



**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (CDC)
JANUARY 24, 2026 – 9:00 AM
STREET JONES BUILDING - ROOM 400A
1000 EAST 11TH STREET, 78702
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion of Retreat Goals and Objectives. Discussion led by Chair Noe Elias.
2. Discussion of Agenda and Timeline for the Retreat Activities. Discussion led by Miguel Lopez, Planner I, Austin Housing.
3. Discussion and Team Building Activity. Discussion led by Chair Noe Elias.

4. Discussion of the CDC's role and purpose. Discussion led by Nefertitti Jackmon, Community Displacement Prevention Officer, Austin Housing.
5. Presentation regarding "A Brief History of Community Action". Presentation by Angel Zambarano, Program Manager III, Austin Public Health.
6. Presentation regarding the "Home Options for Mobility and Equity" (HOME) and "Community Development Block Grant" (CDBG) federal funds. Presentation by Susan Watkins, Housing Division Manager, Austin Housing.
7. Presentation regarding the "Establishment of FY 25/26 Goals for the CDC" to include the, "Top Policy Priorities" and the "Process for achieving the identified priority goals". Discussion led by Dr. Marla Torrado, Housing Division Manager, Austin Housing.
8. Presentation and activity regarding the narrowing and alignment of identified priorities. Presentation by Dr. Marla Torrado, Housing Division Manager, Austin Housing.
9. Discussion and review of the FY 25/26 Goals. Discussion led by Vice Chair Jenny Achilles.
10. Discussion of general questions and answers. Discussion led by Chair Noe Elias.

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