

# Memorandum



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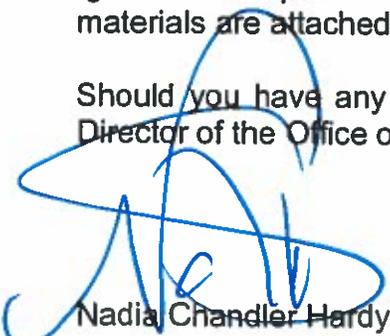
DATE November 2, 2018

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

SUBJECT **Assessment of Fair Housing and North Texas Regional Assessment of Fair Housing Report**

On Tuesday, November 6, 2018, you will be briefed on the Assessment of Fair Housing by Beverly Davis, Director of the Office of Equity and Human Rights, and Drs. Myriam Igoufe and Stephen Mattingly from the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA). The briefing materials are attached for your review.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact myself or Beverly Davis, Director of the Office of Equity and Human Rights.



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# Assessment of Fair Housing

City Council Briefing  
November 6, 2018

Beverly Davis, Director  
Office of Equity and Human Rights



# Purpose

To provide an update on the Regional Assessment of Fair Housing and the Analysis of Impediments



# Overview

- In 2015, HUD issued a new rule on the obligation to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing.
- All entities receiving federal entitlement funds were required to conduct an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH).
- The AFH Process was developed to provide for better fair housing planning and to reduce disparities in access to housing opportunity.

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# Overview

- The AFH process required utilization of HUD provided data and a specifically prescribed assessment tool that is used to conduct a comprehensive study and develop the AFH.
- HUD encouraged collaboration with jurisdictions located in the same region in preparation of the AFH.
- HUD required that the analysis and goals in the AFH be incorporated into the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans.



# Background/History

- The Housing Committee was briefed on the Regional Assessment of Fair Housing on October 17, 2016.
- On December 14, 2016, the Dallas City Council approved an Interlocal Agreement with the University of Texas at Arlington to conduct the Regional Assessment of Fair Housing.



# Background/History

- The Council Action also provided authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with 21 other North Texas entities to develop a Regional Assessment of Fair Housing.
- On June 14, 2017, City Council approved the first contract amendment which incorporated HUD regional procurement regulations for sub recipients.

# Background/History

- In July 2017, HUD issued new data sets to correct data that was previously provided to jurisdictions.
- October 17, 2017, Economic Development and Housing Committee was briefed on a contract amendment with UTA to increase the contract cost and extend the contract to incorporate new HUD data.
- October 25, 2017, City Council approved contract amendment for increase in cost and time extension.

# Recent Developments

- In January 2018, HUD issued a notice delaying development of the AFH until October of 2020, but did not provide clear guidance to jurisdictions that were in the process of completing the AFH.
- On May 15, 2018, HUD issued new notices eliminating the requirement for the AFH.

# Recent Developments

- HUD directed that jurisdictions utilize the Analysis of Impediments (AI) as the methodology to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing.
- HUD stated the data they provided for the AFH could be used to prepare the AI.
- HUD stated that jurisdictions could utilize data from the AFH for planning purposes.
- HUD will not accept the AFH from any jurisdiction.

# Project Status

- Economic Development and Housing Committee was briefed on staff recommendations to complete the AFH on June 4, 2018.
- UTA has completed the AFH and has a draft report that is ready for public review and comment.

# Project Status

- Upon posting, the draft of the AFH will be available for public review and comment for 45 days.
- Data from the AFH will be utilized to develop the Analysis of Impediments.
- A contract with UTA in the amount of \$72,536 will be presented for City Council approval on November 28, 2018.

# Utilization Of AFH Data

- AFH Data will be utilized for planning purposes including:
  - Development of the 5 Year Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments
  - Equity Planning and Program Development
  - Housing Policy Refinements
  - Economic Development and Workforce Policy Initiatives
  - Regional Planning Efforts
  - Transportation Planning
  - Human and Social Needs Planning

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