



# DESIGNATED GEOGRAPHIC AREAS REPRESENTING LOW-INCOME POPULATIONS OF TRAVIS COUNTY

Community Development Commission  
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# Background

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- Austin Public Health receives Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds which support the work of its six Neighborhood Centers and 3 outreach locations.
- The CSBG service area is Travis County.
- The Community Development Commission (CDC) serves as the required CSBG Advisory Board.
- CSBG requires that the Board include representatives from three sectors: public, private and low-income areas.

# Background (cont.)

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- CSBG requires a Needs Assessment every three years.
- Austin Public Health reviews the designated geographic areas representing the low-income populations of Travis County during the Needs Assessment process.
- Based on the Needs Assessment, staff makes recommendations for any updates to the designated low-income areas to the Community Development Commission for consideration and action.

# Needs Assessment

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- The suburbanization of poverty in the city and county continues to be evident.
- The highest concentrations of poverty in Austin (excluding UT) are found in north Austin (Rundberg & St. John), far east and northeast Austin (Colony Park), and southeast Austin (Montopolis and Dove Springs).
- The Del Valle area of Travis County also has a high concentration of poverty, but is currently not represented on the Community Development Commission.

# East Austin Census Data

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- Due to demographic shifts that have continued since the 2015 needs assessment was conducted, the poverty rate continues to decline in this area.
- However, the poverty rate for this area (roughly 19%) remains higher than that of the Travis County rate as a whole (15.2%).

# Preliminary Recommendations

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- Staff recommends combining the East Austin and Montopolis designated geographic areas for representation on the Community Development Commission.
- This designated area would then have the following boundaries:
  - North Boundary: East 7<sup>th</sup> Street
  - South Boundary: Ben White Boulevard
  - East Boundary: U.S. Hwy 183
  - West Boundary: Interstate Highway 35

# East/Montopolis Areas

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# South Austin Census Data

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- In 2015, staff recommended a change to the boundaries of the designated geographic area for South Austin. The CDC approved the recommendation but the change was not made.
- In 2018, the demographic shifts continue to point to a need for this change.



