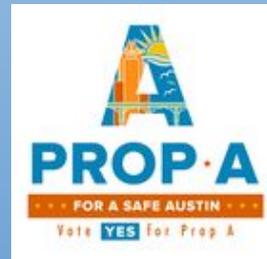
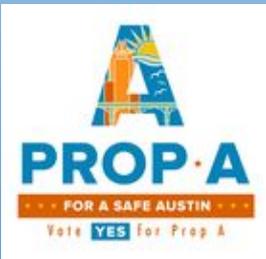




Yea On Prop A!

Save Austin Now P.A.C.



Did



Know?

ATX can afford police AND fire/EMS/pools/parks/libraries.

APD is losing officers faster than they can replace them.

ATX has only 1510 police officers down from 1800 officers just 2 years ago! Headed to 1400 by years end!!!!!!!!!!!!

APD response times are increasing rapidly - now over 10 min!

Violent crime is rising in ATX.

How did we get here?

June 8, 2020

After justified protests nationwide to the George Floyd MURDER, Joe Biden led the “Defund Police” movement. Defunding police reform police practices



CNN politics The Biden Presidency Facts First

Biden says he doesn't support defunding police

By Eric Bradner, Sarah Mucha and Donald Judd, CNN

Updated 7:56 PM ET, Mon June 8, 2020



August 13, 2020



Council knee-jerk reaction was to defund APD by reducing budget by \$150 million and drastically slashed officers. (like open camping-rushed decision with no plan)



LOCAL NEWS

City council votes to slash \$150 million from Austin Police Department, approves city budget



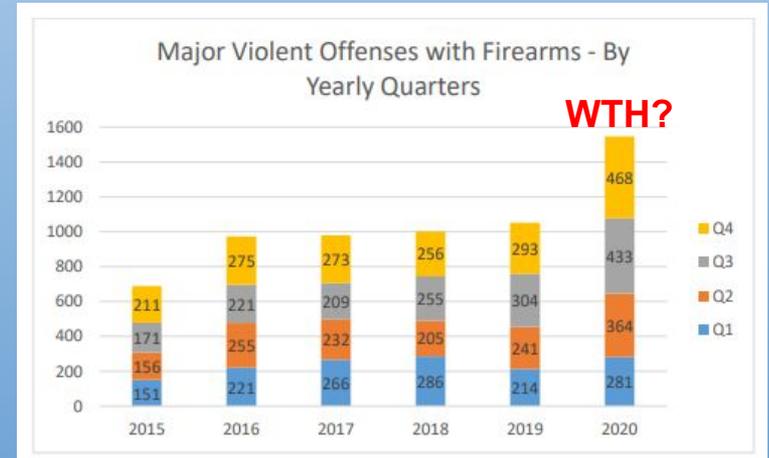
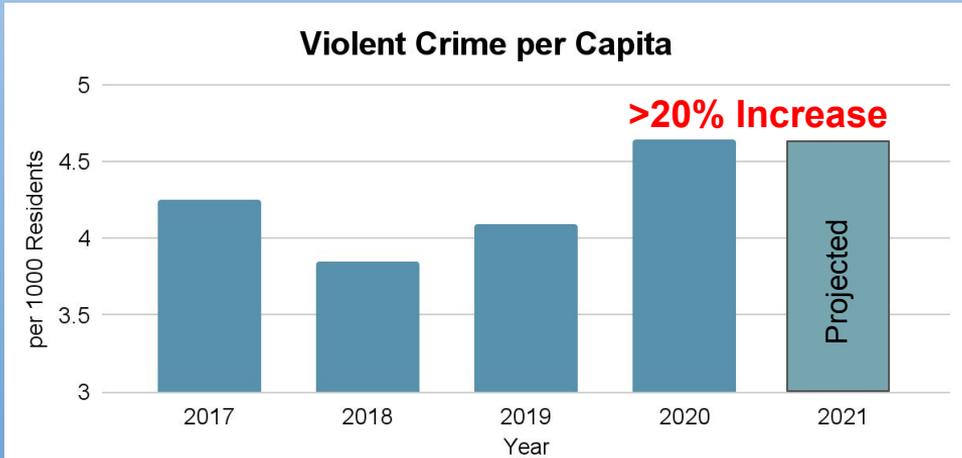
Did the Knee Jerk Work?



Spoiler...Nope-as expected!

City Council + DA disdain for police = 2 bad outcomes:

1. Police reducing activity and resigning due to the caustic environment. Police believe their work means nothing and that they are at high risk of harassment and prosecution.
2. Clear message to thugs that they can expect clear sailing in ATX. Send your wife and kids on foot around the city and ask them how safe they feel.

