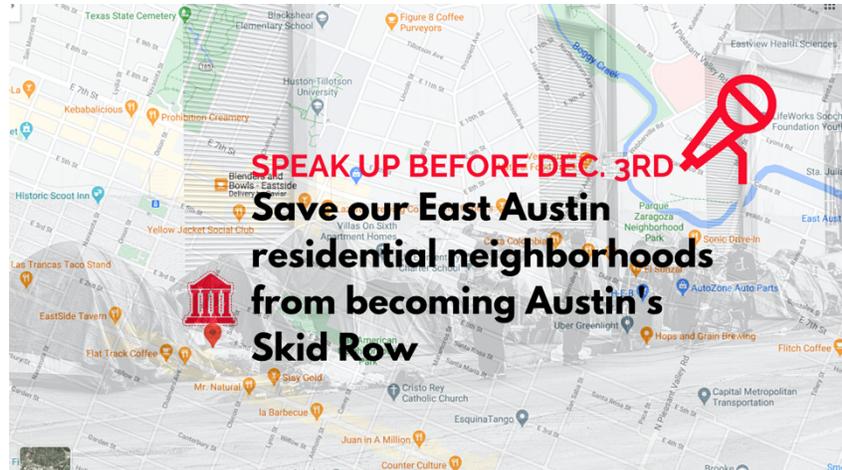


The Downtown Community Court MUST stay Downtown!

Tell elected
officials that 1719
E. 2nd Street is not
appropriate because this:

- Is NOT downtown
- Is in a residential neighborhood that has a East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Land Use Plan which places new commercial development north of E. 4 Street.
- Is officially opposed by the ECC Planning Team for the DACC to move to 1719 E. 2nd Street

The Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) addresses quality of life issues by hearing fine only criminal cases that originate downtown through swift creative dispositions that include case management. The majority of the clientele are experiencing homeless, chronic mental and physical illness, or substance abuse. Best practices for Community Courts dictate that these Courts should be co-located or very close to a City's Sobering Center where police take people who are experiencing public intoxication due to drug or alcohol use instead of police having to spend time booking a person into jail or having a long wait at an ER.



Austin and Travis County have a Sobering Center behind the old Brackenridge Hospital, an area the City and County want to designate as an Innovative Health District. The Municipal Court Building attached to the Police Department is now vacant. Therefore, it would make more financial sense to most taxpayers for DACC to rehab either the vacant Health South Building next to the Sobering Center or the now vacant Municipal Court Building than to pay for a new 3 story building with underground parking, and then owe monthly rent to a private developer and owner. The lease alone will cost \$22 million. The City and County own several downtown buildings and vacant lots that could also be used in addition to Health South or the old Municipal Court.

City Council will vote on December 3rd—Please contact them NOW!

Email the Mayor and ALL City Council members at <https://austintexas.gov/email/all-council-members>

Or call them individually and leave a message on their voice mail:

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*District 1 Natasha Harper-Madison (512) 978-

2101 *District 6 Jimmy Flannigan (512) 978-

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District 3 Pio Renteria (512) 978-2103

District 8 Paige Ellis (512) 978-2108

*District 4 Greg Casar (512) 978-2104
District 9 Kathie Tovo (512) 978-2109
* members of the City Council Public Safety
Subcommittee District 10 Allison Alter (512)
978-2110

The Travis County Commissioners Court also funds operations at the DACC. Please reach out to them and say the Court should not operate in a residential neighborhood and for them to direct the DACC staff to find a location downtown.

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Even the DACC presiding Judge has concerns:
“The building that they’re talking about on the east side is wonderful for all of the things that we need, except for the location I think is difficult,” Coffey said. “Most of the people that we serve are much closer into the downtown area and are not easily able to move.” (Austin Monitor, 9-22-2020)

DACC stats 2015 to 2019: Total number of cases = 18,875 of these tickets 15,000+ were male and 3,500+ were female, the rest were not recorded; Case numbers by ethnicity: Whites 9,573 ; Blacks 5,837; Hispanic 2,700+, the rest were identified as “other.”
See [Map of DACC jurisdiction](#) (Downtown, West Campus, East Austin) * See [Temporary use of Terrazas Library](#)

Send a comment to DACC staff and be sure to add comments that you don’t consider East Austin as “downtown” that you live or work in East Austin and your “quality of life” is already impacted having DACC at Terrazas Library. If they can’t stop the homeless hanging around Terrazas what makes them think a bigger office on E. 2nd Street wouldn’t create bigger problems in our neighborhood. **Here’s the form:** <https://austintexas.gov/page/downtown-austin-community-court-comments-form>

Flyer endorsed by Councilmember Pio Renteria, the East Cesar Chavez Planning Team, United East Austin Coalition & more!