



## Legislation Text

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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Economic and Neighborhood Vitality  
**AGENDA DATE:** June 23, 2021  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** All  
**DEPARTMENT:** Office of Economic Development  
**EXECUTIVE:** Dr. Eric A. Johnson

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### **SUBJECT**

Authorize approval of 15 nominees to serve on the Economic Development Advisory Task Force which will advise on implementation of the economic development policy and creation of an economic development entity - Financing: No cost consideration to City

### **BACKGROUND**

On May 26, 2021 City Council adopted two documents by Resolution No. 21-0927. First, *City of Dallas Economic Development Policy: Economic Growth and Social Progress for All* was adopted as the city's economic development policy. Second, *Briefing Paper on Establishing a New Economic Development Entity - City of Dallas* was adopted as a set of recommendations for creation of a new economic development entity.

On that same date City Council also approved formation of an economic development advisory task force to advise staff and engaged consultants on the creation of the economic development entity and the implementation of the economic development policy and instructed the City Manager to return with a slate of nominees for City Council approval.

The City manager nominates the following 15 persons to serve an 18-month term on the task force:

1. Jennifer Gates, Committee Chair, Former Dallas City Council
2. Harrison Blair, Black Chamber of Commerce
3. Trey Bowles, InnoCity Partners
4. Cullum Clark, Bush Institute
5. Zenetta Drew, Dallas Black Dance Theater
6. Alfredo Duarte, Taxco Produce
7. Steven Duong, AECOM
8. Hilda Galvan, Jones Day
9. Kourtny Garrett, Downtown Dallas Inc

10. Jessica Hernandez, Parkland Hospital
11. Rick Ortiz, Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
12. Drex Owusu, Dallas Foundation
13. Michael Sorrell, Paul Quinn College
14. Oric Walker, Atmos Energy
15. Dora Zapata, Capital One

If vacancies occur during the 18-month term, the City Manager will nominate additional task force candidates for future City Council approval.

### **PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)**

On May 26, 2021, City Council approved (1) adoption of *City of Dallas Economic Development Policy: Economic Growth and Social Progress for All* (2) endorsement of the recommendations for formation of a new economic development entity contained in *Briefing Paper on Establishing a New Economic Development Entity - City of Dallas*, and (3) creation of an advisory task force to guide the implementation of items (1) and (2) as by Resolution No. 21-0927.

Information about this item was provided to the Economic Development Committee on June 7, 2021.

### **FISCAL INFORMATION**

No cost consideration to the City