

**§ 2-1-132 - COMMISSION ON ~~SENIORS~~ AGING.**

(A) The Commission on ~~Seniors~~ AGING shall serve as an advisory board to the council concerning the quality of life for ~~senior citizens~~ older adults in the Austin area and to help ensure ~~they~~ older adults are productive, independent, and healthy.

(B) The council shall appoint 15 commission members:

(1) the mayor may nominate two commission members and each council member may nominate one commission member;

(2) the Travis County Commissioners Court shall appoint one commission member;

(3) the Area Agency on Aging of the Capital Area shall appoint one commission member;

(4) the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority shall appoint one commission member.

(C) The commission should include members who are representatives of or sensitive to the needs of the ~~senior~~ older adult population. Members should have substantive knowledge on issues concerning ~~senior citizens~~ older adults including but not limited to health, affordable housing, basic needs, transportation, social engagement and inclusion, and caregiver support. The commission should ~~strive to~~ be inclusive and represent a diversity of ethnicity, race, ~~and~~ gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, socioeconomic status, and national origin; and include older adults who are representatives of the ~~senior population~~ Austin community.

(D) The commission shall:

(1) advise the council on issues related to the ~~senior~~ older adult population in the Austin area;

(2) evaluate and recommend programs, policies, and practices that create a positive impact and reduce the burden on ~~seniors~~ older adults;

(3) determine the needs of ~~seniors~~ older adults in the Austin community, and advise council regarding these needs; and

(4) promote the contributions of ~~seniors~~ older adults to the cultural, economic, and historical value of Austin.

(E) The council encourages the commission to hold periodic joint meetings with the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities.