

# ABOVE THE RIM



DISTRICT F 2025

## ANNUAL REPORT

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# WELCOME



I never considered myself an athlete, but I have always understood the language of team sports. And this year, we operated as a disciplined, high-performing, championship team—one that knows how to execute, adjust, and win. Together, we placed our work **ABOVE THE RIM**.

**“Above the Rim”** means performing at a superior level.

Throughout 2025, across every priority that matters to District F, that is exactly what we did.

We were **Above the Rim** in public safety by investing in new streetlights to create safer neighborhoods, **funding micro-safety plans to address the dilapidated apartment complexes on Ashford Point** and responding quickly to concerns about squatting and excessive parking off Crossview in Midwest Houston. During January’s snow event, our team and community partners immediately mobilized to provide hot meals and **open a warming center**—because protecting residents means showing up at every moment, not just the easy ones.

We were **Above the Rim** in youth programming by expanding access to after-school opportunities, **contributing more than \$45,000 in matching funds for youth providers**, and partnering with **AliefVotes** to produce civic engagement activations that elevate young voices. When we invest in youth, we invest in the future of the westside.

We were **Above the Rim** in economic development by advancing new businesses and family-centered third spaces. **LAUNCH West Houston**—a next-generation indoor entertainment center on Eldridge—and **Nordstrom Rack in Westchase** strengthen our community fabric and expand job opportunities.

We were **Above the Rim** in quality of life by improving conditions across our neighborhoods by purchasing and installing air-quality monitors, **funding free spay-neuter and microchip events**,

sponsoring the annual **Black Family Wellness Project** with the Houston chapters of The Links, Incorporated, and celebrating **Camden Park—a one-of-a-kind amenity** created by the Westchase Management District.

And we were **Above the Rim** in neighborhood revitalization through long-awaited infrastructure improvements. From **Richmond Avenue between Hillcroft and Dunvale to the Hillcroft-to-Westpark** corridor, we delivered strategic repairs, panel replacements, and speed cushions. Most significantly, we secured the **\$6 million stormwater drainage project for Ashton Village**—bringing overdue relief that protects property, safety, and peace of mind. I can’t forget the long awaited and much needed **\$28M Safe Streets Project on Bissonnet** to improve mobility and safety for all.

I could go on about our progress, but the truth is simple, we are not just playing the game—District F is winning. Thank you for your partnership, your advocacy, and your belief in our shared work. As you turn the pages of this report, I hope it reminds you why we remain committed to keeping the westside the best side.



**Council Member Tiffany D. Thomas**  
**Houston City Council District F**



# MEET OUR TEAM

*From left to right*



## **Lambda Green**

*Chief of Staff*

## **Sarai Robinson**

*Public Service and Community  
Engagement Specialist*

## **Monique Welch- Rutherford**

*Communications Manager*



## **Jessica Sotelo-Stewart**

*Executive Assistant*

## **Christopher Martin**

*Digital Aide*

## **Karen Wiggins**

*Volunteer*

## **Jessica Sharp, PhD**

*Volunteer*



## **Rosa Cruz**

*Volunteer*

## **Tommy Wan**

*District F Intern*

## **Julian Nguyen**

*District F Intern*



## **District F Hot Spot Team**

*Kelby Moore, Kevin Kebede, Jabulani  
Sithole, Raymond Tucker*



# BY THE NUMBERS

## 44

COUNCIL MEETINGS

## 10

HOUSING & AFFORDABILITY  
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

## 21

TOTAL NUMBER OF  
PROCLAMATIONS GIVEN

- *38th Annual Greater Houston Area Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. Joint Founders Day Program and Celebration*
- *The El Dorado Social Club Centennial Day*
- *Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church Day*
- *Elsik High School's 50th Anniversary*
- *50+1 Day*

## 39

COMMUNITY  
INITIATIVES

- *2nd Annual Faith & Affordable Housing Summit*
- *Future Founders Program*
- *Meadway Reconstruction*
- *Immigration Roundtable*
- *District F Bin Blitz*

## 52

SPEAKING  
ENGAGEMENTS

- *US Chamber of Commerce Housing Summit*
- *National Urban League Conference*
- *National League of Cities*
- *National Association of Real Estate Brokers*
- *AliefVotes Annual Youth Conference*





# BY THE NUMBERS

415

DIRECT CONSTITUENT  
REQUEST RECEIVED

- *Water leaks*
- *Illegal dumping*
- *Solid Waste Delays*
- *Nuisance on Properties*
- *Parking Violations*

41

COMMUNITY  
MEETINGS

- *National Night Out*
- *Super Neighborhood 17*
- *Ashford Park Section 6*
- *Brays Village East Pop -Up*
- *Neighborhood Connection Forum*

22

CONSTRUCTION  
WORK  
AUTHORIZATIONS

## HOT SPOT TEAM ANNUAL REPORT

1,344

TOTAL WORK  
ORDERS RECEIVED

5,760

TOTAL MAN  
HOURS WORKED

528

TOTAL PIECES OF  
FURNITURE WASTE

28,800

TOTAL POUNDS (LBS)  
OF TRASH DEBRIS

50,400

TOTAL POUNDS (LBS)  
OF TREE WASTE

250,000

TOTAL SQUARE FEET (SQ.  
FT) OF LANDSCAPING

144

MATTRESSES

336

TIRES

240

SHOPPING  
CARTS

3,744

BANDIT SIGNS



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# 311

Service Request	Count
Water Main Valve	1,973
Water Leak	1,380
Missed Heavy Trash Pickup	1,151
Missed Recycling Pickup	1,030
Missed Garbage Pickup	870
Water Service	828
Container Replacement	617
Parking Violation	599
Traffic Signal Maintenance	574
Sewer Wastewater	486
Street Condition	483
Weeds/Trash/ Stagnant Water on Property	424
Heavy Trash Code Violation	317
Street Hazard	303
Container Repair	264
Health Code	262
Nuisance on Property	241
Pothole	224
Dead Animal Collection	222
Traffic Signs	194
Illegal Dumping	162
Drainage	124
Fire Hydrant	117
Building Code Violation	113
Add a Can	102

