

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 5, 2022

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Executive Leadership Transition – Dr. Eric Anthony Johnson**

I wanted to share with you that **Dr. Eric Anthony Johnson**, Chief of Economic Development and Neighborhood Services has advised me that he is leaving the City of Dallas, **effective January 28, 2022.**

Since March 2020, Dr. Johnson has provided executive leadership and guidance for the City's economic development and housing activities. He has exemplified the leadership and commitment necessary to advance the City's economic development and housing goals in partnership with residents, the business community, and nonprofit organizations.

More specifically, Dr. Johnson provided the executive leadership and direction to his departmental portfolio that allowed them to achieve the following accomplishments during his tenure:

- Authored the City's 36-month Community Transformation Action Roadmap as a working guide to focus staff efforts
- Facilitated adoption of the City's 2021 Economic Development Policy which included City Council approval of an Economic Development Entity
- Launched forwardDallas! citywide comprehensive plan update
- Facilitated the creation of the LISC/TREC affordable housing fund
- Facilitated the creation of the Mortgage Rental Assistance Program and the Small Business Continuity Fund in response to COVID-19
- Facilitated the creation of the Dallas Public Facilities Corporation and adoption of corporate bylaws
- Facilitated the creation of the private provider model to support permit review via changes to Chapter 52

Summary of 2021 Economic Development Accomplishments:

- 24 projects; 1,832 jobs
- \$422.8 million private investment leveraged by \$22.2 million of City incentive investment
- 1,843 affordable residential units (including 1,500 required to be created by the newly created Affordable Housing Fund)
- \$20.45 million directly invested in public improvement projects, including \$254,000 in public sidewalks in West Dallas; \$1,950,000 in streetcar system operations & maintenance; \$5,677,000 in acquisition of property for future park in Valley View-Galleria area; \$500,000 in public street lighting improvements in area south of Fair Park; \$508,738 in water/wastewater improvements in University Hills area; and \$11,562,124 in Hi Line Connector Trail project (The Loop)

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I want to sincerely thank and acknowledge Dr. Johnson for his service to the City of Dallas. Please join me in wishing Dr. Johnson continued success in his future endeavors. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly.



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