# PLD Commercial Development Input

# **SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT**

13 October 2017 - 08 June 2022

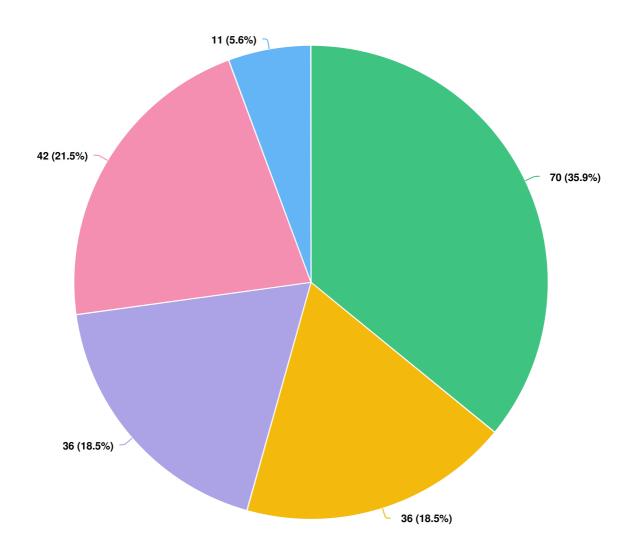
# **PROJECT NAME:**

**Parkland Dedication for Commercial Development** 



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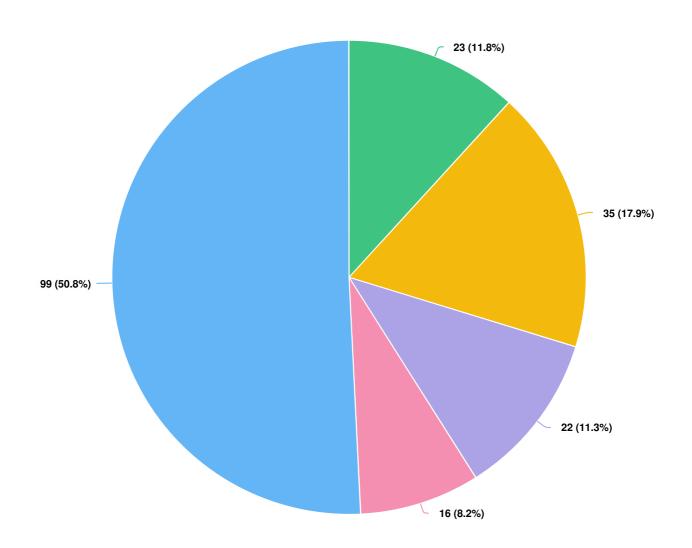
# Q1 Approximately how far is your place of work from a public park?





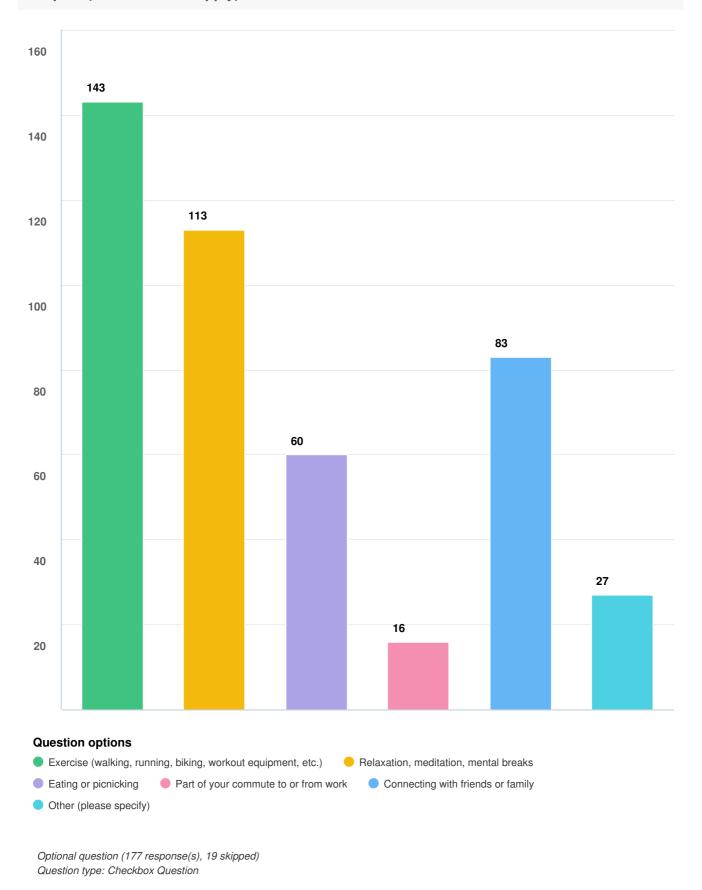
Optional question (193 response(s), 3 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

# How often do you access public parks before, during, or after work?

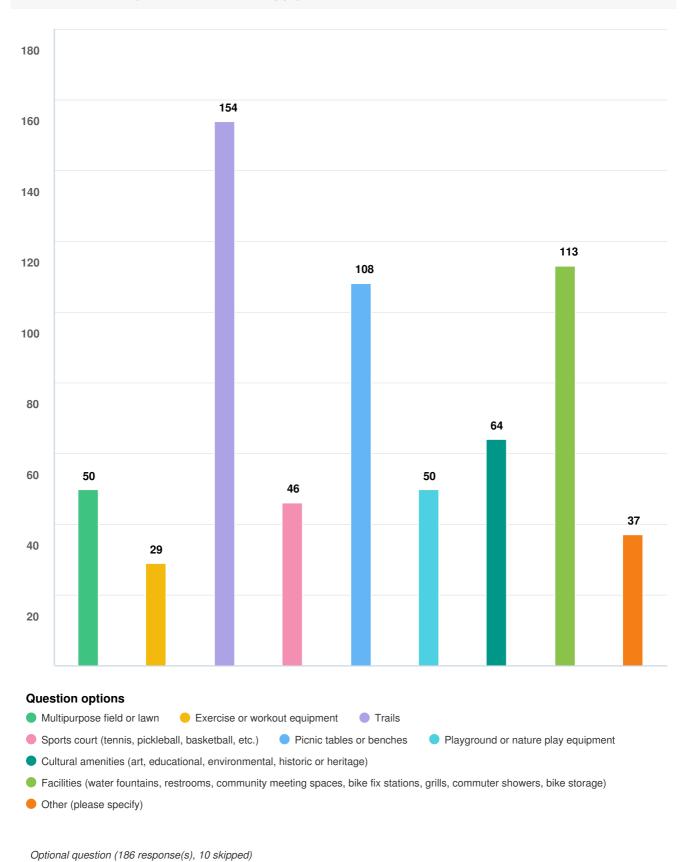




Optional question (193 response(s), 3 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question Q3 If you visit park space before, during, or after the work day, please share how you use the park (choose all that apply).

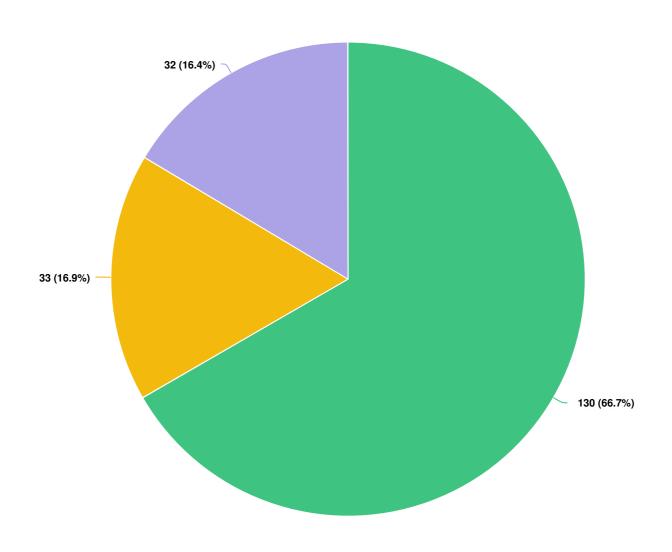


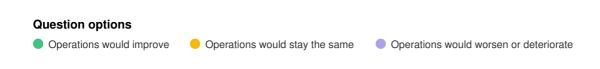
Q4 What park amenities would encourage you to visit a nearby public park before, during, or after the work day? (choose all that apply)



Question type: Checkbox Question

How do you think a commercial parkland dedication ordinance might impact a business' operations for employees, visitors, or patrons?





