

# THE BLUEPRINT

DISTRICT F 2024

# ANNUAL REPORT

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# WELCOME



This year has been nothing short of transformative for District F, guided by a singular vision: ***The Blueprint***. As your Council Member, I am proud to highlight how our district has become a model of progress, innovation, and resilience. From revitalizing neighborhoods and providing rapid response during Hurricane Beryl to championing youth engagement, advancing economic development, and ensuring public safety, this report is a testament to what happens when we lead without barriers.

District F is more than just a community on the westside—it's a prototype for what is possible when vision and precision collide. Together, we have paved pathways for success, setting the standard for meaningful community development and tangible results.

Whether it's through groundbreaking initiatives like the ***Inaugural Faith & Affordable Housing Summit***, the ***2nd Annual Deed Restriction Workshop***, and the ***3rd Annual Summer of Safety*** or infrastructure improvements like the long-awaited ***reconstruction of Richmond Avenue*** and ***\$178,000 in sidewalk upgrades*** in Oak Harbor, District F continues to lead by example.

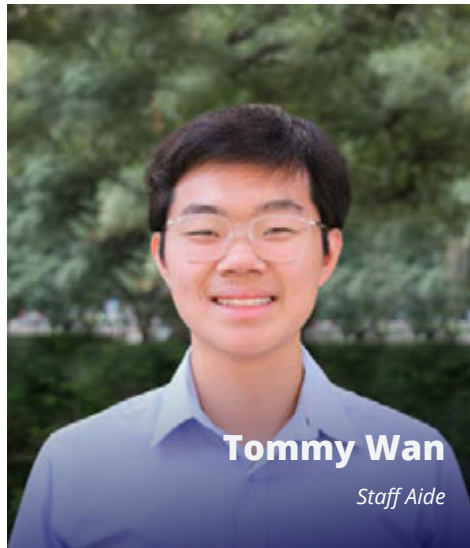
This year, we tackled critical issues head-on. Blighted homes were transformed in partnership with Career Recovery Resources, eliminated illegal dumping within 72 hours, and streets were made safer with increased street lighting.

But it doesn't stop there.

Our youth are thriving through fellowships, civic engagement and after school programming. Our neighborhoods are organizing, and our cultural economy is stronger than ever. These successes aren't just milestones; they are blueprints for communities and cities nationwide.

As you explore this report, I encourage you to reflect on how District F embodies the power of possibility. This is your community, your vision, and your blueprint for a brighter westside—today and tomorrow.

# MEET OUR TEAM



## District F Hot Spot Team

*Kevin Kebede, Jabulani Sithole, Raymond Tucker*

*"Individually, we are one drop.  
Together, we are an ocean."*

— RYUNOSUKE SATORO



# BY THE NUMBERS

# 43

TOTAL NUMBER OF  
COMMUNITY MEETINGS

# 6

HOUSING & AFFORDABILITY  
MEETINGS

# 30

TOTAL NUMBER OF  
PROCLAMATIONS GIVEN

- *South Central Region of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated*
- *37th Greater Houston Area Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Joint Founders Day*
- *Mia X*
- *Affordable Housing Day in Houston*
- *Harmony School Partners in Education*

# 28

COMMUNITY  
INITIATIVES

- *BARC Animal Sweeps*
- *International Human Trafficking Awareness Reception*
- *2nd Annual Deed Restrictions Workshop*
- *Hurricane Beryl Small Business Administration Townhall*
- *Inaugural Faith & Affordable Housing Summit*

# 62

SPEAKING  
ENGAGEMENTS

- *Congressional Black Caucus*
- *Just Economy Conference*
- *Texas Municipal League – Texas Association of Black City Council Members*
- *National Association of Real Estate Brokers*
- *National League of Cities – City Summit*



# BY THE NUMBERS

310

DIRECT CONSTITUENT  
REQUEST RECEIVED

- *Water leaks*
- *Illegal dumping*
- *Solid Waste Delays*
- *Unhoused*
- *Streetlights*

53

COMMUNITY  
MEETINGS

- *National Night Out*
- *Super Neighborhood 25*
- *Super Neighborhood 17*

10

WORK  
AUTHORIZATIONS

- *Major Street Rehab*
- *Panel Replacements*
- *Speed Cushions*
- *Drainage Projects*
- *Sidewalks*

## HOT SPOT TEAM ANNUAL REPORT

545

TOTAL WORK  
ORDERS RECEIVED

1151

TOTAL MAN  
HOURS WORKED

223

TOTAL PIECES OF  
FURNITURE WASTE

12,050

TOTAL POUNDS (LBS)  
OF TRASH DEBRIS

13,230

TOTAL POUNDS (LBS)  
OF TREE WASTE

106,250

TOTAL SQUARE FEET (SQ.  
FT) OF LANDSCAPING

64

MATTRESSES

242

TIRES

87

SHOPPING  
CARTS

1847

BANDIT SIGNS

# 311

Service Request	Count
Water Leak	2782
Traffic Signal Maintenance	1913
Missed Garbage Pickup	1683
Water Service	1359
Missed Heavy Trash Pickup	1180
Parking Violation	1160
Sewer Wastewater	1027
Missed Recycling Pickup	930
Nuisance On Property	703
Street Condition	701
Container Replacement	696
Street Hazard	610
Dead Animal Collection	469
Storm Debris Collection	445
Container Repair	440
Traffic Signs	435
SWM Escalation	421
Water Main Valve	322
Pothole	316
Health Code	314
HPW Escalation	311
Heavy Trash Violation	290
Trash Dumping or Illegal Dumpsite	278
Traffic Signals	225
Drainage	219

