

FY 2023-2024 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT(S): Office of the City Clerk

CBQ NO.: 042

REQUESTED BY: Kelly

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REQUEST: Please break down the associated costs required for citizen-led ballot petition initiatives and regular elections for the past 5 years.

RESPONSE:

November 2018 General Election – Total Cost \$468,481

General Election was held to fill the following terms: Mayor, District 1, District 3, District 5, District 8, and District 9. Below is the breakdown of cost.

Vendor	Invoice	Amount Paid	Total Cost
Hays County	18-1004	\$6,622.09	\$6,622.09
La Prensa (Spanish publication)	0217	\$7,383.50	\$7,383.50
La Voz (Spanish publication)	57	\$9,900.00	\$9,900.00
M. Cotera (Translation Services)	CITYSEC 00311282018 CITYSEC 002922018 CITYSEC 001-2018	\$239.86 \$3,703.76 \$3,297.88	\$7,241.50
Travis County (Includes Austin American Statesman publishing cost)	0484 Invoice 1: 316 Invoice 2: 0551	\$100.00 \$299,145.69 \$98,379.50	\$397,625.19
Williamson County	Invoice 1: 1118-1 Invoice 2: 22	\$15,061.97 \$22,730.49	\$37,792.46
Dr. Sager (Statistician)	CODENEXT18, CodeNEXT Petition EFFSTUD072018, Efficiency Study Petition	\$1,182.00 \$734.00	\$1,916.00
			\$468,480.74

Additionally, two Initiative petitions were on the ballot. Below is a breakdown of staff hours worked and staff cost associated with processing the petitions. Citizen-led Ballot Petition Initiative(s):

Petition name	Staff Hours Worked	Staff Hours Cost
CodeNEXT	734.25	\$34,320.15
Efficiency Study	255.50	\$31,362.60

December 2018 Runoff Election – *Total Cost \$79,431.51*

Runoff Election was held for the following terms: District 1, District 3, and District 8. Below is the breakdown of cost.

Vendor	Invoice	Amount Paid	Total Cost
Hays County	19-1002	\$5,808.42	\$5,808.42
Travis County (Includes Austin American Statesman publishing cost)	0574 (E) 0574 (A)	\$63,197.48 \$10,425.61	\$73,623.09
			\$79,431.51

November 2019 Special Election – *Total Cost \$477,990.98*

Special Election was held. Two Initiative petitions were on the ballot. Below is the breakdown of cost.

Vendor	Invoice	Amount Paid	Total Cost
Bastrop County	317	\$3,828.40	\$3,828.40
Hays County	1152019-001	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
La Prensa (Spanish publication)	0217	\$7,383.50	\$7,383.50
M. Cotera (Translation services)	CITYSEC 00212-2019 CITYSEC 001-2019	\$444.92 \$1,017.58	\$1,462.50
Travis County (Includes Austin American Statesman publishing cost)	0591 346 347 Refund	\$150.00 \$421,280.37 \$63,526.41 \$(76,344.75)	\$408,612.03
Williamson County	1119-1 1119-14	\$27,225.44 \$27,013.11	\$54,238.55
Dr. Sager (Statistician)	2082019, No Stadium on Public Land Petition 72019, Convention Center Petition	\$716.00 \$750.00	\$1,466.00

Vendor	Invoice	Amount Paid	Total Cost
			\$477,990.98

Below is a breakdown of staff hours worked and staff cost associated with processing the petitions. Citizen-led Ballot Petition Initiative(s):

Petition name	Staff Hours Worked	Staff Hours Cost
No Stadium on Public Land	357.00	\$19,713.54
Convention Center	501.75	\$24,579.01

November 2020 General/Special Election – *Total Cost \$751,245.81*

General Election was held to fill the following terms: District 2, District 4, District 6, District 7, and District 10. Below is the breakdown of cost.