Optional question (193 response(s), 3 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

# Q6 How or why do think operations would be impacted or not by the ordinance?

Anonymous

employee mental health would improve

5/09/2022 06:23 PM

Anonymous

5/09/2022 06·28 PM

Would improve mental health of employees.

Anonymous

5/09/2022 11:55 PM

employees would have the opportunity to exercise, enjoy lunch outdoors, hold meetings at a park, find respite during a difficult day,

and potentially increase productivity and job satisfaction

Anonymous

5/10/2022 04:47 PM

I don't understand the question

Anonymous

5/10/2022 05:40 PM

As someone diagnosed with depression and generalized anxiety disorder, parks are essential during my workday. Workers will be happier and businesses will attract more community members as they visit nearby parks.

Anonymous

7/10/2022 00·42 PM

More parks would help employees relax and get in touch with nature

Anonymous

5/11/2022 08:55 AM

Look at how pleasant and interesting Mueller is thanks to the little

parks.

Anonymous

5/11/2022 09:31 AM

Better access would result in more usage.

Anonymous

5/11/2022 12:03 PM

Additional Property will will add cost and reduce overall affordability of

goods and products generated within the City limits

Anonymous

5/12/2022 11:25 AM

I think it would increase usage of the commercial space which would be good for retail, mixed-use or other types of commercial spaces. It

could increase employee wellness for employees in the offices near

parks.

Anonymous

The cost burden that PARD is putting on commercial development is

5/12/2022 11:26 AM

intrusive and negatively affecting the overall cost of the City. Developers do not absorb the cost from PARD; it is passed down to the consumer. This means, as a citizen, I will pay for the Developers' cost twice if not three times. Please audit the PARD review fees, the PARD review process, and the real reason for this ordinance proposal.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 11:27 AM

Stop adding regulations! Austin is already overburdened

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 11:30 AM

It is really important for a person's mental health to have close access to a park during the work day. It helps reduce stress and get reenergized.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 11:54 AM

The more parkland and natural open spaces helps process problem solving, creativity and mental breaks.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 12:00 PM

Austin is facing extreme affordability challenges and by putting more regulations and restrictions on private developers this will only worsen our affordability crisis. Property owners/managers will not cut into their profits and all of these additional project costs will be passed on to tenants which in turn will be passed on to their employees and the citizens of Austin.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 12:09 PM

Fee in lieu of...takes away from existing communities in areas zoned commercial...

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 12:14 PM

This will impact affordability of office rents and come directly out of small businesses pockets. This is a double dip of the residential parkland ordinance and complete ludicrous.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 12:18 PM

Developing cost in Austin is high as it is. Adding Parkland Dedication would just add to the cost, therefore the cost to for new commercial developments would be too high, therefore additional commercial development would decrease and reduce job and economic growth.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 12:22 PM

it would bring more people to that location.

# Anonymous

If parkland nearby, the business might offer seating including it, e.g. a

5/12/2022 12:54 PM

view or access to the parkland for ingress and exit.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 12:55 PM

If a wild natural area were nearby employees could have a refuge from development to decompress and reconnect with nature. If the park were filled with man made so called "amenities", then you might as well not even have the parkland dedication because it would defeat the purpose of having a park. The clutter would have no positive relaxing affect.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 01:02 PM

The parkland space would reduce the amount of site area available for the commercial use. A fee could be an option, but then wouldn't this ordinance just be a money grab?

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 01:04 PM

Having more parks, especially smaller urban lots more readily available to business and work locations would get used more frequently and would increase use. I don't know enough about the ordinance and its impacts on affordability however. Right now Austin needs affordable housing and more funding for Public Schools more than it needs another park, those two aspects are in dire need of money. Public AISD Schools and Affordable Housing.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 01:21 PM

More funding offers more possibility of making great parks.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 01·26 PN

Businesses will think they won't benefit, because they often look only at the immediate bottom line, but in the long-term, we would all benefit from this, especially businesses.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 01:44 PM

Public parks and green spaces are good for everyone

## Anonymous

5/12/2022 02:15 PM

The cost of living in Austin is completely out of control. Every year the City makes new regulations which make the problem worse.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 02:33 PM

Any costs would presumably be passed to consumers to take the hit.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 03:20 PM

I think that businesses don't like anything that costs more, but I don't think that this kind of ordinance would have a very significant effect on them.

5/12/2022 03:39 PM

It's a proven fact people work better surrounded by nature. And for comercial use, parks attracts more families which in turn will bring more business.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 04:31 PM

Provide employees an opportunity to enjoy outside.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 04:45 PM

Green space with trees and nature is essential to people's mental and physical health. We need to keep more green space in Austin and stop paving over every piece of land with a building. The health of people who work depends on this. Austin is growing much hotter because of climate change and building so dense in the inner city without more open green space is going to make it unbearable to live and work in the City during the summer months of May-Oct without more green space!

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 04:59 PM

Stepping away for a break from a stressful or challenging task is a great way to reset, and the ability to do this in a nearby park would encourage and enhance the reset.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 09:01 PM

Commercial sites greater than 2 acres are already required to dedicate 5% private common open space of the gross site area in accordance LDC 25-2, Subchapter E. Therefore, by principle, the City is 'double dipping' when quantifying their Parkland needs. Especially when commuters from other Cities are involved. The developer will pass these costs (which I understand have yet to be defined or quantified) to tenants of commercial properties. Increasing rent, and therefore consumer prices for citizens. The developers will not 'eat' these fees. The quality of the building proposed may deteriorate as value engineering is considered to meet rising land and construction costs. Therefore, the very employees, visitors, etc. this supposed ordinance is intended to benefit (which we must not forget are.... at work....) may have a less quality space to shop, work 40+ hrs/week, etc. The quality of the architecture of the Central Business District may suffer if fees are imposed on new commercial office and mixed use buildings. If I am visiting a gas station, I don't want to hang out at a park. If I'm visiting a strip mall, furniture store, car dealership, same answer. I am there for a purpose, and I leave. Operations of a convenience store may not be impacted, but the costs certainly will be.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 10:04 PM

Would improve productivity

5/12/2022 11:19 PM

Recruiting employees will be easier if there is parkland accessible from work. Customers will visit the park and the nearby business will get more foot traffic.

# Anonymous

5/13/2022 10:23 AN

It would be great if employees can get outside during lunch and breaks just to get fresh air and feel more relaxed. Sadly, some people still need outside space to smoke, so this type of space should be separated from outdoor space for non-smokers.

## Anonymous

5/13/2022 10:57 AM

Any fee increase to development will only increase the cost of living and operating a business in Austin. These fees are ultimately passed through to both business and residential tenants.

# Anonymous

5/13/2022 11:09 AM

Parks = better mental & physical health = better productivity and creativity

# Anonymous

5/13/2022 12:44 PM

any mechanism that creates more park space is good for everyone in the city; otherwise, you have an increasing number of people trying to use the same amount of park space.

# Anonymous

5/13/2022 02:11 PM

Generally the parks we have in town are great and I do not believe having any additional parks would change the operations of the business

## Anonymous

5/13/2022 05:45 PM

it will become more un affordable to live in austin. its a joke that the city administrators and council and the mayor stand on their pulpit and say how unaffordable austin is yet they keep making it more and more unaffordable by adding fees and more fees and more fees to the development process. you cant tax developers enough to make up for what the city wants all you do is make it more unaffordable. totally disnengenous. and then the parks department takes the money and squanders it and cant even take care of what it currently has much less take on new parks when it cant operate the parks that it already has. another sham and mis management by government.

# Anonymous

5/14/2022 12:39 PM

The money should come from the city, not private business

# Anonymous

Everybody likes parks. Businesses will benefit from nearby parks b/c

5/15/2022 02:45 PM

their employees and customers like parks.

## Anonymous

5/16/2022 07:21 AM

The city does a poor job of regulating 'camper's 'homeless' and illegal behavior in public and natural spaces.

# Anonymous

5/16/2022 09:07 AM

It is still more of a financial burden in an already expensive (almost unattainable) endeavor. At the very least, it should only apply to larger developments. But fundamentally, all the employees I know either go for runs or bike in nearby residential areas (parkland would not help) or they go to a gym (parkland would not help). Commercial is already a service to residential areas so plenty of opportunities already exist and the commercial is already servicing the citizens and should not discouraged more by raising prices still more high.

# Anonymous

5/16/2022 09:35 AM

It depends on the ordinance and the situation. If it's very costly then the commercial customer may not be able to spend as much on the building or operations which could negatively impact those visiting or working in the building. The exterior space may be more enjoyable if that's relevant to the specific use of the building and the parkland is provided on site. Employees and visitors would potentially use that space. However if they just pay money for a park elsewhere, it benefits the community but not the operations of the business directly.

## Anonymous

5/16/2022 02:42 PM

Not sure if it would be material for businesses across the board

# Anonymous

5/16/2022 10:13 PM

People need parks

# Anonymous

5/17/2022 12:12 PM

Employees' improved access to parklands makes for happier employees. Happier employees leads to increased productivity and team cohesion. Better productivity and increased teamwork leads to better business operations.

# Anonymous

5/19/2022 03·30 PM

I believe it's important to require green space because the constant construction of commercial development has destroyed our green space, they tear down everything to use up any space to increase their profit and we're left without any greenery. We need the green for fresh air, for mental and physical health, to have a different space than the office to walk, meet or meditate. It's been proven that nature affects our health in many different ways (physically, mentally and

emotionally) and if we don't have an ordinance obligating companies to prioritize green space we'll lose everything because they don't care otherwise, they just care about their profit and that doesn't include nature.

# Anonymous

5/18/2022 10:44 PM

Since the business is operating in Austin, having increased parkland would make the business more desirable for employees, visitors, and patrons of the business.

# Anonymous

5/20/2022 10:03 AM

Having nearby parkland would encourage visitors and local traffic

to/from the business

# Anonymous

5/23/2022 02:11 PM

It is likely to negatively impact affordability in the City

# Anonymous

5/24/2022 10:14 AM

Employees would have a better quality of work experience if they have more access to the outdoors. Access to recreation trails attracts potential employees to our region and improves property values, and residents that are active are more likely to patron businesses nearby. Employees that have access to outdoors are happier and stay longer at their places of work.

# Anonymous

5/24/2022 12:41 PM

The ordinance would lead to greater support and resources for Austin's parks system and this benefits everyone. Actions such as these also increase trust in local government because time/energy/resources are spent on projects that reflect Austin residents' values.

## Anonymous

5/24/2022 02:49 PM

The city does a very poor job of maintaining park spaces and additional space would only worsen conditions for all existing and new facilities.

# Anonymous

5/24/2022 02:58 PM

Any additional fees are contrary to the City's goal of being a more affordable city. Work with the parkland dedications fees that were increased last year on the residential projects.

# Anonymous

5/24/2022 03:15 PM

Any city run establishment is not well run.

# Anonymous

The value in a park is in its proximity to residential areas. Using the

5/24/2022 03:49 PM

park before or after work is merely a commute and not germane to the use of the office, retail, or industrial building.

#### Anonymous

5/24/2022 04:14 PM

Hope this video inspires y'all as much as it did for me! It's about Greening City Spaces: https://youtu.be/Tl6huufTY9M "What does a small footprint city look like outside of our homes? How do we use small footprint thinking to better connect ourselves with nature and culture? This connection helps us live happier, healthier lives, but as Rob Adams shares in Melbourne's Southbank suburb, better planning is often set aside in the name of maximizing building space.

Landscape architect Claire Martin and Victoria's first registered architect with an Indigenous background, Jefa Greenaway are taking on the task of improving Melbourne's public, cultural and green spaces by finding Innovative ways to incorporate them into the identity of our growing city. Giving everyone in the city an opportunity to reconnect with nature and a true sense of place."

# Anonymous

5/24/2022 04:54 PM

Adding additional fees in the process will ultimately be passed down to tenants of the spaces. This would impose a higher cost of living on those affected rather than a broad tax increase over the whole population.

# Anonymous

5/24/2022 09:19 PM

I don't necessarily think that the "operations" would deteriorate but the added cost, or burden, of parkland dedication gets baked into the bottom line of the development which increases market rents and could deter future business from expanding or coming to the Austin market. It's better to keep the costs on residential and hotel users because if businesses come, then they have to pay their employee's based on the cost of living in Austin and hotel users will come as long as the City remains a tourist and convention destination.

# Anonymous

5/25/2022 06:14 AM

With inflation on the rise, makes it harder to keep affordable

# Anonymous

5/25/2022 09:48 AM

Increasing the cost of new development will raise the cost of living in the city, and further exacerbate the affordability issues that Austin is experiencing.

# Anonymous

5/25/2022 10:52 AM

The majority of commercial developments do not have the amount of land to dedicate parkland which means they will pay fee in lieu. How and where the City ends up spending those dollars is a black hole with no transparency.

5/25/2022 05:38 PM

How is the city using it's astronomical increase in the existing parkland dedication fees required by residential and hospitality developments? An additional fee imposed on residents, employers, employees, tenants, and landlords will only worsen the affordability crisis in the City of Austin. City officials talk about the affordability crisis yet continue to pass ordinances and provide directives to city staff that worsen affordability.

# Anonymous

5/28/2022 06·19 AM

All developments will become more expensive, increasing the affordability crisis we already have here. Having an accommodative business climate in Austin will help spur further economic grow, otherwise business will move to the suburbs where there are more favorable development standards.

# Anonymous

5/28/2022 10:47 AM

I think having a connection to nature through parkland could make working at a site more enjoyable. But the land could also be used for other things that would make working at a site enjoyable, like having businesses around for social activities like bars, restaurants, and live music venues. Or having businesses nearby for important errands like grocery stores. Working at a site could be more enjoyable if sites weren't allowed to put in quick-build ugly warehouse-type buildings with massive parking lots and instead were required to incorporate natural areas into their site, with architectural requirements for buildings, mandatory walking and biking facilities, and no large surface parking lots. We also need WAY MORE recreational fields in Austin. People have to go far out into the suburbs to play on full soccer fields.

# Anonymous

5/31/2022 07:56 AM

Too busy to visit a park around the office. Does not serve the masses well.

# Anonymous

5/31/2022 10:02 AM

I think affordability in this City is a bigger problem and adding fees to commercial development for parkland will only make affordability worse. It would be better to have commercial development pay a fee for housing and not parkland.

# Anonymous

5/31/2022 11:56 PM

We know access to nature and parks correlates with better health and well being. That can only be of benefit to employers, employees and patrons.

# Anonymous

The fee-in-lieu funds will lead to better park maintenance, while the

new parkland will expand our options

# Anonymous

6/01/2022 06:45 PM

Cost of commercial space would increase and create barrier to entry to small business and companies looking to lease space.

# Anonymous

Requiring a portion of commercial property to dedicate parkland directly impacts the affordability of Austin. Requiring parkland dedication of land would reduce the buildable footprint and overall square footage of the development. Requiring parkland dedication fees would increase the cost of development. These factors, individually or combined, increase the relative cost of development and the yield on cost (a development's annual net operating income divided by the cost to develop), which would require higher rents to justify the development, which ultimately affects the bottom line of any business/tenants needed to occupy the building(s). If we continue to prioritize parkland over affordability, businesses/employers/developers/investors will look somewhere

other than Austin, like they are already beginning to do.

# Anonymous

6/02/2022 11:56 AM

As the city grows an ordinance like this is necessary do we don't lose green space. Also looking to Houston as an example of too much pavement = more flooding potential.

# Anonymous

6/02/2022 12:34 PM

Employees would use the land during breaks, which would improve employee satisfaction

# Anonymous

6/02/2022 12:48 PM

greenspaces improve the human outlook. Many studies have proven this to be true.

# Anonymous

6/02/2022 03:57 PM

More buy-in by affected individuals. Texas has some of the fewest parkland and public natural spaces of any state. Having more is good for everyone. Plus, austin is moving more towards becoming a major city and that does not seem to be slowing down.

# Anonymous

6/03/2022 10:45 AM

There's plenty of studies to reference, that show the numerous benefits of green space when incorporated into your daily routines; thus, happier employees, are good for business.

# Anonymous

Rent and /or sale costs for office space will increase to pay for the increased fees, making space availability and overhead burden a real issue.

