless Network
 - 10 neighborhood pilot sites to develop mesh network in residential areas
 - Leverage existing vertical assets and City facilities to extend signal
- Hardware to support residents (laptops)
- Digital Navigators Support
- Leverage additional funding
 - Community Reinvestment Act
 - Economic Development Administration
 - Private Funding
- Longer Term Solutions
 - Smart City Integration
 - Dark Fiber



Telecommunications Consultant



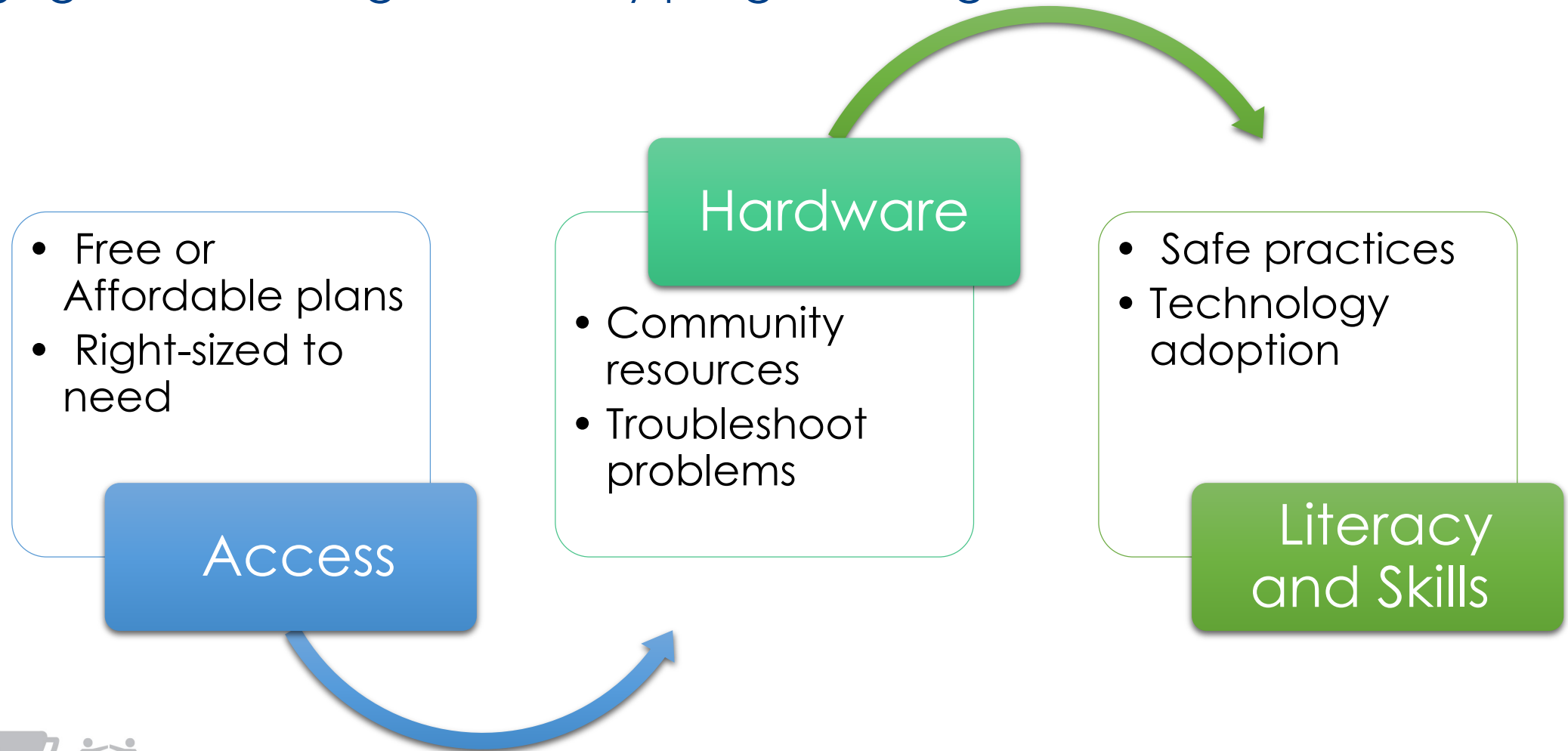
- Conduct a technical feasibility study for developing a network, such as a point-to-multipoint private cellular, to connect students in their homes.
- All viable solutions and options will be considered based on costs, performance, and sustainability to meet the needs of the City's residents and the District's students as each continue transitioning to remote working and distance learning.
- Cost-Sharing Interlocal Agreement with Dallas Independent School District and other members of Operation Connectivity (Internet for All Coalition) - **August 26, 2020 City Council Voting Agenda**



Digital Navigators Pilot Program



- Serve as a resource for best practices and innovations in community engagement for digital literacy programming



Digital Navigators Pilot Program



Next Steps

- August 6 – August 24
 - Request for Applications Open
- August 13 and 20
 - Pre-Proposal Conference
- August 25 and 26
 - Application Evaluation and Scoring
- September 9
 - City Council Voting Agenda



City Council Action



- August 26, 2020 - Cost-Sharing Interlocal Agreement
- September 9, 2020 – Digital Navigators
- September 23, 2020 – Eviction Assistance

