

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

23-0010

QUALITY OF LIFE, ARTS, AND CULTURE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL/VIDEO CONFERENCE
COUNCILMEMBER ADAM BAZALDUA, PRESIDING

PRESENT: [7] Bazaldua, *Resendez, Gracey, *Blackmon, Schultz, Willis, Ridley

ABSENT: [0]

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. with a quorum of the committee present.

The meeting agenda, posted in accordance with Chapter 551, "OPEN MEETINGS," of the Texas Government Code, was presented.

After all business properly brought before the committee had been considered, the meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

City Secretary Staff

Date Approved

The agenda is attached to the minutes of this meeting as EXHIBIT A.

The actions taken on each matter considered by the committee are attached to the minutes of this meeting as EXHIBIT B.

The briefing materials are attached to the minutes of this meeting as EXHIBIT C.

***Note: Members of the Committee participated in this meeting by video conference.**

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EXHIBIT A

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Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee

November 7, 2023

9:00 AM

2023 CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

COUNCIL COMMITTEE	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Atkins (C), Narvaez (VC), Arnold, Bazaldua, Ridley, Stewart, West	GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT West (C), Blackmon (VC), Mendelsohn, Moreno, Resendez
HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS Moreno (C), Mendelsohn (VC), Gracey, West, Willis	PARKS, TRAILS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT Stewart (C), Moreno (VC), Arnold, Bazaldua, Blackmon, Narvaez, West
PUBLIC SAFETY Mendelsohn (C), Stewart (VC), Atkins, Moreno, Willis	QUALITY OF LIFE, ARTS, AND CULTURE Bazaldua (C), Resendez (VC), Blackmon, Gracey, Ridley, Schultz, Willis
TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE Narvaez (C), Gracey (VC), Atkins, Mendelsohn, Resendez, Schultz, Stewart	WORKFORCE, EDUCATION, AND EQUITY Schultz (C), Arnold (VC), Bazaldua, Blackmon, Resendez, Ridley, Willis
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS Atkins (C), Mendelsohn, Moreno,	AD HOC COMMITTEE ON GENERAL INVESTIGATING AND ETHICS Mendelsohn (C), Gracey, Johnson, Schultz, Stewart
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS Ridley (C), Resendez, West	AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS Mendelsohn (C), Atkins, Gracey, Narvaez, Stewart
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS Atkins (C), Blackmon, Mendelsohn, Moreno, Resendez, Stewart, West, Willis	AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL SPORTS RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION Gracey (C), Blackmon, Johnson, Moreno, Narvaez, Resendez, Schultz

(C) – Chair, (VC) – Vice Chair

Note: A quorum of the Dallas City Council may attend this Council Committee meeting.

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"Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun."

"De acuerdo con la sección 30.06 del código penal (ingreso sin autorización de un titular de una licencia con una pistola oculta), una persona con licencia según el subcapítulo h, capítulo 411, código del gobierno (ley sobre licencias para portar pistolas), no puede ingresar a esta propiedad con una pistola oculta."

"Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly."

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The Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee will be broadcast live on Spectrum Cable Channel 16 (English) and 95 (Spanish) and online at bit.ly/cityofdallastv.

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<https://dallascityhall.webex.com/dallascityhall/j.php?MTID=m30f4ae13ce023842e268967426d5b2aa>

Call to Order

MINUTES

- A. [23-2822](#) Approval of the October 16, 2023 Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

BRIEFING ITEMS

- B. [23-2843](#) Certification of the Non-Profit Housing Organization Process
[Jill Haning, Executive Assistant City Attorney]

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

- C. [23-2836](#) 311 Updates
[Daisy Fast, Director, 311 Customer Services; Sheila Gray, Manager, 311 Customer Services]

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

- D. [23-2823](#) Community Water Fluoridation in Dallas, Texas-Part 2
[Sarah Standifer, Director (I), DWU; Sally U. Wright, Assistant Director, DWU;
Dr. Griffin Cole, DDS; Dr. John Staniland, MD; Professor Bruce Lanphear, MD, MPH]

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

BRIEFING MEMOS

- E. [23-2833](#) FY 2023-2024 Cultural Organizations Program Contracts
[Martine Philippe, Director, OAC; Glenn Ayars, Assistant Director, OAC; Julia Hosch, Cultural Programs Manager, OAC]

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)

- F. [23-2815](#) Dangerous & Aggressive Dogs Audit and Ordinance Amendments
[Melissa Webber, Director, Dallas Animal Services; Paul Ramon, Assistant Director, Dallas Animal Services; Sandy Castillo, Field Operations Manager, Dallas Animal Services]

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)

ADJOURNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. seeking the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.071]
2. deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.072]
3. deliberating a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the city if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.073]
4. deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee unless the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.074]
5. deliberating the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.076]
6. discussing or deliberating commercial or financial information that the city has received from a business prospect that the city seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the city and with which the city is conducting economic development negotiations; or deliberating the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect. [Tex Govt. Code §551.087]
7. deliberating security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology, network security information, or the deployment or specific occasions for implementations of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices. [Tex Govt. Code §551.089]

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EXHIBIT B

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 7, 2023

Item A: Approval of the October 16, 2023 Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Schultz moved to adopt the minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Ridley and unanimously adopted.

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

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BRIEFING ITEMS

Item B: Certification of the Non-Profit Housing Organization Process

The following individuals briefed the committee on the item:

- Jill Haning, Executive Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; and
- Cynthia Rogers-Ellickson, Assistant Director, Department of Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization

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BRIEFING ITEMS

Item C: 311 Updates

The following individuals briefed the committee on the item:

- Daisy Fast, Director, 311 Customer Services; and
- Sheila Gray, Manager, 311 Customer Services

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BRIEFING ITEMS

Item D: Community Water Fluoridation in Dallas, Texas-Part 2

The following individuals briefed the committee on the item:

- Sarah Standifer, Director (I), Dallas Water Utilities;
- Sally U. Wright, Assistant Director, Dallas Water Utilities;
- Dr. Griffin Cole, DDS; Super Dentist;
- Dr. John Staniland, MD; Texas Health Care; and
- Professor Bruce Lanphear, MD, MPH, Simon Fraser University

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BRIEFING MEMOS

Item E: FY 2023-2024 Cultural Organizations Program Contracts

Item F: Dangerous & Aggressive Dogs Audit and Ordinance Amendments

The committee discussed the items.