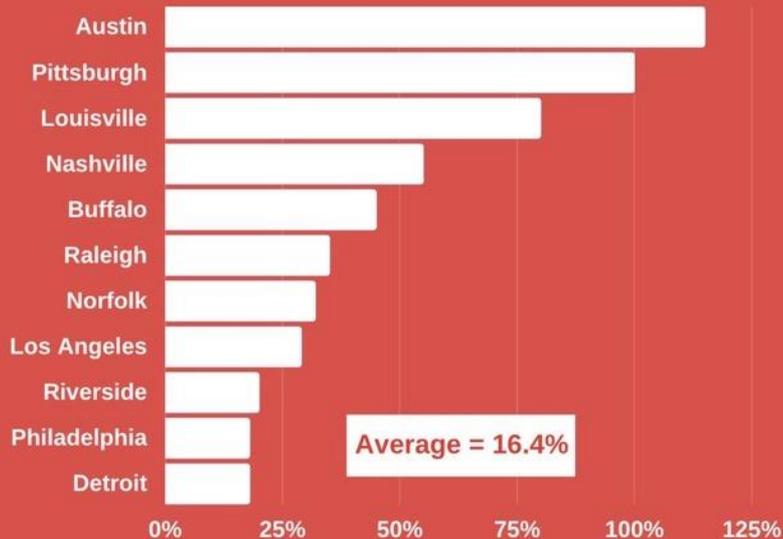


Prop A Fixes This!

AUSTIN HAS #1 HIGHEST CRIME RATE INCREASE IN USA

Percentage Change in Homicide

Jan-June 2020 to Jan-June 2021



Source: Pandemic, Social Unrest, and Crime in U.S. Cities.
Richard Rosenfeld and Ernesto Lopez, July 2021



VOTE FOR PROP A
MAKE AUSTIN SAFE AGAIN

East Austin resident's worst fears come true:

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Bertha Rendon Delgado, president of the East Town Lake Citizens Neighborhood Association, is concerned about the city's decision to cancel three cadet classes and strip...

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Officers are taking longer to respond to 911 calls. The average response to the most serious emergencies rose to 9 minutes, an increase of 1 minute, 30 seconds — 17% — during the past year.

Austin recently set a record for the most homicides in the 61 years the Police Department has kept count, and the killings have become a central focus of debate. Austin's increase is part

Where Are We Now?

September 13, 2021

Chief Chacon held a press conference because of our history making homicide increase.

74% increase in homicides over last year

Chief Chacon indicated this increase attributable to:

- 1) An uptick in violent crime offenses from offenders released on personal recognizance (PR) bonds and recommitting violent offenses
- 2) Increase in illegal guns on the streets
- 3) Police Staffing crisis

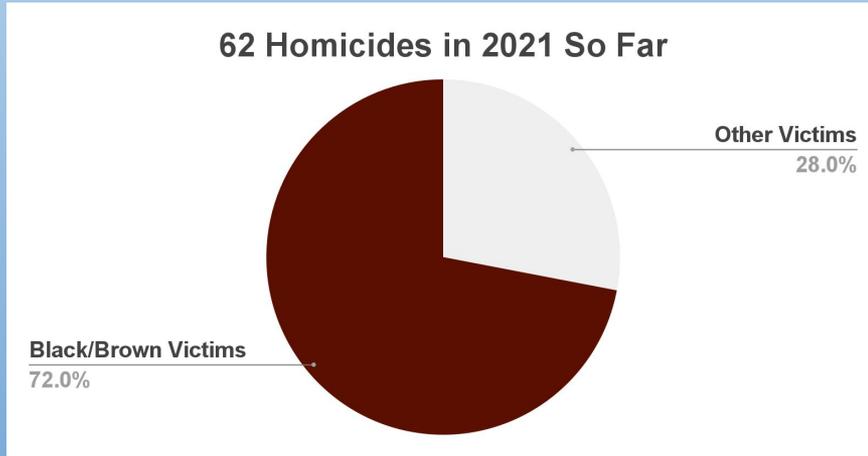
Chief Chacon indicated research shows:

#1 deterrent for crime is officer presence

What about Justice?

Indiscriminate mass staffing cuts don't stop bad officers and they don't stop violent criminals from inflicting harm. And guess who bears the brunt of that harm?

84% of homicides in 2021 are NOT family violence.



Social justice is not served by increasing the number of black and brown deaths.

72% were Black & Brown homicide victims while Black & Brown only make up 42.1% of Austin population 36% of homicide victims are Black yet they are only 7% of the population.

