



**REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**TASK FORCE**  
DECEMBER 22, 2020

# MEMBERS

## Community

- Quincy Dunlap - Austin Area Urban League
- Hailey Easley - Austin Asian Community Health Initiative
- Emily Gerrick - Texas Fair Defense Project
- Monica Guzmán - Go! Austin/Vamos! Austin (GAVA)
- Priscilla Hale - allgo
- Dawn Handley - Integral Care
- Chris Harris - Texas Appleseed
- David Johnson - Grassroots Leadership
- Amanda Lewis - Survivor Justice Project
- Nelson Linder - National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
- Kathy Mitchell - Just Liberty
- Chas Moore - Austin Justice Coalition
- Cary Roberts - Greater Austin Crime Commission
- Paula Rojas - Communities of Color United
- Matt Simpson - American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
- Alicia Torres - ICE Fuera de Austin
- Cate Graziani - Texas Harm Reduction Alliance

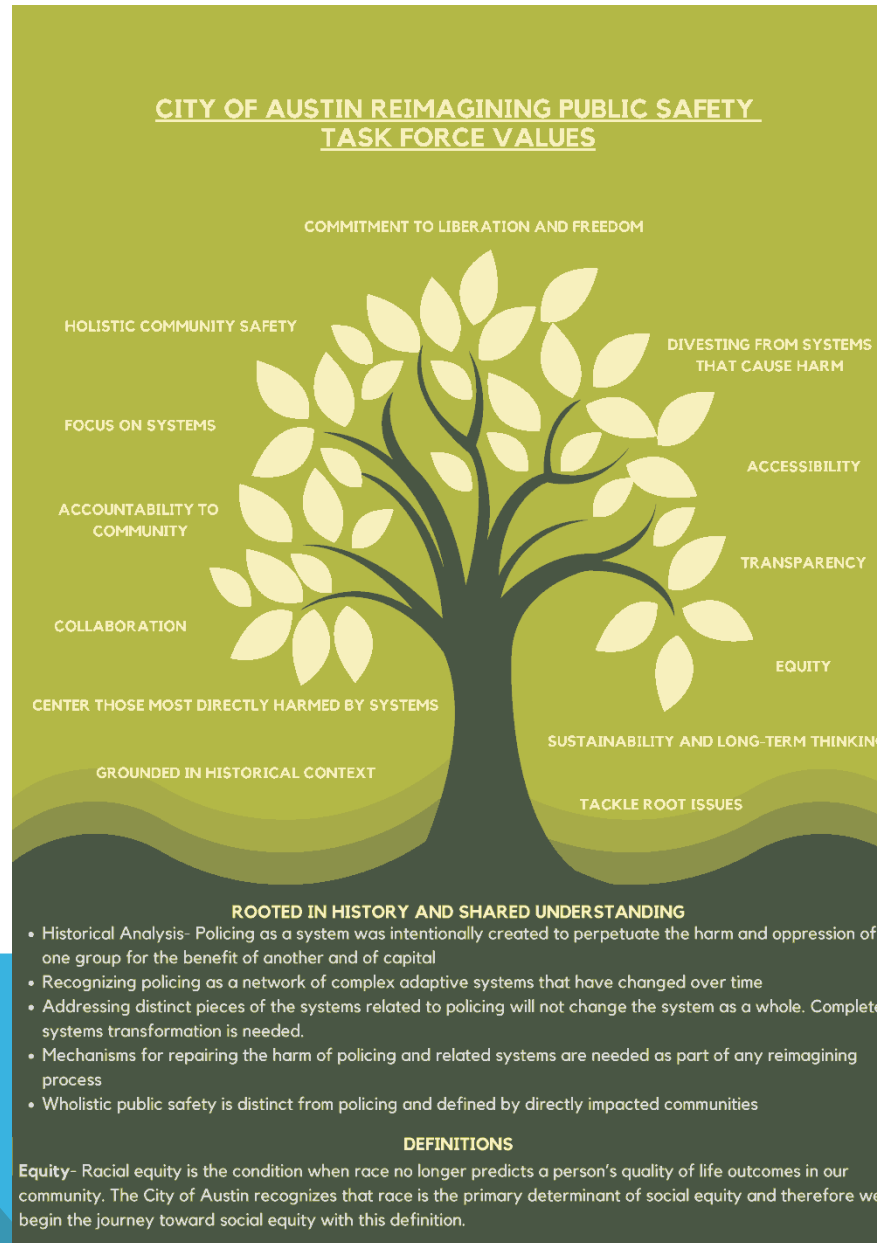
## City of Austin

- Nuria Rivera-Vandermyde - Deputy City Manager
- Rey Arellano - Assistant City Manager
- Christopher Shorter - Assistant City Manager
- Farah Muscadin - Director, Office of Police Oversight
- Brion Oaks - Chief Equity Officer, Equity Office

## Co-Chairs

- Brion Oaks - Chief Equity Officer, Equity Office
- Paula Rojas - Communities of Color United

# VALUES



# HISTORY OF POLICING

Link:  
[Full Timeline](#)

## Key Dates in the History of Policing

PREPARED FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN  
REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY TASKFORCE

The City Community Reimagining Public Safety Task Force formed a working group to develop and present a timeline with an overview of the origins of policing and its impacts on communities of color up until this moment in time. The working group developed this timeline in order to ground the Task Force, City staff and community members in the context of systemic racism within U.S. history, including Austin history, and to ask the questions, "what does public safety mean, and who is - and has been historically - safe or unsafe in our communities?"