Note: This list reflects the top 25 constituent concerns reported to 311

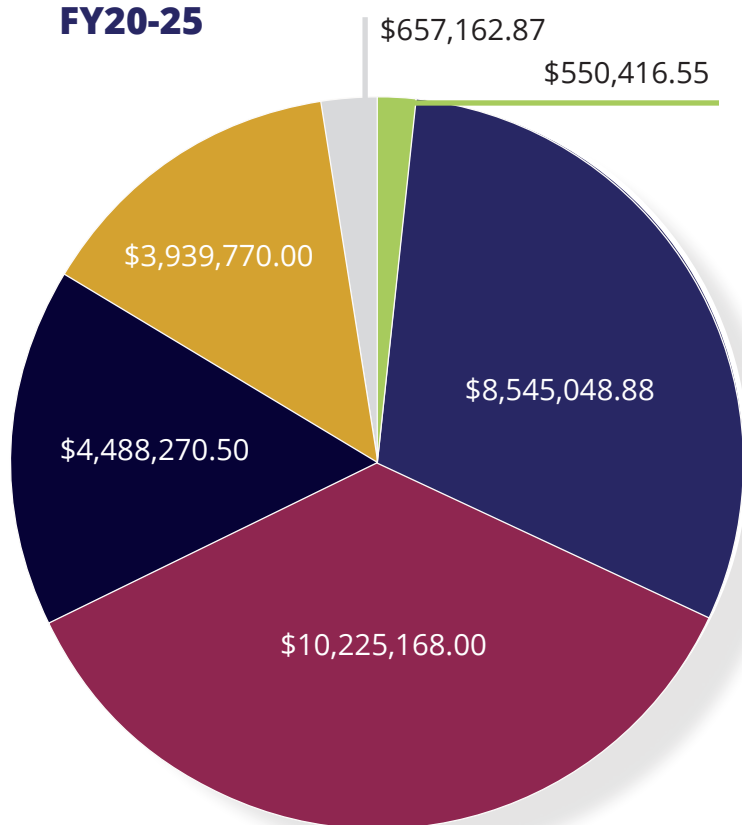


# DISTRICT F BUDGET

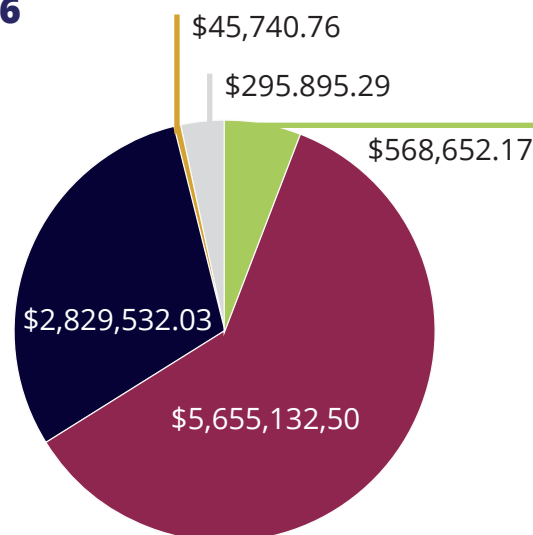
*District F continues to prioritize community driven projects through the Council District Service Funds, which utilize participatory budgeting to fund infrastructure improvements based on residents' needs and requests. These funds support a wide range of projects aimed at enhancing the quality of life in District F, from road repairs and sidewalk improvements to public safety upgrades.*

*In total, **22** District-wide infrastructure Projects have been completed, with **\$9,394,952.75** total funds expensed toward infrastructure and community enhancements. These funds have supported significant improvements in transportation, public spaces, and safety, directly benefiting residents.*

**FY20-25**



**FY26**



NOTE: Allocations reflect council district service funds, capital improvement plan, SWAT and HPW programmed projects



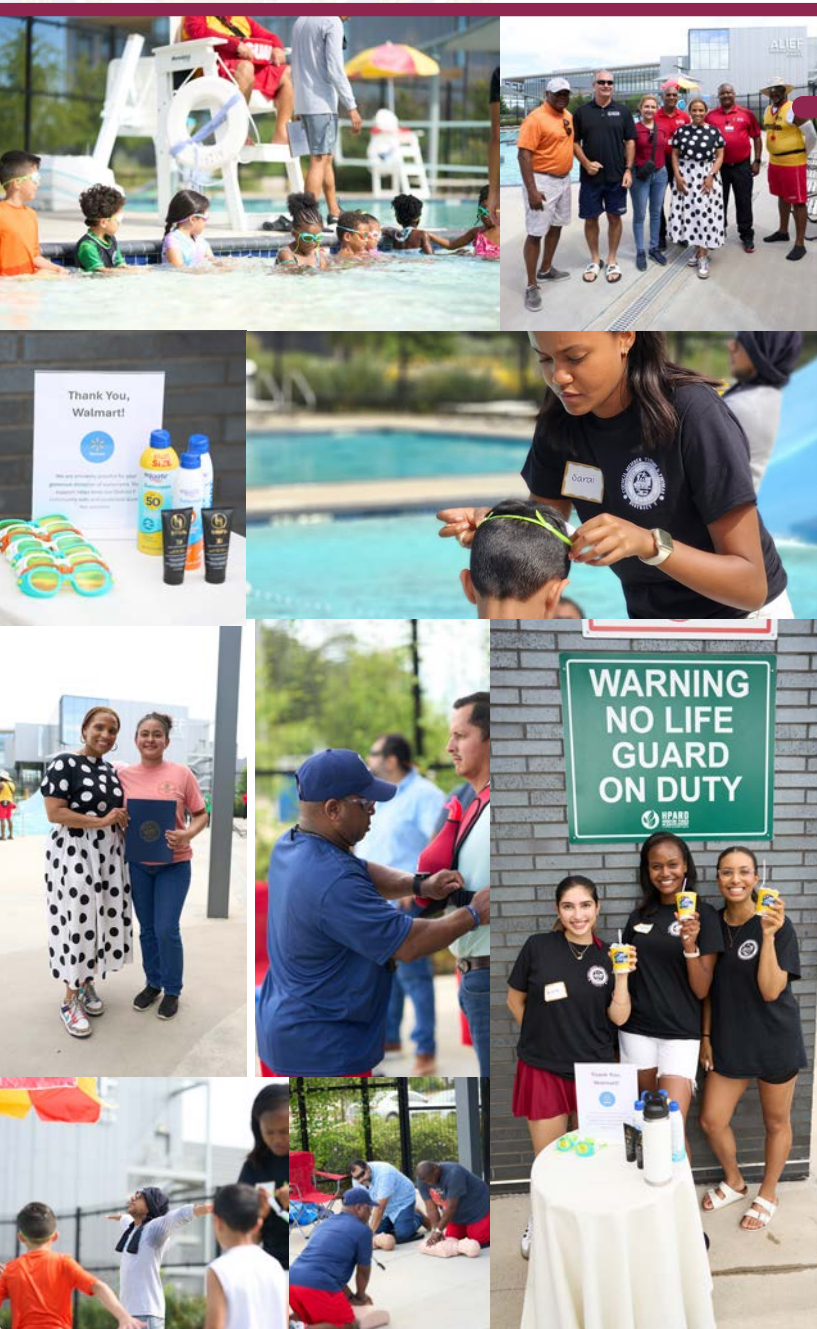
# PUBLIC SAFETY

District F is home to some of the most vibrant and fastest growing neighborhoods and businesses in the city. Through office-led events, policy and partnerships, Council Member Thomas fostered this vibrancy and growth throughout the year.

## 3rd Annual Summer of Safety

The **3rd Annual Summer of Safety** initiative continued to prioritize proactive, prevention-focused approaches to public safety by bringing families together for hands-on, high-impact programming. We were proud to partner with the **Houston Parks and Recreation Department, Houston Waves Swim Club, and Coach CPR** for this timely event—and thrilled to welcome **Outdoor Afro** as a new national sponsor supporting the goal of creating 2,000 new swimmers nationwide. To extend the impact beyond the event, Outdoor Afro also provided **swim-lesson scholarships** to District F residents who were unable to attend, reinforcing our shared commitment to access, equity, and drowning prevention. With **Walmart** providing swim gear, **TropiMix** keeping families cool with frozen treats, and **DJ Big Reeks** setting the tone, the clinic blended fun, learning, and prevention—making public safety education accessible and welcoming for families.

Following residential fires in **Catalina Square West**, we conducted a door-to-door **fire safety canvas** to connect directly with residents and share critical fire-prevention resources. This hands-on outreach ensured families had timely, practical information to protect their homes and loved ones.



July 26<sup>th</sup>

10 am - 12 pm



## SWIM SAFETY CLINIC





# PUBLIC SAFETY

## District F Disaster Response Plan

Since 2021, District F has **fully funded** a disaster response plan to ensure our community has the resources needed to prepare for emergencies. Through a **\$64,861** investment from Council District Service Funds, our partnership with the **Houston Community ToolBank** has been pivotal in strengthening disaster preparedness, supporting recovery efforts, and advancing community projects. The ToolBank also equips the District F Hot Spot Team with essential tools to maintain overgrown easements, combat illegal dumping, and beautify our neighborhoods.

## National Night Out

On National Night Out, my team and I joined neighbors across District F to celebrate community, connection, and public safety. From **Westhollow** and **Tanglewilde** to **Parkglen**, **Contemporary Garden**, **Woodchase**, **Ashford Park Section 6**, and **Westpark Village**, it was energizing to be out in neighborhoods listening to residents and strengthening relationships alongside our Houston Police officers. Events like National Night Out are about more than celebration—they create space for honest dialogue, build community trust, and reinforce the importance of visibility and accessibility in public safety efforts. We continue to work toward building safer, more connected neighborhoods where residents know their voices are heard and their concerns matter.