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Certified Non-Profit Housing Organization Process

**Quality of Life Committee
November 7, 2023**

Jill Haning, Executive Assistant City Attorney
City Attorney's Office
City of Dallas

Presentation Overview



- Background
- Purpose
- Certified Non-Profit Housing Organization
- Operational Impact
- Proposed Action
- Next Steps



Subject Properties



- Vacant and abandoned properties



Current Conditions



UNT Blight Study June 2023:

- The number of “blighted” census tracts fell from 51 census tracts in 2011 to 31 tracts in 2021.
- 2011 – Dallas had 28,819 vacant residential parcels – 7.95% of all parcels that were zoned residential.
- 2021 – 73.8% of these properties continued to remain vacant.
- Of those redeveloped by 2021 – about 99.3% were occupied by a single-family home.



Current Enforcement Options



- Escalated enforcement
- Foreclosure
- While these are significant tools, they are not without limitations.



Purpose



- To inform the committee about a tool available to Texas home-rule cities as they revitalize abandoned and vacant properties.



Section 214.0031 of the Tex. Loc. Gov't Code



State law allows a city or an **eligible nonprofit housing organization** to file lawsuits against owners of properties that are not in substantial compliance with city code.

The ordinances must relate to:

- 1) the prevention of substantial risk of injury to any person; or
- 2) the prevention of an adverse health impact to any person.





- A non-profit organization may be certified if:
 - 1) it has record of community involvement;
and
 - 2) the certification furthers the city's goal to rehabilitate hazardous properties.



Court Action



- The non-profit organization would have the authority to file a lawsuit to seek a court order:
 - To require the property owner to make repairs; or
 - To appoint a receiver to take control of the property and make the repairs.
- Owner-Occupied Exemption



Similar Authority



- Chapter 125 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code authorizes **an individual**, the attorney general, or a district, county, or city attorney to file a suit to enjoin and abate a common nuisance.



Other Jurisdictions



Cities and states across the country are utilizing similar process:

- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Baltimore, Maryland
- Memphis, Tennessee
- Holyoke, Massachusetts



Operational Impact



- Expands the city's capacity to hold property owners accountable
- Increases the city's single-family housing stock
- No additional costs
- Empowers residents and stakeholders



Proposed Process



1. Requests submitted to the CAO.
2. City staff evaluates the request.
3. Certificate of eligibility is issued.
4. CAO tracks subsequent enforcement.



Next Steps



- Continue educating residents and non-profit organizations.
- Start reviewing and certifying organizations.
- Provide updates to QOL committee.





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311 Update

**Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture
Council Committee
November 7, 2023**

Daisy Torres Fast, Director
Sheila Gray, Manager

311 Customer Service
City of Dallas

Presentation Overview



- Background
- FY 2022-23 Year-End Review
- Envision Dallas Partnership Update
- New Online Portal and Mobile App
 - Rebranding Initiative
- Next Steps



Background

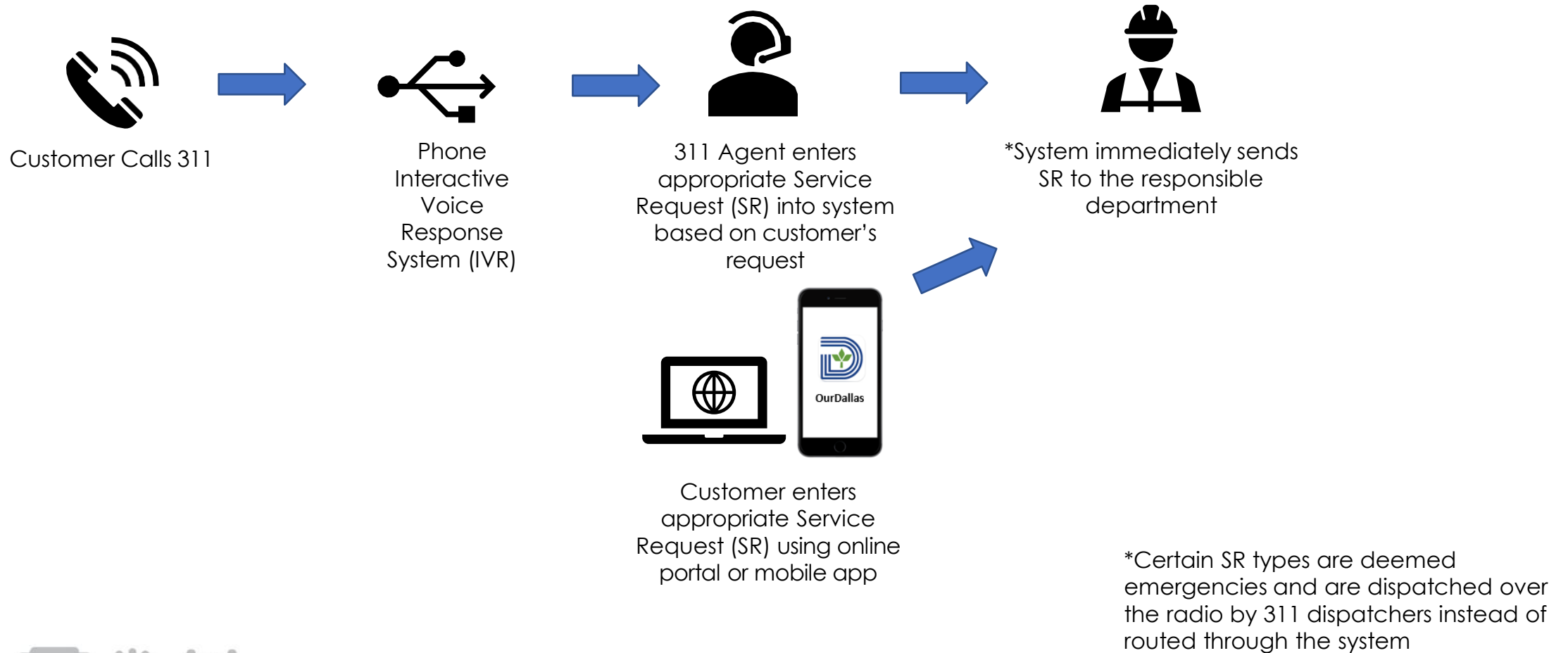


Dallas 311 (311) serves as a vital resource for residents to connect with their city for non-emergency services.