What about Justice?

- Community policing is nonexistent right now. Because of our 300+ police staffing crisis and running from calls to calls. Where is the Justice in that?
- Do you want an overworked, understaffed, stressed out police officer responding to crisis calls? That is how mistakes happen, where is the justice in that?



What Is Prop A



A citizen driven initiative to properly staff and train APD.

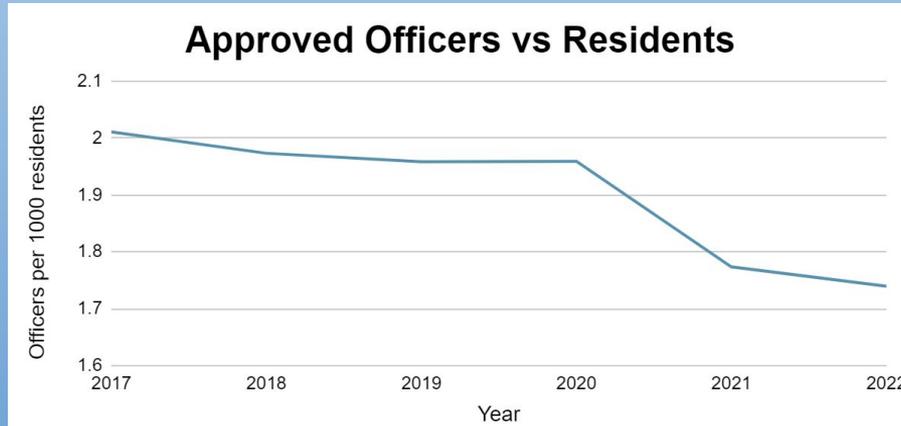
- Approve 2 officers/1000 residents. In 2018 we were basically there.
- ATX will be on track to have the most comprehensively trained force in the country
- Community policing can be restarted. Presently APD is in crisis management.
- Enact police reforms: boost minority hiring (through foreign language proficiency), ensure racially diverse community policing, and provides retention bonuses for officers without police complaints (“Good Conduct Medal” eligible officers)

Why is Prop A Needed?

Spoiler...Cuz we have a massive staffing crisis-DUH!

In mid 2020, Austin City Council massively cut funding to APD. This was a **knee jerk** response to the horrific murder of George Floyd and the protests that followed. This **fixed nothing** and has caused major problems.

“But its been put back and then some” you say...Not quite. Austin is in a political poker game with the governor and had to move services that were once part of APD back under APD. **But they DID NOT restore approval for adequate staffing.**



This is not reimagining.

This is foolish!



AFD staffing is **mandated** -vs- APD staffing in **crisis**



- **AFD** - City policy mandates **FOUR (4)** firefighters per emergency vehicle.
- **APD** needs **2 police officers per 1000** residents. Prop A **mandates** this!
~ A nationally accepted standard for safe cities
- Prop A takes over where HB 1900 falls short and mandates money to be used for a reasonable and acceptable officer ratio.

How much does Prop A cost?

Spoiler...nowhere near what you have heard. Try \$30-35M/yr. Shocked?

Return the \$45M reimagine fund to staffing where it belongs.

Stop playing poker with the Governor. Problem solved.



Budget fear mongering is to pit everyone against the police.

Austin has budgeted for reasonable staffing in years prior.



City claim's \$271.5M-\$598.8M over 5 years. **Outrageous.**

Lumps in capital spending which is **not** budgeted this way. These last >>5 years & rapidly growing city has to make investments regardless.



Misleading to project 5 year cost when binding for only 2 years.

Year	Approved Staff
2017	1908
2018	1908
2019	1929
2020	1959
2021	1809
2022	1809

Citizens are paying for Police/Fire/EMS

Spoiler...It's the most basic responsibility of city Gov. Watch those taxes

**We Austinites love property taxes & the city loves the increases.
Don't be fooled-ATX council has no problem finding money to spend.**

PROPERTY TAX \$ INCREASE vs PRIOR YR.	
2019	\$52.1M
2020	\$60.6M
2021	\$39.0M
2022	\$52.5M

Bet you didn't realize how much more money Austin collects EVERY year. They have had no trouble throwing around 100s of millions of dollars at homeless issues. Some on council simply don't support APD.

>\$200M Increase!

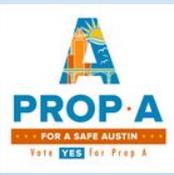
Yes, Austin can afford Prop A

Our annual city budget is \$4.5B. The low-end cost estimate is \$54M from the city. Ignore the high-end estimate, which includes voter-approved items like substations and unnecessary items like new training centers, intentionally conflating capital expenses with the police budget. If you accept the low-end estimate, Prop A represents 1.4% of the budget that would need to be committed.