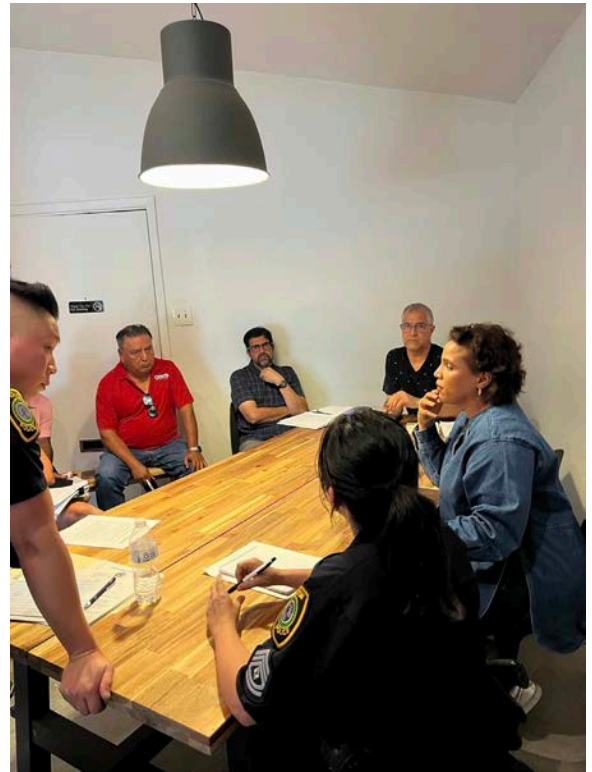


# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Public Safety Efforts: Westside & Midwest HPD

**Crime in District F is down 9.4%** in 2025, a direct result of our sustained efforts and strong collaboration with HPD's Midwest and Westside Divisions. Public safety and quality of life remain central priorities, and throughout the year my office worked closely with **HPD—including their Differential Response Teams**—to address neighborhood concerns, identify emerging hot spots, and implement targeted, prevention-focused strategies. Through regular coordination, community engagement, and site-based assessments, we advanced initiatives that prioritize visibility, accountability, and long-term crime reduction.

From supporting **Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)** improvements at multifamily properties to partnering with HPD and property owners on enforcement and management strategies, our approach emphasizes proactive, place-based solutions rather than one-size-fits-all responses. By combining resident input, data-driven insights, and sustained interagency collaboration, District F continues to build safer, more stable neighborhoods and strengthen the overall quality of life for families across the district.



### Who killed Lilia Vazquez? Houston police, Crime Stoppers ask for help finding suspect in deadly hit-and-run

In December, police released surveillance video that they said shows the truck that hit Vazquez.



### Tanglewilde Hit-and-Run

On February 20, I joined the family of Lilia Vazquez—who was tragically killed in a hit-and-run on Westpark while training for the Houston Chevron Marathon—at a **Crime Stoppers** press conference to urge witnesses to come forward. We called on residents in Westmont, Tanglewilde, Piney Point, and Briarmeadow to share any information that could assist the ongoing investigation. A **\$5,000 reward** was announced as the community continues working together to seek justice for the Vazquez family.



# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Dangerous Buildings

At the final council meeting of the year, Council Members continued deliberating a proposal to allocate **\$30 million** from the restricted stormwater fund to address dangerous and blighted structures citywide. Although the item was tagged for further review, I met with the Public Works Director to confirm District F's inventory of qualifying dangerous buildings to ensure our community is fully represented when funding moves forward.

In the interim, District F saw **long-awaited** progress. The dangerous structure at 3206 Chris Drive in Briar Meadow—first reported in **2019**—was demolished on **December 23 at 7:30 a.m.**, concluding a **2,138-day process**. This milestone reflects the persistence of residents, the coordination of Houston Public Works, and the commitment of our District F team. It also underscores the broader importance of wills and estate planning in preventing properties from falling into prolonged neglect.





# DISTRICT F RAPID RESPONSE

**R**apid Response captures the work our office undertakes when urgent issues arise outside our defined priorities but still demand action. Because community needs are interconnected, we respond swiftly to emerging concerns—whether it's a public-safety incident, a service disruption, or a neighborhood-level crisis—to ensure residents receive timely support and clear communication. This approach reinforces our commitment to being accessible, proactive, and deeply engaged in the day-to-day realities of District F.

## 3-Alarm Fire

On the morning of **May 14**, a devastating 3-alarm fire near Westpark and Synott (Ashford Point) tore through multiple buildings, displacing families from as many as **25 apartment units**. I mobilized support immediately mobilized support calling on my corporate partners, community organizations, and city departments to coordinate donations, resources, and on-the-ground assistance for the affected residents. Working closely with **Alief ISD**, my office helped ensure families had access to clothing, toiletries, bedding, cookware, non-perishable food, and other essential items. **Alief ISD** opened a dedicated space at **Crump Stadium** where families could select what they needed with dignity and care. In moments like this, District F demonstrated its strength—neighbors showing up, standing together, and helping families begin their path to recovery.



## Bin Blitz

In September, our office saw an increase in calls from residents requesting recycling and trash bins. In response, we partnered with the Solid Waste Department and the District F Hot Spot Team to address concerns about undelivered bins through a two-phase effort over the following two to three months.

Our office compiled a comprehensive list of all bin-related cases submitted over the past several months, ensuring no request was overlooked. The District F Hot Spot Team then went directly to the facility to pick up the bins and coordinated their delivery to residents' homes.

Through this collaboration, more than **450 recycling and trash bins** were delivered directly to homes across the district, ensuring residents received the resources they needed in a timely manner. This hands-on approach reflects our office's ongoing commitment to responsive, community-focused service and improving quality of life for District F families.





# DISTRICT F RAPID RESPONSE

## Turkey Distribution

In **November 2025**, I teamed up with **Alief ISD and Houston ISD** to provide Thanksgiving turkeys from H-E-B to families facing food insecurity. She donated **300 turkeys—150** for each event—to help households struggling with disruptions to SNAP benefits.



## Winter Storm Enzo

On Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Winter Storm Enzo, dumped several inches of snow on the Houston metropolitan area, but we weathered the storm with minimal interruption. Our team in partnership with **Agape Christian Fellowship, Heads Up Houston, Walmart, Alief-YMCA, YMCA International, and the District F Hot Team** mobilized quickly to open warming centers, provide critical resources and hot meals—because protecting residents means being there at every moment, not just the easy ones.





# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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## The 2nd Annual Faith & Affordable Housing Summit

In **October**, I was proud to host the **2nd Annual Faith & Affordable Housing Summit** at the Kingdom Builders' Center, convening more than **150** faith leaders, developers, financial institutions, and community advocates from across Houston and beyond. Together, we explored how faith-owned land can be transformed into housing, opportunity, and lasting community wealth.

With powerful contributions from **Congressman Emanuel Cleaver II**, **Senator Elizabeth Warren**, **Pastor Kirbyjon Caldwell**, and local housing leaders, the Summit underscored Houston's unique potential to lead the nation in innovative, values-driven housing solutions. The conversations were grounded in both urgency and possibility—connecting national policy, local practice, and real-world examples of faith put into action.

This Summit reaffirmed my belief that affordable housing is not only a policy challenge, but a moral imperative—and that meaningful progress happens when sectors work together with shared purpose.

I am deeply grateful to our sponsors, partners, volunteers, and District F staff who made this convening possible and impactful. As we move forward, my office remains committed to advancing partnerships that unlock underutilized land, expand access to housing, and strengthen neighborhoods across Houston. The Faith & Affordable Housing Summit is more than an annual event—it is part of an ongoing movement to align faith, finance, and public leadership in service of families and future generations.