- 311 services include:
 - 24/7/365 multi-lingual call center services
 - Dallas Water Customer Services
 - Dallas Municipal Court
 - Dallas Police Auto Pound
 - Radio Dispatch and Towing services for certain call types
 - Service request system and mobile app administration



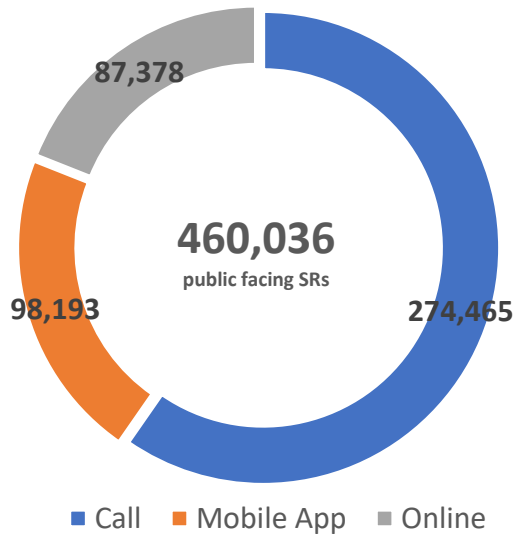
Background



FY 2022-23 Year-End Review



Service Requests By Origin



Top 5 Service Requests

Service Request Type	# Submitted
Code Concern	111,695
Sanitation Roll Cart Maintenance/Delivery	40,834
Parking – Report a Violation	32,683
Sanitation Missed Garbage	28,402
Sanitation Missed Recycle	21,911

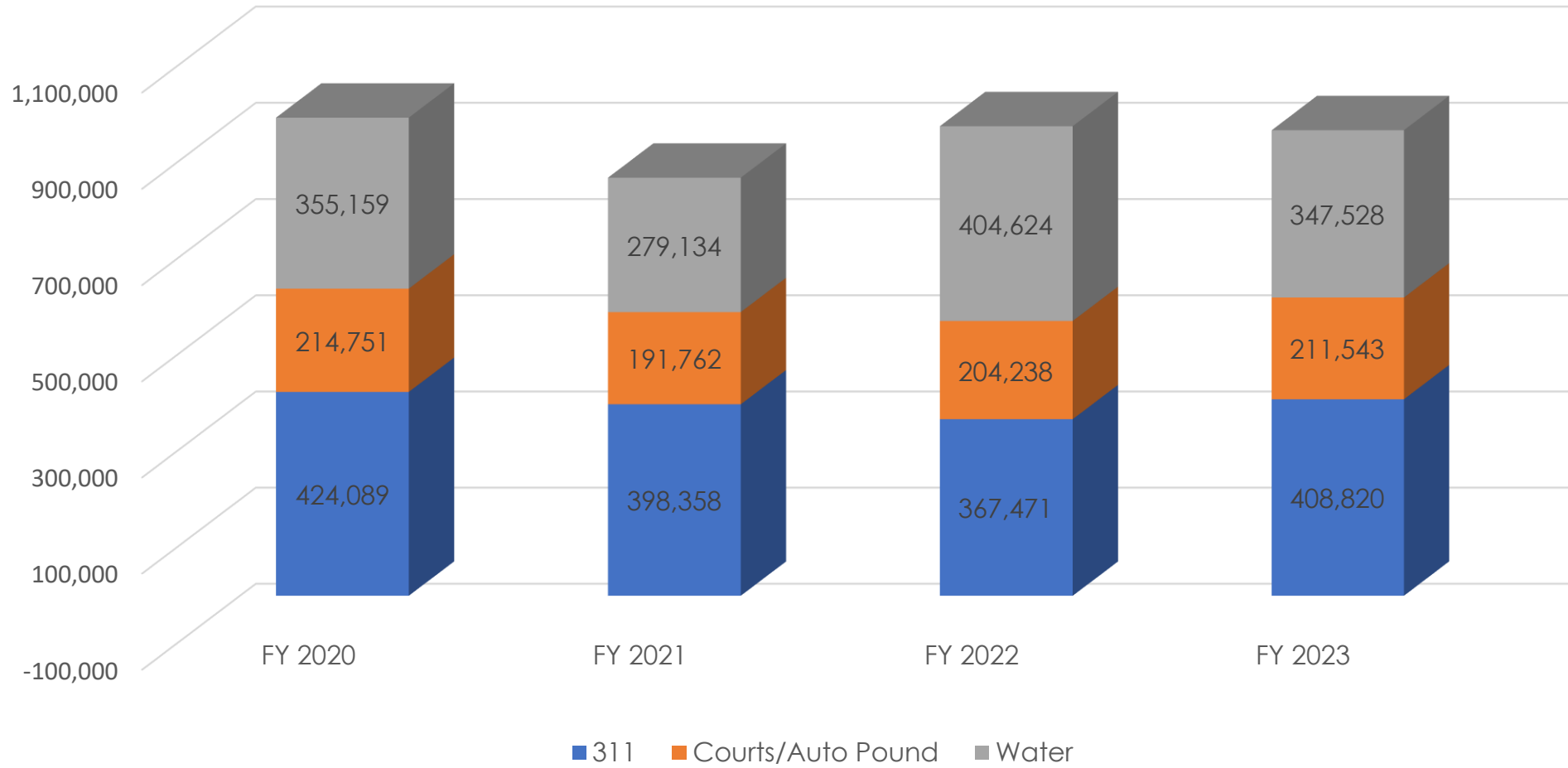
Represent 51% of all public facing SR types submitted in FY2023



FY 2022-23 Year-End Review



Call Volume



Average Hold Time: 311 = 2:39, Courts = 2:31, Auto Pound = 3:22, Water = 12:39



FY 2022-23 Year-End Review



• Call Center Staffing Levels

Position Type	Authorized	Actual	Difference
Call Agent	*89	46	43
Dispatcher	9	7	2
Workforce Manager	1	1	0
Operations Manager	1	1	0
Operations Specialist	1	1	0
Supervisor - 311	10	9	1
**Temporary Help		24	-24
Grand Total	111	89	22

*20 new Call Agent positions added on October 1, 2023 to accommodate hiring model change

- 311 will no longer hire temporary city employees; new employees will be onboarded as permanent city employees.

**24 temporary employees will graduate to permanent Call Agent by end of November 2023.



FY 2022-23 Year-End Review



Year-End Highlights:

- Increased customer satisfaction post call survey results by 2% with an overall score of 89% satisfaction.
- Record breaking year for City Hall on the Go team by attending over 600 events.
- Reduced average wait time and improved the phone Interactive Voice Response (IVR) by simplifying the introductory options, adding verbal utterances and implementing Courtesy Call Back.



311 x Envision Dallas Partnership Update



- Envision Dallas provides crucial programs, services and employment for people who are blind or visually impaired.
- Successful implementation: July 2022
- Handle over 3,700 court services calls monthly.
- Enhanced customer's experience by surpassing performance measure goals:

Performance Measure Goal	Envision Dallas Performance
60% of calls handled in 90 seconds	88% of calls handled in 90 seconds
10% of calls abandoned	5.5% of calls abandoned
Average speed of calls answered: 90 seconds	Average speed of calls answered: 27 seconds
87% of customers satisfied with call experience	87.7% of customers satisfied with call experience





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**New Online Portal and
Mobile App**

New Online Portal and Mobile App



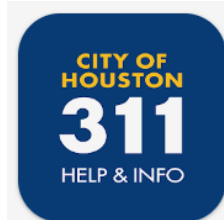
- Planned rollout is scheduled for December 2023.
- Key enhancements include:
 - Spanish Translation - A significant step forward in inclusivity.
 - New Look and Feel - A modern and user-friendly design.
 - Improved Map Functionality - Enhanced mapping features for easy navigation.
- In collaboration with Communications, Outreach & Marketing, we are taking this opportunity to rebrand the “Our Dallas” mobile app as the “Dallas 311” mobile app.



