

Anti-Displacement Planning

CAC General Meeting

September 11, 2025

Agenda

1. 2025 CAC Budget Recommendation Overview
2. 2022 and 2023 Recommendations
3. Working Group Decision-Making Process
4. Community Engagement Participation and Findings
5. Transit-Induced Anti-Displacement Goals and Strategies Discussion

CAC Budget Recommendation Overview

- CAC will send a formal recommendation to the Austin City Council by the end of the year for final approval
- CAC will make a recommendation regarding a 3-year funding tranche (2026 to 2028), with some room for flexibility
- The Anti-Displacement Planning Working Group will bring forth draft recommendations to the CAC for action
- The foundation for these recommendations is the Nothing About Us Without Us Racial Equity Anti-Displacement Tool and previous community engagement process
- The working group is working with staff to bring a recommendation by November for consideration

Working Group 2022 Recommendations

We recommended that the anti-displacement fund budget for years 2021 and 2022 be committed as following:

1. Commit \$23 million towards land acquisition and affordable housing preservation, in alignment with direction from Austin City Council Resolution No. 20210204-062.
2. Commit \$21 million towards the development of affordable housing through the City's housing development assistance programs.
3. Commit \$20 million towards Anti-Displacement Initiatives as outlined in the soon to be available notice of funding availability, based on Project Connect anti-displacement priorities and rooted in the Contract with the Voters, Racial Equity Anti-Displacement Tool, and data-informed maps.

Working Group 2023 Recommendations

We recommended that the anti-displacement funds for 2023, 2024, and 2025 be committed as following:

- 3 YEAR TOTAL: Years 2023-2025 (Funding available: \$75 million)
 - Land acquisition, preservation, and rehabilitation: \$43 million
 - Affordable housing development: \$14 million
 - Programs and other strategies addressing immediate needs: \$14 million
 - Staffing, community engagement, and marketing: \$4 million
- YEAR 1: 2023 (Funding available: \$35 million)
 - Land acquisition, preservation, and rehabilitation: \$23 million
 - Affordable housing development: \$10 million
 - Programs and other strategies addressing immediate needs: \$1 million
 - Staffing, community engagement, and marketing: \$1 million

Working Group 2023 Recommendations

We recommended that the anti-displacement funds for 2023, 2024, and 2025 be committed as following:

- YEAR 2: 2024 (Funding available: \$20 million)
 - Land acquisition, preservation, and rehabilitation: \$11 million
 - Affordable housing development: \$2 million
 - Programs and other strategies addressing immediate needs: \$5.5 million
 - Staffing, community engagement, and marketing: \$1.5 million
- YEAR 3: 2025 (Funding available: \$20 million)
 - Land acquisition, preservation, and rehabilitation: \$9 million
 - Affordable housing development: \$2 million
 - Programs and other strategies addressing immediate needs: \$7.5 million
 - Staffing, community engagement, and marketing: \$1.5 million

Working Group Decision-Making Process

- Stakeholder conversations (e.g. Montopolis leaders and others)
- Review of existing plans and recommendations:
 - Nothing About Us Without Us Racial Equity Anti-Displacement Tool
 - COA Displacement Mitigation Strategy
 - People's Plan
 - Uprooted Study
 - Anti-Displacement Taskforce Report
 - Mayor's Task Force on Institutional Racism and Systemic Inequities Report
 - Fair Housing Action Plan (2015)
- Community engagement
 - Three in-person meetings: Montopolis, South Congress, and North Lamar
 - Two virtual meetings
- Conversations with HPD staff around strategic programming: Housing development, land acquisition, and anti-displacement teams

Transit-Induced Anti-Displacement Goals and Strategies

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Goal 3: Assist and support homeowners

- a. Provide home repair and rehabilitation for low-income owners
- b. Provide legal help so that families can stay in their homes
- c. Expand affordable homeownership through financial assistance and counseling

Goal 4: Provide services to residents and preserve local businesses

- a. Provide financial assistance to low-income households to pay off utility bills
- b. Help residents at risk of displacement access affordable housing services
- c. Preserve small businesses and community and cultural assets



How would you invest \$75 million in
Project Connect Anti-Displacement Funds?