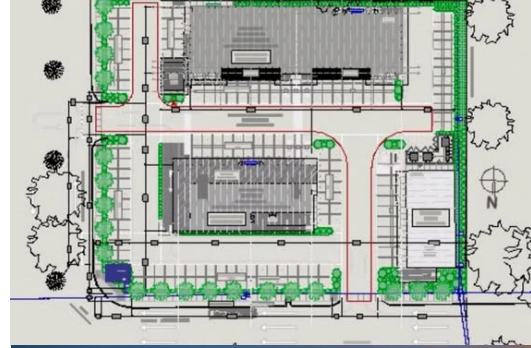




# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Up Next: Bellaire Market

A major new development is underway on Bellaire near Synott, bringing significant economic opportunity to West Houston. Located across from **Crown Colony West and adjacent to Wildflower Green and Braewood Townhomes**, this project is expected to generate jobs, attract commerce and tourism, and create new pathways for local entrepreneurs. The former ExxonMobil station across from Rodeo Square/The Mint Apartments has been acquired as part of this redevelopment effort, helping to shape the emerging **Bellaire Market District** with future restaurants, coffee shops, and improved walkability supported by direct access to METRO Route 2. My office remains in close coordination with the development team to ensure surrounding neighborhoods are protected, with ongoing discussions focused on noise mitigation, traffic management, and strengthened public safety planning. More details and a ribbon cutting will be shared as the project advances.



## Camden Park

The opening of Camden Park in the Westchase District marked a significant investment in placemaking and economic development in District F. Designed as one of Houston's newest destinations, the park features a vibrant playground, spacious dog park, live event space, dining options, and active programming—creating a hub that supports local activity, attracts visitors, and strengthens quality of life.



## Future Founders Program

This year, I was proud to invest **\$2,750** to support the launch of the inaugural Future Founders Program, a week-long youth entrepreneurship pilot created in partnership with the **City of Houston's Office of Business Opportunity** and the Houston Public Library. Serving students ages 10 to 14, the program provided hands-on instruction in financial literacy, marketing, public speaking, and teamwork. Future Founders introduced young people to entrepreneurship not as an abstract idea, but as

a tangible pathway to confidence, creativity, and leadership.

**90%** of participants increased their understanding of what it takes to start a business, while **80%** improved their knowledge of marketing and **70%** strengthened their understanding of entrepreneurship overall. Future Founders reflects my commitment to investing early in our youth and building the District of the Future—one idea, one skill, and one young leader at a time.



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Turnaround Job Fair

The Turnaround Houston Job Fair brought **25 employers** to the Alief Neighborhood Center, expanding access to jobs and strengthening workforce connections in District F. By connecting residents directly with employers across a range of industries, this event helped open doors to immediate hiring opportunities and long-term career pathways. Workforce initiatives like this are essential to economic development, and I remain committed to creating opportunities that support financial stability for families while strengthening our local economy.



## Expunction Clinic

I joined more than **300 residents** at the inaugural Expunction Clinic and Job Fair hosted by the **Harris County District Attorney's Office** at the Alief Neighborhood Center. The event helped community members clear eligible records and access employment, legal support, health resources, and workforce opportunities—advancing economic mobility across District F.

The clinic was supported by a broad coalition of partners, including legal advocates such as **Lone Star Legal Aid** and **South Texas College of Law**; civic-engagement groups like **Mi Familia Vota** and the **Harris County Clerk's Office**; workforce organizations including **Workforce Solutions** and **SER Jobs**; and public-health and community agencies such as **Harris County Public Health** and the **Houston Public Library's Tech Link**. Their collaboration ensured residents received comprehensive, wraparound support in one place.

## AfroTech

I participated in the executive roundtable at AFROTECH 2025, joining leaders from **J.P. Morgan Chase, Ancestry, Baker Tilly, the Greater Houston Partnership, Estée Lauder**, and others to discuss innovation, workforce development, and the expanding role of AI across industry and government. As Houston positions itself as a national leader in responsible AI, collaboration among industry, government, and community partners will be critical. I'm grateful to the organizers for investing in Houston and look forward to building on this momentum—especially by elevating housing conversations at next year's conference as AFROTECH celebrates its 10th anniversary.





# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

As an educator and former school board member, Council Member Thomas understands the importance and necessity of youth engagement. District F continued youth empowerment and sponsored youth-directed programs.

## AliefVotes

AliefVotes had a highly productive year, delivering impactful programs and expanding its network. In 2025, the organization hosted more than **65 grassroots events** led by Alief ISD youth, developed a disaster preparedness protocol for the community, and built two green infrastructure pocket prairies. They grew their board, added staff, and **welcomed 25 new fellows** from all five Alief ISD schools. AliefVotes also strengthened ties with key stakeholders—including the **Alief ISD Board and Alief Super Neighborhood Council**—while leading resilience conversations, tree plantings, youth conferences, and workshops with **150+ attendees each**. Their nonpartisan GOTV outreach for the November elections included a signature youth civic engagement workshop, the largest relational organizing event to date, engaging over 150 participants and partnering with 20 local nonprofits. Altogether, AliefVotes contacted more than **5,000 voters**, underscoring the power of youth-led civic engagement in building a more informed and participatory democracy in Alief.

ALIEFVOTES PRESENTS:

## SAFE SCHOOLS, SAFE COMMUNITIES

TEXAS LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP

Explore Texas policies on school safety, youth violence, and gun safety in this collaborative workshop. Join experts and community leaders to gain actionable insights and strategies for creating safer schools and communities!

**Saturday, February 15, 2025**  
**11 AM to 2 PM**

LOCATION: Alief Neighborhood Center  
11903 Bellaire Blvd, Houston, TX 77072 (Room 1E 1511/12)

 Register NOW!  
Free Food, Brochures, & More!  
<https://bit.ly/alieflegislativeworkshop>

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## Back 2 School Initiatives

District F was proud to support multiple Back-to-School initiatives in partnership with school districts, faith organizations, and community leaders to ensure students were prepared for the year ahead. Through collaborations with **Alief ISD, Agape Church, Heads Up Houston, Emerson Elementary, Briarmeadow Elementary, and the Alief ISD Education Foundation**, our office helped sponsor and distribute a total of 750 backpacks filled with school supplies to students across the community. These efforts reflect our belief that it truly takes a village—and that investing in students is an investment in the future of District F.





# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

## Alief JROTC

This year I was proud to present 75 certificates to graduating seniors across Alief ISD's JROTC programs—including the **Marines JROTC at Hastings**, the **Navy JROTC at Taylor**, and **in-person for the Air Force JROTC at Elsik**. As a former AFJROTC Cadet Leader at Alief Elsik, I understand firsthand how these programs build confidence, discipline, responsibility, and civic pride. Every senior received a certificate recognizing their leadership and commitment to service. These cadets represent the next generation of leaders, and their achievements reflect the strength and promise of District F's youth.



## CASE for Kids - Supporting Afterschool Programs

Our office allocated **\$30,000** from Council District Service Funds to CASE for Kids to support after-school enrichment programs that empower youth across District F. Through partnerships with organizations including the **Chinese Community Center**, **The Bricks Foundation**, **Agape Christian Fellowship**, and **JJ's I'm Me Foundation**, these programs foster academic success, leadership development, and personal growth—creating meaningful opportunities for young people to thrive inside and outside the classroom.

## Elsik Turns 50!

**On Nov. 7**, I presented the **50th anniversary proclamation** to my alma mater, Elsik High School in Alief, a school that has produced excellent professionals in just about every industry from service members, to entrepreneurs, athletes, and teachers, you name it. Go Mighty Rams!

