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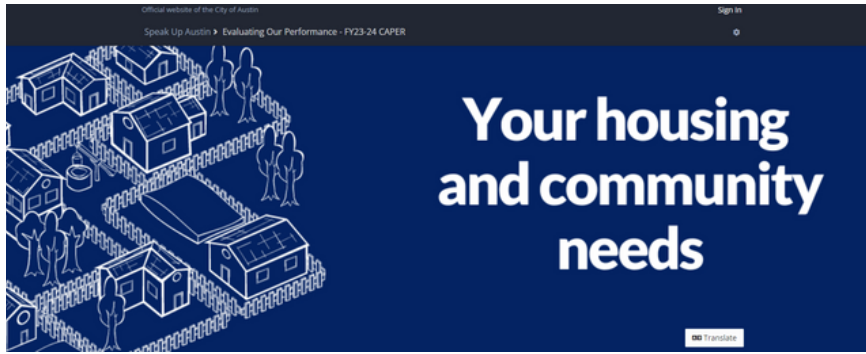
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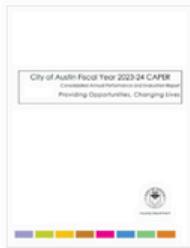


Evaluating Our Performance - FY23-24 CAPER

The City of Austin Housing Department creates an annual report to show how federal funds are used. This report details how much federal funding was spent over the past year, and how well the programs performed in terms of households served and housing units produced. It's important for the community to see this report and understand the real impact of the funds. This page provides an opportunity to learn how federal funds were used locally over the past year and to share stories about their impact. [Previous performance reports and action plans can be found online.](#)

How have you and your community been impacted by our programs?

The Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER) describes in detail how these funds were used over the past year. The public is invited to review the Draft FY 2023-24 CAPER during the public comment period: **Monday, November 18, 2024 - Wednesday, December 4, 2024.** Click the image below to access the report.



All written comments are included in the final CAPER. Therefore, all comments will be included as part of the public record. Austin City Council, as well as the general public, will have access to these comments and feedback. If you do not wish to have your comments disclosed, please notify the Housing Department at housing@AustinTexas.gov or by phone at 512-974-3100.

What comments and questions do you have about the Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report?

Your name (optional)

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Each year the City invests in housing and public service programs with the support of annual federal grants. The chart below shows how much money was spent for each program during FY23-24.

What is the CAPER?

The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) assesses the City's progress and the effectiveness of its performance related to its federally funded activities. A CAPER is required at the end of each year for all cities that receive federal funding. The FY 2023-24 CAPER evaluates the achievement of the City's overall strategies, objectives, and priorities outlined in the FY 2019-24 Consolidated Plan. The City will submit this report to HUD prior to December 29, 2024. The Draft FY 2023-24 CAPER is available for review during the public comment period.

What programs were funded in FY23-24?

Click the image below

Where does the funding come from?

The Housing Department receives four grant entitlement funds annually from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Click the image below to read about each grant.



More details can be found on our [My Community Needs](#) page.

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How have you been impacted by these HUD-funded programs?

Federal Funding - FY 2024

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ADMINISTRATION ACROSS ALL GRANTS	\$1,043,765 budgeted	-	\$1,417,929

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Other ways to submit comments:

- **Text:** To receive the survey questions on your mobile device, text CAPER to 73224
- **Mail:** Comments can also be submitted by postal mail to 1000 E 11th St, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78702
- **Phone:** To submit comments over the phone, call the Housing Department Office at 512-974-3100 and ask to leave a public comment on the FY 23-24 CAPER.

Where to find a copy of the CAPER:

A digital copy of the CAPER can be found in the documents section below. Paper copies of the draft CAPER are available at the following locations:

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- **Austin Central Public Library** - 710 West Cesar Chavez Street
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For any additional information, contact the Housing Department at housing@austintexas.gov or 512-974-3100.

Documents

- FY 23-24 CAPER Draft.pdf
- Spanish CAPER Summary.pdf



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Share your thoughts on the CAPER

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Ongoing Community Needs

The Housing Department works year-round to implement programs, build housing, and shape policies that will enable more households in Austin to stay in the neighborhoods they love. Many factors guide how funds are used, including your needs and your voice.

