

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE March 20, 2020

TO Honorable Members of the Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee:
Chad West (Chair), Casey Thomas, II (Vice Chair), Carolyn King Arnold, Paula Blackmon, Lee Kleinman, Cara Mendelsohn, Jamie Resendez

SUBJECT **Citizen Homelessness Commission Subcommittees**

Background

The Citizen Homelessness Commission (CHC) was created by Chapter 2, Section 2-147 through 2-149 of the Dallas City Code. The purpose of the commission is to:

“assure participation from and inclusion of all stakeholders, including those with past or present experience with homelessness. In order to develop policy recommendations to ensure alignment of city services with regional services to enhance efficiency, quality and effectiveness of the community-wide response to homelessness.” (Sec 2-147)

Additionally, Chapter 8-1.1 of the Dallas City Code requires that Boards and Commissions provide reports to the City Council annually which include “a list of objectives and programs for the coming year including revised goals”. (SubSec (a)(5)).

Actions Taken

In order to effectively fulfill the Commissions’ purpose and reporting requirements, Commissioners voted unanimously at the March 9th meeting to create three committees which will work alongside staff to develop actionable plans and budgets that fulfill the priorities set by the City Council.

The three committees are:

- Strategic Planning/Homeless Response System Committee
- Budget and Capital Investment Committee
- Contracts and Compliance Committee

Committee assignments are:

Strategic Planning/Homeless Response System Committee:

Titia Owens, Chair
Brandon Vance
Amy Dessler
Jennifer Snow

Budget and Capital Investment Committee:

David King, Chair
John Shellene
Kevin Cooper
Christian Marquez

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Contracts and Compliance Committee:
Alan Tallis, Chair
Josh Cogan
Linda Garner

Next Steps

Staff supports the decision by the CHC to create each new committee and will assist the CHC in scheduling and presenting information at each of the committee meetings.

OHS staff will work closely with each new committee and will include the feedback and input of each into program development and operations. OHS will also provide the membership of the Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee with regular updates on the initiatives developed through this new structure.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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