




## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Joseph Chacon, Austin Police Department Chief 

**DATE:** April 13, 2023

**SUBJECT:** **Staff Response to Resolution No. 20230309-026 Community Police Academy**

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on Austin Police Department efforts to engage with the community in a classroom setting.

After decades of programming and 101 graduating classes, the APD Citizens Police Academy (CPA) was suspended during the pandemic. The Department completed an assessment of the CPA during its suspension to identify how the program could be improved. APD recognizes the CPA is of great value in building police-community relationships and creating a more widespread understanding of police functions through participants.

The APD Executive Team appreciates City leadership revisiting the need for this program. We have renamed the program the “APD Community Police Academy”. Key personnel are currently updating class guidelines and curriculum based on community input and leadership suggestions.

Beginning May 1, all details regarding the 102<sup>nd</sup> CPA Class – from times and location, to the curriculum and upcoming application process – will be published on the Department’s website:

<https://www.austintexas.gov/departments/community-police-academy>.

We are looking forward to the fall session and using this program to better connect with the community we serve.

cc: Jesus Garza, City Manager  
Chief Bruce Mills, Assistant City Manager  
Anne Morgan, City Attorney