## Anonymous

6/03/2022 01:21 PM

Similar to Barton Springs commercial sites and how people frequent them when visiting Zilker Park

# Anonymous

6/03/2022 01:21 PM

patrons would have the opportunity to "hang out" near the business in the manner of their choosing - on the grass, in large groups, with messy children, with pets on leash, with goods and services from other businesses, etc. but, if it ends up being messy, or unsafe, operations might deteriorate

# Anonymous

6/03/2022 01:27 PM

Employees would be happier

# Anonymous

6/03/2022 01:26 PM

It would give employees a place to relax.

## Anonymous

6/03/2022 01:26 PM

So much research that shows we are more 'productive' when we take mental and physical health breaks outdoors.

# Anonymous

6/03/2022 01:29 PM

People can escape to nature for needed stress relief or re-energizing from their work load. If people can experience nature throughout the day, they may be more focused and productive during their hours of work. Commercial businesses seem to set aside outdoor space for smokers, but not for people who want to get some fresh air.

# Anonymous

6/03/2022 01:27 PM

Morale would increase. Staff would have chance to eat or walk outside to rejuvenate.

# Anonymous

6/03/2022 01:30 PM

I find that having a park or public space nearby makes an area feel livelier and friendlier and contributes to a positive impression of it in the future. For a place of work, it becomes a space where I can meet with coworkers or have lunch with them if we realize we need to get out of the office for a bit. Near retail space, a park creates a space where one can spend some time hanging out away from the hustle and bustle before deciding to return again.

# Anonymous

6/03/2022 01:41 PM

If an employee does feels they are in a concrete island with no space to think, grow or exercise - their mental capacity goes down. With commercial areas broken up by green spaces the greater work environment will feel more expansive and improve productivity.

Anonymous

6/03/2022 01:48 PM

The more access and time employees have in nature/ outdoor

spaces, the more happy and productive they are.

Anonymous

6/03/2022 01:53 PM

Austin is known for parks and green space, and this helps bring that

point to commercial business as well.

bmeacham

6/03/2022 01:53 PM

Employees could go to the park and come back refreshed and able to

work more or better.

Anonymous

6/03/2022 01:57 PM

Greedy people will take and not give back to the folks who can't afford services and outdoor areas. Those who don't have lots of green personal property around them desperately need the parks.

Anonymous

6/03/2022 02:13 PM

Research proves our mental and physical health is linked to nature and the outdoors. Access to nature through the commercial parkland dedication ordinance will help reduce stress and depression, promote positive emotions, helps recover from mental fatigue and facilitate

cognitive functioning.

Anonymous

6/03/2022 02:15 PM

It's just different.

Anonymous

6/03/2022 02:44 PM

Park trafic could favor the businesses or be an attraction to bring in

more customers.

Anonymous

6/03/2022 02:51 PM

Parkland dedication would not only increase the amount of greenspace within an area (increasing aesthetic in a quickly growing metropolitan area), but also improve the quality of living and access

to public amenities for residents.

Anonymous

6/03/2022 02:51 PM

Chance to relax and avoid workplace errors

Anonymous

6/03/2022 02:57 PM

I don't think the existence of parkland near an office impacts operations. It may impact worker morale in a small way, but probably

not directly affecting operations in a measurable amount.

Anonymous	Mental breaks/connection to nature improve wellbeing and
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6/03/2022 03:03 PM	productivity
Anonymous	If nothing else covid proved to me that outdoor green space daily is
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6/03/2022 03:37 PM	important.
Anonymous	Parks & green spaces help connect people & nature, thereby creating
Anonymous	
6/03/2022 03:46 PM	opportunities for growth & creativity.
Ananymaus	IMO group appears AND activity appears are accontrol for maintain
Anonymous	IMO, green spaces AND activity spaces are essential for maintain
6/03/2022 03:54 PM	work-life balance, or better yet, work-life integration. As it is for many,
	my only breaks from cubicles and computer screens are before/after
	work and lunch. It can be nice to take a lunch break outdoors/at an
	outdoor picnic table with a reasonably nice view and atmosphere,
	and having nearby parks makes it more manageable/realistic to get in
	a hike or sports-related activity/league as a regular part of a
	daily/weekly routing. I'm all for a parkland dedication ordinance
	daily/weekly routine. I'm all for a parkland dedication ordinance.
Anonymous	More people should translate to more money and staff
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6/03/2022 04:05 PM	
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Anonymous	I think businesses would be less efficient because they would lose
6/03/2022 04:09 PM	valuable real estate that could be used in the operation of their
	business.
Anonymous	I actually have no idea what impact said ordinance would have
Anonymous	
6/03/2022 04:18 PM	therefii just voted as staying the same. But truly I don't know
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Anonymous	nearby access to green space improves mental relaxation & physical
6/03/2022 04:27 PM	health for workers
Anonymous	People would stay mentally and physically healthier so they would
6/03/2022 04:50 PM	want to stay working and be more productive doing so.
SISSIESE UT.SU I IVI	want to stay working and so more productive doing so.
Anonymous	Operations aren't tied to parkland and its availability.
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6/03/2022 05:00 PM	
Ananymaus	Happier and more productive employees and constraint while Herring
Anonymous	Happier and more productive employees and general public. Having
6/03/2022 06:15 PM	access to nature and parks helps everyone!

Anonymous There can't be too much green space and it's always a talent draw. 6/03/2022 07:41 PM Anonymous Employee health and well being would improve . 6/03/2022 08:26 PM People will feel more comfortable walking to & from commercial Anonymous 6/03/2022 09:34 PM spaces. Anonymous They will just pay a fee instead. If a company is putting in a large 6/04/2022 07:50 AM commercial space, they should have green/park space onsite or nearby Anonymous Allow for outdoor space access before during and after work There is so much land growth and development in commercial Anonymous 6/04/2022 08:31 AM building that is not included in the current ordinance. I work as a teacher in Del Valle in the Hornsby Bend area. I pass Tesla twice a day and the airport. The growth and development taking place is not hotels and residents. It is mostly commercial. I'd love to see another park close to that area, especially with the land being around the Lower Colorado River. Anonymous It would improve mental and physical health leading to higher productivity Anonymous Not all types of businesses, of course, but strategically, retail and office owners/tenants prefer to be in/near a critical mass of amenities to draw customers/tenants/employess/etc. together. Especially when these amenities are not directly included in rent costs, etc. Example: A tenant can get an increased return because of a nearby amenity they are not paying for. And, perhaps, wouldn't need as much rent dedicated to parking. This is all obvious, but just saying ......!

# Anonymous 6/05/2022 02:39 PM

Anonymous

6/04/2022 08:04 PM

The public spaces in the city are lacking funding to maintain a safe and enjoyable environment and this would make a difference.

Improve employee morale/health

I don't think it would impact business

6/05/2022 03:10 PM

Anonymous For all the benefits parks provide; all general health indicators

don't think it would affect the businesses Anonymous

6/05/2022 06:59 PM

Operations would improve, as employees would have an easily Anonymous 6/06/2022 06:38 AM

accessible green space for walking, personal conversations, outdoor meetings or breaks. Please specifically designate smoking areas in

another part of facility.

Anonymous

With so much commercial development going on, we need an 6/06/2022 07:17 AM

ordinance to protect parklands.

Anonymous

The connection between mental health and access to nature is well documented. I believe that better access to parkland and natural

areas will boost employee morale and improve wellbeing.

Anonymous

6/06/2022 10:04 AM

I guess it would be nice to have more parks near offices?

Anonymous

Overall better site design for the commercial property, outdoor space

for employees to take a break and reset during the day.

Anonymous

6/06/2022 01:19 PM

People gravitate to outdoor/nature and it can act as an amenity

offered to those visiting the establishment.

Anonymous

6/06/2022 05:46 PM

Im a tad fearful of even more 'commercial development' in our city.

Anonymous

A balance between commercial developments and parks will create a steady flow of visitors on a daily basis. One clear example is Mueller

park, which has a large area of land dedicated to park and

playground plus bathroom facilities, and on the other side, you find a commercial and restaurant area that naturally funnels visitors back

and forth.

# Anonymous

6/07/2022 10:58 AV

They are not impacted by the ordinance due to the fact that operations and fees aren't tied to parkland and how available it is made to our residents of Austin. There is little to no oversight on how these fees are spent and how they are improving our existing parks.

# Anonymous

6/07/2022 12:01 PM

Austin has seen and continues to experience massive corporate development and investment. If businesses contributed to our green spaces and parks as part of the Parkland Dedication Ordinance, Austin would see greater funding for management of public parkland, acquisition of new parkland, and be able to improve maintenance for park amenities and facilities.

