



## City of Austin

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*P.O. Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767-1088*

The Honorable County Judge Bill Gravell  
The Honorable County Commissioner Terry Cook  
The Honorable County Commissioner Cynthia Long  
The Honorable County Commissioner Russ Boles  
The Honorable County Commissioner Valerie Covey  
Williamson County  
904 South Main St  
Georgetown, Texas 78626

May 17, 2021

Dear Honorable Judge Gravell and Commissioners,

We, the undersigned, write you today to extend an offer of collaboration in hope that we may work closely together moving forward on a shared approach to the challenges of homelessness that affect our region.

Homelessness is the paramount challenge in our five-county Austin metropolitan area and has far-reaching and fundamental consequences for our residents, for the public health and safety of our entire community, and the environment.

We propose to work toward the City of Austin's adoption of the following practices as initial steps:

- A commitment to inform Williamson County leadership as soon as legally and practically possible about any real estate transactions within the Williamson County portion of the City of Austin.
- Regular conversations between our homeless strategy officer and staff and appropriate Williamson and Travis County personnel to develop workable homeless strategies for Williamson County and Austin.
- Ongoing discussions with faith-based, mental health, social service groups and non-profit organizations that work directly with people experiencing homelessness, and which may be located within Williamson County.

- Regular briefings on City of Austin homelessness strategies, practices and procedures by City of Austin.

We welcome the opportunity to learn about and incorporate, as appropriate, any strategies or best practices that Williamson County has developed to help our neighbors experiencing homelessness.

We hope that these measures would provide a positive framework for collaboration that will improve the lives of both our housed and unhoused residents. Consider this a first step in the City of Austin's commitment to open and transparent communication among Williamson County, Travis County, and the City of Austin with the ultimate goal of working together towards a mutually beneficial solution.

Respectfully,



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Council Member, District 6  
District 10




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Mayor, City of Austin



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Council Member,



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Council Member, District 5



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