

## **AGENCY LETTERHEAD**

March 20, 2023

Adrienne Sturup  
Director  
Austin Public Health  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, TX 78767

Dear Director Sturup:

The purpose of this letter is to offer support from the Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board for Austin Public Health's (APH) application for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health RFA (CDC-RFA-DP-23-0014) to reach underserved individuals living in Austin/Travis County's Eastern Crescent. With APH's vast partnerships and experience working in nutrition, physical activity, early care and education, and adult vaccinations, APH is well positioned to achieve success in this proposed project.

The Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board advises both the Austin City Council and Travis County Commissioners Court on ways to improve the availability of safe, nutritious, locally grown, affordable, and sustainable food for all residents, particularly those in need. Our purpose is to address health disparities, increase local sustainable food production, end food injustices, and ensure the community has a voice in policy decisions that support a healthy and equitable food system.

The Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board is excited to participate and lend expertise in the Community Coalition for the REACH grant to help advise on the nutrition goals aimed at promoting food service and nutrition guidelines and healthy associated food procurement and coordinating the uptake and expansion of existing fruit and vegetable voucher incentive and produce prescription programs.

We look forward to this collaboration.

Sincerely,

Joi Chevalier  
Board Chair  
Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board