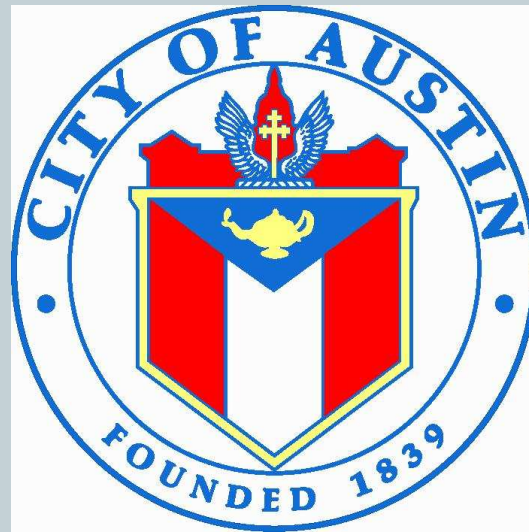



# Municipal ID card





## Municipal ID

- Local government strategy to address immigration policy issues
- Innovative policy, symbolic of inclusion



## Vulnerable populations

- Other groups may also benefit from a municipal ID:
  - Homeless individuals
  - Youth in foster system
  - Low-income elderly
  - Individuals with mental illness and disabilities
  - Formerly incarcerated individuals re-entering society



## Municipal ID Goals

- Improve community safety
- Improve access to financial services
- Mitigate impact of racial profiling
- Promote unity and sense of membership in the local community among all residents



## Who Needs ID?

- Proof of identity is a basic necessity; access to widely accepted forms of ID (passports, DL, SS cards) a privilege
- Lack of ID prohibits access to:
  - Banking services
  - Healthcare
  - Education
  - City services- Library, Police
  - Housing



## Public safety concerns

- Health and safety concerns
  - Individuals vulnerable to crime
  - Individuals reluctant to report crime or work place abuse, fearful of law enforcement
  - Inability to access social services (health and housing)

# State and Federal Laws



## Texas Law

- To obtain ID- must verify your identity, US citizenship or lawful presence, and Texas residency

## Federal Law

- Passed by Congress in 2005
- Real ID requires that an individual show proof of immigration status

# Case studies



**CITY OF NEW HAVEN AND CITY OF OAKLAND**





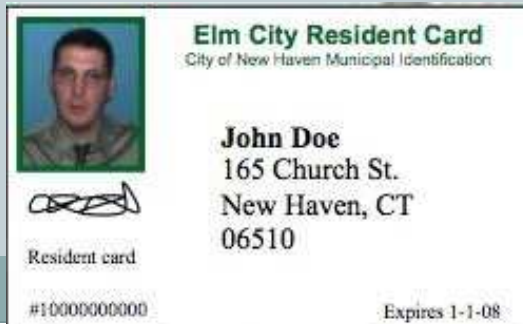
# Cities in practice

- New Haven
- Oakland
- Richmond
- Los Angeles
- Washington, DC
- New Jersey
- New York

# How do they compare?

## City of New Haven

- Launched June 2007
- Services:
  - Proof of identification
  - Access to city services (library card, debit card in local stores and parking meters)



## City of Oakland

- Adopted June 2009, launched March 2013
- Services:
  - Proof of identification
  - Access to city services (library, health clinics, and local businesses)
  - Debit Card



# How do they compare?



## City of New Haven

- Cost: \$11 for adults, \$5 children under 17
- Program is administered by City Hall- responsible for confirming identity and residency

## City of Oakland

- Cost: \$15 gen pop, \$10 low income
  - \$2.99 monthly fee
  - \$1.75 for each customer call
  - \$0.75 for each transaction
- ID card program contracted to SF Global LLC, program manager housed in City Clerk's office

# How do they compare?



## City of New Haven

- **Proof of Identity:**
  - Passport,
  - US Driver's license
  - Birth certificate
  - Consular ID card
- Or two of the following-national identification, current Foreign DL, US or military ID, current visa, ITIN card

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# How do they compare?



## City of New Haven

- **Proof of Residency: any two of the following-**
  - utility bill with name and address
  - insurance bill
  - bank statement
  - check book
  - employment paystub
  - local property tax statement
  - proof of minor in school

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# How do they compare?



## City of New Haven

- Estimated 12,300 cards issued
- Improved citizen/police relationships

## City of Oakland

- Estimated \$5,000 cards issued in the first year

# How do they compare?



## Municipal ID requirements

- US Passport,
- US State Driver's license/ID
- Consular ID card
- Certified copy of US or foreign
- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Foreign DL
- US/Foreign Military ID
- US ITIN authorization letter
- Educational Institution card

## Texas Requirements

- US Passport,
- US State Driver's license/ID
- US Citizenship Certificate or Certificate of Naturalization
- US Military ID
- Unexpired DHS or USCIS document
- Foreign Passport/Visa
- Birth certificate

# Lessons learned



- Increase card services to appeal to all city residents and reduce stigma associated with card
- Build intensive relationships with the community so that card is recognized and accepted by law enforcement agencies, healthcare providers, social services, courts, recreational locations, libraries, and retail establishments



# Community Meeting Feedback



## Concerns:

- Privacy Protection
- Acceptance by all city departments and levels of law enforcement within Austin city limits
- No debit function – fees are prohibitive

## To consider:

- Expansion of services – city resources, library card, Car2go, Cap Metro, B-cycle
- Attractive to all citizens – I am Austin
- House information with OVR, not APD.

# Community Meeting Feedback



To consider:

- No expiration date
- Medical ID function
- Needs of youth population

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