Please take a few minutes to share with us about your experience and what your community needs at www.SpeakUpAustin.org/MyCommunityNeeds



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Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage for YNOTUS LLC dba Oak Hill Lounge, to be located at 6705 US Hwy 290 Suite 107 Austin, Travis County, TX 78735. Owners are John Butts Owner Mike McMillan Owner. October 31, November 1 2024 LAC0018409

Govt Bids & Proposa

Sandow Municipal Utility District No. 1 INVITATION TO BIDDERS Sealed Electronic Bids addressed to Sandow Municipal Utility District No. 1, Attention Lee Dew Jenkins, E. President, Board of Directors, will be electronically received until 1:00 p.m. Local Time, November 14, 2024, and then publicly opened and read at the office of Kimble Horn and Associates, Inc. at 614 Hollister Drive E, Suite 100, College Station, TX 77840 for "Water Treatment Facilities Phase II Procurement for Sandow Municipal Utility District No. 1, Water Treatment Facilities Phase II Procurement. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, soils report, and environmental reports for this Project. There is NO charge to view or download documents. Bidders must submit their Bid and Bid Securities in compliance with Owner's Order 69 2731. Bidding Section Electronic Bidding and all Bids and Bid Securities must be submitted through www.CivcastUSA.com. Bidder must register on this website to submit a bid and Bid Security and there is no charge to submit Bids and Bid Securities on this website. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive all defects and irregularities in bidding or bidding process except for the bid amount. The bidder, by submitting a bid, is deemed to have accepted the terms and conditions of the bid, which are in the Board's judgment shall be the most economical completion of the Project. The requirements of Subchapter C, Chapter 562, Government Code apply to this Bid. The bidder agrees that the Equipment Package can be terminated if the bidder is negligently or intentionally fails to comply with the requirements of that subchapter. October 31, November 7 2024 LAC0018412

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RFP 2510-007 Outreach Services. Travis County Healthcare Services (TCHS) Central Health Unit, E. Cesar Chavez Street, Austin, TX 78703 RFP 2510-007 Outreach Services Due Date: 10/30/24 by 2:00pm CT. Central Health is seeking proposals for the purpose of engagement to fill gaps and increase reach and engagement with the program on individuals with limited English proficiency (specifically speakers of Spanish, Burmese, Vietnamese, and Chinese). The purpose of the program is to provide outreach and engagement services within these communities. The selected vendor will work in close collaboration with our internal community outreach and engagement team, serving as an extension of our efforts. This partnership aims to expand our capacity and ensure that we effectively reach and engage with the targeted populations. Ordering Instructions: Package can be downloaded at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/txas/traviscounty. October 31, 2024 LAC0018287

Public Notices

Notice of Public Hearing - NVOS Charter School. NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS FIRST RATING (Financial Health) Rating System of NVOS Academy will be held at a public meeting at 9:00 am, Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 1825 N Lamar, BLDG 1, Austin, TX 78753. LAC0018289

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION. HEIRS OF ELLEN SUSAN SIMPSON, DECEASED. IN WILSON COUNTY, TRAVIS COUNTY TEXAS. CAUSE NO. C-119-24-001826 - KATHLEEN SIMPSON ADMINISTRATOR. Respectedly submitted, FOITZ BYONE, PLLC, 402 West 7th Street, Austin, Texas 78701. Telephone: (512) 476-2020. Fax: (512) 477-2020. BY: Daniel H. Byrne, Dale Roberts, Jairo N. Castellanos, Jairo N. Castellanos, Jairo N. Castellanos FOR PETITIONER. CAUSE NO. C-119-24-001826 - KATHLEEN SIMPSON ADMINISTRATOR. Respectedly submitted, FOITZ BYONE, PLLC, 402 West 7th Street, Austin, Texas 78701. Telephone: (512) 476-2020. Fax: (512) 477-2020. BY: Daniel H. Byrne, Dale Roberts, Jairo N. Castellanos, Jairo N. Castellanos, Jairo N. Castellanos FOR PETITIONER. October 31, November 7 2024 LAC0018333

