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DISTRICT 2



2025 EDITION

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AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2



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AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

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A LETTER TO DISTRICT 2



Dear Neighbor,

Welcome to Delivering for District 2 (2025's Version)! Every year, we try to find fun, unique, and interesting ways of sharing the work of your District 2 Team, and this 3rd edition is no different.

While every year is filled with its wins and challenges, its highs and lows, this year was especially eventful. From serving as your Mayor Pro Tem to navigating a tough, historic budget season, we pushed through complex negotiations, navigated a new federal administration, and delivered real progress for our South and Southeast Austin communities.

We passed stronger renter protections, made promising progress on homelessness, and expanded access to public transit. We supported improved Emergency Medical Services and operations. We invested in our parks and green spaces. And we brought all of our public safety departments under contract for the first time in years — delivering stability, readiness, and better working conditions for those who keep us safe.

I can't wait for you to read all about it.

In 2026, we'll still work just as hard, advocate just as tirelessly, and focus on the work that matter most.

Please know that if you ever need anything, your District 2 Team and I are only an email or phone call away.

Thank you for another year of progress, community, and solidarity. Please enjoy reading all about our work this year.

Yours in Community,

Vanessa Fuentes





2025 BY THE NUMBERS



356

District 2 Cases
RESOLVED

30,861

3-1-1 District 2
Cases **RESOLVED**

108

Miles of Road
Treatment **APPLIED**

\$1,163

Flood Insurance Assistance
Dollars **ADMINISTERED**

\$1,472,627

Rental Assistance
Dollars **ADMINISTERED**

61

Community Events
ATTENDED

38

Community Tours
ATTENDED

51

Proclamations
ISSUED

23

Newsletters
SENT

24

Policies
ADOPTED

29

Policies
CO-SPONSORED

04

New Sidewalks
BUILT





MEET THE TEAM



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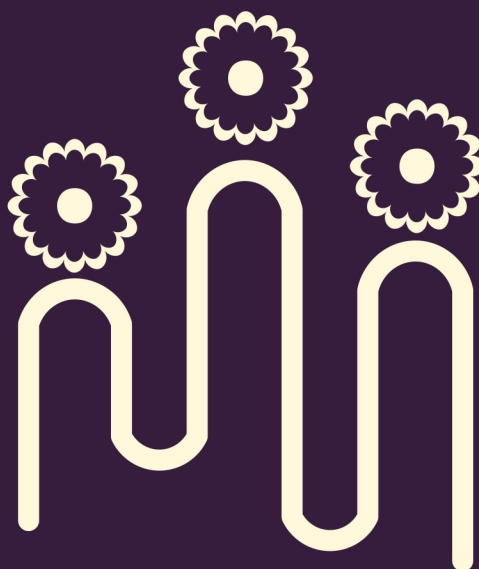


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DELIVERING FOR

FAMILIES



YOU DESERVE TO AGE WITH DIGNITY



We're strengthening support systems so every Austinite can thrive at every stage of life



We believe aging should be marked by respect, support, and connection, not isolation or hardship. That's why this year, we championed an initiative to strengthen services and resources for older Austinites, guided directly by community voices.

Thankfully, a portion of our work was funded in the latest budget cycle, including **home-delivered meals for older adults**, a critical response after the longest government shutdown in US history disrupted services and strained the Central Texas Food Bank's capacity. These meals are lifelines that help older adults stay healthy and independent.

In fact, much of this policy grew from listening to our community.

Over 100 attendees joined us at our Older Adults Town Hall, co-hosted with District 10 Councilmember Marc Duchon in our most well-attended event ever.

We also convened roundtables with older adults and service providers to identify gaps and find solutions that reflect the real needs of older adults in Austin.

From expanded community meals to enhanced access to services and social connection opportunities, this initiative represents a community-centered approach to aging, one that honors the dignity, independence, and belonging of every single Austinite, regardless of age.

Our work continues with purpose and urgency. As we build Austin into a city that supports every stage of life, we remain committed to ensuring that growing older here means staying connected, valued, and cared for. Austinites deserve no less.

We're incredibly grateful for everyone who helped shape this critical policy, and to all the Austinites who continue to advocate for a city where **growing older is met with dignity, not difficulty or neglect.**

AUSTIN RENTERS HAVE NEW RIGHTS

Everyone deserves a safe, livable home, especially during Austin's cruel summers.

