

## Agenda

- Austin's resilience history and challenges
- Introduce Austin's resilience strategy process
- Provide overview of accomplishments to date
- Present next immediate steps

# May 2020 Resolution No. 20200507-022 directed City Manager to:

- Create Resilience Office
- ☐ Develop and implement equitable resilience plan
- Develop pilot programs for immediate implementation
- ☐ Formalize partnership with Global Resilience Cities Network
- □ Formalize partnerships with Austin's business and philanthropic communities

both shocks and stresses in an integrated way.

Building resilience requires cities to address











FIRE



ECONOMIC CRISES



HEAT WAVE







POWER OUTAGE







STORM SURGE





















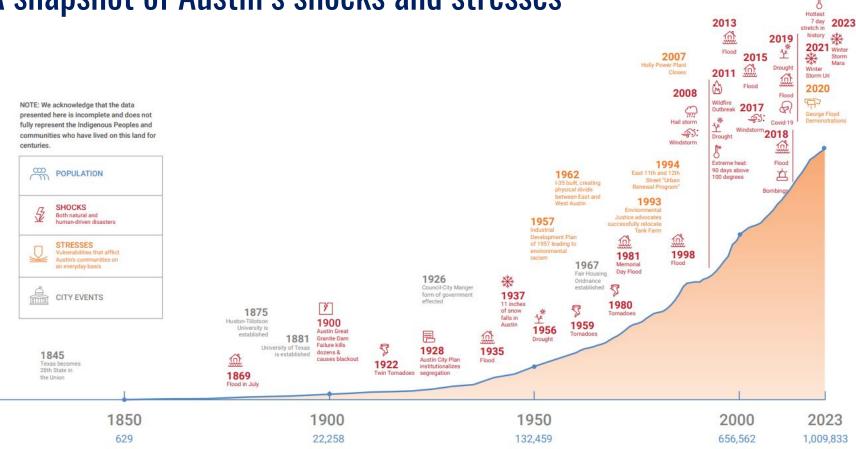
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## A snapshot of Austin's shocks and stresses



2022



### **MISSION**

To **build the capacity of all Austinites**, our communities, institutions, businesses, and systems within our city to **prepare for**, **withstand**, **adapt and thrive** no matter what kinds of stresses – slow-moving disasters like extreme heat and drought, housing crisis, economic inequality, pressures of gentrification, and aging infrastructure – and shocks – major disasters like a winter freeze, heat waves and wildfires, flood, pandemics, and cyberattacks - that threaten our way of life and exacerbate inequities.

### **Austin Plan Analysis**

12 Plans

Reviewed and analyzed for their priority and mentioned shocks and stresses

>21,000

Austinites engaged

In the development of the plans reviewed in our analysis

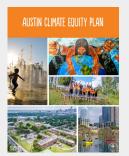
113 City documents

Cataloged for their inclusion of and relation to Austin's resilience

### **Snapshot of Plans Analyzed**













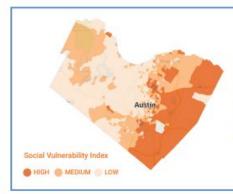


### 155

new residents added on average to the Austin Metro Area per day



24.5% of homeowners and nearly 50% of renters in Austin are cost-burdened, paying 30% or more of their income on housing and utilities



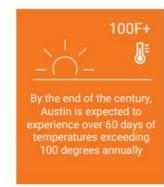
Community members in East Austin tend to face greater social vulnerabilities that make it more difficult to recover from shocks and stresses



49%

of structures in Austin are in the wildland urban interface, and face greater wildfire risk

SEE MAP 7







71.5 YEARS EAST

There is nearly a 20-year gap in life expectancy between East and West Austin



14.4% of people in Travis County experience food insecurity while 16.8 acres of farmland are lost every day in Travis County



Austin is ranked among the most ecological cities in the United States with nearly 20,000 acres of green space, though not equitably distributed



Residents in 58 of Austin's 200 neighborhoods are vulnerable to displacement



Second-fastest regional economy

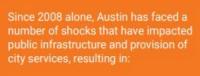
driven by growth in the tech sector



In the last 10 years, Austin has had four major floods. This frequency is expected to continue to increase in the near future, as incidents of extreme rainfall are predicted to increase



Although 60% of Austin's overall population holds at least a Bachelor's degree, only 37% and 36% of Black and Hispanic Austinites hold this degree





at least 3 boil water notice:



and 3 citywide, extended power outages



By age 35, people raised in neighborhoods across East Austin earn up to \$20,000 less than residents raised in West Austin

### our resilience framework for action - community engagement

Plan Analysis

Data Analysis

City and CAC Consultation

May 2023

One Austin 1.0

High-level summary of Austin's shocks and stresses and emergent focus areas **Robust Community Engagement** 

Continued Data and Existing Initiative Analysis

- Uplift existing actions
- Leverage Austin Area Sustainability Indicators

Co-Design New Resilience Initiatives

- Hold project design workshops
- Establish working groups

Continued City, Private Sector, and CAC Consultation

June 2024

Strategy Release

Release of fleshed-out Blueprint including more initiatives and insights from community engagement

### Highlight of 2022 Achievements

- Kicked off Resilience Hub Network pilot program
- Developed equity guiding principles
- Engaged with over 200+ organizations
- Established interdepartmental Climate Resilience Action Plan for City Assets and Operations working groups
- Integrated resilience team in EOC activations
- Secured funding from JP Morgan Chase to support first phase of strategy development
- Kicked off conversations with Global Resilient Cities Network
- Launched our resilience framework for action

### Immediate Next Steps

- Community Engagement for development of resilience framework
- Interdepartmental & interagency coordination on climate resilience
- Resilience hubs Joint Subcommittee Updates
  - Mini Grants Program
  - Facility improvements at pilots
  - Launch resilience hub toolkit
  - Preparedness trainings
- Finalize partnership with Global Resilience Cities Network

Q&A

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