



## **Annual Internal Review**

**This report covers the time period of 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022**

### **The College Student Commission**

**The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) is:**

*The College Student Commission is established to represent this constituency of the City by serving as an advisory board to the city council concerning issues affecting the quality of life for higher education students in the Austin area.*

- 1. The College Student Commission has served as an advisory board to the city council concerning issues affecting the quality of life for higher education students in the Austin area by passing several recommendations over the last year. As commissioners, we have served as a cohort of diverse voices, committed to providing a platform for college students to contribute to the City's culture, economy, and character. In addition to the diversity of experience existent on our commission, we kept constantly aware of our blind spots by inviting speakers and organizations pertinent to our mission to fill in the gaps.**
  - a. To fulfill our mission as the College Student Commission we focused on the areas of affordability, accessibility, housing, transportation, and public safety. Some examples of these actions are:
  - b. Recommendation 20220408-3a: Remote Higher Education Access,
  - c. Recommendation 20211203-3c-1: In Support of the University of Texas Student Government's Joint Resolutions 21-09 and 21-10
  - d. Recommendation 20211203-3c-2: Citywide Student Housing Needs Assessment
  - e. Through these recommendations as well as community contact, we evaluated and recommended programs, policies, and practices that could improve the quality of life of college students in the Austin area. During

our meetings we held space for campus reports in which commissioners could bring attention to the issues facing their individual college campuses, giving us an ever-present source of forward direction.

- 2. As the current Chair and Co-Chair, we believe that our commission's actions comply with the mission statement laid out for us by the City of Austin.**
  
- 3. In this coming year, we would like to continue in our mission by streamlining our statements and recommendations process, allowing us to dedicate more efficient time towards our selected issues of interest. Furthermore, we would like to increase collaboration across the commission, focusing less on the commissioner's individual areas of interest and more on cohesion. To achieve this goal, we have created a renewed focus on administrative priorities, to ensure that the commission functions beyond our leadership.**