# Anonymous

6/07/2022 06:36 PM

Increasing costs would be passed on to businesses and then

consumers.

# Anonymous

6/08/2022 08:55 AM

I feel as if we have improved parkland and facilities in close proximity to one's place of work, the space will be taken advantage. This will then lead to happier employees. The other factor is customers may take advantage could be customers now visiting the park and business since they are so close.

## Anonymous

6/08/2022 09:10 AM

Nature reduces stress

# Anonymous

6/08/2022 09:17 AM

I'm not sure how the ordinance would be implemented. I think it would be benefit the community if the dedicated land was actually accessible to the wider community sometimes these operations cut off park access to others

# Anonymous

6/08/2022 12:42 PM

They are taking land away from the public, increasing traffic, reducing space for trees and are increasing the heat island effect.

# Anonymous

6/08/2022 03:51 PM

Scientific research finding worker productivity positively correlates with health of worker, and health of worker increases with exercise,

nature immersion

# Anonymous

6/08/2022 04:45 PM

much needed funding for the maintenance and sustainability of public parks. Adding more green spaces to the city

Operations don't seem to be the determining factor of parkland and

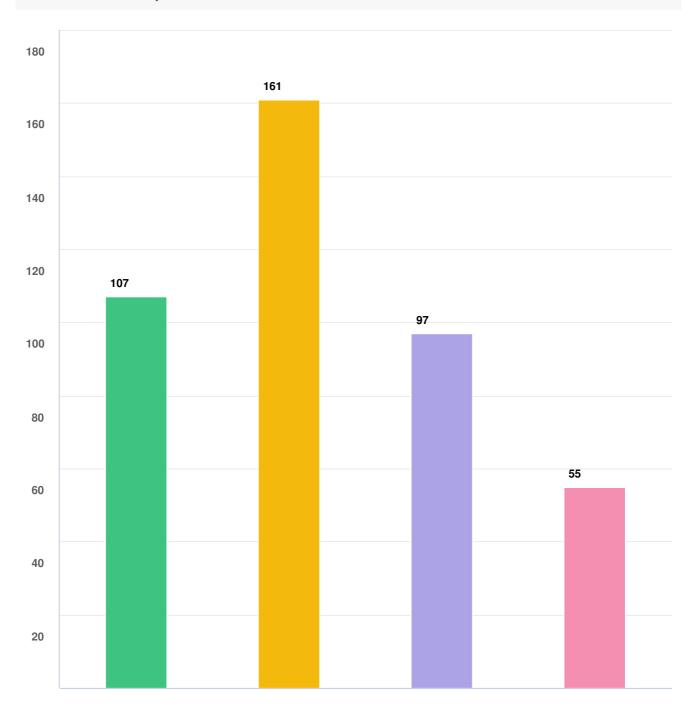
6/08/2022 05:42 PM

it's availability?

Optional question (142 response(s), 54 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

# Q7 What types of park amenities do you think would be most useful next to office commercial development?

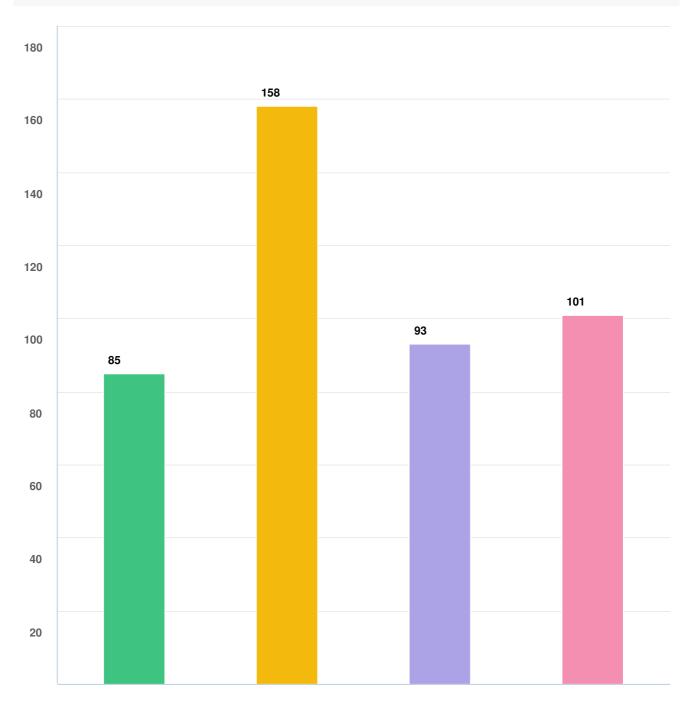


# **Question options**

- Active recreation (trails, sports courts and fields, exercise equipment, playgrounds or nature play, disc golf, etc.)
- Passive recreation (benches, gardens, picnic areas and pavilions, water features, beautiful views, etc.)
- Facilities (water fountains, restrooms, community meeting spaces, bike fix stations, grills, commuter showers, bike storage, etc.)
- Oultural (art, educational, environmental, historic or heritage interpretive signage, etc.)

Optional question (178 response(s), 18 skipped) Question type: Checkbox Question

# Q8 What types of park amenities do you think would be most useful next to retail commercial development?

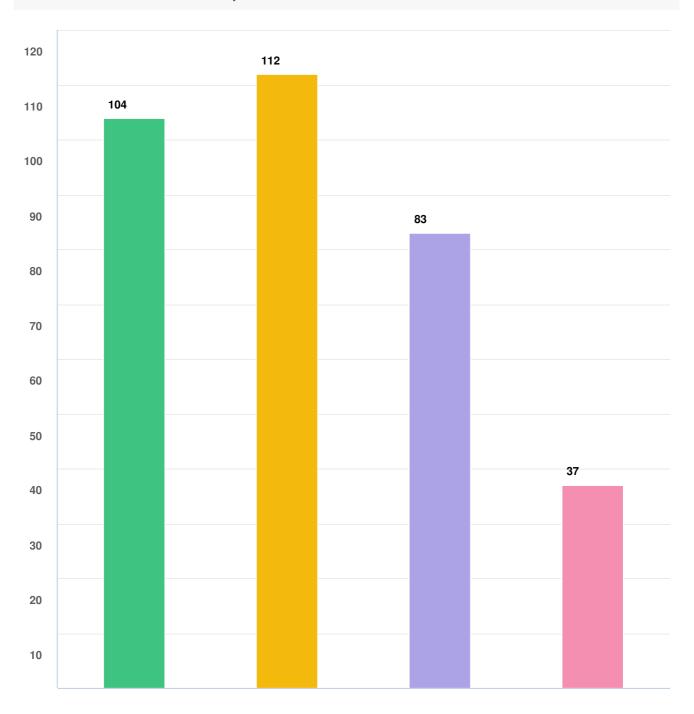


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- Oultural (art, educational, environmental, historic or heritage interpretive signage, etc.)

Optional question (182 response(s), 14 skipped) Question type: Checkbox Question

# Q9 What types of park amenities do you think would be most useful next to industrial or warehouse commercial development?

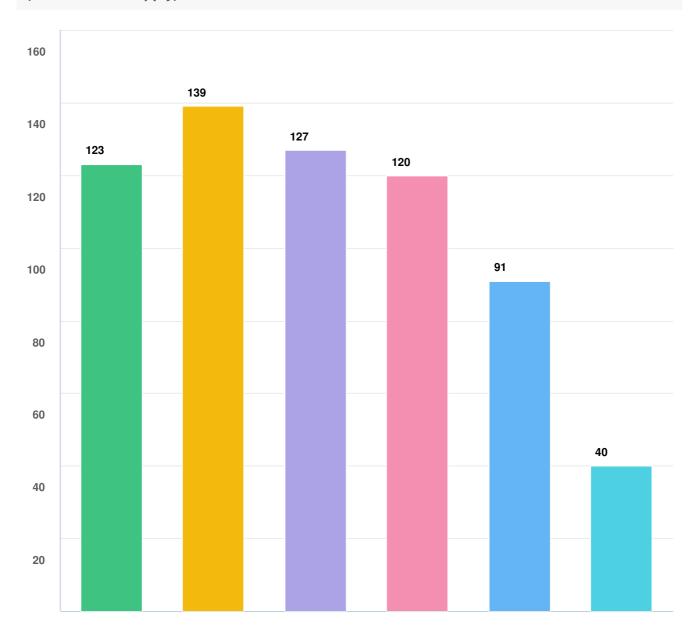


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- Oultural (art, educational, environmental, historic or heritage interpretive signage, etc.)