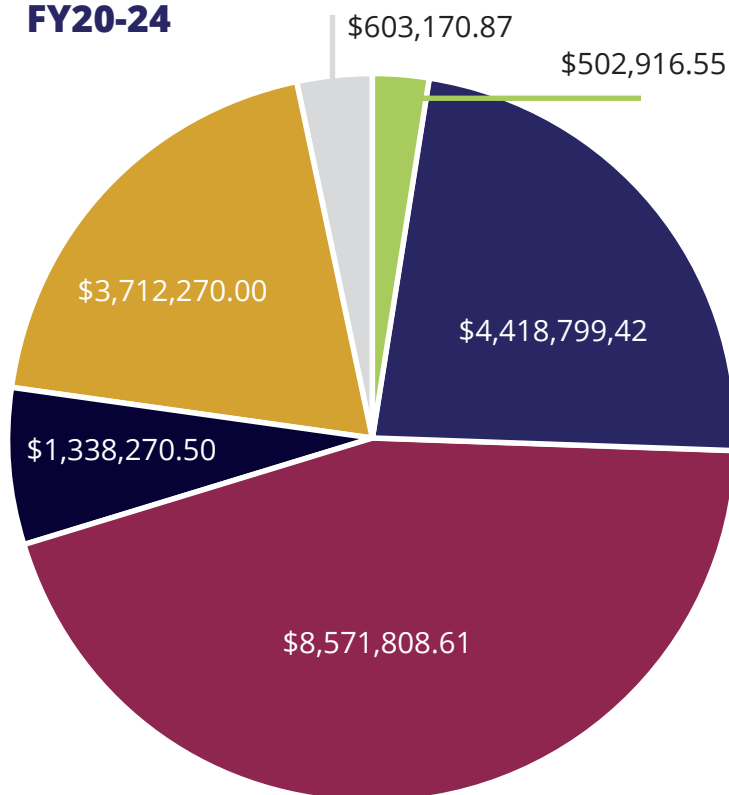
Note: This list reflects the top 25 constituent concerns reported to 311

# DISTRICT F BUDGET

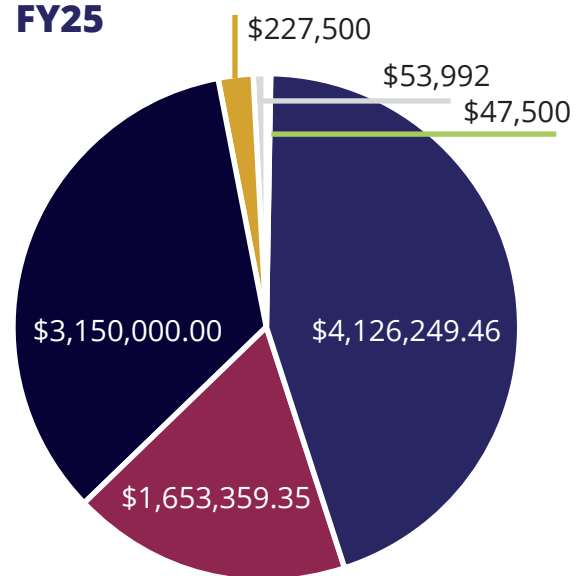
District F continues to prioritize community driven projects through the Council District Service Funds, which utilize participatory budgeting to fund infrastructure improvements based on residents' needs and requests. These funds support a wide range of projects aimed at enhancing the quality of life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

In total, **44** District-wide infrastructure Projects have been completed, with **\$25,603,021.55** total funds expensed toward infrastructure and community enhancements. These funds have supported significant improvements in transportation, public spaces, and safety, directly benefiting residents.

**FY20-24**



**FY25**



- Sidewalks
- Local Street Rehabs
- Major Street Rehabs
- Traffic Intersections
- Speed Cushions
- Panel Replacements

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

## DISTRICT F PRIORITIES:

# A BLUEPRINT FOR PROGRESS



### Youth Engagement

Investing in our young people creates a healthier and wealthier economy. In District F we have funded after-school programs and developed an intense intern program Alief Votes to encourage civic engagement.



### Economic Development

Improving people's living standards through creating jobs, infrastructure, education, and health. Supporting workforce development and access to adult literacy to improve the economic conditions of our residents.



### Public Safety

Safety is more than centering police; it includes how well we protect our neighborhoods from natural disasters, removing blight from communities and even installing streetlights to increase visibility.



### Neighborhood Revitalization

Many of our neighborhoods are older and require a refresh. We have invested in the reconstruction of new sidewalks, concrete panel replacements, maintain easements, removing debris, blight and illegal dumping from our right of ways and public spaces.



### Quality of Life

Advocating for ordinances to improve the experience in your neighborhood is paramount. Supporting and leading on issues and ordinances to limit noise, after-hour clubs and stray animals has made the difference.



# 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.

## Human Trafficking Awareness

In January, Council Member Thomas, METRO and The Houston (TX) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated presented human trafficking hotline posters displayed on buses citywide to inform residents how to identify and report trafficking incidents. In March, in celebration of International Women's Day, Council Member Thomas hosted its inaugural International Human Trafficking Awareness Reception in collaboration with the Consular Corps representing Houston's global community. YMCA International, The Landing and graduate students from Prairie View A&M University were present as participants.



# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Summer of Safety

The 3rd Annual Summer of Safety initiative enhanced community safety through impactful programs like fire prevention canvasses with smoke detector installations, a swim clinic promoting water safety, a free CPR class, and the expansion of streetlights for improved neighborhood visibility. Additionally, in partnership with BARC, efforts were made to remove stray animals from neighborhoods, ensuring safer streets for all. These initiatives underscore District F's commitment to proactive and inclusive safety measures.



## Partnership with Houston Community ToolBank

District F's partnership with the Houston ToolBank, supported by a **\$57,361** investment from Council District Service Funds, has been pivotal in disaster preparedness, recovery efforts, and community projects. This collaboration provides access to essential resources, including generators, tools, and supplies for muck-and-gut work and cleanup efforts after disasters. The partnership also equips the HOT Spot Team with the tools needed to maintain overgrown easements, combat illegal dumping, and beautify neighborhoods. By empowering both residents and the team, this initiative reinforces the district's commitment to resilience, sustainability, and the upkeep of public spaces.

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## National Night Out

National Night Out brought residents together with Houston Police Officers, Houston Fire Fighters, and their neighbors to strengthen community relationships and promote public safety. This annual event creates meaningful connections, allowing residents to engage with first responders, discuss safety concerns, and build stronger neighborhood ties.



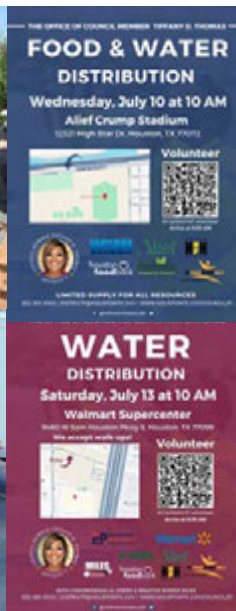
## Public Safety Leadership: Honoring Our Chiefs

District F celebrates the dedicated service of HPD Police Chief Troy Finner, HFD Fire Chief Samuel Pena, and METRO Police Chief Vera Bumper, whose leadership has profoundly impacted our community. Their retirements mark the end of an era, and we express our deepest gratitude for their years of service.

# DISASTER RESPONSE & PREPAREDNESS: HURRICANE BERYL



In response to the 2021 Texas Winter Storm, we created a District F Disaster Plan to provide a hyper-local response to natural disasters. In 2024, we responded swiftly to Hurricane Beryl by mobilizing volunteers, coordinating resources, and providing critical services to affected neighborhoods. We also launched the District F Translation team to assist with communications to target our language rich neighborhoods. These initiatives demonstrate District F's proactive approach to disaster response and recovery, ensuring that our community remains resilient in the face of adversity.



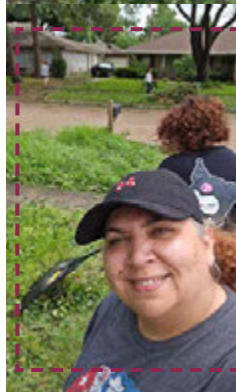
## Distribution

Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 10 AM  
Alief ISD Leroy Crump Stadium  
**420 cases of water** and **22 pallets of food** from the Houston Food Bank.

Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 10 a.m.  
Walmart Supercenter #3302  
**2160 cases of water provided, 200 walk-ups, and 50 cases were delivered** to area apartment complexes.

## RAPID RESPONSE

In the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl, the District F Hot Team in partnership with the **Houston Tool Bank** immediately mobilized to clear debris and remove fallen trees throughout District F, prioritizing safety and accessibility for all residents. Working hand-in-hand with **Career & Recovery Resources**, we expanded our efforts, effectively clearing large areas of fallen debris and assisting homeowners with tree limbs and fallen trees that had damaged their property.



*"After hurricane Beryl, our house lost power for an entire week. My family and I struggled to keep up with daily necessities, such as cooking meals, staying cool in the heat, and Thanks to our amazing Council Woman and her Team for help us providing a generator we were able to stay cool and safe in the house. Thank you from the bottom of our heart."*

—Amarylis Navarette

# DISASTER RESPONSE & PREPAREDNESS: **HURRICANE BERYL**

## **DISTRICT F VOLUNTEER TEAM**

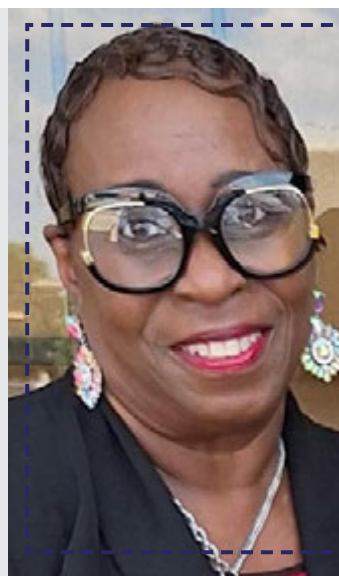
The District F Volunteer Team showcased the power of community, with over **105** dedicated individuals stepping up to serve during critical times. Among them, **18** multilingual volunteers provided translation services in Chinese, Farsi, Arabic, Spanish, Vietnamese, Igbo, and Yoruba, ensuring residents received vital information in their preferred language.

Through organized distribution points across multiple locations, the team delivered essential items such as food, water, and emergency supplies to families in need. To recognize their extraordinary efforts, a special reception was held, celebrating the volunteers' unwavering dedication to restoring and uplifting our community.