That's why we proudly championed a new ordinance **requiring every rental unit in Austin to have working, adequate air conditioning**. This policy brings Austin in line with national cooling standards, ensuring indoor temperatures stay no higher than 85°, or at least 15° cooler than the temperature outside.

As summers continue to get warmer, having a cool place to call home is a matter of public health and safety. **Renters now have stronger protections, and landlords have clear responsibilities to provide safe, cool homes.**

Call 3-1-1 to report any AC issues.



NEW CHILDCARE CENTERS NOW OPEN



No family should have to pay tuition-level costs just to access quality childcare. Yet for years, District 2 has been one of Austin's worst childcare deserts - with limited options and rising costs.

But this year, we made exciting progress.

At the Dove Springs Public Health Facility, the new YMCA Tomorrow Academy offers full-time care for children 6 weeks to 5 years old, with a literacy-focused curriculum and flexible hours.

And in Goodnight Ranch, the new Amazing Explorers Academy is bringing STEAM-based early education right into the heart of Southeast Austin, with a curriculum built for the next generation of innovators.

NEW PARKS COMING TO DISTRICT 2



Every family deserves access to safe, welcoming green spaces. This year, we made big progress toward that goal:

- **Remuda Park is now open** in Goodnight Ranch, with a playground, pickleball courts, and shaded picnic areas.
- **Grand Meadow Park broke ground** and will feature trails, a garden, fitness space, and a wildflower meadow.
- **Guitarland**, which we renamed in honor of Austin musician Van Wilks, is coming soon to celebrate Austin's music legacy.
- **The Onion Creek All Abilities Playground**, which will be Austin's first fully accessible playspace, is currently in the Design and Permitting Phase.

BULK TRASH PICKUP NOW ON DEMAND

We all deserve a clean, safe place to call home, and easy access to the city services that help maintain it.

That's why in 2025, we moved to an on-demand system for bulk, brush, and hazardous waste pickup. Instead of waiting for a semiannual collection, residents can now schedule up to three pickups per year using the Austin Recycles app, online, or by calling 3-1-1.

This change helps keep our neighborhoods clean, our streets clear, and our homes safe from hazardous materials, all while helping Austin meet its Zero Waste goals.

Need a pickup? Book yours anytime at austintexas.gov/myschedule





DELIVERING FOR

PUBLIC HEALTH



A PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH TO HOMELESSNESS



Creating safe pathways out of homelessness in Austin with services, shelter, and support.



More than 3,200 of our neighbors in Austin and Travis County were counted as experiencing homelessness on a single night in January 2025. Over half were unsheltered, sleeping in tents, vehicles, abandoned buildings, or the streets, places no one should call home.

This is a moral crisis, and we must meet it with urgency and care.

That's why my very first Council item of the year set homelessness services as our top local funding priority.

Even with the expiration of critical federal pandemic-era dollars, we secured investments for non-congregate sheltering, Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), and innovative models like Esperanza Community in East Austin.

This included an increase in ongoing, long-term support for PSH units in City-funded projects, proven solutions for helping people exit homelessness for good.

And we're beginning to see signs of real progress. According to the latest ECHO report, Austin is housing more people than ever, doubling shelter and housing capacity since 2019.

For the first time in five years, fewer people fell into homelessness, showing that our system is finally beginning to catch up to the scale of the problem.

These gains are the result of tireless work by outreach workers, service providers, and volunteers who show up with compassion every day. But the road ahead is long. Ending homelessness will take bold coordination across every level of government, local, state, county, and federal, as well as the unwavering commitment of community members and advocates.

We are building a system grounded in housing, dignity, and recovery. And with continued investment and partnership, I believe we can get there.

DEL VALLE HAS A NEW HEALTH CLINIC

Everyone deserves access to affordable, high-quality care close to home.

In 2025, that vision became one step closer to a reality for Del Valle families with the grand opening of the **Central Health Del Valle Health & Wellness Center**, the area's first full-service clinic.