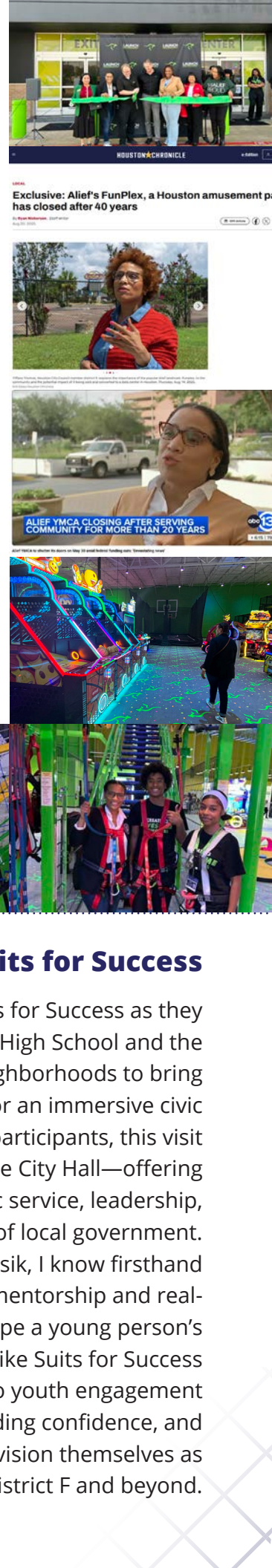




# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

## Funplex gone, YMCA gone; now we LAUNCH West Houston

The closures of the Alief YMCA on May 30 and Funplex officially in August mark a heartbreaking loss of two longtime community anchors in Alief. For decades, these institutions provided safe spaces for youth, seniors, and families—offering programs, recreation, health and wellness support, and even emergency services during times of crisis. The YMCA, serving over **10,000 families annually since the 1980s**, was a trusted partner during the City's rent relief efforts in the pandemic, while Funplex offered generations of residents a place for recreation and connection. Their absence leaves a profound void in one of Houston's most diverse neighborhoods and underscores the vulnerability of community institutions amid funding challenges. At the same time, we celebrate new beginnings with the opening of **LAUNCH West Houston Family Entertainment**, which brings fresh opportunities for families to gather, play, and build community. As we honor the memories and impact of these anchors, we must continue to advocate for sustainable, community-driven investment so that Alief is not forgotten.



## Suits for Success

I was proud to support Suits for Success as they partnered with Alief Elsik High School and the City's Department of Neighborhoods to bring young men to City Hall for an immersive civic experience. For many participants, this visit marked their first time inside City Hall—offering direct exposure to public service, leadership, and the inner workings of local government. As a graduate of Alief Elsik, I know firsthand how meaningful access to mentorship and real-world experiences can shape a young person's trajectory. Programs like Suits for Success reinforce our commitment to youth engagement by opening doors, building confidence, and helping young people envision themselves as future leaders in District F and beyond.



# NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

*This year, District F welcomed several projects aimed at revitalizing our beloved neighborhoods. Taking care of and improving the district's current infrastructure is a key tenet of our office. From revamping our neighborhood parks to decommissioning homeless encampments to restriping crosswalks. These projects are all a part of making sure our neighborhoods are treated with respect.*

## District F Hot Spot Team

The Hot Spot Team helps keep our district clean, safe, and welcoming for everyone. They focus on areas that need extra attention by quickly responding to illegal dumping and ongoing maintenance issues.

The team picks up debris, removes dumped trash and tires, cleans trash and illegal dumping, such as mattresses, couches, and other large items from medians, and delivers trash bins to locations that need them most. In addition to cutting weeds and trimming trees along public rights-of-way to improve visibility, access, and overall safety.

By staying proactive and addressing problem areas, the Hot Spot Team helps protect our neighborhoods, prevent blight, and improve the quality of life throughout the district.





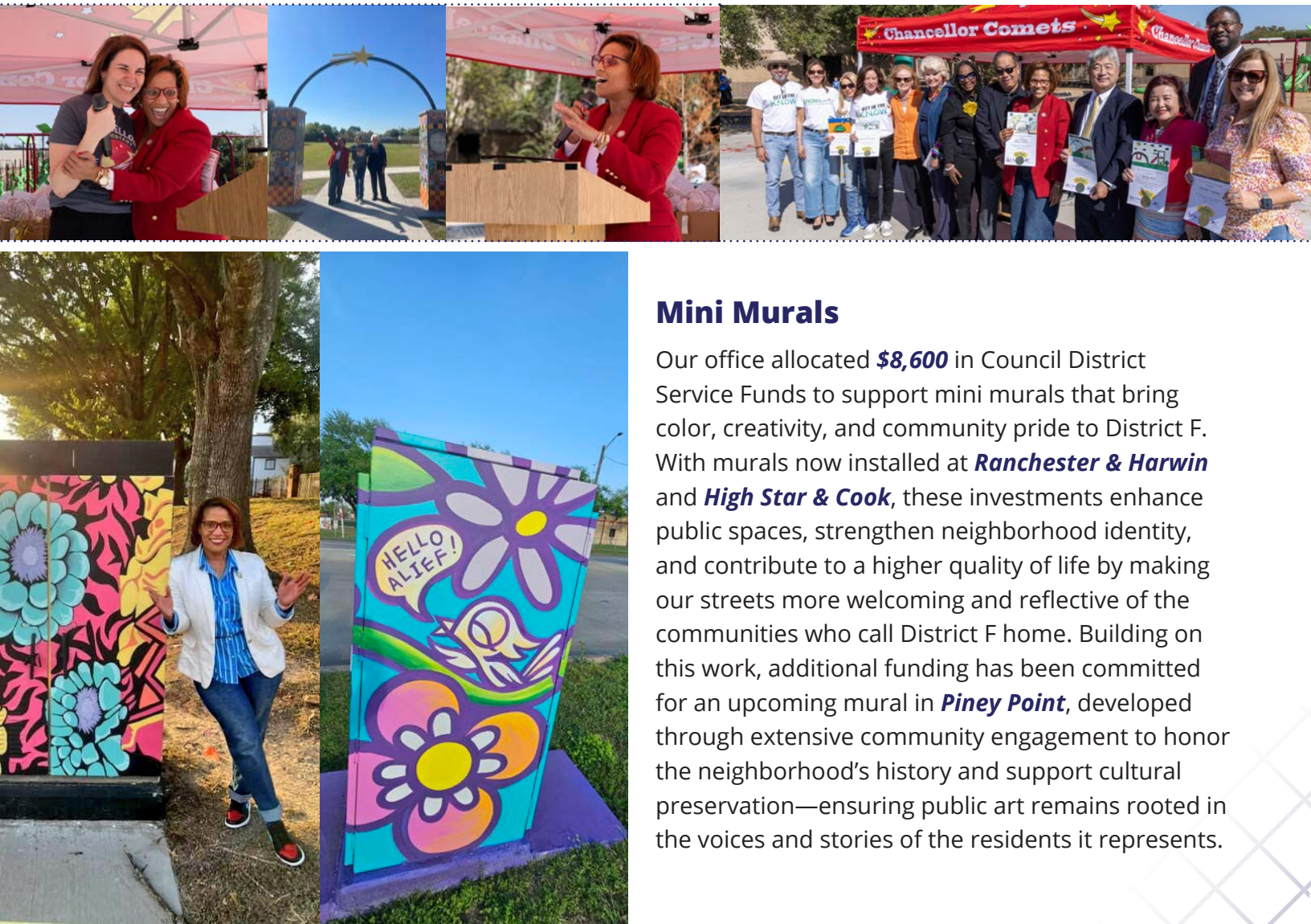
# NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

## The Good Neighbor Program

Our office allocated **\$6,000** in Council District Service Funds to support immediate services aimed at addressing neighborhood blight. Through the Good Neighbor Program, a partnership with **Career and Recovery Resources (CRR) and City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods**, these efforts included landscaping, debris removal, tree trimming, boarding abandoned homes, and installing gates to deter illegal activity. This work supplements the District F Hot Spot Team, expanding our capacity to respond quickly to resident concerns. Services prioritized seniors, veterans, and residents with disabilities. To date, **17** blighted or abandoned homes have been secured, contributing to safer, cleaner, and more resilient neighborhoods.

## SPARK Park

We were proud to celebrate the opening of a new SPARK Park at **Alief Chancellor Elementary School**, made possible in part by a **\$10,000** investment from the District F Office. To date, District has sponsored 6 **SPARK parks** across the district including **Martin Elementary School, Kennedy Elementary School, Alexander Elementary School, Collins Elementary School and Mahanay Elementary School**. This project expands access to safe, high-quality green space - strengthening neighborhood health, youth recreation, and overall quality of life across District F.