Optional question (165 response(s), 31 skipped) Question type: Checkbox Question

# Q10 When would requiring a new park be appropriate for a new commercial development? (choose all that apply)

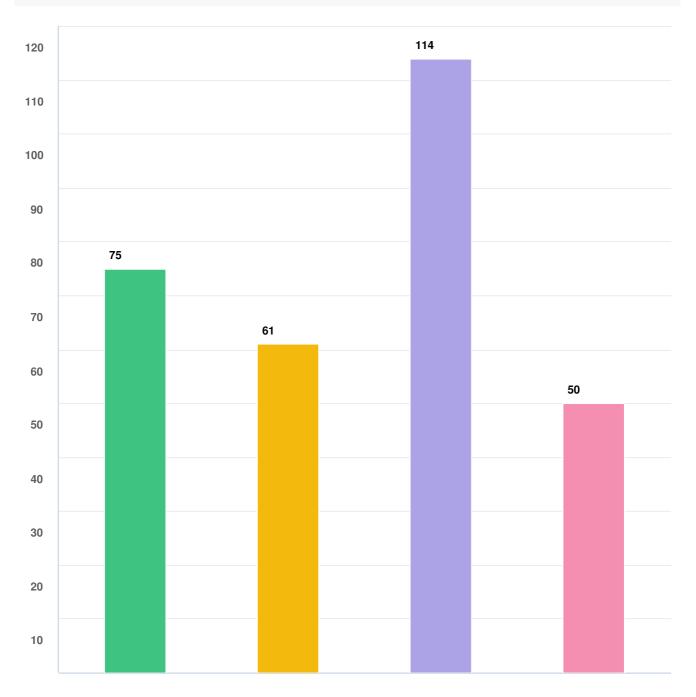


# **Question options**

- If the commercial development is adjacent to (next to) an existing park and a trail through the commercial property would expand or enhance public access to the park
- If the commercial development is located along a greenbelt or trail network, and a trail through the commercial property would help complete the trail and expand or enhance public access to the greenbelt
- If there is no existing parkland in the area
- If the commercial development exceeds a certain number of employees or square footage and a park would benefit the employees as well as reduce their impact on existing parkland
- If the commercial development serves customers with recreational needs (e.g., play feature or dog park at a restaurant)
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (186 response(s), 10 skipped) Question type: Checkbox Question

# Q11 When do you think a commercial development should be exempt from some or all of the commercial parkland dedication requirements? (choose all that apply)



# **Question options**

- If the commercial development is a non-profit, 5013C, hospital, governmental agency, day care, hospice or convalescent living (e.g., nursing home) or other service providing public benefit
- If the commercial development or business is certified by a city program that it is contributing to affordability, diversity and equity
- If the commercial development is smaller than a fixed square footage or for limited number of employees.
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (176 response(s), 20 skipped) Question type: Checkbox Question

# Q12 Is there anything else you would like to share about Commercial Development Parkland Dedication?

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 11·26 AM

The PARD review fees should be eliminated (because PARD is a general fund department), or PARD reviewers moved to DSD. The parkland dedication requirements need Staff with big-picture oversight - parkland dedication staff are too narrowly focused and can rarely understand the larger implications of Code and Criteria.

## Anonymous

5/12/2022 11:27 AM

Please, please please stop adding more rules. Austin is becoming

unlivable!

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 11:30 AM

Everyone should have access to a park.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 12:00 PM

This is a terrible idea that will continue to drive up costs in Austin and make our great City more unaffordable. This is something that does not need to be over regulated; private property owners/managers already self regulate this type of amenity. If Office owners want to lure tenants they provide parklike amenities and these amenities are privately maintained; this does not need to be a public requirement. On top of the impact that this will have to development costs, what is the plan for maintaining all of these facilities? This is another cost burden that will be passed on to the residents of Austin. I'm very disappointed in the leadership at the City of Austin for initiating this ordinance. Affordability is at the forefront of our problems as a community and this type of ordinance will only make things less affordable.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 12:00 PM

It is always necessary to have a park nearby for mental and physical well-being, no exemptions for any reason.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 12:09 PM

For every Commercial Parkland Dedication, Art should be a part of

the concept, always.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 12:14 PM

Completely oppose it unless residential parkland requirements are

reduced to even it out and not double dip.

## Anonymous

Parkland Dedication for Commercial development is a bad idea.

5/12/2022 12·18 PM

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 12:22 PM

All working people need access to green space, well maintained green, recreational space. The burden on a food cart should be proportionally less than for a nursing home or commercial office.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 12:54 PM

Austin definitely needs more parkland. My husband and I were talking about this when we saw how busy and filled with people and cars and bikes Zilker Park was this past weekend. We say the same thing in fall through early winter when so much of Zilker park is closed and unavailable to people because of ACL and Trail of Lights.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 12:55 PM

Developers should never be exempt from parkland dedication or fee in lieu.

## Anonymous

5/12/2022 01:04 PM

I really feel the city has been hurt by tradeoffs that make the city more expensive and nicer only for the wealthy. When development costs are high and commercial developers get tax breaks it only increases property taxes, forcing others out and required parkland at a commercial property that in turn creates the area overpriced for middle and low income residents only goes to serve the wealthy who are still able to afford living there. The schools get less money, teachers can't afford to live here or any service industry folks and older and minority families are being pushed out by high costs. Please ask yourself who are we making this city infinitely better for and at what cost?

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 01:44 PM

Please fund Williamson creek vision plan it has been approved for over now, what gives? South austin deserves a maintained and preserved green space and park facilities similar to all other areas of austin. TY!

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 02:15 PM

This is a terrible idea. I will oppose this at the City and if adopted go to the legislature to get it rescinded.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 03:39 PM

We need more green in our city. Austin is growing and we need cleaner air, more shade, and more space for families to be outdoors.

## Anonymous

5/12/2022 04:59 PM

I think 'fees in lieu' of parkland dedication should be very rare.

5/12/2022 06:18 PM

Nah

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 09:01 PM

This is one of the dumbest things I have ever seen the City of Austin propose in about a decade of working in the development community. I firmly believe this is an a money grab, and a land grab for particular commercially zoned sites that may connect the insanely idealistic urban trail network in key places throughout the City, as well as to realize other lofty PARD goals. This department is out of control.

# Anonymous

5/12/2022 11:19 PM

Great idea! Do it! Austin needs more green space!

# Anonymous

5/13/2022 10:23 AM

Your survey incorrectly assumes that respondents are working.

# Anonymous

5/13/2022 10:57 AM

- Commercial parkland fees should only be added with a reduction in multifamily parkland fees - Commercial parkland fees will exacerbate Austin's affordability issues - Commercial parkland fees are a "double charge" on Austin's residents, felt most by low income families - The City of Austin currently is struggling to maintain existing parks in our city – requesting additional parkland from commercial properties is less important than maintaining and improving existing parks - The City of Austin has a large parkland fund that has been underutilized to buy parks – requesting additional parkland or fees from commercial properties will not benefit residents if the dollars are not spent

# Anonymous

5/13/2022 12:44 PM

we need more park space, period. every park i go to is overrun with off leash dogs and there is no enforcement of any laws.

# Anonymous

5/13/2022 02:11 PM

The city should focus on properly utilizing the fees that they are already receiving to maintain the parks they already have. Continuing to create more parks that are under maintained seems like a large waste of money. There should also be clear requirements that the city utilize all parkland fees for parks within 1 mile of that location paying them and that these funds be clearly tracked and transparent to the community

#### Anonymous

5/13/2022 03:21 PM

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# Anonymous

5/13/2022 05:45 PM

see comments above. tax everyone if you want more parks for the whole city. you cant tax developers all the time just like you cant to fix the homeless/affordability issues by just taxing developers. if these items are truly community values then you should tax everyone in the community. a also its hard to trust the govt when they squander the dollars that they receive and cant even take care of the exiting parks they have despite getting tons of money each year from residential/muiltimfamily developments already.

# Anonymous

5/15/2022 02:45 PM

Off topic, but it would be easier for new commercial development to include parks if we reduced or eliminated parking minimums. Just saying! Thank you.

