

Dear Council Member _Ellis_____,

I am a resident of your district and I ask that you **please include the \$2.62M in to fund the continued level of maintenance of park services and retain the homeless encampment response team.** These are critical needs of the Parks and Recreation Department in the City of Austin's FY 2025.

PARD's most pressing need for the FY25 budget is adequate staffing to maintain parks, recreational and cultural centers and pools. To keep up with the demand in services, Parks Department needs 16 new full time facilities maintenance positions. The lack of sufficient staff for mowing, trash pickup, and general care of our parks will be felt across the city. We expect that the City of Austin will maintain facilities and programs.

PARD currently has 4 temporary maintenance positions dedicated to homeless encampment clean up. This temporary team should become a permanent team of 4 FTEs to continue to address homeless camp debris on PARD property.

Please add \$2.62M to the Park and Recreation Departments FY 2025 budget to ensure that we can continue to love our greenspace.

Sincerely,

_____, resident of District _____.

Not sure who represents you? Use this [map](#) to find out. Below you will find City Council Representative contact information. Most Budget Town Halls will be hybrid, with in person and online options for attendance. See [SpeakUp Austin for details and RSVP](#).

District 1: Natasha Harper-Madison

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*Attend the D1 & D4 Joint Meeting on July 29th (6pm) at the Permitting & Development Center

District 2: Vanessa Fuentes

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*Attend the D2 Budget Town Hall on July 17th (6pm) at Bedichek Middle School

District 3: Jose Velasquez

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*Attend the D3 Budget Town Hall on August 3rd (10am) at TBA location

District 4: Chito Vela

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*Attend the D1 & D4 Joint Budget Town Hall on July 29th (6pm) at the Permitting & Development Center

District 5: Ryan Alter

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*Attend the D5 Budget Town Hall on July 31st (6pm) at the South Austin Senior Activity Center

District 6: Mackenzie Kelly

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*Attend the D6 Budget Town Hall on July 15th (6pm) at the Spicewood Springs Branch Library

District 7: Leslie Pool

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*Attend the D7 Budget Town Hall on July 23rd (6pm) at the Northwest Recreation Center

District 8: Paige Ellis

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*Attend the D8 Budget Town Hall on July 22nd (6pm) online

District 9: Zo Qadri

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*Attend the D9 Budget Town Hall on July 20th (10am) at the Austin Central Library

District 10: Alison Alter

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*Attend the D10 Budget Town Hall on August 5th (6:30pm) at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church