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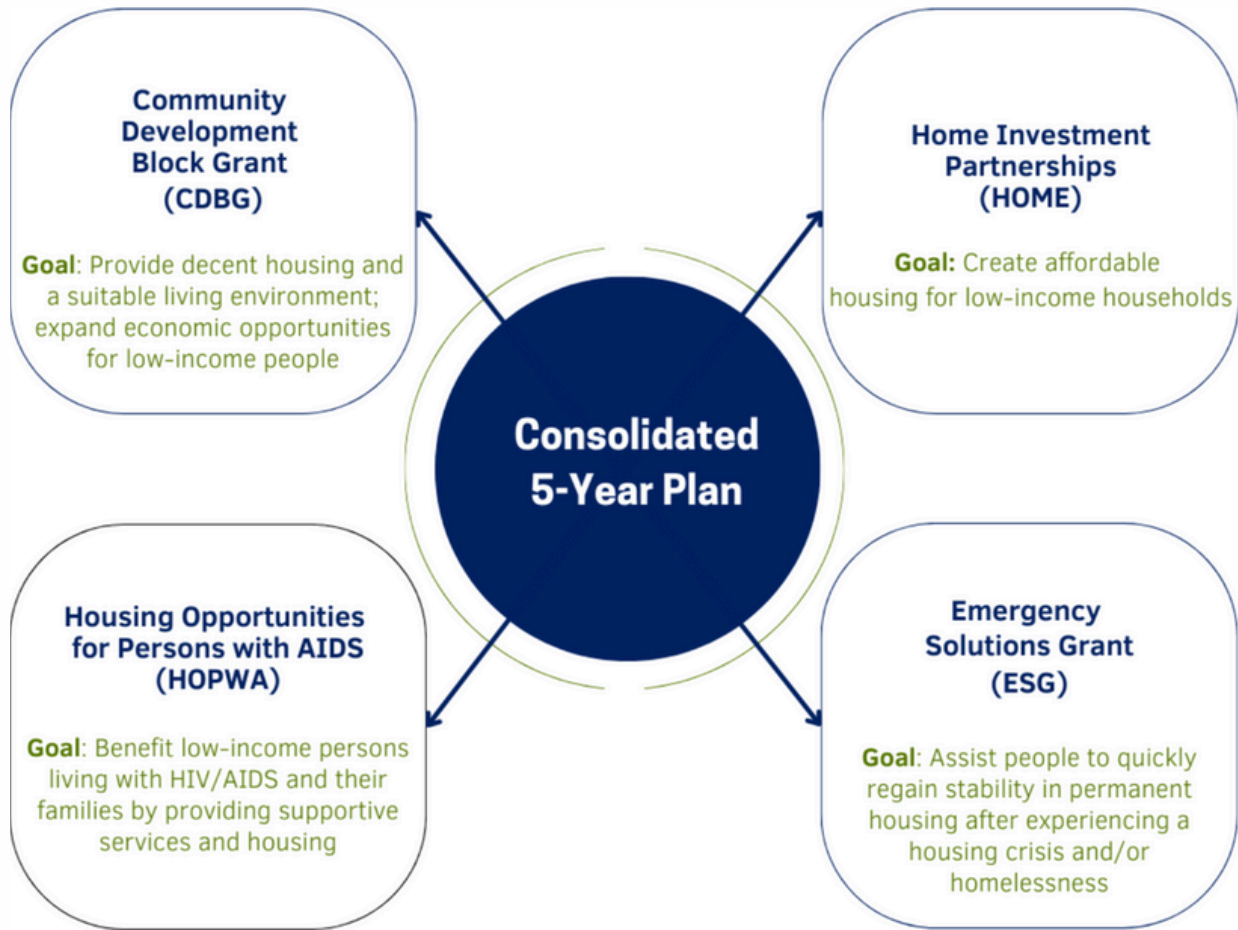
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	\$7,362,354	\$3,601,868	\$2,670,278	\$658,196
RENTER ASSISTANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Architectural Barrier Removal Tenants' Rights Assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tenant-Based Rental Assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Short term rental, mortgage & utilities (STRMU) 	
HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Down Payment Assistance 		
HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Architectural barrier removal Home repair programs Homeowner rehabilitation loans 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short term rental, mortgage & utilities (STRMU) 	
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SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Childcare Youth Mental Health Services Senior Services 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facility Based Housing 	
OTHER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Business Loan Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) operating expense grants CHDO Housing Development Assistance 		



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Nov 3, 2024 9:31 am Walter Moreau

What is it.

