

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 7, 2022

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – January 6, 2022**

New Updates

Temporary Inclement Weather Shelters

The Office of Homeless Solutions activated the opening of temporary inclement weather shelters (TWIS) in the City of Dallas on Saturday, January 1, 2022 and Sunday, January 2, 2022, based on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric forecast, in accordance with Chapter 45 of the City Code. Those experiencing homelessness were directed to Oak Lawn United Methodist Church (UMC) and OurCalling.



Both sites performed rapid response Covid testing with those testing positive sent to the City Covid Quarantine site opened for inclement weather sheltering at Reverchon Park Recreation Center with approval from the Parks Department. The second night of inclement weather shelter, capacity at Oak Lawn and OurCalling was reached, so an overflow shelter for Covid negative individuals was also opened at the Bachman Lake Recreation Center. After the closure of inclement weather shelter, Covid positive guests were transferred to hotel partners under the management of Catholic Charities, with assistance from OHS staff, as needed. These guests will remain in hotels for the duration of their quarantine period.



Through a tremendous amount of preparation and planning, this well-organized operation provided shelter for our unsheltered neighbors this weekend and is prepared to do so again later in the week should temperatures trigger Chapter 45 of the City Code. This work would not have been possible without support from the Office of Emergency Management, the Parks Department, Dallas Fire Rescue, Oak Lawn UMC, OurCalling, Stewpot, Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA), Downtown Dallas Inc., Catholic Charities, Austin Street Center, Kessler Park UMC, CitySquare, and all of the area homeless services providers. Collectively, they provided medical services, meals, and transportation throughout this period.

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If you have any questions, please reach out Christine Crossley, Director of the Office of Homeless Solutions.

City Manager's Corner

Lisa Blouin has been a City of Dallas employee for over fifteen years, since moving from New Orleans' parish and the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. She started her career working with the homeless population at the DRC Homeless Shelter, as an intake coordinator, which gave her the opportunity to get to know individuals on a one-on-one basis. Lisa credits this position in building the soft skills needed to build relationships with individuals suffering from mental illness and/ or substance abuse. Her ability to build and maintain relationships has allowed her to successfully assist over one thousand individuals with obtaining their ID's, SS cards, and birth certificates. Lisa has also assisted over three hundred individuals in obtaining housing through the Rapid Rehousing, HOWPA, and SPC Programs. She is currently employed as an Office of Homeless Solutions Street Outreach and Advocacy Specialist, working directly with unsheltered homeless to get them into shelters and/or housing. Lisa also works closely with Community Courts to get tickets expunged and allow for individuals to start on a clean state. In Lisa's own words, "Working with this new program, the [Dallas R.E.A.L. Time Rapid Rehousing Initiative], has really made a difference with the homeless population. We can move them from the streets into housing. I really enjoy what I do, it's my passion. I am the voice for the homeless and I can make things happen."



South Oak Cliff (SOC) High School Football State Champions – Champions to Champions Reception – Wednesday - January 12, 2022 – 11:30 AM

Next week the City of Dallas will recognize the South Oak Cliff High School Golden Bears Football Team for their 2021 UIL Class 5A Division II championship victory during the Champions to Champions Reception on January 12, 2022 at 11:30 AM. The event will be held on the Dallas City Hall Plaza located at 1500 Marilla as part of the City Council Agenda meeting. The reception will include speakers, a presentation to the team, a musical tribute, and an opportunity for photos. Designed to be both virtual and

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in-person, the recognition celebration will include social distance protocols to ensure the safety of all in-person attendees. Additional information will be provided to both members of the City Council and the broader community through social media. Attached please find the invite that will be shared. Due to a recent surge of the coronavirus and in the best interest of public health, you are encouraged to watch the ceremony live at [YouTube.com/CityofDallasCityHall](https://www.youtube.com/CityofDallasCityHall) instead of in person. For more information about the recognition celebration, please contact Cindy Hall or Phil Foster in the District 4 office at 214.670.0780 or by email at district4@dallascityhall.com.

[Government Finance Officers Association's \(GFOA\) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence Award](#)

The City of Dallas has been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. The GFOA established the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program in 1945 to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare annual comprehensive financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. The City of Dallas has received this honor 15 consecutive years. Should you have any questions, please contact Sheri Kowalski, City Controller.

