



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Commission on Aging

Recommendation Number: 20231108-007 Additional Reporting Demographics

WHEREAS, the Commission on Aging is tasked with representing the needs of older adults and making appropriate recommendations related to that population to City Council.

WHEREAS, the reporting on demographics of the citizens receiving various City of Austin services provides minimal information to the Commission on the varying demographics and aspects of the City's older adult population.

WHEREAS, the Commission needs additional information on the City's population of older adults in order to fulfill its charter.

WHEREAS, the Commission believes this information is vital but does not want its collection to act as a barrier to any individual seeking or potentially seeking services from the City of Austin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission on Aging is requesting that the City of Austin modify its intake processes in an equitable manner to request, retain and report the following breakouts in the categories below, for persons receiving City services:

Age: 18 – 24, 25 – 34, 35 – 44, 45 – 54, 55 – 64, 65 – 74, 75 – 84, 85 – 94, 95 and over, Prefer not to say.

Ethnicity: African American / Black, East Asian, Hispanic / Latino, Indigenous American / Alaskan Native, Middle Eastern, Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander, Pacific Islander, White, Multiple ethnicities - please specify, Not listed - please specify, Prefer not to say.

Gender Identity / Sex: Male assigned at birth, Female assigned at birth, Transgender Male, Transgender Female, Intersex, Gender queer, Gender non-conforming, Two-Spirit, Transitioning, Not listed – please specify, Prefer not to say.

Sexual Orientation: Asexual, Bisexual, Gay, Heterosexual or straight, Lesbian, Pansexual, Queer, Not listed - please specify, Prefer not to say.

Disability: Do you identify as a person with a disability, Prefer not to say.

Housing Status (asking to check all that apply): Own home, Rent, Low Income rental, Number of adults living with you that contribute to rent/house payments, City-subsidized housing, Living alone, Living with spouse/partner, Living with children, Living with grandchildren, Living with roommates, In assisted living, Living in a 55+ community, At risk of losing housing, Unhoused, On waiting list for low-income housing, On waiting list for city subsidized housing, Not listed - please specify, Prefer not to say.

Date of Approval: November 8th, 2023

Record of the vote: Unanimous on a 9-0 vote, Commissioners Adams, Angel, De Maria Nicola, Gonzales, and Lugo were absent.

Attest: 

Richard Bondi, Vice-Chair