Nov 6, 2024 7:47 am 512-522-1423



Zenobia C. Joseph 1. Relief: Request U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) suspend the City of Austin and Housing Authority of the City of Austin’s (“HACA”) Federal funding!

2. Federal Law: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (“Title VI”) “is a Federal statute and provides that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance” (FTA C 4702.1B, 2012, Ch. I-2). Additionally, “Every transportation agency receiving Federal aid financial assistance must be unbiased in its actions” (FHWA, 2016).

a. Redlining Context: “Austin Is [the] Most Economically-Segregated Metro Area,” Texas Tribune reported (Badger, 2015). Austin City Council (“Council”) concentrates impoverished Blacks in North- and Southeast Austin, recodifying the 1928 City Plan, in violation of the Fair Housing Act of 1968. Actors, use source of income discrimination—80% area median income (\$70K)—and “equity” ad nauseum in grant applications to mask discrimination to get Federal funding. According to the City’s Minority Chambers Study, Blacks earn \$42K (EDD, 2020). So, 80% AMI is a proxy for race discrimination. Black Austinites are also “over six times more likely” to be homeless than whites (ECHO, 2022). This may provide context for the number of Black/African-Americans served by FY 2024 HUD grants.

b. Segregation/State Action: March 4, 2021 Council Resolution 20210304-067 was a hollow apology to Black Austinites for intentional segregation but continued the same practice. Northeast Blacks wait 60 minutes for the bus on new routes, 10 times longer than South/West/Central whites and Southeast/Dove Springs Hispanics since June 3, 2018 Cap Remap 52 route changes that improved access to sports and entertainment (e.g., SXSW). “The City Council of the City of Austin formally apologizes for its participation in the enslavement of Black people, for its active involvement in segregation and systemic discrimination, for exacerbating racial divides through both active and intentional means, and passive, inadvertent means. and for carrying out multiple ‘urban renewal’ programs that hindered, and often decimated, the progress made by Black communities” (p. 5). In 2023, Gov. Greg Abbott gave Austin Mayor Kirk Watson \$65M American Rescue Plan Act funding to concentrate 700 more homeless individuals in a Southeast Austin industrial zone within two miles of Austin Convention Center’s Marshalling Yard/warehouse used for 300 homeless within 2 miles of Camp Esperanza’s 200 non-congregate shelter/units on state-owned land, creating a disparate impact under guise of I-35 Central Austin expansion mitigation noted in the Texas Department of Transportation September 28, 2023 presentation to Council’s Mobility Committee (p. 20).



Comments (cont.)

c. Discrimination: Abbott's \$65M ARPA deal warehouses homeless individuals out of sight/out of mind, creating a disparate impact on Blacks, in violation of "OMB Approved No. 1505-0271 Assurances of Compliance with Civil Rights Requirements" (Expiration Date: April 30, 2025).

d. Legal Scholarship/Highway Segregation Barrier: "White Men's Roads Through Black Men's Homes: Advancing Racial Equity Through Highway Reconstruction" (Deborah Archer) Vanderbilt Law Review, "Instead of going through Black communities, some interstate highways encircled them in an attempt to contain and confine Black residents and skirt constitutional prohibitions on racial zoning" (p. 1281). US 183 (the new "I-35 Divide") encircles Blacks. Route 18 ran 15-minute headway 0.8 miles from FM 969/Craigwood Blacks. US 183 divides gentrified MLK and 969 (same road). Colluding with Council, Capital Metro CEO "Dottie" Watkins refused to relocate the terminus. As Chief Customer Officer in 2018 (\$38K raise), now \$357.5K, she discriminates. August 29, 2023 Travis County Commissioners and (8/31/2023) Council's Interlocal Agreement ("ILA"): ≈ \$1.3M Northeast Plan relies on the unfunded Green Line rail which is fraudulent. The 2023-24 CAPER notes Project Connect anti-displacement which fraudulently funds Northeast Austin. Rail was never funded, so no displacement will occur on 60-minute bus routes. Federal Transit Administration's Capital Investment Grants (2023) scoring criteria includes affordable housing "within ½ mile of stations areas to the proportion of 'legally binding affordability restricted'" (p. 16). Thus, Austin actors continue defrauding taxpayers using one-mile of the unfunded Green Line/MetroRapid Line which restores unilaterally eliminated Northeast Route 37-Loyola Lane to Downtown to give the appearance that Blacks benefit from Project Connect. The Northeast MetroRapid Line and Southeast Line (which duplicates Route 300 no longer serves as a 1-seat ride to North Lamar Transit Center) defrauds taxpayers of \$66M and created a social determinant of health north of US 183.

3. False Claims Act Violation: "Fraud is trying to get something of value through willful misrepresentation. . . . Waste happens when someone squanders money or resources even if it is not illegal such as buying overpriced office equipment from a preferred vendor. . . . Abuse happens when someone behaves improperly or unreasonably or misuses their position or authority. For example . . . writing a contract that favors a specific contractor. . . . Mismanagement is when someone creates a substantial risk to an agency's ability to do its job" (Government Accountability Office FraudNet, 2017). The City of Austin Fiscal Year 2023-24 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report ("CAPER") and, more broadly, 2025-29 Consolidated Plan defrauds taxpayers out of ≈ \$70M: denies equitable transit and amenities (e.g., No Northeast minority bus shelters Yager/Tech Ridge 2K+ units compared to Hyde Park single family \$500K-\$2M white homes; ADA non-compliance: no sidewalk to HACA's Heritage Woods Belveron property; Northeast Rundberg plain sidewalk vs. South/West/Central red clay shared-use bike lanes).



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a. Fraud/Waste/Abuse/Mismanagement: Counter to the 2023-24 CAPER, the “ESG [Emergency Solutions Grant] program is [not] designed to be the first step in a continuum of assistance to help clients quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness” (p. 78). September 4, 2024 Homeless Strategy Officer David Gray admitted to Council’s Public Health Committee that “rapid rehousing is not the best intervention for individuals who are chronically homeless” (p. 10). Despite Gray’s admission of the failed rapid rehousing strategy,

September 26, 2024 Council approved Item 53: “Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 1 to an agreement with Urban Alchemy to provide emergency shelter and supportive services to people experiencing homelessness, to add one-time funding in an amount not to exceed \$3,424,807 for the 12-month term beginning on October 1, 2024, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$20,201,542.” October 22, 2024 Councilmember Ryan Alter noted, “the City had \$42 million allocated from ARPA funds for rapid rehousing. That \$42 million was spent over a two-year period last year.” Despite Gray’s admission, Council allocated millions more of ARPA funding October 22, 2024 to renew four rapid rehousing contracts with no discussion on options to deconcentrate homeless from far Northeast transit deserts and Southeast industrial zone. December 4, 2024 KXAN reported on the City of Austin’s Press Release stating intent to extend the Marshalling Yard contract through 2025 though initially opened in haste, unilaterally, by former Interim City Manager Jesus Garza as a 1-year temporary solution using \$9.1M ARPA funds. ESG’s rapid rehousing funding, thus, exacerbates segregation and wastes taxpayer dollars. A better use of these dollars would be to prioritize veterans in collaboration with HUD-VASH vouchers and help elders maintain housing during crisis prior to eviction notice. At present, Neighborhood Services Manager Angel Zambrano and Austin Public Health Director Adrienne Sturup prioritize women with children, elders 60+ and disabled but mislead the public into believing neighborhood centers serve all in need of rental assistance through a Monday call-in line, first come-first served, which equates to futility.



