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# City Of Austin 4-4-1 Plan, an Alternative.

Welcome

## City Of Austin 4-4-1 Plan, an Alternative.

- Current Council is elected At-Large
- Consists of 6 Council Members, and
- 1 Mayor
- Filing Fee is \$500
- Term is at 3 Years.

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- A unique proposal is needed for the City Of Austin to be fairly represented, while keeping the costs of city government fairly restrained.
- In the next slide, I will explain.

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- 4 Council Members will represent Single Member Districts. Renamed to Ward (I.E. Northwest Ward.)
- Those council members would be elected by registered voters in those areas.
- Those areas will be divided by sides of Austin geographically
- (1) Northwest, (1) Northeast, (1) Southeast, and (1) Southwest Austin

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- 4 seats to be elected At-Large, but represent the Single Member District jurisdiction.
- (1) Northwest (2) Northeast (3) Southeast and (4) Southeast
- Elected citywide, but their jurisdiction is limited to those quadrants.

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- Term Limits
  - 2 Years
  - 2 Terms
- Filing Fee
  - Reduced to \$100 or 1% signatures
  - Application fee of \$25 in addition to Filing Fee.

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- Council Member's Salary
- Reduced to \$45,000 each Council Member
- Council members who receive Disability, can negotiate a lower salary
- Mayor's Salary
- Reduced to \$50,000 a year

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- Current Salaries
  - Council Members \$64,043 exception of one
  - Council Member Tovo \$62,795
- + Source: Texas Tribune

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## -Council Aides Salary

- Reduce to \$25,000 a Year
- 1 Council Aide per Council
- 1 Aide per Mayor
- Executive Assistant Position Eliminated

# City Of Austin 4-4-1 Plan, an Alternative.

-Current City Council, Mayor, Aides, and Assistant Salary.

- \$1,430,643
- Employees Making less than \$40k are not shown but can be searched by name.

# City Of Austin 4-4-1 Plan, an Alternative.

- 4 Council Wards at \$45,000
- 4 At Large at \$45,000
- 8 Council Aides at \$25,000
- 1 Mayor Aide at \$25,000
- 1 Mayor at \$50,000
- TOTAL: \$635,000

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- \$795,643 of Your Taxpayer Dollars Saved
- Fair Representation
- 2 Heads are better than 1
  - Each District would be represented by 2 however 1 would be elected at-large
- Attracts more city involvement by lowering the filing fee.

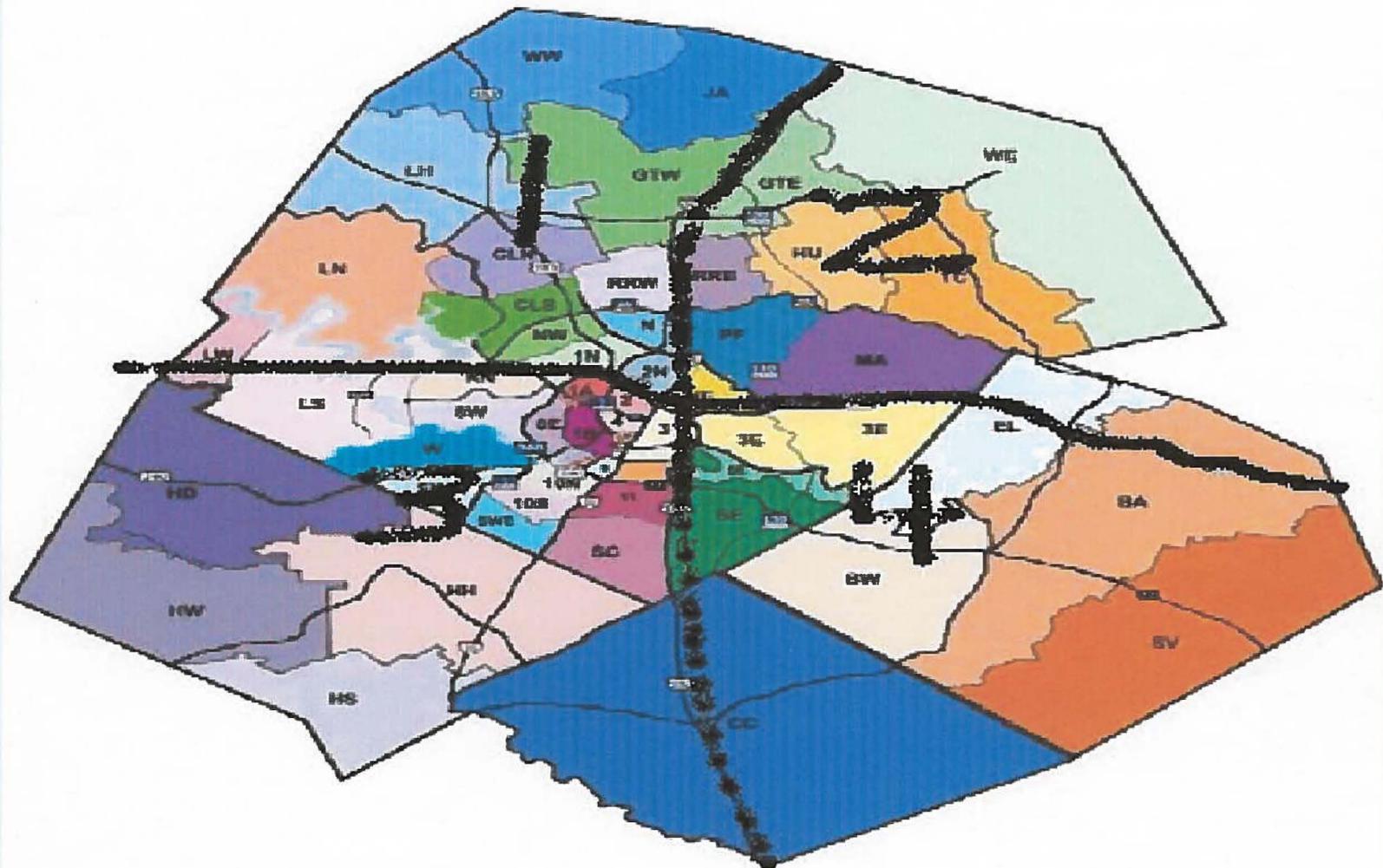
# City Of Austin 4-4-1 Plan, an Alternative.

- \* Think before doing a 10-1 Plan!
- \* Current Council Members right now are 6 making more than \$60,000 not including Council Aides
- \* 10-1 Makes a Bigger Problem into a smaller Problem
- \* Increases the size and cost of government.

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- San Antonio has had Single Member Districts since 1977, since 1977 a lot of areas around San Antonio has declined in growth, areas such as East San Antonio Austin Hwy to Dietrich, W.W. White Road, South New Braunfels, and E Houston Street.
- The Outskirts such as 1604 at I-35 outside of San Antonio Proper have grown

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- Council Member's will be appointed to District by Public Vote
- Will not go into effect until the Next Even Numbered November Election, which should be on November 2014.
- Those who are term limited will not qualify.

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- Any questions?
- Contact 512-628-3293