Engagement Overview

The Project Connect Community Advisory Committee (CAC) hosted community engagement sessions throughout late September and early October 2022 to help establish the priorities for the next three years of anti-displacement funding and make recommendations to the Austin City Council.

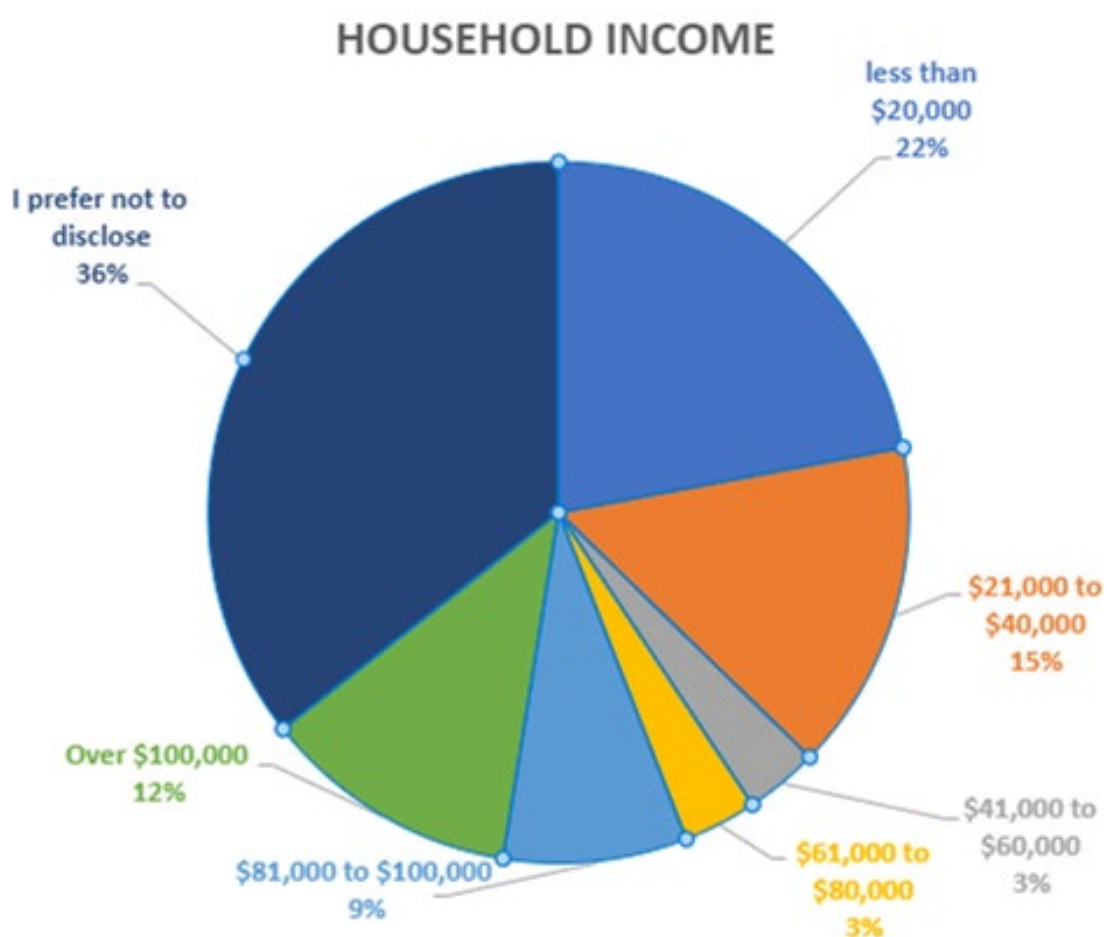
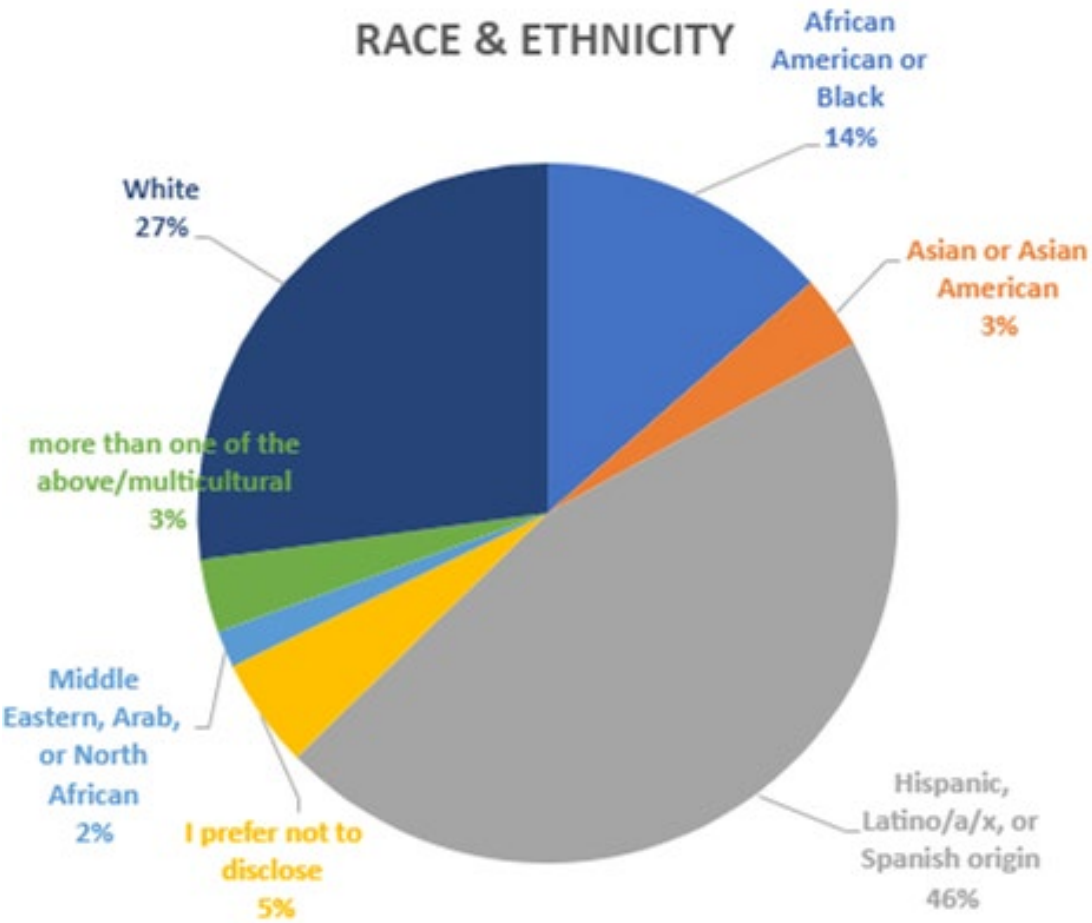
Three in-person events were held in areas at risk of displacement within a mile of project connect lines and **two virtual sessions** were offered as well. Community members could also join the conversation on SpeakUp Austin.