"Council Member Tiffany Thomas' swift actions during a power outage provided critical relief with a generator, bringing light and hope to our home. Her compassion and leadership in moments of vulnerability highlight her deep commitment to the well-being of District F residents. I am so very grateful to have someone like Council Member Thomas LEADING US."

- Dr. Edna Kingsley



"During the challenging aftermath of Hurricane Beryl, Council Member Tiffany Thomas and her team truly went above and beyond. They provided my family with a generator, bringing us much-needed relief and comfort during the extended power outage. Her quick response and dedication to our community made all the difference, and I am deeply grateful for her support."

- Sheila Anderson

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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.



## Growth & Connectivity

Council Member Tiffany Thomas joined United Airlines to celebrate the inaugural flight to Georgetown, Guyana, marking a milestone in expanding Houston's global connectivity. This new route strengthens cultural and economic ties, boosting tourism and trade opportunities that benefit the city and its diverse communities.

## Economic & Trade Trip

Strengthening Ties Abroad—Council Member Tiffany D. Thomas traveled to Mexico City on an economic and trade mission aimed at building stronger international ties and exploring opportunities for growth in Houston's business sectors. The trip focused on fostering partnerships with Mexican businesses and government leaders to promote trade, investment, and collaboration in key industries such as technology, healthcare, and infrastructure.



## Deed Restriction Workshop

This year, District F hosted the 2nd Deed Restriction Workshop, drawing **85 attendees** and providing vital resources on protecting and strengthening community deeds. Expert presentations were delivered by Rice & Rice Law Firm, the Houston Housing & Community Development Department, Department of Neighborhoods, and City of Houston Legal Department, equipping residents with the knowledge and tools to maintain neighborhood standards and foster community stability.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## AfroTech: Empowering Black Professionals in Technology

District F supported the AfroTech Conference with a proclamation recognizing its impact on Black professionals in tech. The event, held from October 27-31 in Houston's George R. Brown Convention Center, empowered **38,000** attendees with career development opportunities and supported local businesses in the tech industry.



HOUSTON, TEXAS - NOVEMBER 11, 2024 - CAROLYN SHABAZZ, FOUNDER AND CEO OF BLAVITY INC, MORGAN DEBARIN AND DEWAYNE GREEN PRESENT A PROCLAMATION FOR AFROTECH DURING THE AFROTECH BLACK HOUSE PARTY BLOCK PARTY AT DISCOVERY GREEN ON NOVEMBER 11, 2024 IN HOUSTON, TEXAS (PHOTO BY BORNI MARSHALLOTTETTY IMAGES FOR AFROTECH)



## Transforming Westchase into a Pedestrian-Friendly Hub

Park Eight Place, designated as Houston's first developer-initiated "Walkable Place," marks a significant step toward creating a pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use community in Westchase. This initiative aims to enhance infrastructure, expand green spaces, and improve connectivity, driving economic growth and increasing quality of life for residents and businesses in the area.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

# THE INAUGURAL FAITH & AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUMMIT

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**REGISTER TODAY!**

First Methodist Houston,  
10570 Westpark Dr,  
Houston, TX 77042

**FAITH & AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUMMIT**

SAT. OCTOBER 12, 2024  
10 AM - 2 PM

Partners: First Methodist Houston, Houston Community Land Trust, Houston Habitat for Humanity, LISC, CHASE, Wells Fargo, HMB, GHBA, Habitat for Humanity.

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*The Inaugural Faith & Affordable Housing Summit was a groundbreaking event that convened over **191 attendees**, including faith leaders, real estate professionals, developers, and financial institutions, to explore innovative approaches to addressing Houston's affordable housing needs. Featuring two dynamic panels and ten expert speakers, the summit provided actionable insights into transforming underutilized land into affordable housing while fostering community-driven solutions.*



Key partners included the City of Houston Housing & Community Development Department, Houston Community Land Trust, Houston Habitat for Humanity, Mayberry Homes, Wells Fargo, and LISC Houston, among others. **Marcia L. Fudge**, the 18th Secretary of Housing and Urban Development provided a virtual welcome to attendees and stressed the importance of their work for such a time as this. Presentations covered topics such as affordable housing financing, partnerships, and leveraging land

assets to meet the housing needs of diverse communities.

Moderators and panelists like Laura Jaramillo of LISC Houston, David Northern Sr. of the Houston Housing Authority, and Christa Stoneham of Houston Land Bank shared their expertise, ensuring robust discussions and actionable takeaways. This collaborative effort laid the foundation for impactful partnerships and future projects that will provide safe, affordable homes for residents of District F and beyond.



# 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

The AliefVotes initiative continued to be a cornerstone for youth engagement in District F. This year, AliefVotes hosted Civic Engagement Workshops and a Disaster Preparedness Workshop, giving young people the skills they need to advocate for themselves and their communities. Additionally, the Youth Conference gathered emerging leaders to discuss community advocacy and the importance of their voices in shaping the future. In partnership with local organizations, AliefVotes also organized community clean-ups, helping youth engage in their neighborhoods while fostering a sense of responsibility and pride.

## Learning, Leadership, and Service: Summer Intern

District F had the privilege of hosting Julian Nguyen as our summer intern for 2024. Julian came into the role with enthusiasm and a drive to learn. He quickly immersed himself in council office work, gaining valuable experience while contributing to the district's goals. His dedication and fresh perspective proved invaluable as he navigated the complexities of our diverse district, building essential skills for a future in public service.



# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

## Back 2 School

District F was proud to support Back 2 School initiatives, where **1,000 backpacks** were given to schools and organizations, including Piney Point Elementary, Emerson Elementary, Briar Meadow Charter School, Chambers Elementary, the Chinese Community Center, and the Comet after-school program led by Heads Up Houston. These backpacks provided students with essential school supplies, ensuring they had the tools they needed to succeed in the classroom and beyond.



## Celebrating a New School Year

First Day Visits—Invited by Alief ISD Superintendent Dr. Anthony Mays, the Council Member had the opportunity to speak with students on their first day of school, encouraging them to make the most of their educational journey and to engage in their community. These visits helped inspire a sense of community pride and connection among students as they embarked on the new school year.



## Alief JROTC

Celebrating Leadership and Dedication— In recognition of the hard work and dedication of young leaders, Council Member Thomas presented Certificates of Recognition to **45 graduating seniors** of the Alief ISD JROTC program. These students have shown exceptional commitment to leadership, discipline, and service, and their achievements were celebrated in a special ceremony that honored their contributions to the community. Council Member Thomas was a student cadet leader in AFJROTC TX-947 as a student at Alief Elsik.



# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

## Voter Engagement

Inspiring the Next Generation of Voters – As part of our ongoing efforts to encourage civic participation, Council Member Thomas visited Alief ISD's SOAR program to speak with high school students about the importance of voter engagement and the process of voter registration. The Council Member emphasized the significance of voting as a tool for change and urged students to take an active role in shaping the future of their communities.



## CASE for Kids: Supporting Afterschool Programs

Council Member Tiffany Thomas allocated **\$75,250** to CASE for Kids, funding afterschool enrichment programs that empower District F youth. Organizations such as the Chinese Community Center, Young Audiences of Houston, and Spirit of Youth Fencing Foundation provided opportunities in arts, STEM, and sports, fostering growth, leadership, and academic success.

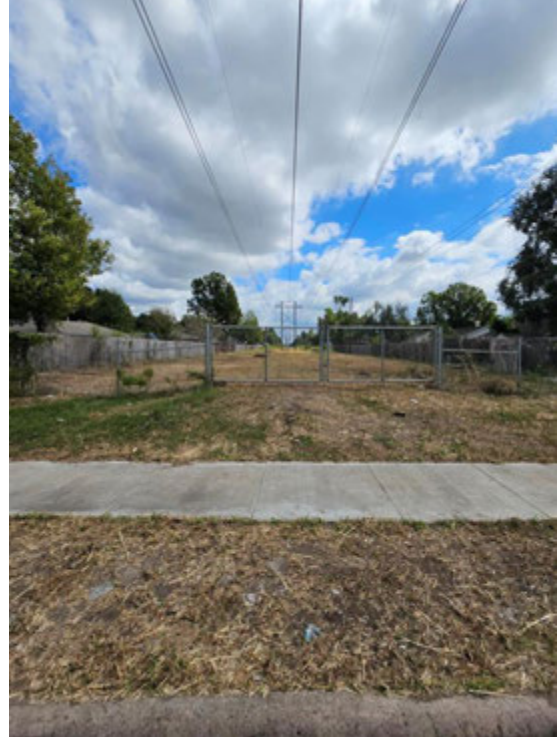


# NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

*This year, District F welcomed a number of 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: Addressing Overgrowth and Illegal Dumping**

With a new riding mower funded by Council District Service Funds (**\$3,000**), the District F HOT Spot Team has taken significant steps to maintain overgrown easements and address illegal dumping, ensuring public spaces remain safe and accessible. The team partnered with the Solid Waste Department to manage overgrown trees, illegal dumping, and homelessness in key areas. Regular maintenance sites include Amanda Lane, Tanglewilde, Dairy Ashford between Bellaire Villas and Oak Harbor, and Synott between Richmond and Westheimer Road, ensuring a consistent focus on landscaping and dumping removal to enhance community well-being.



# NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION



## Career & Recovery Resources

District F provided **\$6,000** in council district services funds to provide immediate services, including landscaping and securing abandoned and blighted homes. They offered free landscaping for disabled individuals, veterans, and seniors, while also assisting with the HPARD Park Recovery & Restoration Initiative, which focused on cleaning up city parks throughout the district. To date, they have secured **15** blighted and abandoned homes.



## Community Cleanups

Community-led cleanups have significantly contributed to neighborhood revitalization in District F. With the support of over **50** community volunteers, these efforts led to the removal of more than **250** pounds of waste, including debris, illegal dumping, and fallen tree limbs, from public spaces and residential areas. Julian Nguyen, our summer intern, spearheaded several cleanup initiatives that brought residents together to improve their local environment. Additionally, the AliefVotes Fellows organized impactful events, demonstrating the power of civic responsibility and reinforcing a sense of pride within the community.



# NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

## Tree Plantings

Largely led by the Alief Super Neighborhood 25, and supported by high school students, SEWA and others, they transformed our intersections through extensive tree planting initiatives of **850** trees with the help of over **200** volunteers, helping to combat urban heat islands by reducing temperatures in heat hot spots and improving air quality. At Briar Meadow Park, **100** fifteen-gallon trees were planted in collaboration with Trees for Houston, the Urban Forestry Division, and Meritage Homes, with the support of over **50** community volunteers.



## SPARK PARK

As part of the neighborhood revitalization efforts, District F allocated **\$10,000** Council District Service Funds to complete the Martin Elementary Spark Park. This improvement project introduced a new concrete walking trail and upgraded play equipment, transforming the park into a safe, accessible, and vibrant space for students and community members.