Rebranding Initiative



- Rebranding campaign plan:
 - Q1 of Fiscal Year 2024:
 - Soft launch through press releases, PSAs, and digital and social media messages and graphics.
 - Q2 of FY24 – paid media via bilingual streaming apps
 - Streaming allows: 30 second spots to explain new 311 features.
 - Streaming is geotargeted and users are digitally connected to apps.
 - Focus on streaming ensures enough impressions to be memorable.
- Explainer Videos:
 - How to create a service request.
 - Describe the life of a service request.



Next Steps



- Rollout rebranding campaign
- Implement online portal and mobile app upgrades
- Demo





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311 Update

**Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture
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Dallas Water Utilities: Community Water Fluoridation in Dallas, Texas

Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee
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Dr. John Staniland, MD
Fluoride Action Network



City of Dallas

Purpose



- Provide additional data on community fluoridation related to oral health and general health due to fluoride ingestion.



Presentation Overview



- Panel Discussion
 - Oral Health Community
 - Neurotoxicology Research
 - Public Awareness Coalition





Oral Health Community

Dr Griffin Cole, DDS, NMD

Fluoride Committee Co-Chair

International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology



Fluoridation

Unnecessary, Unproven, and Unsafe!

Fluoride's Developmental Neurotoxicity: Lower IQ

“An increase of 0.5 mg/L in water fluoride concentration (approximately equaling the difference between fluoridated and non-fluoridated regions) corresponded to a 9.3- and 6.2-point decrement in Performance IQ among formula-fed.”

Overall, IQ scores dropped “6-7 points”

US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Health Assessment and Translation, Division of the National Toxicology Program, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, National Institutes of Health. Systemic Review of Fluoride Exposure and Neurodevelopmental and Cognitive Health Effects, Draft NTP Monograph. September 6, 2019
NTP Board of Scientific Counselors Working Group Report on the Draft State of the Science Monograph and the Draft Meta-Analysis Manuscript on Fluoride April 2023.

CDC Oral Health Survey – 3rd Graders

▶ STATES WITH LOWEST CHILDHOOD DECAY:

New Hampshire – 35% decay rate

Vermont – 37% decay rate

▶ BOTH ARE 2 OF THE LEAST FLUORIDATED IN THE COUNTRY! (43rd and 39th respectively)

▶ DECAY IN STATES WITH HIGHEST FLUORIDATION RATE:

Wash DC - 60% decay rate (100% fluoridated)

Kentucky - 60% decay rate (99.8% fluoridated)

North Dakota - 68% decay rate (96% fluoridated)



The Science and Practice of Caries Prevention.

Featherstone, J.
JADA Vol 131, 2000

‘Fluoride incorporated during tooth development is insufficient to play a significant role in caries protection.’

‘Fluoride’s preventive action is topical rather than systemic.’



CDC and HHS Proven Wrong!

- For years – they said 1.2 PPM is the right level for fluoridation.
- In 2015, they lowered to 0.7 PPM due to high rates of fluorosis.

NOW – the rates keep going up. 70% - 87%

CDC NHANES Results:

Large increases in severity and prevalence were found in the 2011–2012 NHANES as compared with the previous surveys, for all sociodemographic categories.

12 to 15y total prevalence increased from 22% to 41% to 65% in the 1986–1987, 1999–2004, and 2011–2012 surveys, respectively.

2015-2016 : 70% !

JAMA[®]

The Journal of the American Medical Association

A National Study Exploring the Association Between Fluoride Levels and Dental Fluorosis

Man Hung et al. [JAMA Netw Open](#): 2023 June

The findings of this cross-sectional study suggest that exposure to higher concentrations of fluoride in water and having higher plasma levels of fluoride were associated with a greater risk of dental fluorosis.

“Our results also align with those of Neurath et al...”

Scientific Proof of Action?

- ▶ There has **NEVER** been a double-blinded randomized clinical trial to prove fluoridation actually works (or is safe).
- ▶ There has **NEVER** been a long-term follow-up study to prove that fluoridation actually worked...**EXCEPT** - San Antonio
- ▶ Silicofluorides (fluoride supplements/additives) have **NEVER** been FDA approved for ingestion and they were never proven safe prior to dumping in our water supply.



Paffenbarger Research Center

The American Dental Association Foundation's (ADAF) dental research enterprise at the Paffenbarger Research Center (PRC) has been hailed as one of the most productive in the world. ADA and ADAF research scientists have engaged in cooperative dental and medical materials research with government scientists since 1928. This collaboration at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST, formerly NBS, the National Bureau of Standards, a government research laboratory managed by the U.S. Department of Commerce) has in many respects revolutionized the practice of dentistry.

Fluoride Requirements for Therapeutic Efficacy

The goal of this project is to establish the minimum concentration of fluoride needed to prevent enamel and root caries. The lack of knowledge about "the target concentration of fluoride required in the oral environment to optimize its potential for caries prevention" has inspired the NIDCR to issue a call for research to answer this question indicating a high priority status for this subject. After 60 years of community water fluoridation we still do not know how much fluoride is required to prevent caries. This may be because no one has systematically performed in vitro studies that separate the significant factors under conditions that closely mimic those of the oral environment and then validated those findings in intraoral studies.

- [Paffenbarger Research Center](#)
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Fluoride Requirements for Therapeutic Efficacy

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The American Dental Association (ADA) is the Paffenbarger Research Institute, the world's largest dental research organization. ADA and the Paffenbarger Research Institute's materials research program has been instrumental in the development of dental materials research at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), formerly NBS, the National Bureau of Standards, a government research laboratory managed by the U.S. Department of Commerce) has in many respects revolutionized the practice of dentistry.

The goal of this project is to establish the minimum concentration of fluoride needed to prevent enamel and root caries. The lack of knowledge about "the target concentration of fluoride required in the oral environment to optimize its potential for caries prevention" has inspired the NIDCR to issue a call for research to answer this question indicating a high priority status for this subject. After 60 years of community water fluoridation we still do not know how much fluoride is required to prevent caries. This may be because no one has systematically performed in vitro studies that separate the significant factors under conditions that closely mimic those of the oral environment and then validated those findings in intraoral studies.