Located next to Popham Elementary, this long-overdue facility offers **pediatrics, women's health, behavioral care, dental services, a walk-in pharmacy, and so much more.** It even features **wellness classes, a mobile library, and free monthly essentials like hygiene products.**

As our community grows, so must access to care, and **this new health center delivers that for many Del Valle residents.**



A NEW, MOBILE HEALTHCARE RESOURCE



Every Austinite deserves access to high-quality, life-saving care, no matter their ZIP code.

That's why Integral Care's new **Mobile Behavioral Health Clinic** is a game changer. This clinic-on-wheels delivers **essential mental and primary health services directly to communities that need it most, including people experiencing homelessness.**

This life-saver provides **same-day evaluations, access to medications, and direct referrals to long-term support services, all from a licensed behavioral health nurse practitioner.** When crisis hits, this clinic shows up.

For help, call 512-472-4357.

PROTECTING YOUTH AGAINST VAPES



Austin's kids deserve to grow up safe, healthy, and free from addiction.

That's why we proudly co-sponsored the Vape-Free Schools Resolution, blocking new nicotine retailers from opening within 1,000 feet of schools and daycares. As youth vaping reaches all-time highs, driven by predatory marketing and deceptive products, we're acting before addiction takes hold.

This policy puts public health first, ensuring schools are places to learn and grow, not targets for Big Tobacco. We're proud to partner with District 6 Councilwoman Krista Laine and community advocates to protect our next generation of children and keep harmful products out of our neighborhoods.

STRUGGLING TO SHARE FEELINGS?

Talking about mental health shouldn't be awkward, but sometimes... it simply is.

That's why Austin Public Health and Integral Care created free mental health conversation cards to help families, caregivers, and friends talk about their feelings and build stronger connections.

These bilingual, award-winning cards spark meaningful conversations and help break down barriers to talking about mental health. Our own D2 Team members have used this powerful tool to break down intergenerational family language barriers.

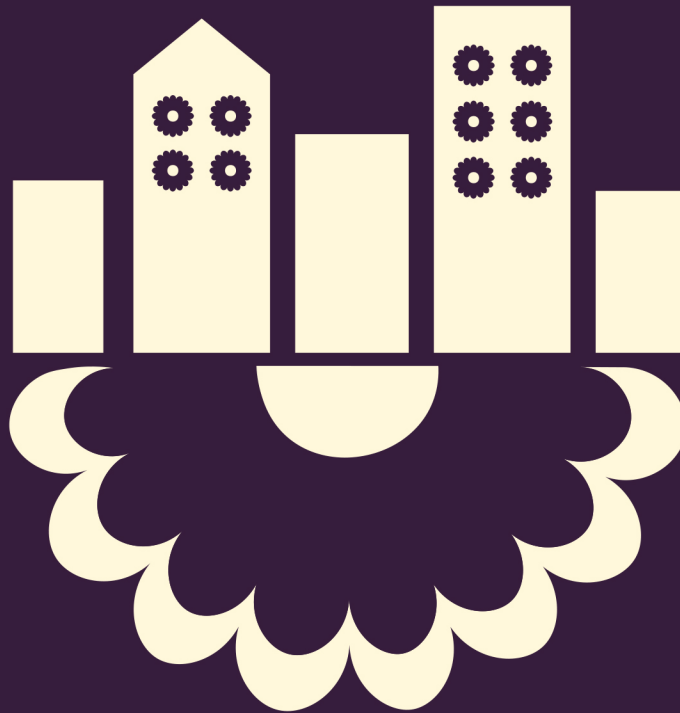
You can pick up your own set at any District 2 event or request them online at integralcare.org/asklistentalkrepeat.





DELIVERING FOR

INFRASTRUCTURE



LOCAL STORIES, NATIONAL IMPACT



How your Austin Mayor Pro Tem advocated for Austin road safety on the national stage.



At the start of the year, I traveled to Washington D.C. to advocate for the continuation of bipartisan federal infrastructure funding — the kind that’s been a gamechanger for District 2.

Testifying before the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I spoke about how programs like the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) have funded key safety improvements in District 2, from safer sidewalks to upgraded intersections and school routes.

These investments make our streets safer, our commutes smoother, and our neighborhoods stronger.

I was proud to represent Austin and fight for continued infrastructure investments nationwide.