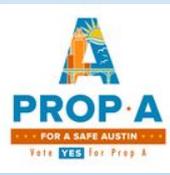
The general revenue fund (discretionary budget) is \$1B a year. Prop A represents a 5% budget commitment. The city's cost estimate was released two hours before the ballot language was passed (which we got thrown out after **winning 8-0 at the State Supreme Court**). We did not have time to fight the cost estimate in court.

Prop A will not be fully implemented in 2021 or even in 2022, as it will be impossible to hire the needed 300-350 officers that quickly. We roughly estimate the cost to be between \$30-\$35M annually in the first 1-2 years.

In 2022, rising valuations will bring AT LEAST \$40 million more in property taxes into city coffers than last year. The city had no problem largely wasting \$179M on failed homeless spending the past three years and they don't claim to need to cut anything after proposing a \$515M plan on homelessness the next three years. These threatened 'cuts' are a scare tactic.



Conclusion



Austin has the \$ to staff APD properly and it isn't coming out of other services. **It's already in APD and must be allocated to staffing.**

Austinites are not paying high taxes to also endure more crime as part of a failed social experiment. Let's learn from other cities.

Passing Prop A will send a clear signal to officers that the community can BOTH appreciate their service and expect impactful changes to ensure justice for all. **Stop the attrition at APD!**

Get onboard with the citizens of ATX and support Prop A. We need **SANITY**. Don't fall for divisive politics designed to punish APD.

Most comprehensively trained Police Force in the Country!!!!

Double annual training hours from 40 to 80 post cadet graduation. With present workload, officers have no time for training.

The academy and police leadership have told us, they expect to add:

- De-escalation training
- Scenario based training
- Advanced communication

This will give us the most comprehensively trained police force in America. Train, Equip, and Demand professional behavior in all circumstances.

APD in Crisis Mode

We are at least 365 police officers below where we should be as a city of our size.

We are seeing 15-22 officers retire or resign each month and it will be at least 6 more months until the current police cadet class can become active.

We will be at 1998 police staffing levels by the end of the year, when our city was 25% as large as we are today.

We are now at 1,540 available police officers, down from 1,959 authorized strength and 1,800 available just 2 years ago.

We are at 1.6 officers per 1000 residents Dallas is 2.4 officers per 1000 Houston is 2.9 officers per 1000

We are 200 officers down from last year (1,800 to ~1,600).

According to the Austin Police Association, 96% of scheduled police shifts are not fully staffed – putting every single officer at greater risk. Chacon stated not even able to fill with overtime.

Priority one 911 call response rates are up at least 20% since that year began.

This Labor Day weekend was the worst 911 response in city history.

That weekend a stabbing victim waited 7 minutes for a 911 call to be answered

APD in Crisis Mode

Effective October 1st because of staffing shortages,

Austin Police will no longer send police for:

1. Burglary of a residence where the suspect has fled the scene
2. Stolen vehicles where the suspect is not there
3. Non-violent verbal attacks
4. Intentional damage to property when there is no theft

Units already disbanded - DWI, Gang Unit, Forensics, Special Investigations & Park

A Vote for Prop A is a Vote for a Safer Austin

Defunding Facts For Austin

- Council delayed several cadet classes causing a staffing problem.
- City does not have a police staffing plan for safe police operations.
- Defunding cut officers in parks, Motors, DWI, gang unit, & others.
- 2 officers per 1000 has never closed or cut parks, libraries, fire or EMS.
- Violent crime continues to rise. Murder rate at unprecedented levels.

Prop A Facts

- ✓ Gives a voice to the VOTERS for their public safety priorities.
- ✓ Establishes safer staffing levels for officers and investigators.
- ✓ Promotes community policing.
- ✓ Promotes more training and accountability.
- ✓ We believe is the right thing to do to Make Austin A Safer City!

AUSTIN POLICE WILL NO LONGER RESPOND TO THESE CRIMES

~~×~~ Burglaries where the suspect has fled the scene

~~×~~ Vehicle collisions with no severe injuries

~~×~~ Burglary of a residence, vehicle or business

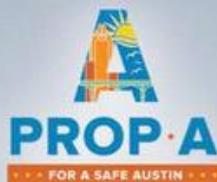
~~×~~ Auto theft

~~×~~ Vandalism

~~×~~ Prostitution

~~×~~ Verbal disturbances

~~×~~ Suspicious person / vehicle



“But we can't afford this plan to fund the police!”