# Anonymous

5/16/2022 09:07 AN

Please don't add to the financial demands on commercial development, thus discouraging it. OR, if you have to do something, in the larger developments just require the inclusion of open space with trails or whatever (like what exists at the Bee Cave Galleria).

## Anonymous

5/16/2022 09:35 AM

On one hand parkland dedication is a nice feature in Austin but it's also anecdotally expensive, which often has developers balking at improving building and site safety features. The cost should be representative of the size and impact of the project to the City.

# Anonymous

5/16/2022 02:42 PM

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# Anonymous

Please do everything you can not to ruin the city you probably aren't a

5/16/2022 10:13 PM

native of Thx!

# Anonymous

5/17/2022 09:20 AM

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# Anonymous

5/18/2022 12:20 AM

I'd like to see more parks within walking distance of workplaces.

# Anonymous

5/18/2022 10:44 PM

It seems like it would be more equitable to have commercial developers share in the parkland dedication fees, because their employees, visitors, and patrons are benefitting from parkland equally, and commercial developers should share in the cost of parkland.

# Anonymous

5/20/2022 07:27 PM

ALL commercial (and gov't) property in the city should move away from non-native plants/grasses and commit to wildflowers, native trees only and stop creating lawns that are mowed. We are in an ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS. Does Austin need to burn to the ground or have no water for government & commercial business to change its ways?

## Anonymous

5/23/2022 02:11 PM

Parkland Dedication ordinances are already negatively impacting housing affordability in the City of Austin. Adding another dedication requirements will only further hamper affordability and increase the cost of living in the City and would be a poor policy mandate. There are already parkland dedication fees in place. The parks department can and should use those fees from the existing ordinances to purchase parkland where they see fit.

## Anonymous

5/24/2022 09:47 AM

Require apartments to leave old oaks on property. Integrate with nature vs just dozing it over and creating a dust bowl. I moved to Austin for the natural beauty. A lot of people worked really hard over the years to fight developers from paving this unique Texas gem.

5/24/2022 10:14 AM

A portion of those funds should go to supporting the work City parks does with the American YouthWorks Texas Conservation Corps (or the Austin Civilian Conservation Corps) to ensure funding for the trail development and parkland improvements and maintenance, and habitat restoration will help ensure the longterm care of parks is considered. Those programs do a lot of work for the city parks and they develop the future workforce for the city parks department.

# Anonymous

5/24/2022 02:58 PM

DON'T DO IT.

## Anonymous

5/24/2022 03:49 PM

This is a poorly thought-out idea and a way to avoid having to go to voters/users of parks for a residential fee increase or increase in user fees.

# Anonymous

5/24/2022 04:28 PM

I do not support it here or on residential developments.

# Anonymous

5/24/2022 09:19 PM

I don't support a commercial parkland dedication ordinance. Too many commercial spaces are already empty in new buildings due to high land costs. We don't need to add this burden to any commercial users. We should instead increase hotel dedication requirements. That is a luxury use.

# Anonymous

5/25/2022 10:52 AN

I think if you want private developers to fund or provide parkland, you need to be giving them incentives on their development, not asking them for money or land. Dedicating land reduces developers property size which in turn reduces their development rights. Provide development bonuses to properties who decide parkland is a benefit to them and the community they are building in, don't charge them!

## Anonymous

5/25/2022 05:38 PM

AFFORDABILITY IS A HIGHER PRIORITY THAN PARKLAND.

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# Anonymous

5/28/2022 06·19 AM

This ordinance would create more problems than it would solve.

# Anonymous

5/28/2022 10:47 AM

Under the proposed rules, industrial areas are incentivized. These sites are put in lower income areas of the city where there is the least amount of neighborhood activism. The sites are an inefficient use of space, offer very little to neighborhoods, and cause the most environmental harm. They typically have large surface parking lots and large building footprints with very few stories. Developers can build these large-footprint facilities of cheap materials and methods and now would have to dedicate the least amount of park space. This is a backwards approach. Industrial sites should have to contribute the most parkland for offering the least benefit to a community.

# Anonymous

5/28/2022 06:12 PM

Off leash dog parks are much needed!

# Anonymous

5/31/2022 07:56 AN

Just because 1 or 2 other cities in the state are doing it does not mean you HAVE to do it.

# Anonymous

5/31/2022 10:02 AM

I think affordability in this City is a bigger problem and adding fees to commercial development for parkland will only make affordability worse. It would be better to have commercial development pay a fee for housing and not parkland.

# Anonymous

5/31/2022 11:56 PM

So excited this is happening! Thank you!!

# Anonymous

6/01/2022 10:00 AM

This has to be balanced so it doesn't encourage stunting of commercial development. We still are in dire need of density and letting developments off the hook because they are under a number of employees or square footage may encourage further sprawl and environmental degradation

# Anonymous

6/01/2022 06:45 PM

This only funds new parks, per state law, so in the long term what is the plan for the city to maintain these parks in perpetuity? The several City parks near my house are in severe disrepair (Mary Moore Searight specifically), and repairs are slow and cumbersome. Do taxes go up yet again to pay for the maintenance of all these new parks that are also going to increase commercial rents and development costs?

# Anonymous

6/03/2022 01:12 PM

If you continue to restrict development and implement higher and/or more fees, then employers/residents will begin fleeing Austin in search of more affordable cities. STOP RUINING OUR CITY!!!

# Anonymous

6/02/2022 11:56 AM

We need more access to parks through parking, bike racks, public transport etc. Many of our parks are hard to use because it's difficult to find a way there.

# Anonymous

6/02/2022 12:48 PM

fees for parkland development should be commensurate with actual build-out costs. Residential fees per unit have shown to be woefully lacking

# Anonymous

6/02/2022 03:57 PM

Please implement it. More parkland and natural spaces is a great thing for the community

# Anonymous

6/03/2022 12:24 PM

These additional fees will not directly enhance the city's parks, It will only worsen the trickle down effect of affordability in our city and the additional fees will go to the same existing fund that falls into the line of priority of public works, it will not directly enhance the areas immediately around new developments creating a tangible public benefit. This is another instance of the intent being positive but the execution will result in higher costs to the end user with no real tangible benefit to the community.

# Anonymous

6/03/2022 01:25 PM

not enough information to fully understand this survey. tried my best.

# Anonymous

6/03/2022 01:41 PM

Thank you!

# Anonymous

6/03/2022 01:48 PM

The commercial development parkland dedication addition would be amazing and would help Austin provide much needed public green space for all Austinites.

# Anonymous

6/03/2022 01:57 PM

Make commercial building make green areas around them always!

6/03/2022 02:51 PM

What does parkland dedication look like for Residential buildings? I.E. large skyscrapers with condos and such like the one's popping up on Rainey and the Eastside/ ones that have retail and offices below

Anonymous

6/03/2022 02:51 PM

Off leash dogs have created an unsafe situation for older and younger users of our neighborhood park. Our neighborhood park has become a destination for off leash dog users because there are not enough off leash spaces in the city - Underutilized city owned property should be designated for off leash dog users - Please!

Anonymous

6/03/2022 04:05 PM

It's about time!

Anonymous

6/03/2022 04:09 PM

I think a stakeholder meeting with the PARD department prior to City Council hearings should be scheduled so that everyone can have a chance to have their input heard and ask questions.

Anonymous

6/03/2022 04:50 PM

Great idea, thank you for pursuing!

Anonymous

6/03/2022 07:41 PM

The greatness of a metro area is proportional to its amount of parkland. (More park=More great!)

Anonymous

6/03/2022 09:36 PM

This program should be adjusted if it is driving businesses away from Travis County and if the new parks are observed to not being utilized by the community as anticipated.

Anonymous

6/04/2022 08:31 AM

There is so much being developed for profit in the city. I'd like to see more parks added to an already large number in the city. Keeping the green spaces is key to a smaller environmental impact from all of the development occurring.

Anonymous

6/04/2022 09:35 AM

More parks please

Anonymous

6/04/2022 08:04 PM

Even pocket parks , scattered throughout the city would be a benefit for local employees, residents, and visitors

6/05/2022 02:39 PM

Public space is a critical element in Urban settings and securing that space in conjunction with protecting the environment is a win-win. Strive to encourage investments in environmentally challenged areas that make the city a better place

## Anonymous

6/07/2022 10·58 AM

Council and staff should identify ways to utilize the existing revenue and dedication of parkland rather than adding an additional fee to increase the cost of doing business in the City. This should not be a requirement moving forward.