This comes as we mark 10 years of Vision Zero, our commitment to ending traffic deaths through a public health approach.

Vision Zero Progress Highlights Include:

- 38% overall reduction in serious injury and fatal crashes
- 42% reduction in serious injury and fatal crashes at protected intersections
- 51% reduction in serious injury and fatal crashes at traffic signals with protected left turns
- 27% reduction in serious injury and fatal crashes at protected bike lanes and pedestrian islands
- 15% reduction in serious injury and fatal crashes at arterial speed limit reductions
- Over \$433M saved annually in crash-related costs citywide

KEEPING DISTRICT 2 CONNECTED



TREATING D2 ROADS

In 2025, the City of Austin provided our roads with **108 miles** of treatment:

- 18 lane miles of overlay
- 54 lane miles of seal coat
- 21 lane miles of fog seal
- 15 miles of crack seal

503 road signs were also replaced.

FIXING D2 BRIDGES

Austin's Bridge Maintenance Team completed **two major bridge repairs** in the District 2 community:

- 1 Stassney Lane at Williamson Creek
- 2 Dittmar Road at Boggy Creek

INSTALLING D2 SIDEWALKS

Our Transportation Sidewalks and Urban Tails Division installed **5 new sidewalks** in the District 2 community:

- 1 Matthews Lane (from Cooper Lane to Menchaca Road)
- 2 Cooper Lane (from William Cannon Drive to Matthews Lane)
- 3 Dittmar Road (from 1st St to Congress Avenue)
- 4 Meadow Lake Boulevard (from Blue Meadow Drive to William Cannon Drive)
- 5 Thaxton Road & Flaxen Drive (new ramps and rehabilitated sidewalks)

IMPROVING D2 SAFETY



1 Stassney Lane & 1st Street Safety Improvement Project

- Upgraded sidewalks
- New ADA-compliant curb ramps
- New & extended medians
- Safer driveway reconfigurations
- Improved transit connections for CapMetro route #311

2 Bluff Springs Road Lighting Project (from William Cannon Drive to Slaughter Lane)

- Improved energy-efficient LED lights
- New, more resilient utility poles
- Upgraded lighting fixtures

3 Pleasant Valley Road Safety Improvement Project (from Oltorf Street to Edge Creek Drive)

- New roundabout at Teri Road
- Six upgraded MetroRapid bus stops
- New Protected bike lanes
- Improved pedestrian crossings
- New left turn lane at William Cannon Drive

4 Stassney Lane Speed Limit Reduction, 40 to 35 MPH (from I-35 to Teri Road)

SAFE ROUTES TO D2 SCHOOLS

1 Blazier Elementary and Intermediate School Safety Improvement Project

- New school zones featuring six school zone beacons
- New concrete crossing island at Baythorne Drive & Ipswich Bay Drive.

2 Perez Elementary School Safety Improvement Project

- Sidewalk rehabilitation on Quicksilver Boulevard, Savorey Lane, and Teal Trail.
- New sidewalk on the north side of Quicksilver Boulevard, near the Bluff Springs Road Intersection.

3 Rodriguez Elementary School Safety Improvement Project

- New roundabout with integrated pedestrian and bike facilities at Teri Road and Pleasant Valley Road.

4 Uphaus Early Childhood Center Safety Improvement Project

- Two new school zone beacons along Freidrich Lane.

NEW D2 METRORAPID ROUTE

1 Rapid Route #800 is CapMetro's first-ever MetroRapid line east of I-35.

The Pleasant Valley Line connects District 2 neighborhoods like **Goodnight Ranch** and **Dove Springs** to destinations including **Mueller** and **Austin Community College (Eastview)**.

#800 will also include access to a **Park & Ride** station and connect to **Austin's future light rail**.



DELIVERING FOR

RESILIENCE



PREPARING FOR THE NEXT FLOOD



Helping families stay protected and flood-ready with the Del Valle Community Coalition.



Flooding is one of the most expensive and devastating disasters our families face, and too many Austinites are one storm away from financial ruin.

That's why we led the launch of Austin's first-ever Flood Insurance Assistance Pilot Program, in collaboration with our trusted community partner, the Del Valle Community Coalition (DVCC).