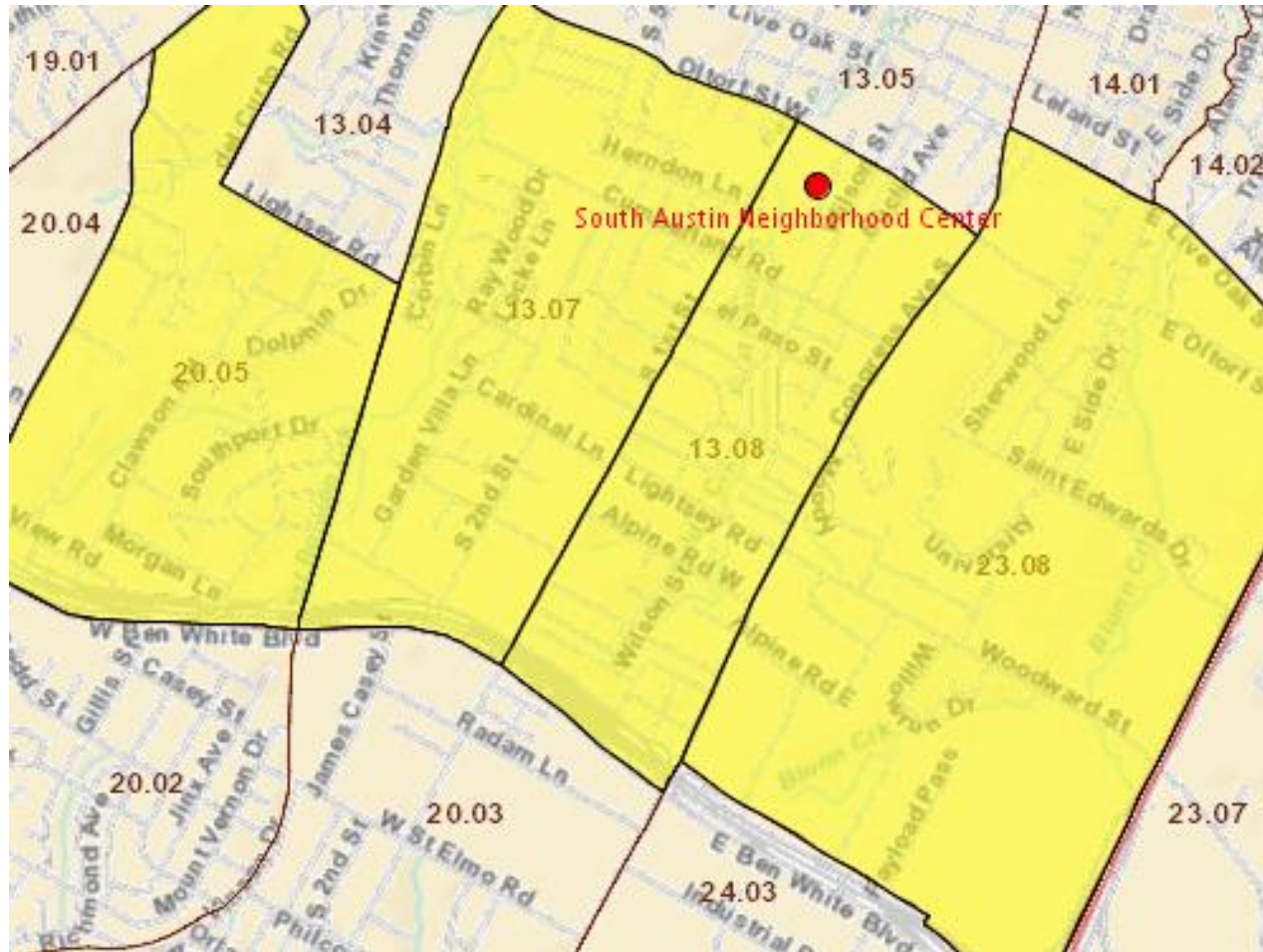
# Preliminary Recommendations

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- Based on 2016 data, the highlighted census tracts have a poverty rate equal to or higher than that of Travis County as a whole.
- Current boundaries for this area need to be updated to reflect the changes in the area.
- Boundaries to consider:
  - North – Oltorf
  - South – East Ben White
  - East – South IH 35
  - West – Manchaca

# South Austin Area

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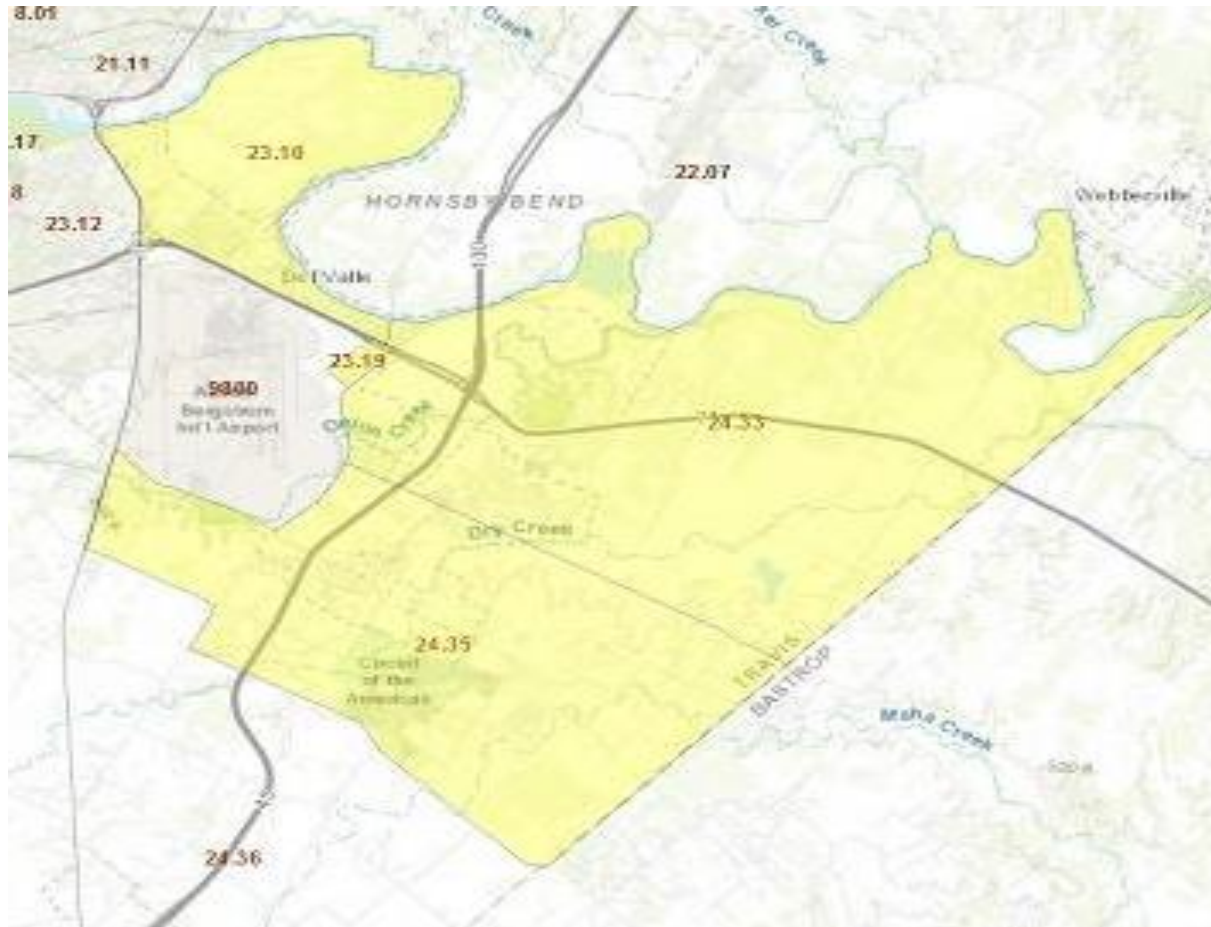
# Del Valle area

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- Staff recommends consideration of an additional designated geographic area to represent Del Valle.
- Based on 2016 poverty data, Del Valle and surrounding areas have the highest concentrations of people living in poverty outside the City limits.
- Boundaries to consider:
  - North – Colorado River
  - South – FM 812
  - East – Travis County Line
  - West – US Hwy 183

# Del Valle Area

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# Next Steps for the CDC

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- Consideration and Possible Action on recommended changes to CDC designated geographic areas to move forward to City Council
- Consideration and Possible Action to create a Working Group to consider changes to responsible organizations to hold nomination/elections in designated areas