

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 18, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Hurricane Laura Sheltering Update**

As you are aware, on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, the State began consolidating all evacuees from Hurricane Laura from over 30 hotels in the DFW metroplex to three hotels in the City of Dallas. We began the check-in process at the three hotels at 9am on 9/16 and continued checking in our guests throughout the day and until the early hours of 9/17. As of 9am on 9/18, we have 2,967 guests staying at the three hotels.

Hyatt Regency: 579 rooms checked in for a total of 1,480 persons  
Hilton Anatole: 528 rooms checked in for a total of 1,076 persons  
Crowne Plaza: 194 rooms checked in for a total of 411 persons

We currently have 744 rooms available at the three hotels and expect to continue checking in our guests throughout the day. To enable us to efficiently manage the day to day operation we have engaged a shelter management contractor, Endavors, to assist. We are utilizing an existing contract with Endavors that has provided shelter management for the homeless sheltering at the Convention Center, and also during Phase I of the Hurricane Laura Shelter operations.

We will present a City Council agenda item for consideration and approval of additional funding to be added to this contract. We will also bring forward an agenda item for City Council consideration and approval to appropriate additional funds to the previously authorized appropriations for Hurricane Laura related expenses. All expenses incurred for sheltering will be 100% reimbursed by the State of Texas.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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Rocky Vaz  
Director, Office of Emergency Management

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