A total of 104 people participated throughout the 5 sessions and on SpeakUp Austin. See Appendix A for participant demographics.

The feedback from this engagement will be used by the Community Advisory Committee in combination with the Nothing About Us Without Us Racial Equity Anti-Displacement Tool, strategy discussions with City of Austin Housing & Planning staff, and conversations with key stakeholders to establish funding priorities for FY23, FY24, and FY25.

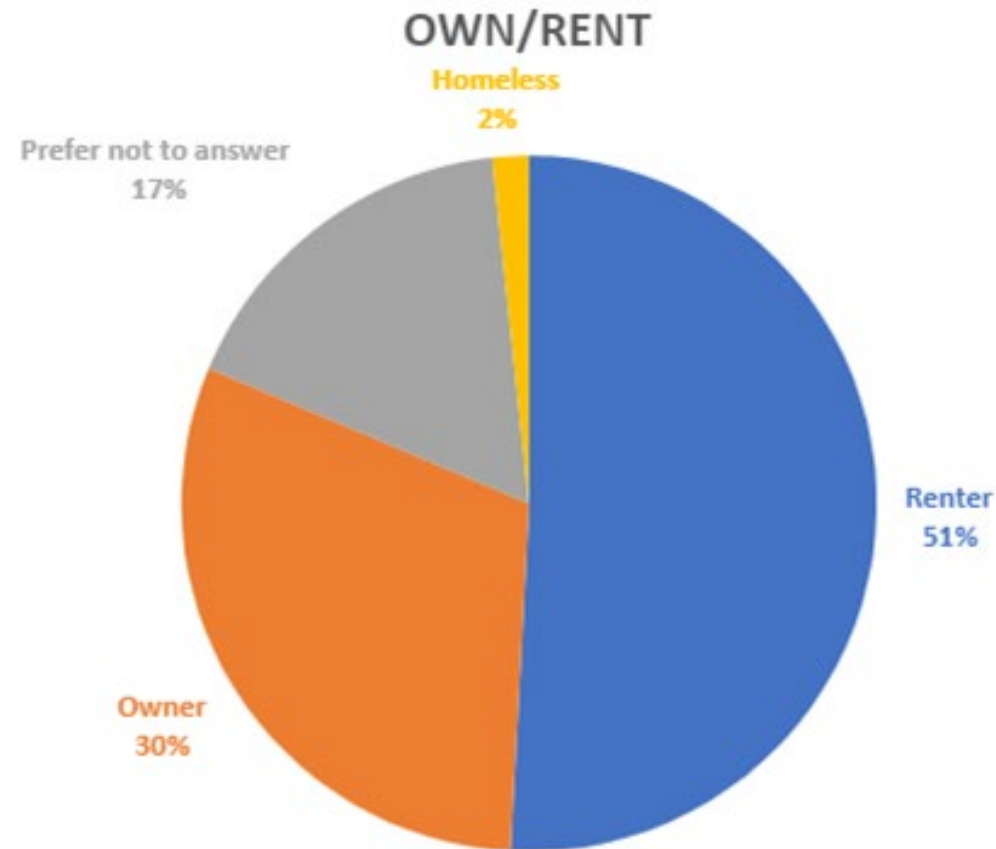
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Anti-Displacement Goals

During the sessions, members of the CAC presented 4 anti-displacement goals to guide conversation:

1. Expand affordable housing opportunities for those most in need
2. Empower and stabilize tenants
3. Assist and support homeowners
4. Provide services to residents and preserve local businesses

These goals built on the recommendations of the *Nothing About us Without Us* Report and also incorporated insight from other sources, including: the City of Austin Displacement Mitigation Strategy, the Community Powered Workshop Community Investment and Wealth-Building Strategies Report, the Texas Anti-Displacement Toolkit (Uprooted Study), the Anti-Displacement Task Force Report, The People's Plan, Mayor's Task Force on Institutional Racism and Systemic Inequities Report, and the Fair Housing Action Plan.

Preliminary CAC-led Community Engagement Findings

Community members were given the opportunity to help prioritize four anti-displacement goals through an online voting platform. 56 individuals participated in the voting process.

Highest Priority:

Expand affordable housing opportunities for those most in need



Rank #2:

Empower and stabilize tenants



Rank #3:

Provide services to residents and preserve local businesses



Rank #4:

Assist and support homeowners



The CAC offered strategies to help meet each goal and invited thoughts and feedback from community members based on their lived experience.