## Mini Murals

Our office allocated **\$8,600** in Council District Service Funds to support mini murals that bring color, creativity, and community pride to District F. With murals now installed at **Ranchester & Harwin** and **High Star & Cook**, these investments enhance public spaces, strengthen neighborhood identity, and contribute to a higher quality of life by making our streets more welcoming and reflective of the communities who call District F home. Building on this work, additional funding has been committed for an upcoming mural in **Piney Point**, developed through extensive community engagement to honor the neighborhood's history and support cultural preservation—ensuring public art remains rooted in the voices and stories of the residents it represents.



# NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

## Meadway Drive

After nearly two years of sustained advocacy and coordination, District F successfully completed its first full home reconstruction project, restoring safe and stable housing for an elderly resident in **Westpark Village**. This milestone was made possible through close collaboration with the homeowner, the HOA, the City's Housing and Community Development Single-Family team, and Mayberry Construction. Despite challenges along the way, our office remained committed to navigating every obstacle until the project was complete. With additional support from the District F Hot Spot Team, Catholic Charities, and partners providing long-term services, this effort reflects our commitment to dignified housing, wraparound support, and ensuring residents can remain safely rooted in their communities.



## Dashwood Trails Groundbreaking

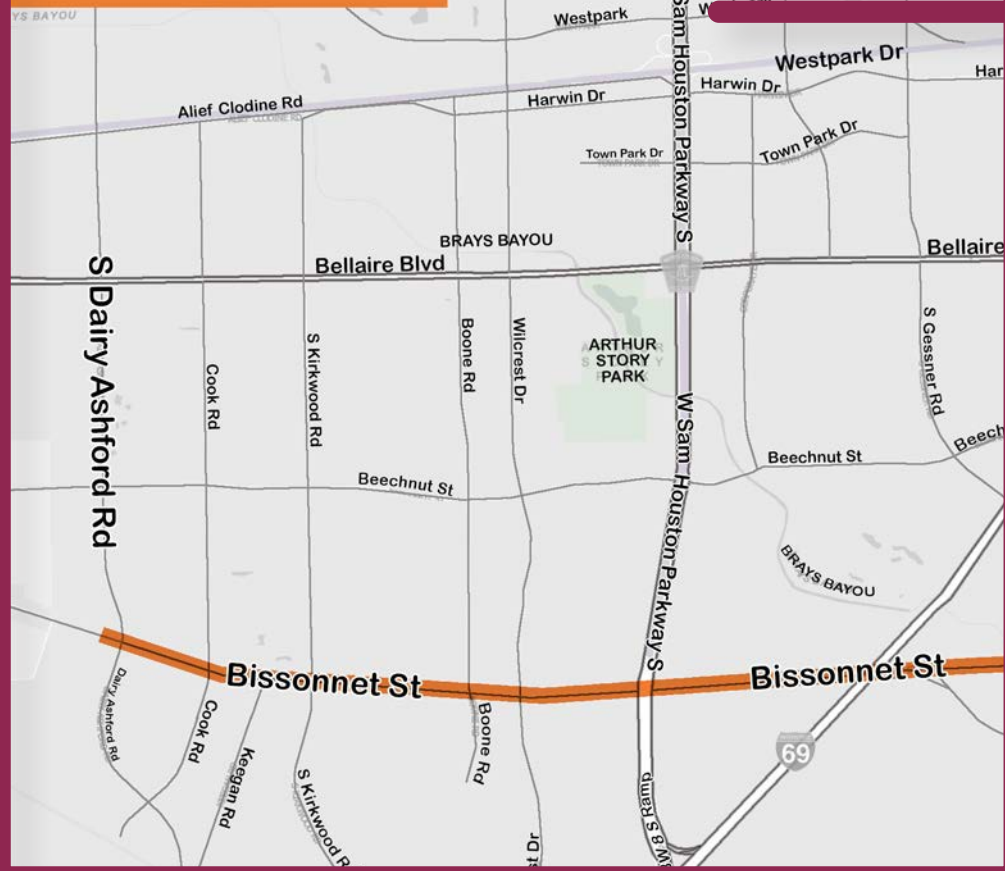
Our office celebrated the groundbreaking of Dashwood Trails on **Dec. 11**, a new Alief development that will deliver more than 100 affordable housing units on Dashwood Drive to help seniors age in place. Nearly two years in the making, the project is led by **Trinity Housing Development**, a recipient of the **9% Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs tax credit**. As Chair of the Housing and Affordability Committee, I am proud to see this investment move forward, bringing not only new homes but new opportunities for families to thrive, build stability, and create lasting generational wealth in Alief.



# QUALITY OF LIFE

**D**istrict F continued enhancing residents' quality of life by prioritizing and sponsoring cultural and educational programs, promoting health and wellness, and investing in infrastructure improvements. These efforts contribute to a vibrant community where residents have recreational opportunities, cultural enrichment, and improved living conditions. The commitment to improving the quality of life is an ongoing journey, fostering a district where every resident can thrive.

## Bissonnet Corridor SS4A Map



## Bissonnet Corridor Safe Streets Project

District F secured a major federal investment with the acceptance of \$28 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Bissonnet Safe Streets Project, a seven-mile corridor rehabilitation spanning three districts — F, J and K— from South Dairy Ashford to Hillcroft.

This project—supported by my office through early advocacy and formal backing—will significantly improve safety for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, and transit riders along one of Houston's most dangerous roadways. Shaped by years of community input and neighborhood advocacy, the Bissonnet Safe Streets Project represents a critical step toward reducing serious injuries, strengthening mobility, and delivering safer, more connected infrastructure for District F and the broader region.



# QUALITY OF LIFE

## Loving Our Seniors

The 5th Annual Loving on Our Seniors event continued its tradition of supporting seniors in Piney Point and Blossom Heights, led by Schlumberger's BOLD employee group, which once again provided time, resources, and essential items. What began as a small favor among friends has grown into a highly anticipated celebration of service and community. This year, Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church joined as a new partner while marking its **160th anniversary**. I expressed deep appreciation for the volunteers, donors, and residents who make this annual outreach a meaningful demonstration of compassion and community care.



## Saving Piney Point

Protecting quality of life in our neighborhoods requires thoughtful land-use decisions and strong community engagement. At the Jarvis and Richmond intersection in Piney Point, residents and community partners—including Friends of Rasmus Park, the Piney Point Civic Club, and Pilgrim Rest M.B.C.—raised concerns about a proposal that would have converted residential land into commercial use, threatening neighborhood character, safety, and long-term livability. Through organized advocacy and unified resident participation, the Planning Commission denied the request, reaffirming that community voices are essential in shaping development decisions. My office remains committed to preserving quality of life, protecting residential land, and standing with residents to ensure growth is responsible, compliant, and community-centered across District F.



# QUALITY OF LIFE

## Homelessness Strike Force Breakfast

My office convened a Westside Homelessness Strike Force Breakfast to bring together school leaders, nonprofit and healthcare providers, social service agencies, and law enforcement for a focused conversation on addressing homelessness with coordination and compassion. This discussion centered on developing a shared path forward—one that prioritizes mental health care, housing access, and long-term stability for individuals experiencing homelessness across the westside.

With 10 encampments identified in public spaces, the convening marked an important step toward building a coordinated response that aligns outreach professionals, behavioral health specialists, nonprofits, and public safety partners. These conversations are helping shape a unified strategy so that when funding opportunities arise, District F and our partners are ready to act with intention, resources, and measurable impact.



## Air Purifier Distribution

In partnership with **Daikin**, my office hosted an air purifier distribution at the Alief Neighborhood Center, providing **18 high-quality air purifiers** to families in need. Improving air quality is essential to protecting public health. Clean air is essential to our health and quality of life. Expect continued environmental updates and initiatives in the coming year as my office works to advance healthier, more resilient neighborhoods across District F.





Each week, City Council votes on essential projects and ordinances that contribute to the growth and improvement of our communities. Below are the impactful measures in District F that were approved in 2025, advancing the priorities of our office.