This pilot provides up to \$2,000 in financial assistance to help Austin homeowners in flood-prone areas obtain or maintain flood insurance coverage. With average claims in Austin topping \$21,000, this small investment can mean the difference between disaster and recovery.

We're proud to once again work alongside DVCC, a trusted local partner with deep roots in Del Valle and Southeast Austin.

Through this program, we can support our families most at risk and most in need.

To be eligible, residents must:

- Own and live in a home within the 100-year floodplain
- Have a household income at or below 140% of the Median Family Income
- Use funds to obtain, maintain, or renew a flood insurance policy

This pilot is a first step toward preventing displacement, especially for communities who've historically lacked resources to prepare or recover.

I'm grateful to our Austin Watershed Department and DVCC for making this pilot program a reality.

I look forward to seeing it make a positive impact for our District 2 families.

UNVEILING A NEW FLOOD MEMORIAL

To honor the lives forever changed by the 2015 Halloween Floods, we placed a commemorative bench at Onion Creek Metropolitan Park and restored the beloved community mural first unveiled in 2023. This tribute recognizes the families, neighbors, and first responders impacted by one of Austin's most devastating natural disasters.

Over the last decade, the D2 Team has worked to build a more flood-resilient Austin by launching a flood insurance pilot program, strengthening infrastructure, and expanding early warning and public education efforts.

Flood safety is public safety, and we remain committed to protecting our most vulnerable communities.



AUSTIN'S FIRST FLOOD SAFETY FEST



This year, I was proud to support the launch of Austin's first-ever Flood Safety Awareness Festival, a fun, informative event attended by over 300 neighbors!

From hands-on demos to emergency preparedness resources, the festival offered families valuable tools to stay safe and prepared. We also celebrated the creative winners of the Youth Flood Safety Video Contest!

This festival was the result of an initiative we championed to expand flood safety outreach and education across Austin.

Huge thanks to the Austin Watershed team for organizing this powerful event. Together, we're building a safer, more flood-resilient city for all.

UNDERSTANDING AI IMPACTS IN AUSTIN



As Artificial Intelligence (AI) rapidly grows and evolves, Austin is stepping up to ensure innovation doesn't come at the expense of people or natural resources.

This year, we passed a first-of-its-kind policy to increase transparency and accountability in how the City uses AI.

A key part of this initiative is assessing AI's environmental impact, especially how data centers may affect our energy grid, water usage, and future utility rates. Our resolution also protects City workers from displacement and data misuse.

In Austin, technology should support, not burden, our city and its workforce, and we're proud to lead the way on ethical, people-first innovation.

PREPARING FOR THE NEXT WILDFIRE

Austin is one of the most wildfire-prone regions in the country, and the risk continues to grow.

That's why this year, Council approved new wildfire mitigation contracts to improve vegetation management across more than 12,000 acres of parkland by clearing underbrush, trimming trees, and reducing fuel loads.

During our budget cycle, we also invested in urban forest conservation and tree planting to strengthen public spaces.

These efforts, paired with increased public education and collaboration, are part of our growing strategy to protect neighborhoods and make Austin more resilient in the face of wildfire risks.





DELIVERING FOR

PUBLIC SAFETY



YOUR SAFETY, OUR BUDGET PRIORITY



Investing in safety, supporting first responders, and protecting families through our budget



As your elected leader, my number one job is keeping you and your family safe.

That's why, even in a challenging budget year, our City Council made sure that public safety remained our top funding priority, balancing the budget while still delivering critical investments in safety, wellness, and emergency response.



Here's what we delivered in the FY 2025-2026 budget:

- **EMS:** \$3 million in overtime funding to eliminate ambulance brownouts and ensure medics can respond quickly, any time of the day
- **Mental Health Crisis Response:** \$2.1 million to expand 24/7 field response teams through the **Expanded Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (EMCOT)**
- **Homelessness Response:** Increased funding for non-congregate shelters, Permanent Supportive Housing, and innovative housing models like **Esperanza Community**
- **Disaster Resilience:** Boosted funding for wildfire mitigation and urban forestry maintenance across Austin

This is a budget that keeps us safe, while planning for what's ahead.

THANKING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

Toward the end of the year, we visited five Fire and EMS stations and the Police South Substation in District 2 to personally thank our first responders.

