

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 7, 2022

TO Honorable Members of Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT **January 12, 2022, City Council Agenda #32; 22-80 Three-year Sheltering Agreement with the American National Red Cross**

This item is to authorize a three-year agreement with the American National Red Cross (Red Cross), Dallas Chapter, to permit the temporary use of Park and Recreation facilities. These sites will function as Red Cross public shelters during a declared or undeclared natural disaster or other condition or event requiring the activation of the disaster relief functions of the Red Cross.

For years, the American National Red Cross, in conjunction with the Office of Emergency Management, have utilized Park and Recreation facilities as Emergency Shelters to house displaced citizens of Dallas, Dallas County and others as needed. This agreement was drafted to formally address the responsibilities of the American Red Cross and the Park and Recreation Department. An official agreement has not been in place since 2017.

The proposed shelter agreement provides that in the event of a disaster and/or evacuation to Dallas, the City of Dallas Park and Recreation facilities may be used as shelter sites.

We request your acceptance of this agreement which will be placed on the council agenda on January 12, 2022, for full council approval.

If you have any questions please contact OEM Director, Rocky Vaz, at [rocky.vaz@dallascityhall.com](mailto:rocky.vaz@dallascityhall.com).

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