[Equity Indicators Symposium](#)

The Office of Equity and Inclusion in partnership with Communities Foundation of Texas will host the 3rd Annual Equity Indicators Symposium - The City and Community Collaborating to Advance Equity Through Measures and Accountability. The virtual symposium will be centered around the Equity Indicators report and consist of roundtable discussion with Policymakers and two panel discussions. The event is scheduled to take place on this Friday, January 14, 2022, from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm as part of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Week. Please see the attached flier for registration information. Should you have any questions, please contact Dr. Lindsey Wilson, Equity Officer.

[Redistricting Town Hall / Listening Sessions](#)

The Redistricting Commission will meet Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. via videoconference and at Dallas City Hall – Council Chambers – 6EN. They will receive an update on redistricting marketing, map submissions and map overlays.

The Commission will host their third of eight Redistricting Town Hall / Listening sessions tonight, Thursday, January 6, 2021 at Bachman Recreation Center at 6:30 p.m. and will host the next town hall on Thursday, January 13 at Lake Highland Recreation Center at 6:30 p.m. Individuals who wish to speak during a Redistricting Town Hall should register at bit.ly/2021RDCTH by 10 a.m. the day of the meeting. All speakers who signed up

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before the deadline will have three minutes to speak about anything related to the redistricting process. Please note these town halls are only offered in person, with the exception of the last town hall on February 10 at 6:30 p.m., which will be held virtually and in person. For a complete list of all Redistricting Commission meetings, including town halls, visit [DallasRedistricting.com](https://dallasredistricting.com). We encourage you to send this information to your various constituencies.

The Office of Communications, Outreach and Marketing has been promoting the Redistricting Town Halls via social media, blog posts, text alerts, PSAs, and outdoor digital advertising.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brett Wilkinson, Director of the Office of Government Affairs at brett.wilkinson@dallascityhall.com or 214-670-5797.

[Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Week 2022](#)

This month marks the 40th year of the City's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Week and this year's theme is "40 Years Strong: A Look Toward the Future". Residents can access the event page at <https://bit.ly/2022MLK> to view more information on the week of events. Participants need only an email address to access the system and register for the various events (note that the Job Fair, Youth Summit Field Day, and Equity Symposium each require separate registration and information for each is available attached). All events are free to the public and accessible via our online platform, though residents have the option to purchase a Gold or Silver ticket to receive anniversary memorabilia and a special treat for the Gala. The schedule of events is outlined in the attached 2022 Celebration Week Flier, but can also be viewed on our virtual platform page and listed below. If you have any questions about MLK Celebration Week events, please contact OCC Director Jessica Galleshaw.

- 1/11/22 – Wreath Laying Ceremony (graphic attached)
- 1/13/22 – MLK Job Fair (graphic attached, requires separate registration)
- 1/14/22 morning – MLK Equity Symposium (graphics attached, requires separate registration)
- 1/14/22 evening – Candle Lighting Ceremony (graphic attached)
- 1/15/22 evening – MLK Scholarship and Awards Gala (graphic attached)
- 1/16/22 morning – Virtual Day of Prayer (graphic attached)
- 1/16/22 afternoon – Youth Summit Field Day (graphic attached, requires separate registration)
- 1/17/22 – MLK Virtual Parade (graphics attached, broadcast via City's public access channels)

Look Ahead

[City Council Briefings](#)

January 19, 2022

- 2017 Bond Program Status Update
- On-Street Parking and Curb Lane Management Policy

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Media Inquiries

As of January 3, 2022, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- Highland Hills Gas Leak
- Inclement Weather Shelters
- Employee Covid Numbers

The City has received other media requests from various news outlets at the following links: [Communications, Outreach and Marketing](#) or [Dallas Fire Rescue](#).

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizzor Tolbert, Chief of Staff.



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City Manager

c: Chris Caso, City Attorney
Mark Swann, City Auditor
Biliera Johnson, City Secretary
Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge
Kimberly Bizzor Tolbert, Chief of Staff
Majed A. Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager

Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager
Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager
Dr. Eric A. Johnson, Chief of Economic Development and Neighborhood Services
M. Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer
M. Elizabeth (Liz) Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion
Directors and Assistant Directors



**The City of Dallas cordially
invites you to celebrate the
South Oak Cliff Golden Bears**

**2021 UIL Class 5A Division II
Football State Champions at a
Champions to Champions Reception**

**Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022
11:30 a.m.
Dallas City Hall Plaza
1500 Marilla**

RSVP required to Cindy Hall or Phil Foster
214-670-0780 or **district4@dallascityhall.com**