Over some pan dulce and tamales, we had meaningful and honest conversations about their day-to-day challenges and what they need to serve our communities safely and effectively.

Many worked long hours over the holidays, showing up time and again when our neighbors needed them most.

We're beyond grateful for their service, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to public safety. From the entire D2 Team, thank you for all you do to protect and serve the people of Austin.



A SAFE PLACE TO HEAL AND REBUILD



This year, Austin Public Health and The SAFE Alliance opened a new domestic violence shelter, offering 40 units and comprehensive support services for survivors and their children.

The shelter provides a safe place to stay, emergency transportation, counseling, legal advocacy, case management, and housing stability services.

It reflects our city's deep commitment to health, dignity, and healing for all families, and we're grateful to everyone who made this resource a reality.

If you or someone you know needs help, contact the 24/7 SAFeline at 512-267-7223 (call), 512-737-888 (text), or online at safeaustin.org/chat.

SECURING PUBLIC SAFETY STABILITY

Every year, we work to ensure that Austin's public safety system reflects our city's values and priorities. And for the first time in years, all three of Austin's public safety departments, Police, Fire, and EMS, are under active labor contracts. These agreements include important provisions on **staffing, scheduling, competitive pay, and community safety**. Here's a look at what each contract contains, and how they help build a more responsive, accountable, and stable future for public safety in Austin.



Austin Firefighter Contract

Date Signed: December 18, 2025

The new firefighter contract marks a major investment in safety and staffing. It locks in **4-person staffing for every engine, increases pay, and introduces a first-of-its-kind "Austin Schedule"** to improve wellness and recruitment.



Austin Police Contract

Date Signed: October 24, 2024

Last year's police contract delivers long term stability while implementing the **Austin Police Oversight Act**. It establishes some of the **strongest police accountability measures in the country, strengthens oversight, improves hiring practices, and invests in officer pay** to better serve and protect the community.



Austin EMS Contract

Date Signed: September 14, 2023

Austin's ongoing EMS contract brings critical support to our paramedics, with **raises for all medics and pay increases for new hires**. Through a four-year term, this agreement **supports recruitment and retention, extends raises through 30 years of service, and strengthens emergency care** across our growing city.



DELIVERING FOR

ARTS & CULTURE



MEET AUSTIN'S FIRST POET-LAUREATE



In this position, Zell will serve as an official City of Austin ambassador for the literary arts



In 2025, we made history: Austin officially welcomed its first-ever Poet Laureate: the incredible Zell Miller III.

As one of the only major Texas cities without a Poet Laureate program, we knew it was beyond time. For a city that celebrates music, art, and creativity at every corner, we believe that poetry also deserved a seat at the table. That's why we proudly led the effort to establish this initiative, in partnership with our literary community and Austin Public Library.

A Poet Laureate serves as both a title and a voice for the people.

In this position, Zell will serve as an Austin ambassador for the literary arts, using his powerful storytelling to inspire, connect, and reflect Austin's diverse communities.

His two-year term includes hosting public readings, workshops, and literacy programming through our very own Austin Public Library system.

Zell is no stranger to the mic. As a nationally recognized and acclaimed spoken-word artist, playwright, and educator, his work centers justice, identity, and community power.

His voice is bold, urgent, and deeply rooted in the lived experiences of Black Austinites, a perspective that's long overdue in Austin City Hall.

Poetry belongs in our civic spaces, and Austin's artists belong in leadership. This is just the beginning.

I look forward to continuing our collaboration with Zell as he brings poetry into our public spaces and gives voice to the stories that make Austin unique.

His leadership and voice will help shape a more creative and connected city. A city that serves justice to our creative community, while uplifting the voices, cultures, and experiences that define who we are as a city and community.

AUSTIN'S GRAFFITI PARK IS BACK

Austin is a city defined by creativity, and few places capture that spirit like the **HOPE Outdoor Gallery**. After a 6-year hiatus, this beloved graffiti park is back, now bigger, better, and near the airport, just outside District 2.

This exciting 17-acre space offers **public mural walls, workshops, curated exhibits, a café, and a creative market**, all built to inspire and connect.

While the location may be new, the mission remains the same: **Helping Other People Everywhere (HOPE)** through community and art.

