

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE March 17, 2020

TO Honorable Members of the Dallas City Council

SUBJECT Creation of Ad Hoc Dallas City Council Committees

Dear Colleagues:

The spread of COVID-19 has created the need for swift and aggressive action by the City of Dallas. While I am overseeing emergency response operations for the City of Dallas pursuant to state law, it is important for the Dallas City Council to consider and adopt necessary and proper measures to aid our residents and businesses through these difficult times.

It is imperative that we begin immediately to help our residents and businesses in their time of need and to set the stage for Dallas' swift and complete recovery.

Therefore, I am hereby establishing two new ad hoc committees, effective immediately.

1. Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Economic Recovery and Assistance. At the direction of the mayor, this committee will develop and recommend strategies to a) mitigate the negative impact of COVID-19 on businesses and workers in the City of Dallas and b) minimize the negative impact of COVID-19 on the city's tax revenue and budget.

Paula Blackmon (Co-chair)
Casey Thomas (Co-chair)
Tennell Atkins
Adam Bazaldua
Lee Kleinman
Adam Medrano
Chad West

2. Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Human and Social Recovery and Assistance. At the direction of the mayor, this committee will develop and recommend strategies to a) minimize the negative impact of COVID-19 on the quality of life for residents of the City of Dallas, particularly the homeless, seniors, and other vulnerable populations and b) monitor compliance with the City's emergency regulations.

Adam McGough (Co-chair)
Cara Mendelsohn (Co-chair)
Carolyn King Arnold
David Blewett
Jennifer Gates
Omar Narvaez
Jaime Resendez

I have asked our residents and businesses to do their part as we fight this global pandemic. These ad hoc committees will help ensure the actions of city government appropriately address the needs of our residents and businesses as they arise.

I am asking the co-chairs of the ad hoc committees created hereby to hold their first meetings as soon as practicable. In addition, I encourage committee co-chairs to use video conferencing to assist with these meetings and to adopt other practices consistent with the spirit of social distancing.

I look forward to working with you all to address COVID-19 and keep Dallas moving forward.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Johnson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Eric Johnson
Mayor