Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of Austin Water’s Community Ambassador Group! Austin Water is looking to recruit an economically and racially diverse group of people for this program.

Austin Water is seeking participants to serve as Community Ambassadors to provide input to Water Forward 2024. Leading with equity, this group will assist with developing and incorporating community values into an Equity and Affordability Road Map and Tool for the plan. Participants must be willing to work with diverse members of their community (with a focus on outreach to groups most impacted), attend equity trainings, and commit to being a community advisory group member from February-November 2022. People belonging to communities historically underrepresented are encouraged to apply (e.g. communities of color, LGBTQIA+ identities, people with past records, etc.).

Community Ambassador’s primary role will be to provide additional transparency and accessible information about the Water Forward Planning process and collaborate with Austin Water staff to develop an Equity and Affordability Road Map.

**Time Commitment and Compensation**

- Participants must be willing to dedicate at least 5 hours/month and commit to serving a full year
- Optional compensation ($1,500) is available for participants that are willing to register as vendors with the City of Austin. Those not able or unwilling may be able to explore alternate compensation
- Applications will be accepted until **January 7th, 2022** City staff will get in contact with individuals who are selected for the program no later than **February 4th, 2022**.
- To request a paper application or to view these materials in another language please contact: [Jaynell.nicholson@austintexas.gov](mailto:Jaynell.nicholson@austintexas.gov)
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About You

First and Last Name

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2. Email Address

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3. Phone number

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4. Best method to reach you?

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5. What language do you prefer when communicating with us?

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6. What council district do you live in?

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7. What is your zip code?

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8. Demographic info: We are collecting demographic information to ensure that we select a diverse coalition of people to serve on the Community Advisory Group. Your responses are voluntary.

9. What is your racial background/ethnicity? (you may check multiple)
   a. Alaska native
   b. Asian
   c. Black/African American
   d. Hispanic/Latino
   e. Native American
   f. Native Hawaiian
   g. Other Pacific Islander
   h. White
   i. Other

10. To which gender identity do you most identify?
    a. Agender
    b. Cisgender Man
    c. Cisgender Woman
    d. Gender Non-Conforming
    e. Gender Variant
    f. Genderqueer
    g. Intersex
    h. Non-Binary
    i. Transgender Man
    j. Transgender Woman

11. Which age group do you most identify with?
    a. Age
    b. Under 18
    c. 18-24
    d. 25-34
    e. 35-44
    f. 45-54
    g. Over 55
    h. Prefer not to answer
    i. LGBTQIA+ (you may check all that apply)
Advisory Group Work: These questions will help us get a sense of the communities you belong to and why you want to be a part of this effort.

12. Are you aware of Austin’s Water Forward 100-year Integrated Water Resources Plan? If not, are you interested in learning more about it?
   a. Open ended

13. What are some current concerns in your neighborhood related to your water supply? (give opportunity to explain)
   a. Emergency response
   b. Drought supply
   c. Water Quality
   d. Other

14. What would water equity look like in your neighborhood?
   a. Open ended

15. Are you aware of any social inequities in Austin or in your specific neighborhood? Open ended

16. What communities do you consider yourself a part of?
   a. Black/Indigenous/People of Color
   b. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual (LGBTQIA+)
   c. Youth
   d. Immigrant, Migrant, or Refugee Community
   e. Low-Income Community
   f. People with Past Records
   g. People with Disabilities
   h. People Experiencing Homelessness
   i. Union Workers
   j. Other
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17. What kind of changes have you noticed during your time in your neighborhood?
Open ended

18. How do you communicate and discuss important issues with your community and/or circle of friends and neighbors?
Open ended

19. How do you envision utilizing your skills in this Community Advisory Group in ways related to social, racial, and environmental justice, and/or community-driven work?
Open ended

20. Have you participated on any other City Community Advisory Groups? If so which one(s)?
Open ended