

**Application Form****Profile**

João Paulo

First Name

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Middle Initial

Connolly

Last Name

**Preferred Name**

João Paulo Connolly

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Email Address

Home Address

Suite or Apt

City

State

Postal Code

**Residency and District Information****Are you a City of Austin Resident? \***☒ Yes

**Are you, or your employer, a registered lobbyist with the City or have you, or your employer, been registered as a lobbyist with the City Clerk within the past three years?**

No

Primary Phone

Home:

Alternate Phone

**Cell Phone****Home Phone****Business Phone****Select Your District**☒ District 9

Austin Justice Coalition

Employer

Co-director of Housing and  
Community Development

Job Title

**Interests & Experiences**

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve on a board or commission

## Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

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The history of Austin shows us that the displacement of Black, Indigenous, and working class people is not a new or recent phenomenon; the status quo of Austin automatically displaces those considered expendable, who do not have access to networks and resources within the dominant power structures of the city. Historically, city planning has contributed to the maintenance of this status quo. At times, intentionally harming people of color, working to uphold segregation and white supremacy, and at others, simply failing to take Black and POC perspectives into account— thus overlooking the needs or priorities of these communities. As a community organizer and activist, I want to collaborate to change this paradigm by broadening the conversation, working to include excluded community voices, and problematizing the conventional dichotomies which all-too-often define and paralyze our local housing debates. I understand that this is no small goal, and it is certainly not one that can be achieved by a few individuals, or through a single set of policy fixes and zoning designations. But insisting on incorporating an antiracist perspective into all areas of governance and city planning is crucial: we must continually rethink our approaches to spaciality and accessibility, working to overturn the defining legacies of segregation. I hope to contribute meaningfully to our conversations about spacial and mobility justice, which must include the right to immobility—the right remain within the city and access urban spaces and public infrastructure. Within this space I am certain that I am not alone, and I hope collaborate with many others working to advance this goal.

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## Resume

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Joao Paulo is a community organizer, digital communication specialist, and translator and interpreter for asylum seekers. Currently director of Housing and Community Development at the Austin Justice Coalition, Joao Paulo focuses on housing and anti-displacement policy. Drawing on his background and upbringing in Brazil, as well as his work as an interpreter in underserved communities, he collaborates with community members to build strategies for resilience and economic justice. On Saturdays, he is also a youth mentor for the Higher Learning Program. Personal interests include policy, history and literature, record collecting, and digital and visual communication.

## Qualifications

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Work and experience on policy advocacy with the Austin Justice Coalition, focusing on Housing and Community Development.

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## Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

**Ethnicity**

☒ Other

**Gender**

☒ Male

**Sexual Orientation**

☒ Bisexual

  
Date of Birth

**Disability or Impairment Information**

**Do you have an auditory/hearing disability or impairment?**

☒ No

**Do you have a visual disability or impairment?**

☒ No

**Do you have a mobility disability or impairment?**

☒ No

**Do you have a cognitive disability or impairment?**

☒ No

**Do you have another disability or impairment you'd like to share?**

no

**Board Requirements**

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Planning Commission: Submitted

Some boards have additional requirements for appointees. Additional requirements will appear below as they apply to each board.

Question applies to Planning Commission

**Please select the requirements you have met (Planning Commission): \***

☒ Not Applicable or Other

Question applies to Planning Commission

**Are you actively developing or financing the development of property within the City of Austin's planning jurisdiction in a manner that requires changes to applicable regulations or entitlements, including zoning or rezoning, or which requires approval of a final subdivision plat?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Planning Commission

**Are you a licensed attorney, architect or engineer practicing in a field related to real estate or land development?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Planning Commission

**If you answered yes to the question above then please list all licenses you have.**

does not apply

Question applies to Planning Commission

**Are you actively engaged in building land development projects in a capacity other than as an employee or independent contractor working solely in construction trades or work performed on a person's homestead?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Planning Commission

**If you answered yes to the question above then please select all that apply. \***

☒ Other - Please define

Question applies to Planning Commission

**If you selected Other in previous question then please define below.**

does not apply

Question applies to Planning Commission

**Do you derive substantial income from the sale of real estate within the City of Austin's planning jurisdiction (other than the sale of the primary homestead)?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Planning Commission

**Have you derived substantial income, defined as receiving funds during the previous 12 months or the previous calendar year equal to or exceeding \$5,000 in salary, bonuses, commissions or professional fees; and/or \$20,000 in payment for goods, products or nonprofessional services; and/or 10% of your gross income during that period, whichever is less, from a professional certification in Architecture, Construction, Design, Real Estate, or a related field?**

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Planning Commission

**If you selected yes in the previous question then please list areas of certification.**

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does not apply

Question applies to Planning Commission

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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## **Texas Open Records Act**

**City of Austin Officials are able to choose whether or not their home address, home telephone numbers, emergency contact information, social security number, and information that reveals whether they have family members are available to the public on request. The Texas Public Information Act is a State law that requires the City of Austin to disclose this information to anyone who requests it. The only exceptions are for: 1) commissioned peace officers; and 2) Official who file a written request to withhold this information. Officials who are not peace officers and who do not submit such a written request will have this information made available to anyone who requests it. Do you choose to have your home address, home telephone number, emergency contact information, social security number and information that reveals whether you have family withheld members from the public?**

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☒ Yes ☐ No