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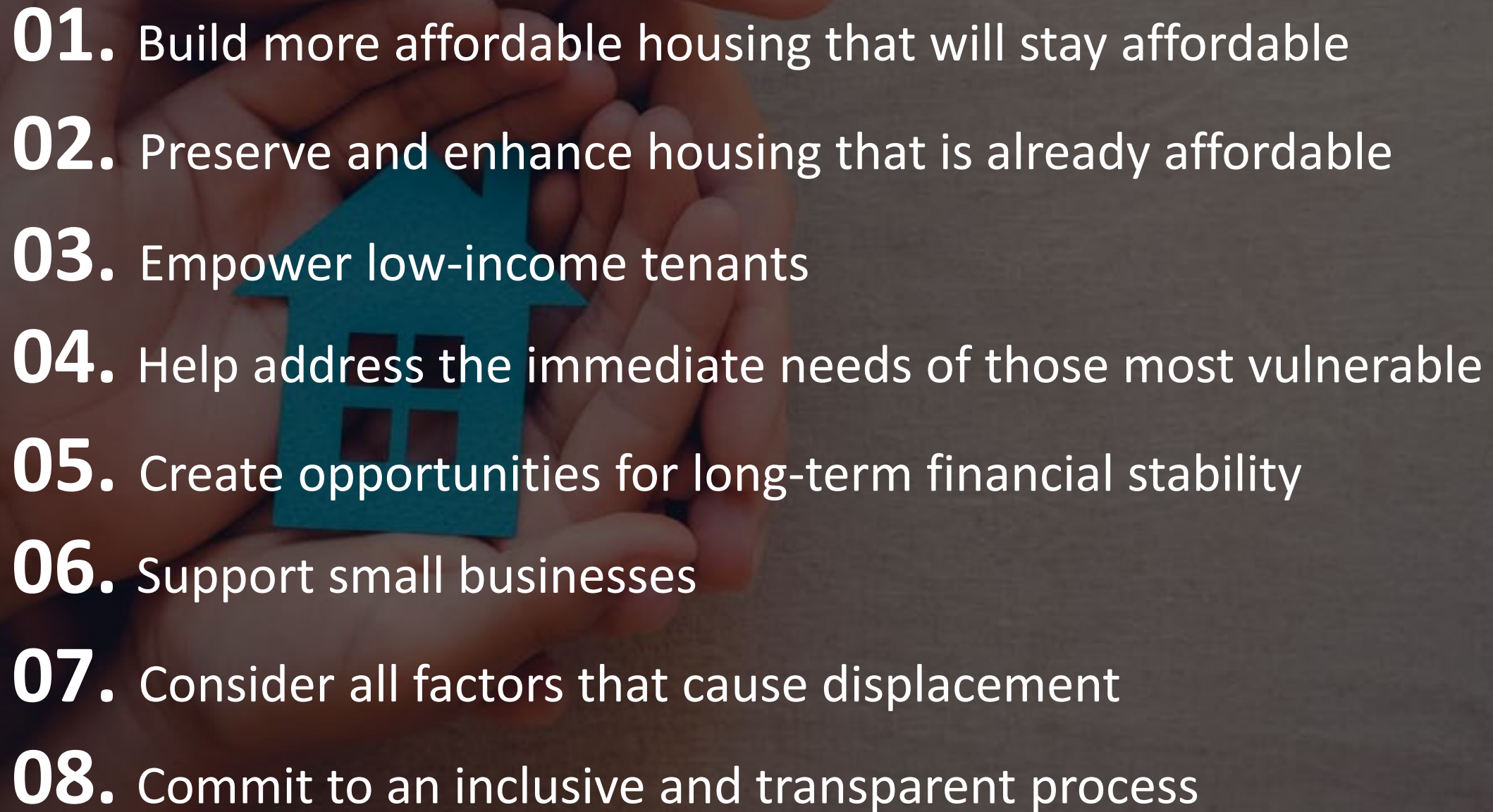
75 percent of those who voted ranked “Expand affordable housing opportunities for those most in need” as their highest priority. This included both the creation and preservation of affordable housing.

In addition, 8 primary themes surfaced during the discussions.

Highest Priority:

Expand affordable housing opportunities for those most in need



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- 01.** Build more affordable housing that will stay affordable
- 02.** Preserve and enhance housing that is already affordable
- 03.** Empower low-income tenants
- 04.** Help address the immediate needs of those most vulnerable
- 05.** Create opportunities for long-term financial stability
- 06.** Support small businesses
- 07.** Consider all factors that cause displacement
- 08.** Commit to an inclusive and transparent process

DISCUSSION - Transit-Induced Anti-Displacement Goals and Strategies

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