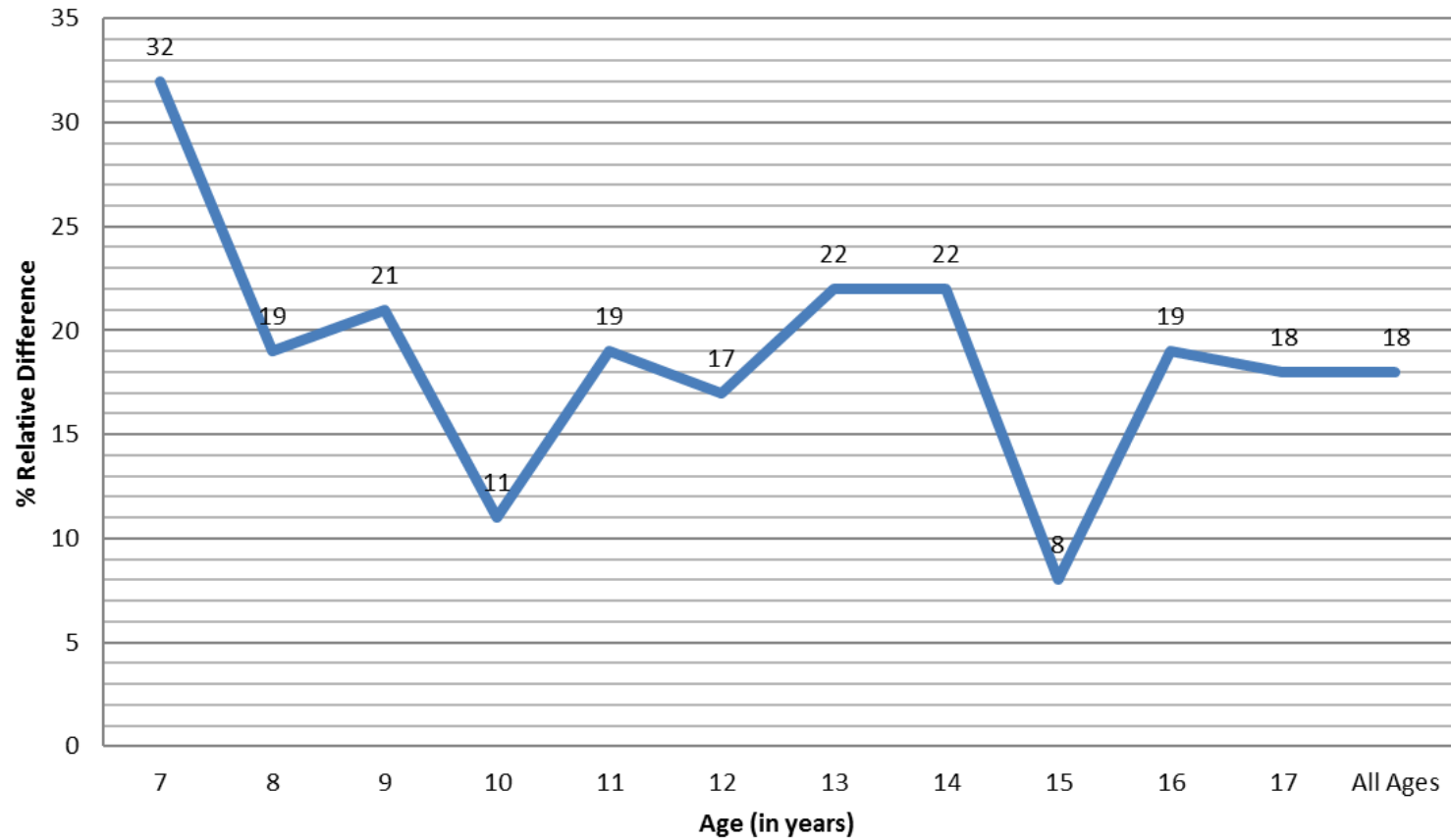
How to Apply

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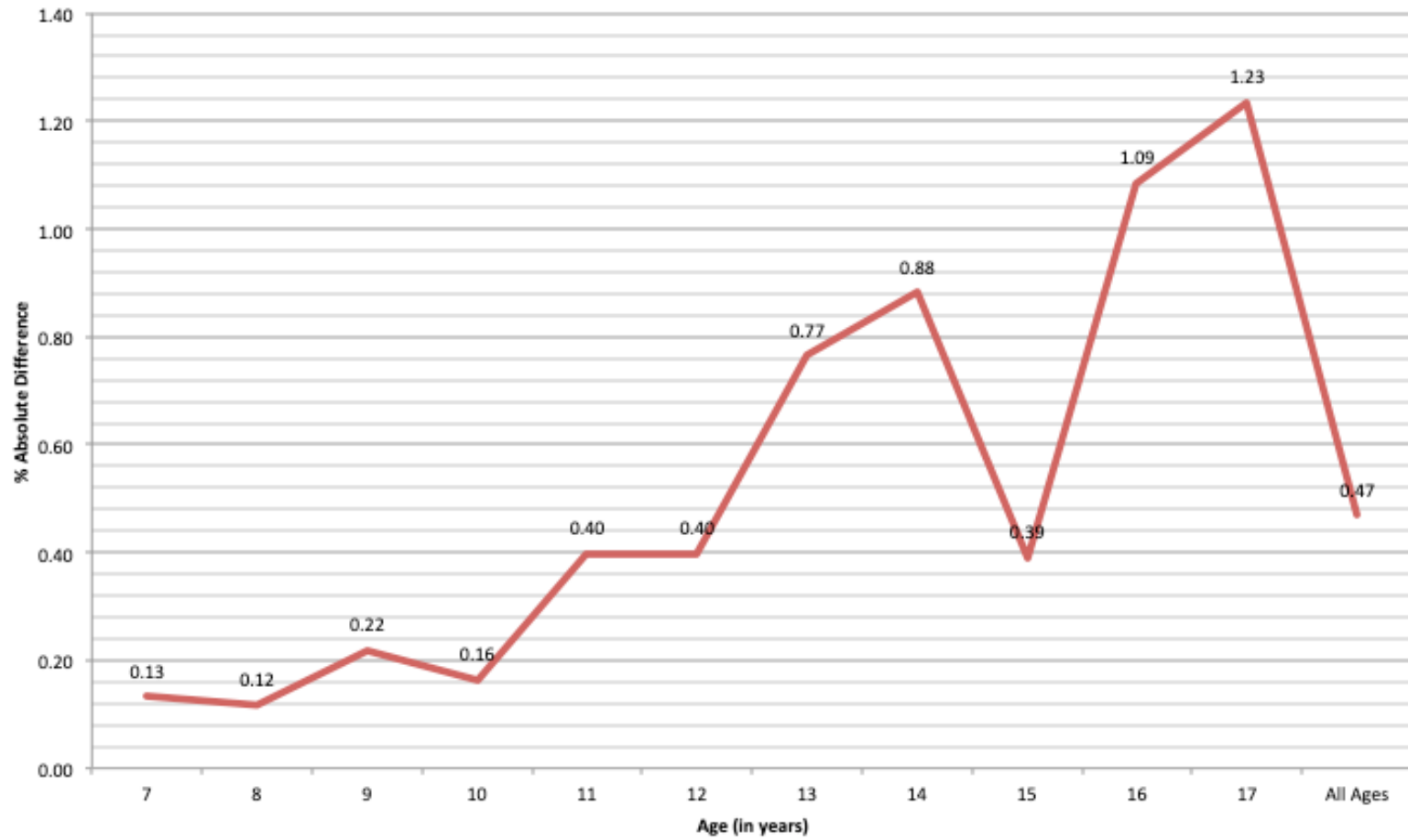
National Institute of Dental Research 1986/87 Landmark Study – Findings?