Due to a recent surge with the coronavirus and in the best interest of public health, you are encouraged to watch the ceremony live at

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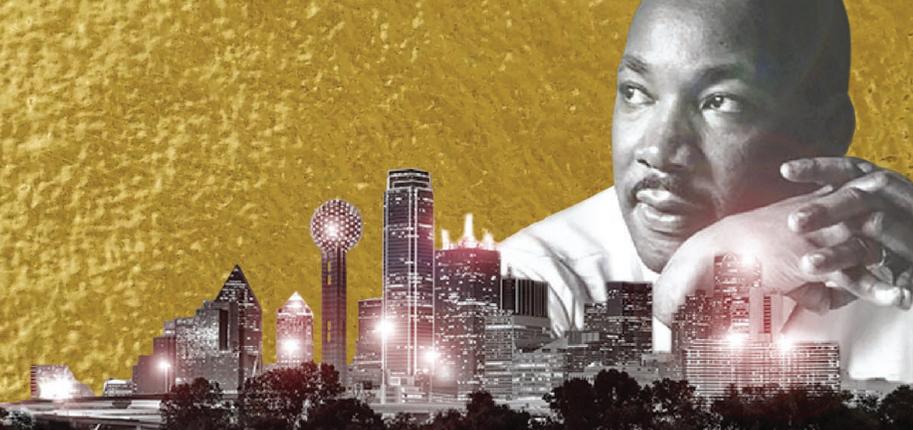
instead of in person.

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MLK JR.

CELEBRATION WEEK

JANUARY 11-17, 2022



40 YEARS STRONG: A LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE

Wreath Laying Ceremony

Tuesday, Jan. 11 | 10 a.m.

The City of Dallas and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center invites the community to watch its Wreath Laying Ceremony online, celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. King.

Virtual Job Fair

Wednesday, Jan. 12 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A virtual job fair in partnership with Workforce Solutions of Greater Dallas featuring on-site hiring and a showcase of workforce skills and credentialing programs to support job seekers.

Equity Indicators Symposium

Friday, Jan. 14 | 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Join the City of Dallas and Office of Equity & Inclusion in a critical conversation on building an equitable and inclusive Dallas.

Virtual Candle Lighting Ceremony

Friday, Jan. 14 | 7 p.m.

Join the Alpha Sigma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center in commemorating the life and legacy of Dr. King.

Virtual MLK Scholarship & Awards Gala

Saturday, Jan. 15

Networking Reception | 5:15 p.m.

Gala | 6:30 p.m.

Annual Gala featuring keynote speaker Dr. Eddie Glaude, scholarships, awards presentations, and performances.

Virtual Day of Prayer & Reflection

Sunday, Jan. 16 | 10 a.m.

The City of Dallas and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center reflects and honors the work of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., his fight for a more just society, social activism, and ability to galvanize support from various Faith Leaders.

Youth Field Day

Sunday, Jan. 16 | 1 p.m.

The Youth Commission will host a Field Day exploring MLK's legacy, youth impact, and ways to be a leader and make a difference throughout Texas.

Virtual MLK Parade

Monday, Jan. 17 | 10 to 11:30 a.m.

This 2022 Virtual Parade will be pre-recorded and broadcast on the public access channel. It is a compilation of videos and pictures depicting MLK Day parades of the past. There will be interviews discussing the 2022 theme: "40 Years Strong: A Look Toward the Future."

MLK Fest

Monday, Jan. 17 | Noon to 3 p.m.

A community clean-up in partnership with South Side Quarter Development Co., Walls Project, Rick Henry Imaging, and Urban Specialist, of the MLK corridor on MLK Day, a national day of service.