# QUALITY OF LIFE

District F continued enhancing residents' quality of life by prioritizing 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.

## Infrastructure Improvements

Significant investments have been made in sidewalk improvements, ensuring ADA compliance through the addition of updated ramps, and enhancing accessibility for pedestrians. The district also completed panel replacements, repairing concrete road sections to improve driving conditions and prolong the lifespan of roadways.

The Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP) focused on reducing traffic hazards and speeding through the installation of speed cushions in neighborhoods identified through community input. To date, **12** NTMP projects have been completed, resulting in the installation of **85** speed cushions, with **8** projects in the pipeline bringing an additional **52** speed cushions in the queue to be installed.

## Prohibited Yard Parking Ordinance

Houston City Council approved a Prohibited Yard Parking Ordinance for Tanglewilde, ensuring vehicles can no longer park on unpaved lawn sections. Passed in response to a petition from the Tanglewilde Civic Club, the ordinance seeks to enhance neighborhood aesthetics, protect property values, and maintain community charm. This measure applies to **624** properties and reflects District F's commitment to preserving the character and livability of its neighborhoods.



## Houston Wastewater Consent Decree

The Houston Wastewater Consent Decree is a **\$2 billion** initiative focused on upgrading the city's wastewater system. In District F, several projects are underway, including Alief Village and Belle Park #2 Lift Station, and Chelford City diversion packages, both in construction. Design projects include forcemain rehabilitations for Belle Park #3 Lift Stations. These projects will help address aging infrastructure and increase the system's capacity to prevent sanitary sewer overflows.

# QUALITY OF LIFE

## Highlighting Key Projects

- **Richmond Avenue Rehabilitation:** A **\$4 million** project addressing street repairs and improvements, enhancing mobility and infrastructure.
- **Oak Harbor Sidewalks:** **\$250,000** investment to replace and update sidewalks, ensuring accessibility and improved walkability for residents.
- **Streetlights Installed:** The approval of **20 lights** in Park Glen and **five lights** in Brays Forest improving visibility and safety in neighborhoods.
- **Ashton Village Subdivision Drainage Improvements:** A **\$6.39 million** active project focused on storm sewer upgrades to mitigate flooding and improve water management in the area.
- **Leewood West Subdivision Drainage Analysis:** A **\$95,000** study currently underway to evaluate stormwater challenges and develop targeted solutions for improved drainage infrastructure.
- **Belle Park Drive (Phase II) Storm Sewer:** A **\$1.88 million** project in the design phase to enhance drainage capacity and reduce flood risks, reinforcing community resilience.
- **Synott Road Street Rehabilitation:** A **\$2.4 million** investment to improve 1.9 miles of Synott Road from Bellaire to Alief Clodine Road, enhancing traffic flow and infrastructure for better connectivity.



# QUALITY OF LIFE



## One Orleans Place

District F proudly supported residents of One Orleans Place Condominiums, after their building was heavily damaged during the **2021 winter freeze**, as they faced ongoing construction delays. After persistent efforts and advocacy, residents were finally able to return to their homes, marking a significant milestone in the journey toward recovery and stability.



## TOUR DE WEST

District F marked the expansion of the Greenway Bayou Trails with the Tour de West Community Bike Ride, an event that showcased the new bike paths and brought the community together in celebration. Residents and partners, including the Westchase Management District, Trek Bicycles, Walmart, Houston Public Library, SEWA International, Neighborhood to Trails –SW, Ciclistas del Barrio, and Alief ISD, collaborated to make the ride a success. The event emphasized the district's dedication to encouraging active lifestyles, strengthening community bonds, and providing safe, accessible spaces for recreation.



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS (DISTRICT F RELATED)

Each week, City Council votes on city-wide 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 2024, advancing the priorities of our office.

## January

- Roadway Rehabilitation Project #1 FY21 final contract, part of the Transportation & Drainage Operations program = **\$4,652,912.91**
- City Wide Panel Replacement Program FY2018 = **\$8,654,392.70**
- Neighborhood Sewer Rehabilitation Program = **\$3,483,200.66**

## March

- Grant Assistance for Community Flood Mitigation Assistance through the FY23 Federal Emergency Management Agency's Flood Mitigation Assistance Program.

## April

- Lift Station Rehabilitation Electrical Improvements = **\$4,212,262.95**
- Rehabilitation of Water Storage Tanks at Various Sites = **\$1,999,995.90**
- Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal = **\$4,265,985.67**

## May

- Ground Water Well Rehabilitation at Various Sites = **\$2,275,568.63**
- Sidewalk Program Work Authorization Project = **\$1,181,388.80**

- Ordinance authorizing the sale of a 13,860 square-foot tract of land out of a 1.1205 acre tract of City fee-owned land.
- Designation of residential area in the Westmont Subdivision (Westmont Civic Club), Sections 1 through 6 as a Prohibited Yard Parking Area.

