

Council Member Tovo
Amendment to CM Flannigan Budget Rider 3

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Development of a Community Gateway to East Austin; Relocation of Austin Police Department Headquarters

The City Manager is directed to relocate all staff from property where APD Headquarters currently sits into other underutilized city facilities (such as One Texas Center or the soon to be vacant Austin Energy building on Barton Springs).

The City Manager is further directed to initiate a community-led effort to determine the specifics on how the property could be leveraged to address historic economic inequities in the black community and support future black community economic success, and possibly serve as a gateway to East Austin.

The Council affirms its commitment to ensuring appropriate public safety coverage in the Downtown area throughout this process. Understanding that the *Brush Square Master Plan* calls for the relocation of the Austin Fire Department - Station 1, the City Manager is further directed to analyze the potential to co-locate Austin Police Department, Austin Fire Department, and any other Downtown public safety resources into one appropriately right-sized space in the Downtown area.

The City Manager is further directed to consider expanding the scope of the Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team Program (R/UDAT) for the Palm District Planning Initiative to include the APD Headquarters building. This would not supplant the community engagement process around the future APD site, but rather supplement the process by granting the City technical assistance on the physical role the APD HQ property could play given its pivotal location in the Palm District Planning Initiative, a planning process that endeavors to address stranded cultural resources, impaired mobility, and bring divided communities together.

An estimate of the one-time cost of this proposal is currently pending, however it is envisioned that a public-private partnership for redevelopment of the property would be the primary funding mechanism. This should be a significant funding source given the property's location downtown, adjacent to the Waterloo Greenway, and to TxDOT's future reconstruction of I-35.