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b. Mass Transit Disinformation Campaign: November 3, 2017 Austin Chronicle quoted Senior Planner Lawrence Deeter and Jay Blazek Crossley (now, Project Connect Community Advisory Committee Member) saying, "Supporters of the plan, including Cap Metro itself, acknowledge that every policy has certain casualties." Discriminating against Northeast Austin Blacks actors alleged, "only small parts of the city would lose access, notably in the North and Northeast." The FY 2022 Budget and marketing propaganda promoted, "More frequent, more reliable, better connected" (p. 190). Capital Metro's 2023 Origin/Destination Study then reiterated, "African American riders being the most transit dependent (84 percent in 2015 versus 88 percent in 2023)," noted Austin Monitor following the board meeting. The CAPER included "housing and transportation options" in its HOME Program goals "to foster and maintain affordable housing" (p. 58). June 3, 2018 Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority Planning Director Roberto Gonzalez (Hired: 11/28/1995) unilaterally eliminated all northeast-west 1-seat rides, double-counting minority transfers—making it harder to "access jobs, basic needs, health care, educational opportunities, and public services" counter to HOME goals (COA CAPER 2023-24, p. 58). April 11, 2019 Council adopted the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan undergirded by Cap Remap which denies Project Connect North Corridor 2014 Locally-Preferred Alternative regional job access (e.g., Samsung to Apple) but falsely states \$5B Project Connect/light rail is a solution to "ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing" (COA CAPER 2023-24, p. 45). In fact, the proposed discriminatory light rail system is the line of demarcation, terminating in Hyde Park which was developed "exclusively for white people" 1889-1924 by Col. Monroe Shipe, excluding Northeast Austin Black taxpayers in perpetuity. The CAPER's reference to Project Connect anti-displacement defrauds taxpayers and denies funding nationally to municipalities that compete for U.S. Department of Transportation discretionary grants and HUD funds. Note: Three of 8 Capital Metro members are on Council with Mayor Kirk Watson abusing his power to appoint CM "Chito" Vela unilaterally though the seat should more appropriately be filled by a transit-dependent minority or individual with a disability.

c. Segregated Housing: The CAPER falsely states, "The Housing Department currently provides funding points through a scoring matrix system to projects that assist in the dispersion of affordable housing stock throughout the community, to focus on high opportunity areas in Austin where often there is a shortage of affordable housing" (p. 24). Interim Housing Director Mandy DeMayo admitted in the 2023 Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing Grant Application to HUD, "The Scorecard also reported that 'only Districts 1, 3, and 4 built 50% or more of their unit goal in 2021, while fewer than 10 affordable homes were built in Districts 5, 6, 8, and 10' in West Austin (p. 12). In fact, the CAPER fails to provide safe affordable housing throughout Austin (p. 45); maintains racial segregation; denied Black veteran Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG") rental assistance during Hilltop Residential three-year retaliatory eviction appeal then Housing Authority of the City of Austin/Austin Pathways Executive Director Michael Gerber retaliated after my Title VI HUD-VASH voucher testimony October 17, 2024 and November 21, 2024—blocking open records emails counter to the 5-Year Public Housing Authority Plan Civil Rights Certification, approved by Local Official DeMayo who excluded my Title VI comments in the Consolidated Plan approved by Council July 18, 2024.



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d. Citizen Participation Plan: Austin's SpeakUp page notes, "All written comments are included in the final CAPER. Therefore, all comments will be included as part of the public record." July 18, 2024 DeMayo excluded "all comments" and unilaterally included childcare for Public Services funding. DeMayo provided no Community Development Commission recommendation counter to the Citizen Participation Plan. She also provided no summary to Council and failed to include Civil Rights Assurances with PRO Housing Application in 2024. I have, respectfully, requested DeMayo resign in her presence during Community Development Commission Title VI Testimony and noted this same request November 21, 2024 before HACA which resulted in retaliation. Funding would be better used for transportation. Note: "January 25, 2022 Commissioners ignored November 15, 2021 ARPA/LFRF Interim Final Rule noting ERA statutory directive to pay tenants and relocate the homeless to "higher levels of economic opportunity," re-codifying Austin's 1928 redlining plan instead. October 25, 2022 WFS' CEO Tamara Atkinson disclosed to Commissioners the \$54M for childcare, largely from ARPA funds. "Yes, the \$54 million that we have for childcare is an increase over years past. The reason for that is from the Federal government." November 5, 2024 Voters approved childcare funding, too.

4. Closing: I close asking HUD to investigate Austin's lack of funding for veterans though noted as a high-priority special population. Compel HACA to issue HUD-VASH vouchers in accord with the August 14, 2024 Federal Register Section 8 HUD-VASH Update. Ultimately, suspend the City of Austin and HACA's Federal funding. Thanks.~zgj

