



10-1 Community Centers

Distributing our Public Safety Funds Back into the Community

Mission: To ensure that the public safety needs of all Districts in Austin are met in an equitable manner. Reallocate the Austin Police Department Budget to put health and safety services into our communities and take steps to eliminate discriminatory barriers that are not helping Austin residents.

The following policies shall be implemented: 10-1 District-based Community Centers



These Community Centers will have:

- Mental health staffing
- Domestic violence and sexual assault victims' resources,
- Property crime investigators
- EMS personnel
- Victims services
- Prevention and educational opportunities within all the communities
- Office of Police Oversight community representatives
- Daily "open" office hours for walk-in service

-  With this model, the goal is to pool and redeploy resources into community needs
-  This is a model of prevention over punishment
-  Expand on the Office of Police Oversight to have district representatives and engage the community
-  Require pre-employment screenings to identify prejudices. Ensure local departments are eliminating city public safety officers who display bias, intolerance, or other behaviors or prejudices that may threaten public safety
-  Ensure that the Community Center mirrors the communities they serve
-  Require accredited implicit bias and other gender and racial equity training for all Community Center personnel
-  Collect disaggregated data to ensure local lawmakers are equipped with the data needed to inform sustained reform
-  Require that this information be made publicly available in a way that is useful both to governmental and non-governmental entities
-  Proactively investigate Community Centers to ensure that they do not fail to meet standards

Goals

With the establishment of 10-1 District Community Centers, the following will be established:



People will feel a connection to their community and have more access to City resources



The response to Community members calling 911 will be shorter and the response will be more nuanced in terms of having the most appropriate personnel to respond



City Council members will have better data and community centers where they can hold meetings, speak about community issues, and increase transparency between our local officials and our communities



People who suffer family violence or sexual assault will feel safer when they leave their homes or want to report an assault



The community centers will work with local nonprofits on the needs of the community



The community centers will increase funding into a different and more effective strategy to meet community needs than our current law enforcement-only strategy



This creates a long-term plan to address community needs and brings Austin together