In a fast-changing city, HOPE brings back a piece of old-school Austin - **something weird, welcoming, and proudly creative.**



D2 PARK MURAL ARTIST ANNOUNCED



Every neighborhood deserves public art that reflects its identity.

Which is why in 2024, we launched an initiative to bring a vibrant mural to the water tower at Armadillo Neighborhood Park. After strong community support, the project officially moved forward.

In 2025, we announced the selected artist: **Bill Tavis**, a local muralist known for his distinctive “**Half-tonism**” style, which blends mathematical patterns with bold, hand-painted visuals. His work is rooted in both creativity and precision, a perfect match for this community landmark.

We’re excited to see this mural come to life in Southeast Austin. Stay tuned!

DISTRICT 2 AT THE PEOPLES' GALLERY

Every year, Austin City Hall transforms into a showcase of local talent through The People's Gallery, featuring artwork from artists across all parts of Austin. This year's gallery includes 136 works of art, with six pieces created by District 2 artists!

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- 1 Paul Moncus, Adandoned Building N IH 35 and Highway 183, 2023
- 2 Litzy Rea Valez, Little Friends, 2024
- 3 Michelle Rahbar, Not Everything That Holds You Down is Yours to Carry, 2023
- 4 Sandra C Fernandez, We Are All in the Same Boat, 2019
- 5 Bryana Fleming, Sweet Umber, 2021
- 6 Patrick Moran, Duality of Connection 1 & 2, 2022



HOW AUSTIN'S GOVERNMENT WORKS



Austin's city government is powered by its people (you), and one of the best ways to make your voice heard is by getting involved in **City Council meetings** and **work sessions**. These gatherings are where decisions are made that shape everything from neighborhood safety to housing, health, and much more.

WHAT ARE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS?

City Council meetings are where the **Mayor** and **Council Members** come together to vote on key policies and budgets. These meetings are fully open to the public and cover everything from public safety and infrastructure, to climate policy and health services.

WHAT ARE WORK SESSIONS?

Work sessions happen before regular council meetings. Think of them as strategy sessions, where **Council Members** get updates, ask questions, and dive deep into big issues before any official decisions are made. No votes are taken during work sessions, but they help shape what happens in future council meetings.

THERE ARE TWO EASY WAYS TO SPEAK UP

General Public Communication: Want to share a community concern that's not on the agenda? You can sign up to speak during **General Public Communication**, a special time set aside for open community input. There are up to **ten General Communication speakers per meeting**, and each gets **three minutes**. This typically happens at Noon during our Council Meetings.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: Have something to say about a specific item on the Council's agenda? You can speak either in person or by phone when your item comes up. These comments help guide **Austin City Council's** decisions on everything from housing and zoning to public health and city planning.

HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK

Just remember registration deadlines are strict. The sooner you sign up, the better your chances to participate.

Online: Visit the Council Meeting Information Center to register to speak.

In Person: Use the kiosks at City Hall during business hours.

By Phone: Call the City Clerk at 512-974-2210 if you need help registering.

