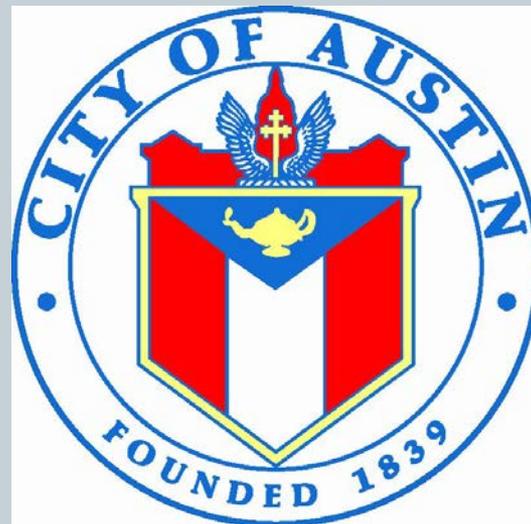


Municipal ID card





Municipal ID

- **Local government strategy to address immigration policy issues**
- **Innovative policy, symbolic of inclusion**



Vulnerable populations

- **Other groups may also benefit from a municipal ID:**
 - Homeless individuals
 - Youth in foster system
 - Low-income elderly
 - Individuals with mental illness and disabilities
 - Formerly incarcerated individuals re-entering society



Municipal ID Goals

- **Improve community safety**
- **Improve access to financial services**
- **Mitigate impact of racial profiling**
- **Promote unity and sense of membership in the local community among all residents**



Who Needs ID?

- **Proof of identity is a basic necessity; access to widely accepted forms of ID (passports, DL, SS cards) a privilege**
- **Lack of ID prohibits access to:**
 - Banking services
 - Healthcare
 - Education
 - City services- Library, Police
 - Housing



Public safety concerns

- **Health and safety concerns**
 - Individuals vulnerable to crime
 - Individuals reluctant to report crime or work place abuse, fearful of law enforcement
 - Inability to access social services (health and housing)

State and Federal Laws



Texas Law

- To obtain ID- must verify your identity, US citizenship or lawful presence, and Texas residency

Federal Law

- Passed by Congress in 2005
- Real ID requires that an individual show proof of immigration status

Case studies



CITY OF NEW HAVEN AND CITY OF OAKLAND



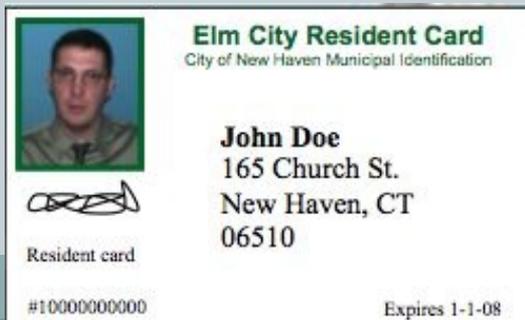
Cities in practice

- **New Haven**
- **Oakland**
- **Richmond**
- **Los Angeles**
- **Washington, DC**
- **New Jersey**
- **New York**

How do they compare?

City of New Haven

- Launched June 2007
- Services:
 - Proof of identification
 - Access to city services (library card, debit card in local stores and parking meters)



City of Oakland

- Adopted June 2009, launched March 2013
- Services:
 - Proof of identification
 - Access to city services (library, health clinics, and local businesses)
 - Debit Card



How do they compare?



City of New Haven

- Cost: \$11 for adults, \$5 children under 17
- Program is administered by City Hall- responsible for confirming identity and residency

City of Oakland

- Cost: \$15 gen pop, \$10 low income
 - \$2.99 monthly fee
 - \$1.75 for each customer call
 - \$0.75 for each transaction
- ID card program contracted to SF Global LLC, program manager housed in City Clerk's office

How do they compare?



City of New Haven

- **Proof of Identity:**
 - Passport,
 - US Driver's license
 - Birth certificate
 - Consular ID card
- **Or two of the following-national identification, current Foreign DL, US or military ID, current visa, ITIN card**

City of Oakland

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City of New Haven

- **Proof of Residency: any two of the following-**
 - utility bill with name and address
 - insurance bill
 - bank statement
 - check book
 - employment paystub
 - local property tax statement
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City of New Haven

- Estimated 12,300 cards issued
- Improved citizen/police relationships

City of Oakland

- Estimated \$5,000 cards issued in the first year

How do they compare?



Municipal ID requirements

- US Passport,
- US State Driver's license/ID
- Consular ID card
- Certified copy of US or foreign
- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Foreign DL
- US/Foreign Military ID
- US ITIN authorization letter
- Educational Institution card

Texas Requirements

- US Passport,
- US State Driver's license/ID
- US Citizenship Certificate or Certificate of Naturalization
- US Military ID
- Unexpired DHS or USCIS document
- Foreign Passport/Visa
- Birth certificate

Lessons learned



- **Increase card services to appeal to all city residents and reduce stigma associated with card**
- **Build intensive relationships with the community so that card is recognized and accepted by law enforcement agencies, healthcare providers, social services, courts, recreational locations, libraries, and retail establishments**

Community Meeting Feedback



Concerns:

- Privacy Protection
- Acceptance by all city departments and levels of law enforcement within Austin city limits
- No debit function – fees are prohibitive

To consider:

- Expansion of services – city resources, library card, Car2go, Cap Metro, B-cycle
- Attractive to all citizens – I am Austin
- House information with OVR, not APD.

Community Meeting Feedback



To consider:

- No expiration date
- Medical ID function
- Needs of youth population

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