For more information, visit bit.ly/2022MLK



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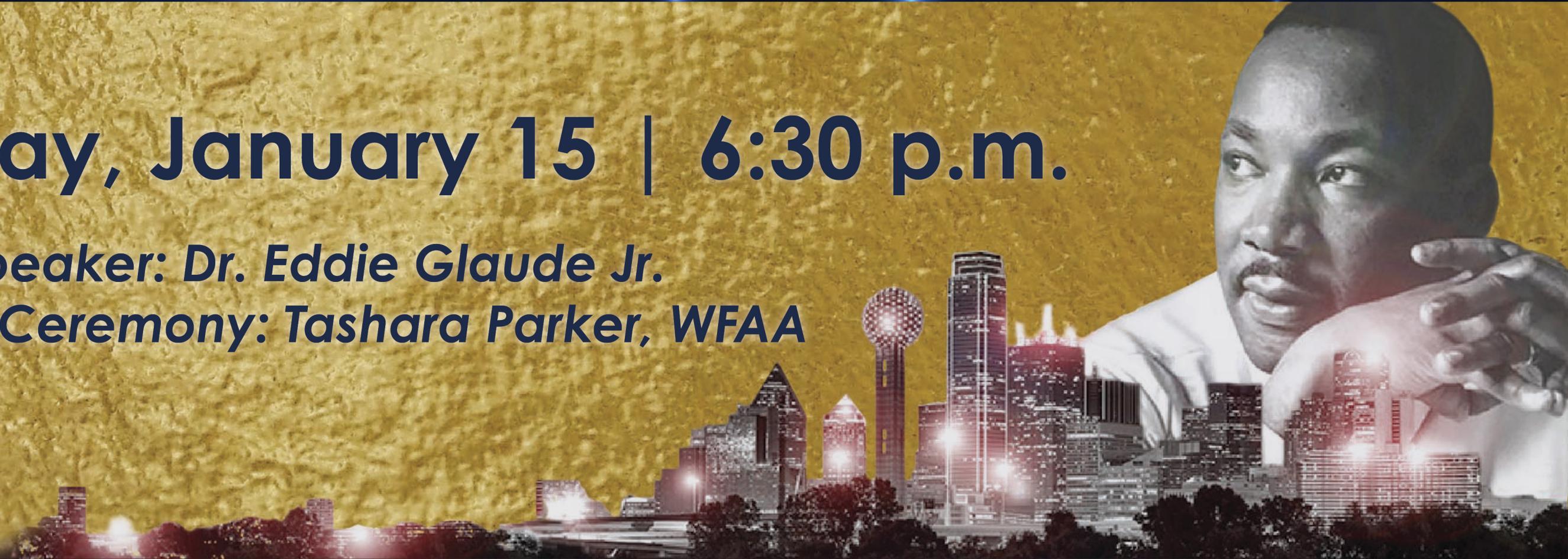


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Saturday, January 15 | 6:30 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Eddie Glaude Jr.

Mistress of Ceremony: Tashara Parker, WFAA



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Celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
hosted by the Alpha Sigma Lambda
Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Rev. Tyrone Pettiford II
Sr. Pastor, Carter Temple CME Church



For more information contact:
vicepresident@houseofalphas.com



Equity Indicators Symposium

The City & Community Collaborating to Advance Equity
Through Measurements and Accountability

Join the City of Dallas and Communities Foundation of Texas for the 3rd Annual Equity Indicators Symposium centered around action oriented equitable performance measures.



Friday, January 14
8:30 a.m. to noon

This event will be virtual
RSVP at bit.ly/2022EquitySymposium

The Symposium will include:

- A roundtable discussion with Policymakers
- Panel discussions on Establishing Equity Driven Performance Measures & Accountability as a Key Cornerstone to Advance Racial Equity



For more information contact:
Equity Division at equity@dallascityhall.com





Simposio de Indicadores de Equidad

La Alcaldía y la Comunidad Colaboran para Promover la Equidad a Través de Mediciones y Estableciendo Responsabilidades

La Alcaldía de Dallas y Communities Foundation of Texas te invitan al 3er Simposio Anual de Indicadores de Equidad que se concentrará en las acciones orientadas a las mediciones equitativas de rendimiento.



**Viernes, 14 de enero
8:30 a.m. a mediodía**

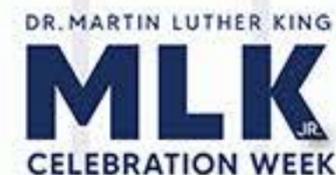
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El Simposio incluirá:

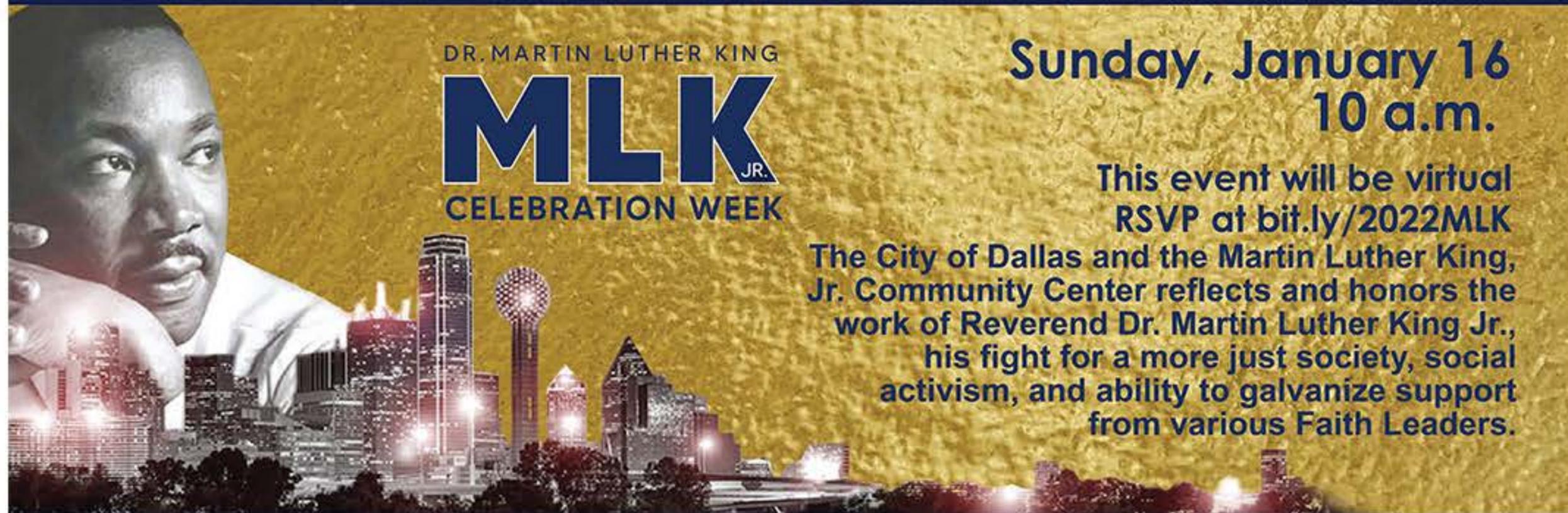
- Una mesa de discusión con responsables de formular políticas
- Panel de discusión acerca del Establecimiento de Mediciones y Responsabilidades de Rendimiento Equitativo



Para más información, ponerse en contacto con:
División de Equidad en equity@dallascityhall.com



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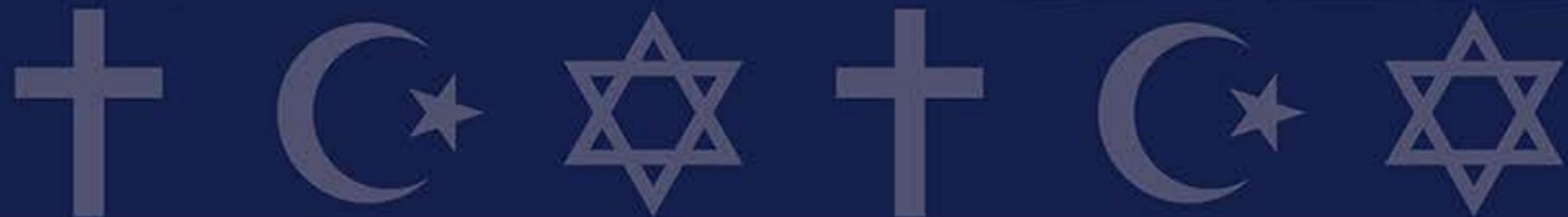


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2022 MLK Celebration Virtual Job Fair

Wednesday, January 12
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

RSVP at bit.ly/MLK2022JobFair

Virtual Job Fair featuring live hiring as well as a showcase of workforce skills and credentialing programs to support job-seekers in preparing for new opportunities.