### 1100 - ORIGINS OF THE SHIRE REEVE OR SHERIFF IN ENGLAND

Sheriffs were representatives of the crown who sat in on local affairs to make sure laws were actually being enforced (previously, localities had relied on collective enforcement efforts of citizens; the Sheriff's role thus extended the power of the crown). They were also tax collectors, at least initially, later forms included coroner, justice of the peace, and constable. The primary function of these positions was to replace private security guards.

### 1100-1800S - THE USE OF NIGHTWATCHES


Night watches were in Europe and its colonies. They were civilian groups of men required by law to patrol the streets at night.




### 1492 - COLONIZATION OF THE AMERICAS BY EUROPE BEGINS

Brutal militia force was routinely part of dispossessing Indigenous communities of their land, and later forcing them into working for colonizers in mines and agriculture, often through enslavement.

# CITY INFORMATION & PRESENTATIONS

- RPS work outside of the Task Force (timeline & key components)
  - APD Calls for Service Analysis
  - Mental Health Diversion Initiative
  - APD Operations (structure, budget, & inter-local agreements)
  - RPS Listening Sessions
  - Assessment of APD training academy, recruitment and promotions, use of force incidents, and public interactions with officers
  - Analysis of APDs 2019 Racial Profiling
  - Safety Outcomes Strategic Performance Dashboard
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# CURRENT WORKGROUPS

- Reimagining 911
  - Police Staffing—Patrol & Criminal Investigations
  - Public Health Reinvestment
  - Patrol and Surveillance
  - Business and Economic Development
  - Equity Reinvestment in Community
  - Meaningful Community Engagement
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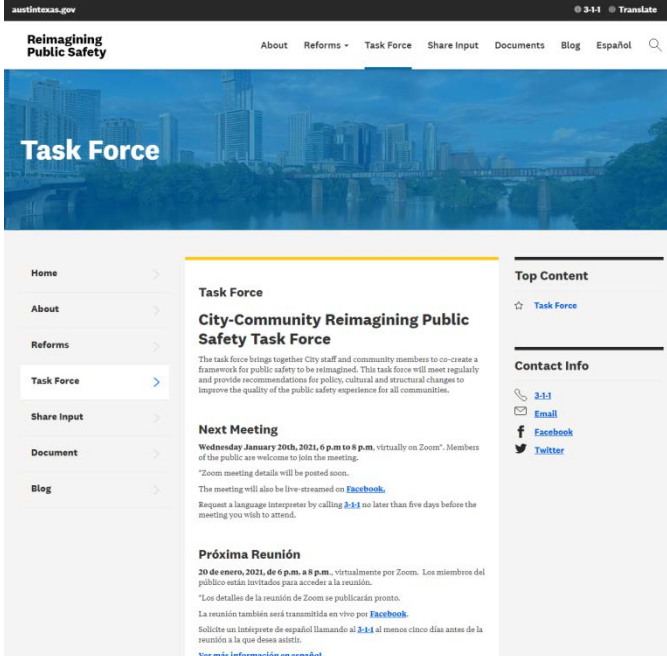
# UNDER CONSIDERATION

- Identifying permanent Taskforce
- Decision-making within City of Austin budget deadlines
- Integrating efforts of Taskforce and the City



# TASK FORCE WEBPAGE

- Meeting dates
- Zoom link
- Facebook live-streaming
- Interpreter request instructions
- Agenda
- Meeting materials
- Past Meeting Notes



The screenshot shows the website for the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force. The header includes the URL 'austintexas.gov', the page title 'Reimagining Public Safety', and navigation links for 'About', 'Reforms', 'Task Force', 'Share Input', 'Documents', 'Blog', and 'Español'. A search icon is also present. The main banner features a cityscape with the text 'Task Force'. A left sidebar contains a menu with 'Home', 'About', 'Reforms', 'Task Force' (highlighted), 'Share Input', 'Document', and 'Blog'. The main content area is titled 'Task Force' and 'City-Community Reimagining Public Safety Task Force'. It includes a description of the task force's purpose, a 'Next Meeting' section for Wednesday, January 20th, 2021, and a 'Próxima Reunión' section for January 20th, 2021. A right sidebar contains 'Top Content' and 'Contact Info' with social media links for 3-1-1, Email, Facebook, and Twitter.