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COUNCIL MEMBER THOMAS ACTIVATES EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR UNHOUSED DURING HOUSTON FREEZE

HOUSTON, TX – As Houston faced freezing temperatures this past weekend, Council Member Tiffany D. Thomas, District F, stepped in to fill a critical gap in emergency response on the city's west side.

Of the 12 warming centers opened by the City of Houston, none were in District F. In response, Council Member Thomas partnered with local faith organizations to open two warming centers and deliver meals, blankets, clothing, and other resources to residents most vulnerable to extreme weather.

“When temperatures drop, the reality of homelessness becomes even more stark. This is not just about emergency response —it’s about affordability and systemic issues that leave people vulnerable in the first place. Until those are solved, we will continue to see lives at risk during events like this.”

Agape Christian Fellowship and The Church Without Walls – Eldridge Campus served as warming centers, while CM Thomas, her staff, and the District F Hot Spot Team [delivered 462 hot meals over three days](#) to more than 40 encampments and served 5 pets and 67 unique individuals. These efforts provided immediate relief and underscored the growing vulnerability exposed by extreme weather events, a challenge rooted in Houston’s affordability crisis.

After a request for a mobile generator at the Alief Neighborhood Center went unfulfilled during last week’s council meeting, Thomas activated her disaster preparedness plan.

“It’s one thing to advocate for and make the request, but it’s another thing to deliver,” Thomas said. “I can’t depend on the possibility or the consideration of; I have to make sure that we are ready in the moment once the weather changes. I’ll continue to advocate and raise the flag, but at the end of the day the residents in District F are looking for results and they’re looking for us to be prepared with resources.”

Lessons learned from Winter Storm Uri in 2021 informed this proactive approach. Ahead of yet [another anticipated freeze this weekend](#), Council Member Thomas stocked up on disaster items for the homeless including feminine care products, hygiene kits, and warmers and warm, thick winter socks.

If interested in providing resources donations of hand warmers, beanies, gently used hoodies, dog food, and more can be dropped off at Agape Christian Fellowship Church, 8400 Boone Road Houston, TX.

For real-time updates on potentially hazardous weather conditions, follow Council Member Thomas on social media at [@tiffanydeshellthomas](#) on Instagram and [@ThomasDTiffany](#) on Facebook and X.

Photos available upon request.

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Tiffany D. Thomas is the Houston City Council Member for District F, of which she is a longtime resident, representing Alief, Westchase, Tanglewilde, Briar Meadow, Westmont, and the historic Piney Point. She is the first Black woman and member under 40 to serve in this role. As Chair of Housing and Affordability for the City of Houston, she oversees priorities related to Housing, Homelessness and Disaster Recovery.

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