Build Your Profile In
www.WorkInTexas.com
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Text **JOBSEEKER** to **55469**
for Job Fair/Hiring Events

For more information contact:
Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas | 214-290-1000

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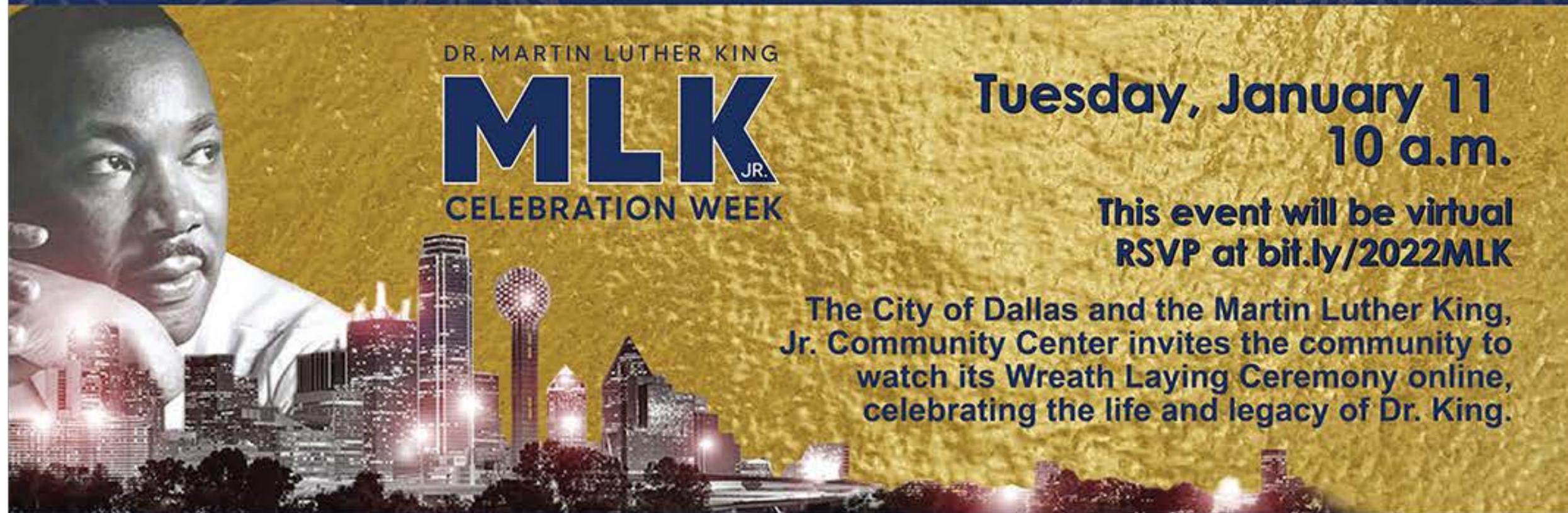
Tune to one of these channels to see the broadcast!
Channel 16, Spectrum 16 or AT&T 99

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GUEST SPEAKERS:

**MLK Advisory Board Chair, Mrs. Clara Brown-Trimble
Dallas Mayor, Eric Johnson
Councilman, Adam Bazaldua**

**For more information contact:
MLK Center | 214-670-8418**

Communications, Outreach & Marketing

Media Requests

December 28 – January 3

Dec. 30, 2021 - (Univision, Dallas Morning News, KRLD, WFAA) Do you have any information on a gas leak at the Highland Hill Apt, 5800 Highland Hills Dr., in Dallas? Univision has recently become aware of this situation and in the past, the same location was victim of a gas explosion. How is the city getting involved in this situation? Are you working with the owners of the apartment complex to remedy the ongoing issue? Thank you for your time and hope to hear from you soon.

City Response: Those are questions best directed to Atmos. Thanks.

Jan. 2, 2022 – Lourdes Vasquez (WFAA) Can you provide information on how many people were housed at the shelters overnight? Also, will the shelters close on Monday but reopen Thursday if need be?

City Response: 178 were sheltered last night; shelters are expected to be open through at least Monday night in keeping with City policy as noted below.

In accordance with [Chapter 45](#) of the Dallas City Code, the city makes an inclement weather shelter declaration and opens temporary inclement weather shelters during the winter in the temperature is forecasted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service to be 36 degrees Fahrenheit in wet weather and 32 degrees Fahrenheit in dry weather for 3 hours or more.

Jan. 3, 2022 (Dallas Morning News, Spectrum 1) Is it possible to get a number of City of Dallas employees out due to COVID-19? Is there a chart/graph which has been tracking the number of Dallas employees out due to COVID since the pandemic started?

City Response: The City doesn't track this information for civilian employees as we are still in Phase 3 of Return to Work plans with many still working remotely.

DPD and DFR PIOs are copied to provide this information for uniformed personnel.