

*Agenda Item 11: ASO and City of Austin Strategic Development Plan
Animal Advisory Commission
October 10, 2022*

Letter to Austin CM and CFO concerning SD28

Dear City Manager Spencer Cronk and Chief Financial Officer Ed Van Eenoo:

We recommend that the City of Austin include information about the Austin Animal Center and our many programs for Austin citizens in the upcoming Strategic Development 28 Plan (SD28).

The Animal Advisory Commission, as well as Austin Animal Center leadership and staff, were disappointed when no mention was made of Austin's Animal Center and our many valuable programs for helping Austin's animals in the last Strategic Development Plan. There is a tremendous amount of hard work done every day of the year for the animals of Austin by Shelter Staff, supported by the hard work of many Austin citizens who volunteer their time and donate their money to help make the lives of Austin's companion animals better. This extends out to our many Austin Partner Organizations, all of which contribute to our goal of the best No-Kill Shelter in the world.

It is an unfortunate omission that such hard work on such an important City function is lacking from a Strategic Plan for our City. Animals are family to many Austin residents - let us be more inclusive in the upcoming Austin Strategic Plan!

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Dr. Craig Nazor
Chair, Animal Advisory Commission