- ▶ **Carlos and Brunelle** – DMFS (128 tooth surfaces)
 - ▶ 0.6 tooth surfaces amounts to an Absolute difference of less than 1% of the 100-plus tooth surfaces in a child’s mouth. (They touted an 18% difference in decay rates based on a RELATIVE difference quotient)
- ▶ **Yiamouyiannis** – DMFT (28 teeth)
 - ▶ Relative difference of 4%. Absolute difference of less than 1/10th of a tooth.

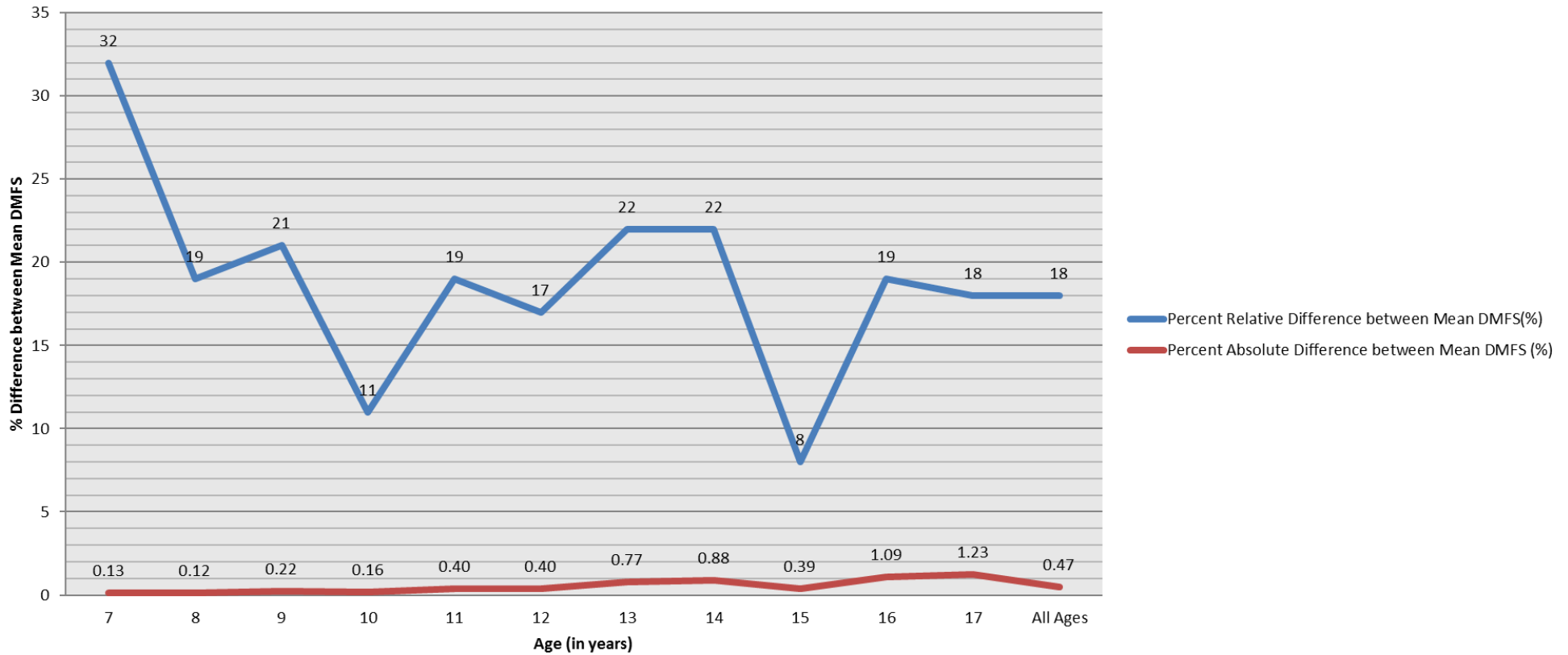
Percent Relative Difference between Mean DMFS vs. Age



Percent Absolute Difference between Mean DMFS vs. Age



Percent Difference Between Mean DMFS vs. Age



Spotlight on Fluoridation in Calgary, Alberta, Canada

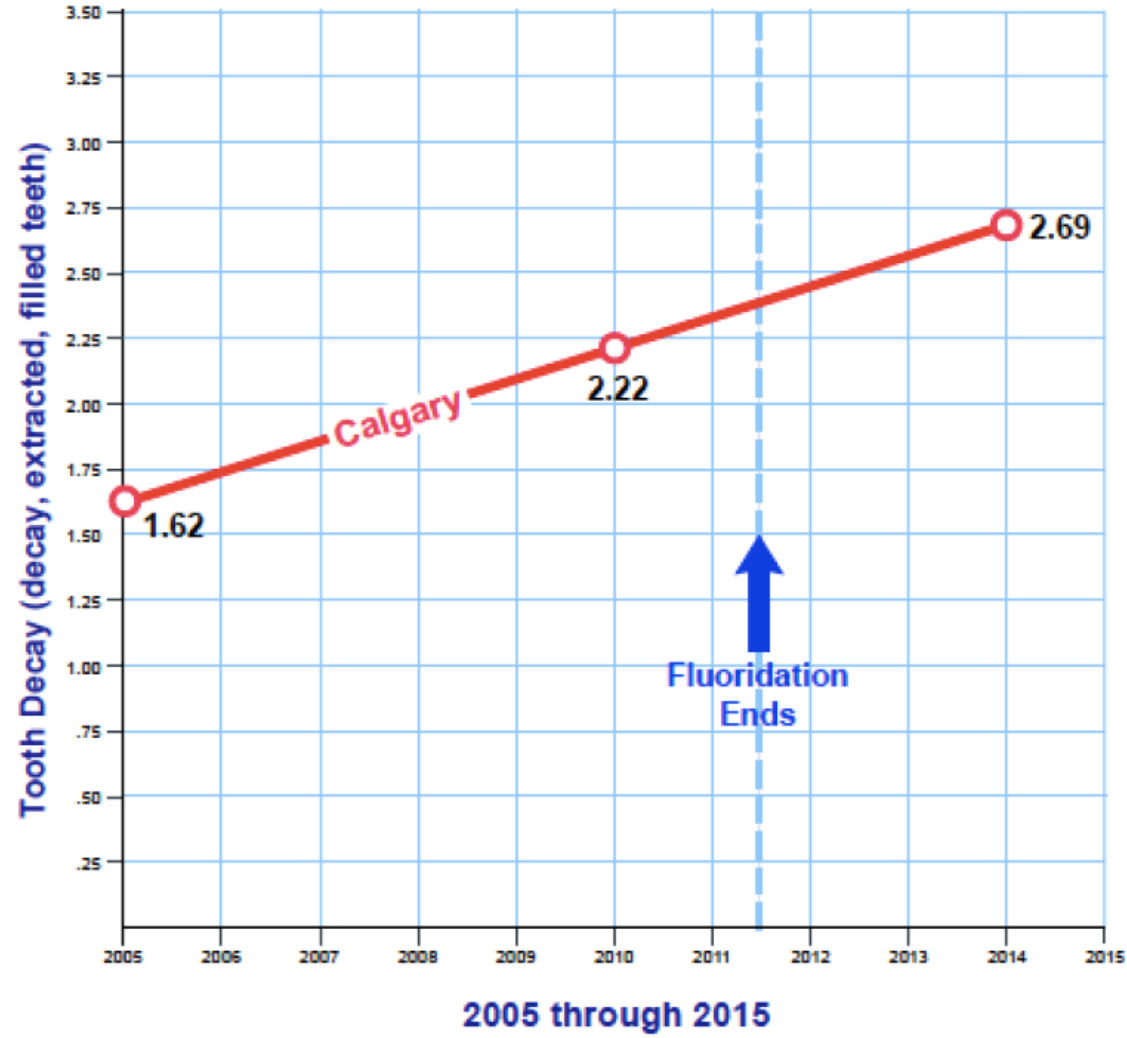


In 2011, Calgary stopped water fluoridation. In February 2019, the Calgary City Council and pro-fluoridation lobbyists directed the University of Calgary's O'Brien Institute for Public Health to conduct a review of fluoridation.

The O'Brien Institute published their report in July, highlighting the neurotoxic risk posed to the fetus by fluoride.

On July 22, the city council voted 13-1 to **cancel** O'Brien's presentation. It was eventually shown to the council.

38.7% of Canadians have fluoridated water (as opposed to 74.4% of people in the US). Fluoridated Edmonton has significantly **HIGHER** decay rates than Calgary.



What about bottle-fed babies?

Human breast milk is very low in fluoride. (.004 ppm f vs .7 ppm– bottle fed baby can get greater than 250 x the level of mother's milk!)

How can you possibly control the dosage??







Neurotoxicology Research

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Panel Questions



Next Steps



- Receive feedback from the Quality of Life Committee on current community fluoridation practice at the City of Dallas
- December 2023, provide memo to the Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee with responses to October and November Briefings



Dallas Water Utilities: Community Water Fluoridation in Dallas, Texas

Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee
November 7, 2023

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Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE November 7, 2023

TO Honorable Members of the Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee

SUBJECT **Office of Arts and Culture Agenda Item # 23-2601 on November 8, 2023: FY 2023-24 Cultural Organizations Program Contracts**

On November 8, 2023, City Council will consider the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Cultural Organizations Program (COP) contracts with 52 Dallas-based non-profit arts and cultural organizations. The Cultural Organizations Program contracts with cultural organizations with budgets ranging from \$100,000 to over \$10 million to provide an annual season of programming for residents and visitors of Dallas, and the contracts total \$6,255,278. The following page lists the organizations with their recommended contract amounts.

The COP Guidelines, eligibility, scoring, and review process are aligned with Dallas Cultural Plan goals and are approved annually by City Council; following guideline adoption, information sessions are conducted, and organizations apply through an online grant system. The applications are scored by resident panels composed of at least 60% ALAANA (African, Latinx, Asian, Arab, Native American) individuals. Following rigorous review of scores and past funding amounts, the FY 2023-24 funding amounts were unanimously recommended by the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission.

For FY 2023-24, 52 non-profit organizations are recommended for over \$6.25M funding. COP is funded through a combination of the General Fund and Hotel Occupancy Tax. The funding allocation for COP this year includes an 11% or \$636,911 increase due to the growth of the Hotel Occupancy Tax percentage. Seven organizations are recommended for their first COP contracts. Of these, five have annual budgets under \$500,000: Arts Mission Oak Cliff, Flamenco Fever, Orpheus Chamber Singers, OutLoud Dallas, and Ballet North Texas. The other two, Uptown Players and Forest Forward, have budgets between \$1M - \$5M.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Martine Philippe, Director of the Office of Arts and Culture.



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	Organizations (alphabetical)	Proposed 2023-2024 Funding	Funding as Percent of Annual Revenue	Annual Revenue Range
1	Anita N. Martinez Ballet Folklorico	\$50,007	26%	<\$1M
2	Arts Mission Oak Cliff	\$26,000	22%	<\$1M
3	Artstillery Nonprofit	\$37,243	30%	<\$1M
4	Avant Chamber Ballet	\$42,600	14%	<\$1M
5	Ballet North Texas	\$36,000	9%	<\$1M
6	Big Thought	\$682,664	7%	>\$5M
7	Bishop Arts Theatre Center	\$138,157	10%	\$1M - \$5M
8	Bruce Wood Dance	\$67,353	8%	<\$1M
9	Cara Mia Theatre Company	\$91,482	9%	<\$1M
10	Color Me Empowered	\$35,776	30%	<\$1M
11	Creative Arts Center of Dallas	\$59,238	8%	<\$1M
12	Dallas Black Dance Theatre	\$248,435	6%	\$1M - \$5M
13	Dallas Chamber Symphony	\$71,924	14%	<\$1M
14	Dallas Children's Theater	\$189,822	8%	\$1M - \$5M
15	Dallas County Heritage Society [dba Old City Park]	\$115,394	4%	\$1M - \$5M
16	Dallas Historical Society	\$47,810	3%	\$1M - \$5M
17	Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum	\$88,000	1%	>\$5M
18	Dallas Museum of Art	\$1,073,896	4%	>\$5M
19	Dallas Symphony Association, Inc. [DSO Children's Chorus]	\$71,290	0%	>\$5M
20	Dallas Theater Center	\$90,007	1%	>\$5M
21	Dallas Wind Symphony [dba Dallas Winds]	\$68,140	6%	\$1M - \$5M
22	Fine Arts Chamber Players	\$53,171	29%	<\$1M
23	Flamenco Fever	\$26,000	19%	<\$1M
24	Forest Forward	\$67,600	3%	\$1M - \$5M
25	Foundation for African American Art	\$108,785	12%	<\$1M
26	Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra	\$71,242	8%	<\$1M
27	Junior Players	\$89,157	7%	\$1M - \$5M
28	Kitchen Dog Theater	\$65,564	14%	<\$1M
29	Orpheus Chamber Singers, Inc.	\$26,000	15%	<\$1M
30	OutLoud Dallas	\$31,000	12%	<\$1M
31	Pegasus Musical Society [dba Orchestra of New Spain]	\$27,500	10%	<\$1M
32	Perot Museum of Nature and Science	\$744,489	3%	>\$5M
33	Premier Lone Star Wind Orchestra	\$39,800	17%	<\$1M
34	Sammons Center for the Arts	\$121,170	14%	<\$1M
35	Second Thought Theatre	\$30,000	17%	<\$1M
36	Soul Rep Theatre Company	\$34,354	22%	<\$1M
37	Teatro Dallas	\$92,166	28%	<\$1M
38	Texas International Theatrical Arts Society [dba TITAS]	\$138,157	7%	\$1M - \$5M