## June

- Roadway Rehabilitation Program Project FY22 final contract = **\$10,330,917.65**
- Approval of first amendment to Interlocal Agreement for REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY TEXAS (SOUTHWEST HOUSTON ZONE), and SOUTHWEST HOUSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.
- Authorize Takeover Agreements for completion of Chelford City Diversion Package 2 & 3 and Lift Station Renewal and Replacement Package II
- Beltway Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements = **\$3,216,517.50**

- Submission of Partnership Applications to the Harris County Precinct #4 Places 4 People: 2024 Call for Projects



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS (DISTRICT F RELATED)

## July

- Accept Work for West Bellfort Paving and Drainage: S. Wilcrest to US 59 = **\$6,004,904.02**

## August

- Accept Work for FY 2018 Drainage Rehabilitation Work Order #1 = **\$5,308,820.18**
- Force Main Renewal and Replacement for Belle Park #3, #2 Lift Stations = **\$2,505,000.00**
- Approval and authorization agreements to reimburse ALIEF I.S.D. for payment of School Crossing Guards from Child Safety Fund (5 Years)

## September

- Approval to extend terms of agreement between the City and WEST HOUSTON ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES for continuing administration and operation of Rapid Re-Housing and Case Management Services
- Accept Work for FY 2022 Local Drainage Program (LDP) Contract #1 = **\$2,981,773.86**
- Approval of the second amendment to the contracts between the City and the Chinese Community Center to extend aging and caregiver-supportive services to senior adults through the Harris County Area Agency on Aging

## October

- Accept Work for Citywide Traffic Signal Rebuild Package #9 = **\$2,782,670.06**
- Sidewalk Program Work Authorization Project = **\$1,181,388.80**
- Accept Work for On-Call Neighborhood Traffic Management Program # 5 = **\$1,842,848.19**
- Approval of the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget for the Authority and Fiscal Years

2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan Budget on behalf of the Reinvestment Zone Twenty

- Designation of residential area in the Tanglewilde Subdivision, Section 1-8 (Tanglewilde Civic Club) as a Prohibited Yard Parking



- Accept Work for FY 2022 Local Drainage Program (LDP) Contract #3 = **\$4,953,028.74**
- Appropriation of funds out of the Police Consolidated Construction Fund; to replace existing Utility Service Entrance and Generators at the Westside Command Station for the Houston Police Department = **\$3,900,000.00**
- Accept Work for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal = **\$5,372,051.84**

## November

- Accept Work for FY2019 Drainage Rehabilitation Work Orders #5 = **\$2,925,260.01**
- Accept Work for Safe Sidewalk Program Work Authorization Project= **\$1,064,739.84**
- Designating an area located in the vicinity of north Bellaire Boulevard and west of Beltway 8 within the proposed Park Eight District Walkable Place Area, as a Special Parking Area within the City of Houston

## December

- Approval of agreement with the **CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTER, INC** to provide Community Development Block Grant Funds for Early Childhood Development and Out-of-School Time Youth Enrichment Programs for low-to-moderate income families = **\$140,000.00**

# HOUSING & AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE

Council Member Thomas chairs the Housing & Community Affairs Committee (HCA) and oversees the authorization of over **\$174 million** 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.

Below are highlights from each month's committee hearing which began in April.



## April

The Housing & Affordability Committee's first meeting focused on strengthening housing initiatives and public services across Houston. Key approvals included a submission of the 2024 Annual Action Plan to HUD for grants, laying the foundation for comprehensive housing programs. The committee also authorized **\$1,977,248** for Bread of Life, Inc. to support rental and housing services for 147 low-income households, **\$151,318** for the Coalition for the Homeless to operate the Homeless Management Information System, and **\$250,000** for The Harris Center to administer homeless housing programs.



## May

Actions included funding for the Brentwood Community Foundation and **\$2,000,000** for the Montrose Center, both focused on providing housing and support services for households living with HIV/AIDS. Amendments to agreements supporting programs such as the WholeLife Collaborative extended vital case management services, while updates to the Single-Family Master Contractor Agreement optimized resources for the Home Repair Program. Additionally, an amendment for the OST Lofts Project advanced a 130-unit affordable housing development, and increased funding of **\$3,372,745** for the East End Maker Hub supported public facilities for economic development.



## August

The Committee approved impactful measures to address disaster recovery, public services, and affordable housing needs across Houston. Key actions included reallocating **\$20 million** in disaster recovery funds to multifamily affordable housing programs, extending



# HOUSING & AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE



agreements for rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention services, and approving over **\$9 million** in single-family housing and public facility investments. Additionally, **\$5.5 million** in HOME funds were allocated for the development of new multifamily apartment complexes, along with resolutions to support tax-exempt revenue bonds for other housing developments.

## September

The Committee approved the allocation of **\$1 million** in ESG-RUSH funding for rapid unsheltered housing initiatives and securing **\$1.55 million** in state funds for the Homeless Housing Services Program (HHSP). Additional funding included **\$580,791** for the Housing Navigation Center operated by the Coalition for the Homeless and **\$250,000** for the Wesley Community Center to provide case management and employment services. The committee also supported tax exemptions for three mixed-income multifamily housing developments: Allora Med Center, Ariza Park Row, and Orem Circle.

## October

Authorization of **\$6.1 million** in mitigation funds for renewable energy systems at three City Health Department Multi-Service Centers and securing **\$2.4 million** in HUD Economic Development Initiative funds for community project awards were approved. Additional funding was allocated for early childhood development programs, with **\$465,000** provided to organizations such as the Chinese Community Center, Wesley Community Center, and SEARCH Homeless Services. The committee also advanced resolutions for tax credits supporting

new multifamily housing projects and authorized amendments to federal grant agreements to enhance disaster recovery and housing initiatives.

## November

Notable actions included approving the **\$13.97 million** reimbursement for the Texas General Land Office for land purchase in the Uptown TIRZ Series 2021 Affordable Homes Fund. The committee also extended the lease for the Coalition for the Homeless to continue operations at the Housing Navigation Center. Additionally, funding of **\$100,000** in grant funds was approved for Catholic Charities to support an Out of School Time program for low-to-moderate-income families in the Alief ISD area.