Vendor	Invoice	Amount Paid	Total Cost
Austin American Statesman (Publication)	200697	\$54,161.34	\$54,161.34
Hays County	1152020-005	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
La Prensa (Spanish publication)	0204-2020 0205-2020	\$6,220.80 \$6,220.80	\$12,441.60
M. Cotera (Translation services)	CITYSEC 002632020 CITYSEC 0032020	\$9,054.34 \$2,071.57	\$11,125.91
Travis County	0657 360 Refund	\$150.00 \$708,346.13 \$(75,798.90)	\$632,697.23
Williamson County	1120-12 1120-48	\$18,315.57 \$20,606.66	\$38,922.23
Dr. Sager (Statistician)	082020, Camping Petition (not certified - not on ballot)	\$897.50	\$897.50
			\$751,245.81

Additionally, an Initiative petition was processed but not certified to be on the ballot. Below is a breakdown of staff hours worked and staff cost associated with processing the petition. Citizen-led Ballot Petition Initiative(s):

Petition name	Staff Hours Worked	Staff Hours Cost
Camping	1322.33	\$59,219.01

December 2020 Runoff Election – *Total Cost \$174,646.28*

Runoff Election was held for the following terms: District 6 and District 10. Below is the breakdown of cost.

Vendor	Invoice	Amount Paid	Total Cost
Austin American Statesman (Publication)	0000203301	\$14,452.20	\$14,452.20
Travis County	0820b	\$108,327.98	\$108,327.98
Williamson County	1220-01 Refund	\$52,848.91 \$(982.81)	\$51,866.10
			\$174,646.28

May 2021 Special Election – *Total Cost \$771,496.78*

Special Election was held. Three Initiative petitions were on the ballot. Below is the breakdown of cost.

Vendor	Invoice	Amount Paid	Total Cost
Austin American Statesman (Publication)	001	\$14,452.20	\$144,522.00
	002	\$14,452.20	
	003	\$14,452.20	
	004	\$14,452.20	
	005	\$14,452.20	
	006	\$14,452.20	
	007	\$14,452.20	
	008	\$14,452.20	
	009	\$14,452.20	
	010	\$14,452.20	
La Voz (Spanish publication)	0501	\$14,400.00	\$14,400.00
M. Cotera (Spanish translation)	CITYSEC 02512021	\$6,176.58	\$6,176.58
Travis County	51202101	\$150.00	\$569,877.81
	399	\$8,668.45	
	400	\$464,963.49	
	0821	\$1,712.29	
	0822	\$94,383.58	
Williamson County	0521-08	\$17,038.34	\$34,542.89
	0521-32	\$17,504.55	

Vendor	Invoice	Amount Paid	Total Cost
Dr. Sager (Statistician)	02182021-1, Fire Fighter Petition	\$602.50	\$1,977.50
	02182021-2, Save Austin Now Petition	\$605.00	
	02182021-3, Progressive Reform Petition	\$770.00	
			\$771,496.78

Below is a breakdown of staff hours worked and staff cost associated with processing the petitions.
Citizen-led Ballot Petition Initiative(s):

Petition name	Staff Hours Worked	Staff Hours Cost
Austinites for Progressive Reform	639.75	\$33,858.44
Save Austin Now: Camping in public areas	568.00	\$30,189.92
Fire Fighters Binding Arbitration	639.75	\$33,858.44

November 2021 Special Election – *Total Cost \$382,211.46*

Special Election was held. One Initiative petition was on the ballot. Below is the breakdown of cost.

Vendor	Invoice	Amount Paid	Total Cost
Austin American Statesman (Publication)	I00662122-10142021	\$14,452.20	\$14,452.20
Hays County	11022021-001	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
La Prensa (Spanish publication)	0136-2021	\$3,054.00	\$3,054.00
M. Cotera (Spanish translation)	CITYSEC 01132021	\$1,758.08	\$1,758.08
Travis County	0856 413 Refund	\$150.00 \$475,890.63 \$(144,910.22)	\$331,130.41
Williamson County	1121-06 1121-22	\$18,947.44 \$11,036.83	\$29,984.27
Dr. Sager (Statistician)	07302021, Save Austin Now Safety and Oversight Petition	\$832.50	\$832.50
			\$382,211.46

Below is a breakdown of staff hours worked and staff cost associated with processing the petition.
Citizen-led Ballot Petition Initiative(s):

Petition name	Staff Hours Worked	Staff Hours Cost
Save Austin Now: Safety and Oversight	752.72	\$37,261.20

January 2022 Special Election – *Total Cost \$193,102.84*

Special election was held to fill a vacancy for District 4. Below is the breakdown of cost.