# Anonymous

6/08/2022 09:10 AN

There should be rules for limiting the development of parkland, in order to bring nature closer to people. Nature reduces stress.

# Anonymous

6/08/2022 12:42 PM

On another, somewhat related, note - the height of buildings, with lots of glass and offices with lights on at nigh, have a devastating effect on migrating birds and other flying creatures. There should be a way to mitigate that.

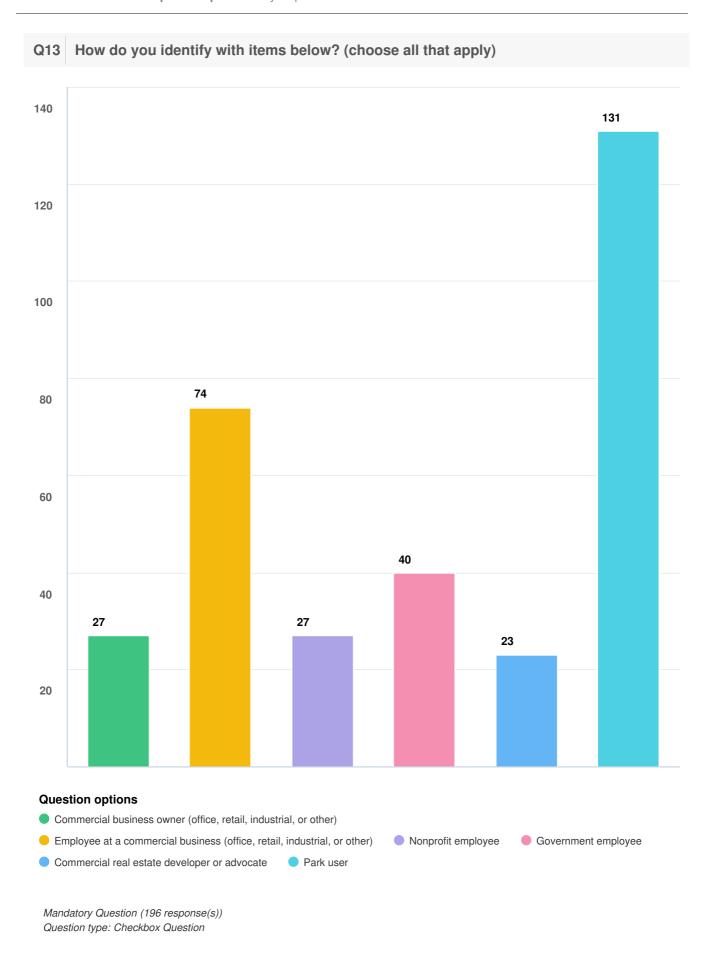
# Susan Pantell

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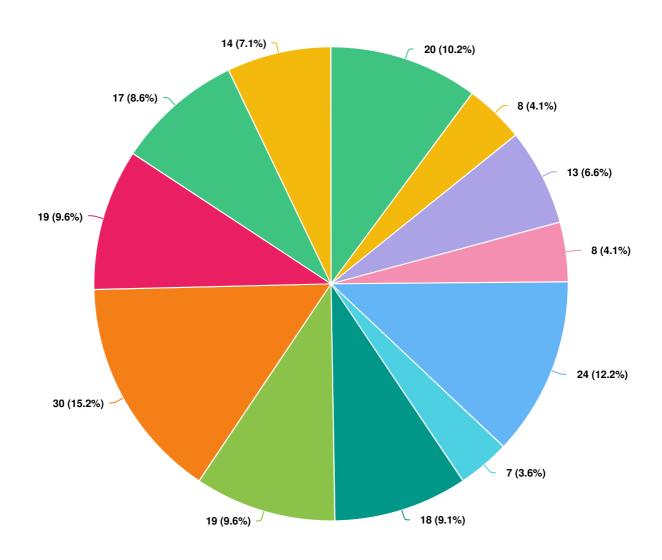
It should be available to the public, not just the employees.

Optional question (75 response(s), 121 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

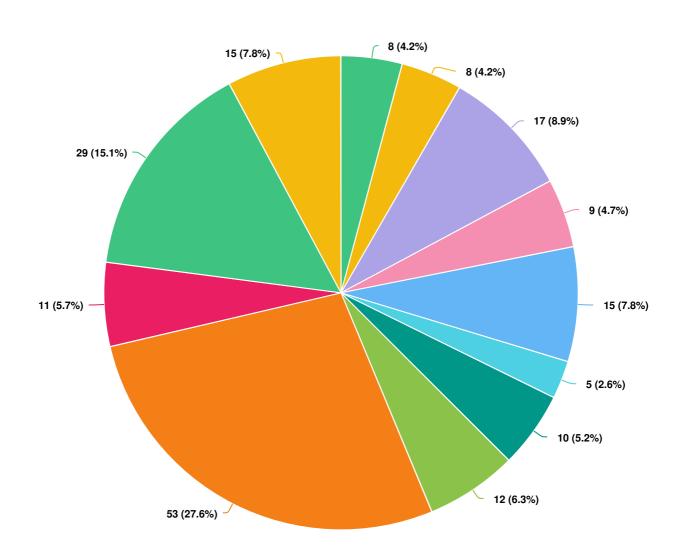


Q14 If you live in Austin, which City Council District do you live in?Find your district here: https://www.austintexas.gov/GIS/CouncilDistrictMap/.





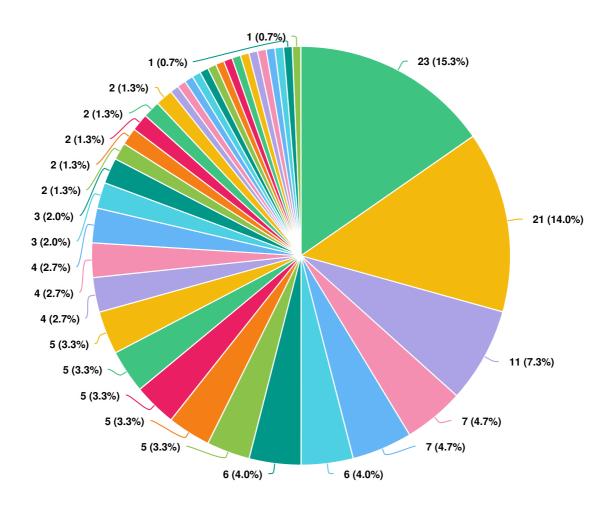
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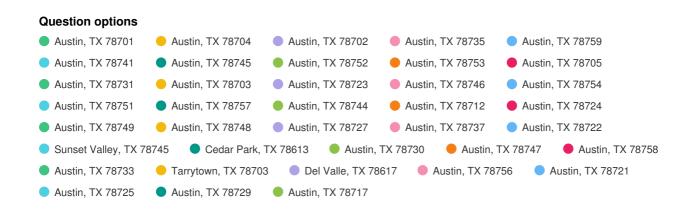




Optional question (190 response(s), 6 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

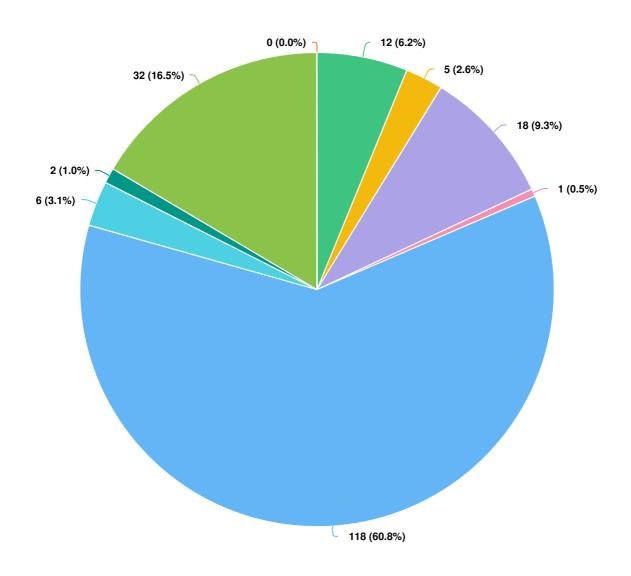
# Q16 In what zip code do you work?





Optional question (150 response(s), 46 skipped) Question type: Region Question

# Q17 What is your race/ethnicity?





Optional question (192 response(s), 4 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question