- Public Services = Total Public Services Funding: **\$70,818,223**
- Multifamily = Total Multifamily Funding: **\$27,486,726**
- Single Family = Total Single-Family Funding: **\$30,729,278**
- Planning & Grant Reporting = Total Planning & Grant Reporting Funding: **\$45,464,289**

*These totals provide a summary of the funds allocated across various areas to support housing solutions, public services, multifamily projects, and planning efforts throughout 2024.*



# DISTRICT F COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

From Olympic athletes and visionary entrepreneurs to grassroots leaders and cultural advocates, these individuals drive positive change and inspire others to build a stronger, more connected district. Their achievements and dedication reflect the values and resilience that make District F a beacon of leadership and progress.



**Jeffrey "Bboy Jeffro" Louis**

Jeffrey "Bboy Jeffro" Louis, an *Alief native of Haitian heritage*, discovered breakdancing at 12 and turned his passion into a celebrated career. A member of the inaugural U.S. Olympic Breaking Team, Jeffro's accolades include Gold medals at the FISE Montpellier World Finals and Breaking for Gold in Montreal, along with Silver medals at the Pan American Games and the World Games.



**Nora Luna**

Nora Luna is a dedicated community leader and advocate who has focused on empowering others and creating meaningful change. A single mother, she *moved to Alief in 1997* to provide better educational opportunities for her children and earned a Bachelor's in Business Management from LeTourneau University. Since 2003, she has worked at CenterPoint Energy, managing programs that help reduce energy costs for residents and businesses. Nora is passionate about inspiring youth, especially children of color, and advocates for animal welfare and support for domestic abuse victims.



**Jaime "Mujahid" Fletcher**

Jaime "Mujahid" Fletcher, *originally from Colombia and raised in Alief*, is a visionary entrepreneur, filmmaker, and founder of the globally recognized nonprofit IslamInSpanish. A graduate of the Art Institute of Houston, Fletcher created the IslamInSpanish Centro Islámico, the only Latino-led Islamic center in the U.S., transforming a 2.5-acre property into a media hub and community center with a state-of-the-art production studio and interactive museum.

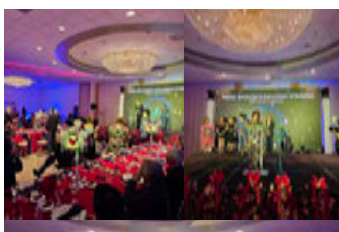


**Shawn Dingilius-Wallace**

Shawn Dingilius-Wallace is a Palauan Olympic swimmer who competed in the 2016 and 2020 Summer Olympics. He represented Palau in the Men's 50-meter freestyle event, where he set a national record of 26.78 seconds. Born in Palau and raised in Houston, Shawn *attended Alief Hastings High School* and later pursued civil engineering at Missouri S&T. Over the course of his career, he broke multiple national records in swimming events and remains a proud advocate for youth sports and swimming in Houston.

# CULTURAL HERITAGE & 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.



# CULTURAL HERITAGE & PRESERVATION





# 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.

## Community Meetings



# THE PEOPLE ARE THE CITY



# COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

35

NEWSLETTERS  
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32

MEDIA  
MENTIONS

20319

SOCIAL MEDIA  
FOLLOWERS

**May 4<sup>th</sup>**  
10 am - 12 pm  
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## District F SUMMER OF SAFETY

Council Member Tiffany D. Thomas presents the annual District F Summer of Safety initiative, a series of events and district-wide campaigns focused on the health and public safety of our residents.

JUNE 15	JUNE 15	JULY 13	PRE-JULY 4TH	ONGOING
3rd Annual District F Youth-led conference Saturday June 15, 2024 11am - 3pm	Swim Safety Clinic IN ENGLISH   IN ESPAÑOL	Fire Prevention Activation with Houston Fire JULY 27 Community Clean-Up	Stray Animal Sweep IN ENGLISH   IN ESPAÑOL	ONGOING

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**Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 2024**  
11 am - 1 pm

## DISTRICT F VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION

@ LeRoy Crump Stadium  
12321 High Star Dr, Houston, TX 77072

Council Member Thomas cordially invites you to a Volunteer Recognition Reception to honor your remarkable contributions to storm recovery this season. Join us in celebrating the dedication and hard work that have made a significant impact on District F.

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## SWIM SAFETY CLINIC

June 15<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup>  
10 am - 12 pm

Free 45-minute session for kids and adults to learn about water safety @ the Alief Neighborhood Center, 11903 Bellaire Blvd, 77072

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## STRAY ANIMAL SWEEP

Help our office and BARC identify locations where there are stray animals in the district.  
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FREE ENTRY | Sat. June 15<sup>th</sup> 2024 | 11 am - 3 pm  
@ West Houston Institute | 2811 Hayes Rd.

## 3RD ANNUAL DISTRICT F YOUTH-LED Conference

Calling all students and community members! Join AliefProbes for captivating keynote speakers and dynamic breakout sessions on civic engagement and the Alief community. Limited Space. Register Now!

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By Daniel Eisenstadt | News & Politics

By Houston City Councilmember Tiffany D. Thomas

Black Americans have a complicated relationship with their land. In 1950, the U.S. Census Bureau estimated that 100 million acres of land in the United States were owned by 10 million Black Americans. While the number of Black landowners has increased since then, the percentage of Black landowners has decreased.



# IN MEMORY OF

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



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