Vendor	Invoice	Amount Paid	Total Cost
Austin American Statesman (Publication)	I00678154-01062022	\$14,452.20	\$14,452.20
M. Cotera (Spanish translation)	CITYSEC 012102021	\$1,499.52	\$1,499.52
Travis County	428 Refund	\$253,898.25 \$(76,747.13)	\$177,151.12
			\$193,102.84

May 2022 Special Election – *Total Cost \$ \$487,127.02*

Special Election was held. One Initiative Petition was on the ballot. Below is the breakdown of cost.

Vendor	Invoice	Amount Paid	Total Cost
Austin American Statesman (Publication)	I00693282-04202022	\$14,452.20	\$14,452.20
Hays County	5072022-002	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
La Voz (Spanish publication)	027	\$12,375.00	\$12,375.00
M. Cotera (Spanish translation)	CITYSEC 033192022	\$1,192.53	\$1,192.53
Travis County	429 Refund	\$493,607.56 \$(53,289.22)	\$440,318.34
Williamson County	0522-11 0522-44	\$10,094.62 \$6,944.33	\$17,038.95
Dr. Sager (Statistician)	12282021, Austin Freedom Act Petition	\$750.00	\$750.00

Vendor	Invoice	Amount Paid	Total Cost
			\$487,127.02

Below is a breakdown of staff hours and staff cost associated with processing the petition. Citizen-led Ballot Petition Initiative(s):

Petition name	Staff Hours Worked	Staff Hours Cost
Austin Freedom Act	1095	\$50,564.59

November 2022 General Election - *Total Cost \$542,213.18*

General Election was held to fill the following terms: Mayor, District 1, District 3, District 5, District 8, and District 9. Below is the breakdown of cost.

Vendor	Invoice	Amount Paid	Total Cost
Austin American Statesman (Publication)	221031	\$19,008.00	\$19,008.00
Hays County	1182022-001	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
La Prensa (Spanish publication)	0141-2022	\$4,707.60	\$4,707.60
M. Cotera (Spanish translation)	CITYSEC 021242022	\$4,438.00	\$4,438.00
Travis County	455 57-230417	\$289,468.46 \$175,066.77	\$464,535.23
Williamson County	1122-01 1122-26	\$27,071.03 \$21,453.32	\$48,524.35
			\$542,213.18

December 2022 Runoff Election – *Total Cost \$960,388.77*

Runoff Election was held for the following terms: Mayor, District 3, District 5, and District 9. Below is the breakdown of cost.

Vendor	Invoice	Amount Paid	Total Cost
Austin American Statesman (Publication)	221130	\$9,504.00	\$9,504.00
Hays County	12132022-001	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

Vendor	Invoice	Amount Paid	Total Cost
M. Cotera (Spanish translation)	CITYSEC 0312312022	\$187.52	\$187.52
Travis County	483 84	\$866,250.00 \$32,760.66	\$899,010.66
Williamson County	1222-01	\$50,686.59	\$50,686.59
			\$960,388.77

May 2023 Special Election – *Total Cost \$1,253,766.08*

Special Election was held. Two Initiative petitions were on the ballot. Below is the breakdown of cost.

Vendor	Invoice	Amount Paid	Total Cost
Austin American Statesman (Publication)	230430	\$23,641.20	\$23,641.20
Hays County	5062023-003	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
La Prensa (Spanish publication)	20230420	\$5,686.20	\$5,686.20
M. Cotera (Spanish translation)	CITYSEC 014282023	\$1,456.02	\$1,456.02
Travis County	485 Estimate Amount: Invoice not Received	\$884,353.60 \$294,784.53	\$1,179,138.13
Williamson County	0523-01 0523-25	\$23,574.98 \$17,622.05	\$41,197.03
Dr. Sager (Statistician)	20220908, Austin Police Oversight (Equity Action) Petition 20230219, Austin Police Oversight (VOPA) Petition	\$875.00 \$772.50	\$1,647.50
			\$1,253,766.08

Below is a breakdown of staff hours and staff cost associated with processing the petitions. Citizen-led Ballot Petition Initiative(s):

Petition name	Staff Hours Worked	Staff Hours Cost
Austin Police Oversight (Equity Action)	901	\$48,706.89
Austin Police Oversight (VOPA)	1,511.75	\$83,250.53