

Fw: SAVE AUSTIN NOW: 12/30/25 Audit Effort Update: 5,500+ Collected (28% to Minimum Goal) // Hard Deadline of 2/1/26 // Help Needed!

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Thank you for standing with us.

— Matt & Steven

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The City of Austin's Entire Budget & Performance Will Have a Public Third-Party Audit - by Law.

***If* We Get It Onto the Ballot.**

UPDATE: 5,500+ Signed Petitions (28% of our Minimum Goal) Have Been Collected So Far. We Have JUST 34 Days Left (Until Hard Deadline of 2/1/26).

We are executing a massive grassroots effort to gather 20,000+ ink petition signatures to force the first-ever public 3rd party audit of Austin's entire \$6 billion city budget - & to mandate regular audits of every dollar - that will be **legally required to find savings for taxpayers.**

We Need Your Support

Every \$1.50 sends another petition packet with a prepaid return envelope. We must be funded to send over 150,000 & operate the team to process them.

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City Hall's spending has grown dramatically at **5 times the rate of population growth** — but transparency has not.

Austinites deserve to know where our money is going, what's broken, and how to fix it; why services are failing; why projects are over budget & delayed; **where homelessness spending really goes...**

A mandatory, public, external audit is the only way to expose waste & conflicts, lower taxes, improve services, & restore trust. And voters will support it — **if we get this on the ballot**.

5 Ways You Can Help Right Now

1. **Get a petition to sign** —print at home or mailed to you. [Request yours here.](#)
2. **W've now mailed 60,000+ Austinites the audit petition** Request it by mail NOW, so your signature counts immediately. [Add your name.](#)
3. **Host a petition at your business.** We supply everything & pick up weekly. [Sign up here.](#)
4. **Volunteer** to help on your schedule. [Volunteer here.](#)
5. **Donate** to make this all possible. [Give here.](#)

We Need Donations to Make This Lasting Change Possible

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In Case You Missed It — Our Announcement

Coalition Launches Effort to Require Independent Audit of Austin's Entire Budget

Save Austin Now is leading a citywide effort to require the first external performance audit of Austin's full budget — something experts say could reveal tens of millions in annual savings and prevent future tax hikes.

After voters rejected Prop Q by 63–37%, it's clear the public wants accountability — not excuses. This amendment forces the City to hire an independent firm, produce a public audit, and repeat the process every five years.

Local leaders across the political spectrum agree: this is the transparency Austin needs.

Only Austin residents may sign the petition. [Get the petition here.](#)

LEND YOUR SUPPORT

BREAKING: City Council Credit Card Spending Scandal Revealed!

Local attorney, former Travis County Judge, and taxpayer advocate Bill Aleshire went to the trouble of getting the credit card records for Austin City Council members and posted them to his X account.

It's a goldmine of indefensible waste of taxpayer dollars, making our external performance audit Charter Amendment all the more urgently needed.

Current Revolt wrote up some of the most questionable expenses:

Top Austin City Credit Card Purchases That Make You Say ????

A man on Twitter named Bill Aleshire posted that he had obtained credit card purchase records for City of Austin employees that are curiously absent from the city's online "financial transparency" system.

For some reason he posted a bunch of images instead of an excel file, so reviewing them was a huge hassle. In addition to endless subscription services, we came up with a short list of interesting purchases.

1. Latina Power Coaching Date: 12/10/2024 Vendor: LATINAPOWERCOACHING CO Amount: \$4,120.00

Experts say the 14th amendment says you must also do White Power coaching if you do DEI coaching.

2. Hispanic Austin Leadership Program Date: 8/28/2024 Vendor: GTR AUSTIN HISP CHMBER Amount: \$2,000.00 They are very proud of certain races in the Austin government it seems.

Additional weird things.

\$233.87 Constituent Listening Session food/drink - 02/18/2025TST RUDYS COUNTRY STOR

\$100.00 Constituent Listening Session Location Rental - 09/23/2025VCO St. Matthew's Epis

\$650.00 District 1 shirts - 06/05/2024 BIG FROG CUSTOM T-SHR (Campaign shirts???)

\$500.00 Sponsorship of community event - 06/27/2024 DONATED VIA EVITE (no more details lol)

\$250.00 Spice rental for staff retreat! - 11/26/2023 SP BOSSBABESATX (???)

\$300.00 Community Event - Music Entertainment - 02/21/2025 PAYPAL LAURENIRVIN (can we not get a low bid?)

\$3,299.00 Advocacy Trip for Council Member - 05/22/2025 AUSTIN CHAMBER

** And this only covers TWO YEARS.

This is a Groundbreaking Effort & Will Lead the Country by Example

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