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39	Texas Winds Musical Outreach, Inc.	\$90,439	16%	<\$1M
40	The Bandan Koro Experience	\$39,061	29%	<\$1M
41	The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Inc.	\$216,680	19%	\$1M - \$5M
42	The Dallas Opera	\$157,500	1%	>\$5M
43	The Flame Foundation	\$40,000	24%	<\$1M
44	The Shakespeare Festival of Dallas [dba Shakespeare Dallas]	\$123,856	9%	\$1M - \$5M
45	The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza	\$55,091	1%	>\$5M
46	The Writer's Garret	\$53,185	21%	<\$1M
47	Theatre Three, Inc	\$97,045	17%	<\$1M
48	Turtle Creek Chorale, Inc.	\$62,625	8%	<\$1M
49	Undermain Theatre	\$62,219	8%	<\$1M
50	Uptown Players, Inc.	\$36,000	3%	\$1M - \$5M
51	USA Film Festival	\$78,934	30%	<\$1M
52	Verdigris Ensemble Inc.	\$45,250	12%	<\$1M

Memorandum



DATE October 31, 2023

CITY OF DALLAS

TO Members of the Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee: Adam Bazaldua, Chair,
Jaime Resendez, Vice Chair, Paula Blackmon, Paul E. Ridley, Gay Donnell Willis,
Jaynie Schultz, Zarin D. Gracey

SUBJECT **Dangerous & Aggressive Dogs Audit and Ordinance Amendments**

Dallas Animal Services (DAS) requested an audit of its Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Investigation and Determination Process. Based on the audit the following was recommended:

- Set a realistic overall target for completion of the investigation and determination process.
- Develop formal policies and procedures for ensuring owners comply with the requirements for owning dangerous and aggressive dogs.
- Complete the reporting of dangerous and aggressive dogs in the Chameleon system and implement information system internal controls, such as validity, logical access, accuracy, and completeness.
- Recommend the City Council consider technical revisions to Dallas City Code, Chapter 7, Animals, Article V-a. Aggressive Dogs which include:
 - In Section 7-5.15, describe how the noncompliance hearings will be held or remove the words “Noncompliance Hearing,” from the title of the section.
 - In Section 7-5.16 (c), change the responsible party to the Municipal Court.

In response DAS has created and implemented procedures (*DAS-WKI-201.SAF.1*) to outline the investigation and determination process. The process details in part by each stage from the beginning of the process to the determination made by the Director. At each stage parameters are placed to outline the required steps to be taken and time frame for each process.

A second procedure was developed (*DAS-WKI-204.SAF.1*) to outline the owners' requirements for owning a Dangerous and or Aggressive Dog[s]. These policies and procedures have been approved and provided to the appropriate staff.

DAS recently developed and has begun the documentation and tracking of Dangerous and Aggressive Dogs in the Chameleon database system. This allows DAS to track cases through the various stages of the process to ensure accuracy, validity, completeness and timeliness of the process.

The Dallas City Code, Chapter 7, “Animals,” establishes ownership requirements for dogs determined to have injured or threatened a person (dangerous) and dogs determined to have injured another domestic animal or livestock (aggressive).

The City Auditors identified the aggressive dog program as ineffective, because the ordinance needed to ensure owners comply with its requirements, in part due to the current language in the Dallas City Code, Chapter 7, “Animals.”

City Auditors proposed technical changes to Dallas City Code, Chapter 7, “Animals,” pertaining to the aggressive dog hearing requirements.

Two (2) sections of Dallas City Code, Chapter 7, Article V-a, “Aggressive Dogs” create the expectations for compliance court hearings that are not operating as intended due to incomplete language adopted for the ordinance in 2018. Specifically:

- Section 7-5.15 Requirements for Ownership of an Aggressive Dog; Noncompliance Hearing:
 - Currently, this section includes no details about how the noncompliance hearing will be held. Without details, no hearings are held.
 - Amendments made to the requirements for ownership of an aggressive dog; noncompliance hearing; compliance timeframe; financial responsibility; noncompliance hearing requirements; municipal court actions and notifications
- Section 7-5.16 (c) Attacks by an Aggressive Dog:
 - Provides details about how a hearing will be held in municipal court, but incorrectly states the decision will be made by the Director of Dallas Animal Services. Court decisions must be made by the court and cannot be made by a department director.
 - Amendments made to clearly define the role of the municipal court and that of the Department Director.

During further evaluation of Chapter 7, “Animals,” it was recommended the following sections be amended to align with legislative updates made to the Texas Health and Safety Code:

- Section 7-5.5, Requirements for a dangerous or aggressive dog; noncompliance hearing:
 - Amending to include changes in days for compliance requirements, financial responsibilities
- Section 7-5.6, Attacks by dangerous dog; hearing:
 - Amending language and time requirements for disposition
- Section 7-5.12, Definitions:

- Amending to add the definition of a secure enclosure as defined by Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 822, Subchapter D (4)
- Section 7-5.13, Determination as an aggressive dog:
 - Amending to add language on possession and ownership
- Section 7-8.1, Violations; criminal and civil penalties:
 - Amending to include Sec. 7-5.15 (a)

In providing the recommended ordinance amendments for Chapter 7, “Animals,” which are attached and presented for your review and consideration, DAS has complied with all City Auditor recommendations relative to the Audit of Dangerous and Aggressive Dogs Investigation and Determination Process.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact me at melissa.webber@dallas.gov or 214.671.1589.



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