

The Zoning and Platting Commission respectfully urges the City Council Members to consider the following recommendations regarding the City of Austin FY 2022 budget.

Equity Office:

- Provide resources to review City budget, capital improvement projects and provide training on racial equity.
- Provide funding to implement the City Council resolution on reconciliation and healing for disenfranchisement of Black people in Austin.

Housing and Planning Department and Development Services Department:

- Purchase software or provide digital tools to facilitate application reviews for increased transparency, faster review times, and cost savings.
- Ensure adequate staffing and resources to timely update Amanda and GIS with information on localized flooding and wildfire interface.
- Ensure adequate staffing and resources in all City income-restricted housing programs to timely monitor compliance with income restricted housing requirements including the number of units provided, how quickly the units are filled, and whether health and safety maintenance is provided on a regular and sufficient basis.
- Provide adequate planning staff and resources to initiate and facilitate concurrent small area planning processes for:
  - Equitable Transit Oriented Development associated with Project Connect.
  - Displacement prevention and mitigation in low-income neighborhoods and communities of color in the East Austin.
  - Historic surveys of neighborhoods and community assets impacted by rapid redevelopment and displacement in the Eastern Crescent.
- Ensure adequate staffing and resources to monitor and provide public updates on compliance with City income-restricted housing programs.

Code Enforcement:

- Ensure adequate staffing and resources to proactively monitor and enforce compliance with health and safety regulations by commercial residential developments that participate in City, state, and federal income-restricted housing, rental assistance, or home repair assistance programs in Austin.

Citywide:

- Ensure adequate resources for the Office of Performance Management to adequately analyze data to ensure to policy recommendations achieve the desired outcomes in the Council's Strategic Plan.
- Provide funding to allow the public to participate virtually in public meetings held by boards and commissions when in-person meetings resume in September 2021.

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