- ## March

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## February

- ## April

- Paving and drainage improvements in the Alief



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS (DISTRICT F RELATED)



Forest South Area (Sub-Project #1) to advance concrete paving, storm drainage, sidewalks, lighting, utilities, and a new detention pond to improve flood resilience and street conditions. = **\$837,509.26**

- Approval of the final contract and acceptance of completed for FY23 Roadway Rehabilitation Project #4, which delivered street and pavement repairs and rehabilitation across multiple districts—including District F—to address localized roadway conditions and improve overall street quality. = **\$15,044,785.06**

a historic community landmark and creating a public space for education, cultural pride, and neighborhood gatherings in District F. = **\$573,300**



- Second amendment to an engineering services contract to design upgrades at the Upper Brays Wastewater Treatment Plant, improving sludge processing, treatment controls, and clarifier systems to strengthen wastewater operations. = **\$262,967**
- Authorization of upgrades to natural gas and electrical service infrastructure—including gas line capacity, transformers, and power distribution systems—at the HPD Westside Command Station = **\$824,133.68**

## May

- City's agreement with TxDOT under the 2020 Highway Safety Improvement Program, funding the installation of two new traffic signals at Richmond Avenue and Hayes Road in District F to improve intersection safety. = **\$312,086.45**
- Citywide fire hydrant replacement project, which replaced, relocated, and repaired damaged hydrants and valves. = **\$3,397,632.69**
- Resolution supporting the nomination of Council Member Thomas as Vice Chair of the National League of Cities' Community and Economic Development Federal Advocacy Committee, recognizing her leadership and commitment to advancing federal policy priorities on behalf of Houston and cities nationwide.

## June

- Ordinance authorizing the City of Houston to apply for and accept HUD Community Project Funding to construct the Walter J. Rasmus Heritage House at Rasmus Park, preserving

## July

- Approval of final payment for citywide street, drainage, and stormwater rehabilitation work, addressing localized flooding and roadway conditions through the FY22 Street and Drainage Rehabilitation Contract #1 and the FY23 Local Drainage Program Contract #3, including improvements in District F. = **\$6,894,862.10**
- City of Houston submitted its Action Plan for Disaster Recovery – 2024 Derecho and Hurricane Beryl to HUD and apply for CDBG-DR24 funding to support long-term recovery and resilience efforts. The plan allocates funding across housing, power generation resilience, homelessness services, public safety, debris management, and vegetation removal. = **\$314,645,000.00**

## August

- Acceptance of final contract amount to complete lift station diversion and sewer infrastructure improvements at the Alief Village



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS (DISTRICT F RELATED)

Lift Station and Belle Park #2 Lift Station, replacing undersized facilities to improve wastewater capacity and maintain regulatory compliance. = **\$15,318,726.78**

- Neighborhood Sewer Rehabilitation Program, which renewed deteriorated wastewater collection systems through pipe replacement and rehabilitation methods across multiple districts—including District F—to reduce sewer overflows and maintain regulatory compliance. = **\$4,905,516.91**
- Advance Funding Agreement with TxDOT for the International Management District Intersections Project, enabling the city to design and construct pedestrian safety and landscaping improvements. = **\$2,500,000.00**

## September

- Authorization for the City to submit four applications to the FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance program to fund the elevation of flood-prone homes, to reduce repetitive flood losses and strengthen long-term neighborhood resilience. = **\$33,509,247.20**

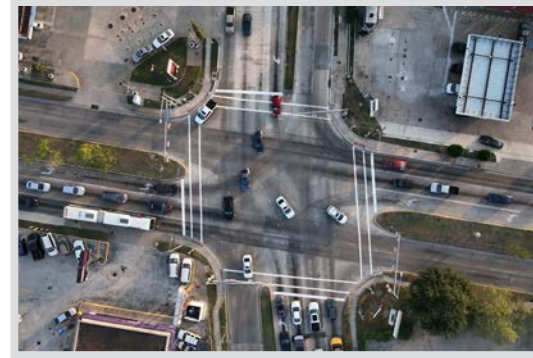
## October

- City Council's adopted the 2025 tax rate of **\$0.519190 per \$100 of taxable value**, maintaining the same overall rate as the prior year.
- Acceptance of completed work and authorizes final payment for the Alief Neighborhood Center, District F's 70,000-square-foot, three-department facility combining a multi-services center, regional library, and community center, along with parking and major park amenity renovations at Alief Park. = **\$50,833,150.86**
- Authorization of the City's purchase of the 419 Emancipation Avenue property, a 90,674-square-foot, two-building campus that will be used as a housing-focused triage site to

provide temporary and transitional shelter and connect individuals experiencing homelessness to healthcare, behavioral health services, substance-use treatment, and pathways to long-term housing stability. = **\$16,000,000.00**

## November

- Authorization for the City of Houston to accept a federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant from USDOT for the Bissonnet Corridor Safe Streets Project, a seven-mile safety-focused rehabilitation from South Dairy Ashford Rd to Hillcroft Ave designed to reduce fatal and serious crashes along one of Houston's most dangerous corridors, with the federal grant covering 80% of the total project cost and the remaining 20% local match to be brought forward for Council approval at a later date. = **\$28,789,304.57**



## December

- Appropriation of funds and construction contact award to deliver **Ashton Village Drainage Improvements** at multiple locations throughout the neighborhood. The project will address localized flooding and improve stormwater drainage and street conditions to enhance long-term infrastructure performance and neighborhood resilience. = **\$6,544,421.75**
- Second Amendment to the interlocal agreement with the Harris County Flood Control District to complete additional repairs to the **Keegan's Bayou Hike and Bike Trail**, addressing additional construction costs for trail improvements along the corridor. = **\$25,820.45**



# DISASTER RECOVERY: CDBG-DR24

When Houston began planning how to spend federal disaster recovery dollars after Hurricane Beryl and the 2024 derecho, the city's initial proposal alarmed many residents and advocates: zero dollars were allocated for housing repair and recovery, even though housing needs were among the most severe unmet needs following the storms. Despite estimates showing hundreds of millions in housing damage across the region, the draft plan prioritized equipment, generators, and other infrastructure while leaving housing unaddressed—an outcome that risked leaving vulnerable families without the support they needed to stay in their homes and rebuild their lives.

Over the course of months, I consistently raised these concerns as Chair of the Housing and Affordability Committee, amplifying the voices of residents still struggling with storm damage and urging the council to prioritize housing as a cornerstone of recovery. After public pushback and robust engagement, the plan was revised to include \$50 million for housing, and I offered an amendment that ultimately doubled that investment to \$100 million—ensuring that a meaningful share of the \$314 million in CDBG-DR24 funds goes toward repairing and stabilizing homes. This outcome reflects more than a budget change; it demonstrates the power of community advocacy and intentional policymaking to protect quality of life, preserve neighborhoods, and help families remain rooted in the places they call home.





# HOUSING & AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE

Council Member Thomas chairs the Housing & Affordability Committee (HAC) and oversees the authorization of over \$1.775 billion in federal, state and local funds to be utilized for numerous projects including job training, rapid rehousing, and single- and multi-family housing developments across the city.

## DR21 – Winter Storm Uri

As Chair of the Housing and Affordability Committee, I have continued to highlight the impact of the City of Houston's DR-21 Home Repair Program, supported by a **\$40 million federal allocation** to help homeowners recover from Winter Storm Uri. The program provides up to **\$10,000 in reimbursement** for insurance-denied repairs and **up to \$300,000 for home rehabilitation or reconstruction**, helping families stabilize their finances and remain in their homes. These investments not only protect homeownership and generational wealth but also inject recovery dollars into local neighborhoods—supporting contractors, construction jobs, and broader economic resilience.