Yes we can, easily in fact. For the last 100 years Austin was able to afford this. Only in 2020 when City Council decided to “defund the police” for \$150,000,000 were we not able to afford it. Simply refunding the police solves the problem 100%.

Not true. Cities like San Antonio and Miami that didn't defund their police are experiencing less crime. Cities that defunded police are experiencing more crime. Austin was the only city in Texas who defunded the police, and now we are experiencing the largest amount of crime ever.

“Mayor Adler says this crime wave is nationwide.”

“Mayor Adler says Austin is safer than ever.”

Not true. He is improperly pulling a stat from when Austin was only 300,000 people. Greater Austin is now 4,000,000 people. This is just flat out deceptive language he's using. We are already at 68 murders (2x higher than normal), not sure how anyone can call this safe.

DEFUNDING THE POLICE IN 2020 HAS CAUSED MASSIVE PROBLEMS IN AUSTIN:

- ✗ Police staffing crisis → We had 1,600 police officers one year ago and have 1,540 now headed to 1,450 by year's end (25% decrease in one year).
- ✗ No anti-gang unit → 14 people shot by rival gangs on one night downtown on June 12 (the worst Mass Shooting in Austin history).
- ✗ No DUI enforcement → Drunk driving accidents up sharply.
- ✗ No traffic enforcement → Road accidents and road rage up massively, stretching this remaining emergency response.
- ✗ No park police → Homeless quickly spiraling out of control in public spaces.
- ✗ More officers retired this month (25) than in any month in the history of the city.
- ✗ Violent Crime Going Up (aggravated assault, rape, stabbings, burglary). Homicides have nearly TRIPLED in two years (34 in 2019 to projected 98 this year).
- ✗ Austin has now already spent \$179,000,000 on homeless with no accountability, no transparency, and no positive results. More homeless and more crime than ever, and expanding.
- ✗ 2 police per 1,000 population is needed. We are at 1.6, projected to be 1.2 by the end of this year, and lower next year. This is unsustainable and will result in skyrocketing crime (we are already 2X the highest amount of murder in Austin EVER).

THE SOLUTIONS TO AUSTIN'S RISING CRIME:

- ✓ Simply restate the police staffing level that was needlessly cut by City Council in 2020.
- ✓ Double police training hours. Austin can be best and most trained police force in America.
- ✓ Additional training will include de-escalation training, skills-based & scenario-based training, close quarters combat training, advanced communications training.
- ✓ Increase community policing.
- ✓ Increase diversity in policing by incentivizing officers with dual language skills and assigning officers based on neighborhood demographics.

VOTE [YES] FOR PROP A

Early Voting: Oct. 18th - 29th | Election Day: Tuesday, Nov. 2nd

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President Obama's Task Force 21st Century Policing

The Austin Police Department was held up as 'exemplary' just a few years ago by the Justice Department in the Obama administration.

Then, last year the Austin City Council unanimously and unconscionably defunded the Austin Police Department by as much as one-third of their budget.

It makes no sense that our elected officials have chosen to allocate \$515M to homelessness over the next three years and raise taxes again this year, while simultaneously arguing that returning to an adequate police staffing level is financially impossible in the face of rising crime.

In a rapidly growing city with a \$4.2 billion budget, we can afford public safety. What we cannot afford is to let this council run amok any longer. On Nov. 2, Austin residents will be able to decide if they want an adequately diverse, staffed and trained police department, or whether we continue with a staffing crisis and a violent crime wave.

Six pillars of 21st Century Policing:

1. Building Trust and Legitimacy
2. Policy and Oversight
3. Technology and Social Media
4. Community Policing and Crime Reduction
5. Officer Training and Education
6. Officer Safety and Wellness

QUESTIONS FOR NO WAY PROP A:

- 1) Is Austin safer now than it was a year ago?
- 2) How many homicides are you comfortable with our city suffering in a given year?
- 3) What is a reasonable response rate to priority one 911 calls?
- 4) How many homicide victims have campaign leaders personally met with this year?
- 5) How can we not afford the same police force authorized strength (1,959) that our city had two years ago?
- 6) Do you oppose retention pay for our best officers, incentives for foreign language proficiency, and doubling police training hours?
- 7) Dallas has 2.9 police officers per 1,000 residents and Houston has 2.4/1000. More than 200 cities have at least 2.0/1000. How can Austin not afford this?
- 8) What is your message to the victims, the overwhelming majority are people of color of violent crime in our city?

Your Homework

Please ask an APD OFFICER:

- How the staffing crisis is impacting them personally and professionally?
- Do they feel they have the capacity right NOW to do their job effectively?