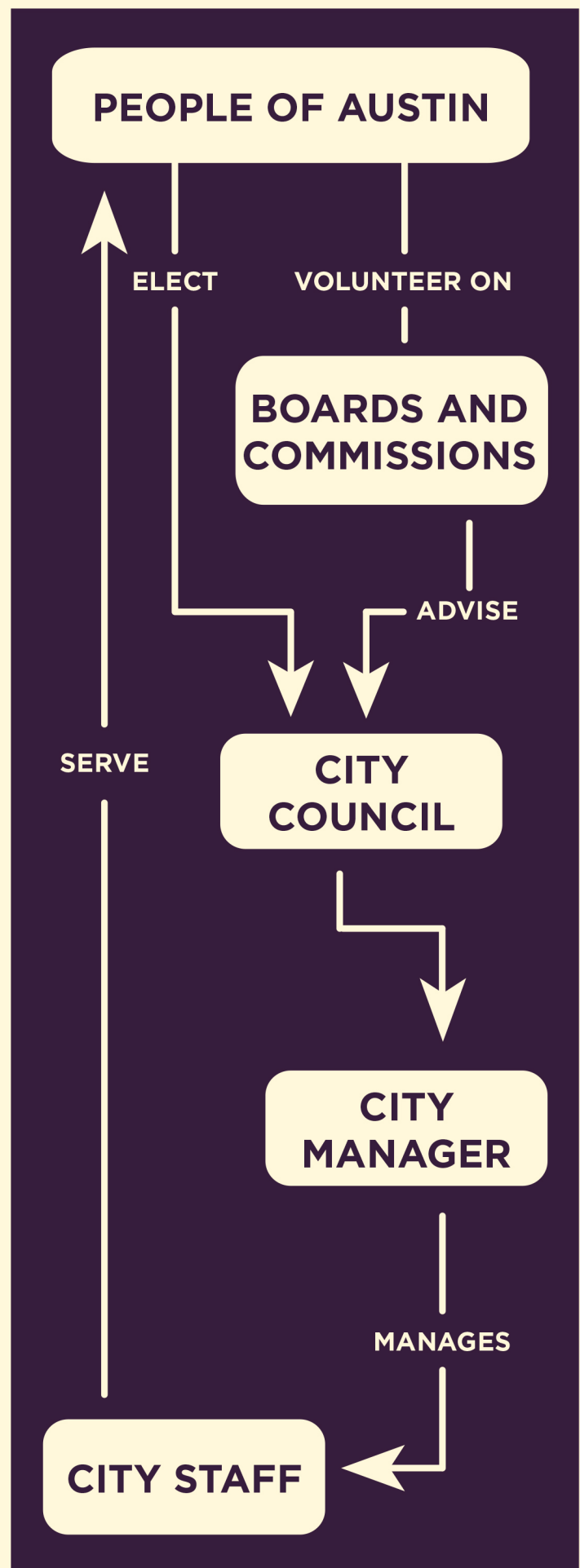
TIPS FOR A SMOOTH EXPERIENCE

Need language support? Interpretation services are available. Request them at least 48 hours in advance at city.clerk@austintexas.gov.

Be on Time: Registration closes before the meeting starts. Don't miss your window!

Speak Clearly: You'll usually get 2-3 minutes. Prepare ahead of time.

Use your voice: Whether you're sharing your story, asking a question, or proposing an idea, your voice matters.





ACKNOWLEDGMENTS



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you for taking the time to explore our 2025 edition of Delivering for D2. Capturing a full year's worth of work is always a challenge, and in 2025, I wanted to approach that challenge in a way that also uplifted Austin's creative community. Austin is a city rich with artistic talent, and for this year's annual report, I was thrilled to partner with Serah Karkukli, a graphic design student at Austin Community College, who joined our team as an intern and led the design of this report. Serah's creativity and perspective helped bring the work of the District 2 Team to life, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to combine our shared love for the arts and public service in this project.

There is never a shortage of work happening in the District 2 office, and this report offers a high-level look at our efforts to serve the people of District 2 and deliver meaningful results for our community. If you enjoyed this report or have feedback to share, we'd love to hear from you. Please reach out to us at District2@austintexas.gov.

Adal Rivas, District 2 Communications Director

MESSAGE FROM THE DESIGNER

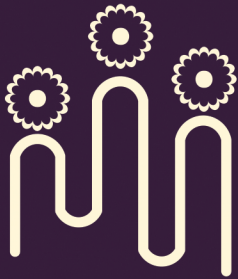
Designing this report was an opportunity to highlight the people, partnerships, and progress that shaped this year. I focused on a layout that allows the stories, visuals, and data to stand on their own, making sure each element supports the larger narrative. My goal was to create something inviting, intuitive, and easy to navigate, while keeping the design clear, cohesive, and intentional. Throughout the process, I aimed to balance simplicity with warmth so the report feels both informative and approachable. I also paid close attention to how the design could guide readers through the content in a way that feels seamless and engaging. In the end, I'm grateful to have contributed to a project that reflects the hard work, dedication, and collaboration of so many, and I hope the final report honors the impact of everyone involved.

Serah Karkukli, Lead Report Designer, District 2 Intern





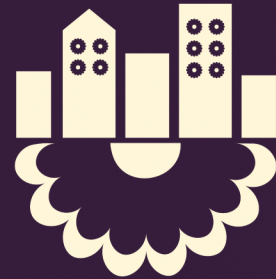
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