# COMMUNICATION, MEDIA AND OUTREACH

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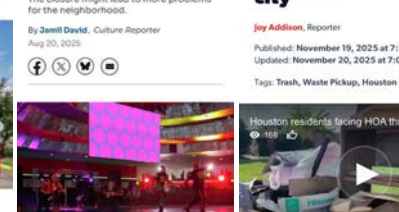
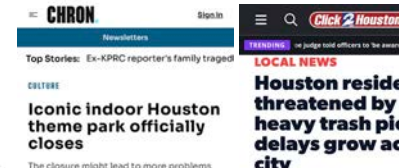
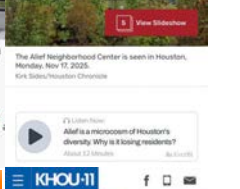
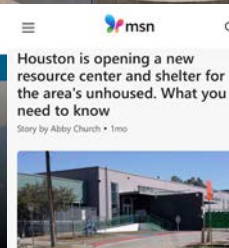
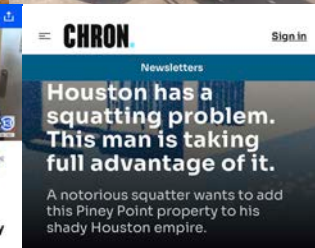
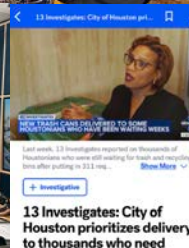
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# DISTRICT F COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

*From education leaders and nonprofit visionaries to community organizers and civic advocates, these individuals drive meaningful change and inspire others to build stronger, more connected neighborhoods. Their dedication and impact reflect the values and resilience that make District F a beacon of leadership, service, and progress.*



**DEE JONES**, Business and Community Partnership Coordinator for Alief ISD and has been an invaluable partner to District F this year. Earlier this year, the District F community experienced a fire near Westpark and Synott Road. In response, Mrs. Jones organized a local donation drive, collecting water, clothing, household items, and other essential supplies for residents impacted by the disaster. Most

notably, she facilitated the District F Turkey Drive at the Alief ISD Warehouse, helping distribute turkeys and other holiday essentials to families during the holiday season. Beyond these efforts, she is widely respected for her leadership in building meaningful community partnerships, supporting students and families, and strengthening district-wide engagement.



**MARK BROWN, PHD**, CEO of West Houston Assistance Ministries (WHAM), has been a vital partner to District F, supporting Alief disaster recovery preparedness and the office's Homelessness Task Force. Under his leadership, WHAM assists with cases that fall outside city purview, providing critical support to residents in need. Dr. Brown and WHAM serve as a beacon for the community, ensuring that no resident is left without assistance.



**ROBERT ADKINS**, whose first job was at FunPlex, the beloved indoor amusement park that once served as a gathering place for Houston families. As a teen carousel operator, he gained his first experiences with responsibility, community, and bringing joy to others.

Now, Adkins is returning to Alief as the founder and owner of LAUNCH West Houston—an entertainment hub designed to fill the void left by the closure of the Alief YMCA and FunPlex. Featuring trampolines, a ninja course, laser tag, arcade games, dodgeball, Krave Café, and Bar Hops Lounge, LAUNCH is set to become a new destination for families.



**CHARLIE HUYNH, PHD**, native Alief resident, Houston-based physician, entrepreneur, and real estate developer whose work has played a significant role in elevating Vietnamese culture and commerce in the Bellaire/Little Saigon area. Dr. Huynh transforms community landscapes through Huynh Investment Group and Di An Hospitality. By creating cultural destinations like

the Bellaire Market District and Di An Pho, he champions authentic cuisine while empowering immigrant entrepreneurs to succeed. His work bridges heritage with economic opportunity, exemplifying the limitless potential of Alief natives and proving that when deep roots fuel a bold vision, the entire community rises.



# CULTURAL HERITAGE AND PRESERVATION

District F is the cultural currency of the City of Houston, and celebrating the different cultures serves as a testament to our identity, history, and values. It connects us to our roots and provides a foundation for future innovations. In today's interconnected world, it is also one of our most powerful resources to transform societies and renew ideas.

## Immigration Roundtable

Our office proudly hosted a successful inaugural Immigration Roundtable, convening community leaders, legal experts, and residents to center immigration issues impacting **Houston's African diaspora communities**. The discussion elevated underrepresented perspectives and created space for honest dialogue around dignity, rights, and access—featuring leadership from Judge Clarese Yates and a panel of advocates deeply rooted in community-based immigration work. This roundtable marked an important step toward ensuring African immigrant voices are visible, heard, and included in policy conversations at every level.

By bringing together diverse partners and stakeholders, the Immigration Roundtable laid the groundwork for continued collaboration, education, and advocacy.

It reinforced my office's commitment to inclusive engagement and demonstrated the power of community-driven dialogue to shape more equitable immigration policies. This convening was not just a conversation—it was the beginning of a sustained effort to uplift immigrant communities and translate shared experiences into meaningful action across District F and the City of Houston.







FILIPINO NURSES WEEK



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ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE DAY



UNION FEST 2025



10TH AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY PARADE



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PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL



SIERRA LEONIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY



50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIETNAM WAR



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HOUSTON AFRICAN COMMUNITY  
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12TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ARAB  
HERITAGE MONTH



NATIONAL NURSES WEEK



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# PRESERVING PINEY POINT: A COMMUNITY IN FOCUS

*On February 11, I met with the Piney Point Civic Club to discuss urgent issues affecting this historic Freedmen's Town community, founded in 1865—including squatting in vacant homes, unpermitted development, and illegal commercial activity on residential property. I reaffirmed my commitment to protecting Piney Point's legacy and working with residents to safeguard this important piece of Black history.*





# THE PEOPLE ARE THE CITY

At the core of District F's commitment to community engagement, are the people. Council Member Thomas understands that progress is most impactful when residents are active participants in the decision-making process, not just recipients of services. By engaging with the community through town halls, public meetings, and neighborhood events, we ensure that every voice is heard and that policies reflect the diverse needs of our district.





# IN MEMORY OF

Community Members and Friends to be remembered. District F experienced great loss over the past year.



Gwendolyn Dinnon

Reverend Dr. James E. Nash Sr

Judge Gladys Toney Bransford

James Darrell Davidson Sr

Kevin E. Fitzpatrick

Pastor Dolores "Dodie" Osteen

Kenyatta Mykia Martin

Haifa Omar

Gary Mitchell Sr.

Deacon Alvin D. Weaver

Dr. Paris Bransford

Christon Jameal Currie, Sr.

Ava "Francine" Waddell

William Ricky "Roc" McCree

Ashley Jasmine LaKaye Anderson

Gladys Elise Cade

Howard Lee Martin, Sr.

James Darrell Davidson, Sr.

Judge Zinetta Burney

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# CO-CREATORS



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# STAY CONNECTED

We want each of you to be informed of what's happening with the City of Houston.

## City Council Meeting Information

City council meetings are conducted each week on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m. Any citizen may speak before Council on a Tuesday beginning at 2:00 p.m. To reserve time to address City Council (up to three minutes), contact the City Secretary's Office (832.393.1100) prior to the commencement of the meeting. All Council meetings are open to the public.

## Agenda Information

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To receive the agenda by mail, send check or money order for \$52 for one year subscription, made payable to the City of Houston to the attention of the City Secretary, PO Box 1562, Houston, TX, 77251. To reserve time to appear before Council, call 713.247.1840 or come to the Office of the City Secretary, City Hall Annex, Public Level, 900 Bagby at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled public session shown on the agenda.

## Housing & Community Affairs

Meetings for the Housing & Community Affairs Committee will only be held in-person and occur on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. unless noted otherwise. All meetings are open and accessible to the public and will include an opportunity for public comment related to the items presented during that meeting.

## 311

From traffic fines and sewer concerns to pothole problems and neighborhood complaints, District F residents can call 311 and speak to one of our highly trained agents.

Agents are available 24/7 to answer your calls. Residents can also access this helpful service via an e-mail to [311@HoustonTX.gov](mailto:311@HoustonTX.gov). A self Service Request (SR) form is available online at [www.houston311.org](http://www.houston311.org) or by using our 311 smartphone app which can be installed by scanning the QR code above.



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