

Public Health Commission Applicant Matrix

#	Voting Members - Vetted by ExOfficio Members and Presented to City Council and TCCC for adoption (9 Total)	City Council District	Travis County Precinct	Race & Ethnicity Representation	Gender Balance
1	Ayo Akande	6	--	B/B	M
2	Daniel Ayala	3		H/H	M
3	Jawad Ali	9	4	A//PI	M
4	Michelle Marants	9	4	--	--
5	Joel Granoff	7	2	W/W	M

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Ayo Akande	District 6 Male, Black	I am interested in serving on a board or commission for the City of Austin because I am passionate about contributing to the community and making a positive impact. Austin is a vibrant and diverse city, and I believe that my skills and experiences can help address the challenges and opportunities we face. I am eager to collaborate with other dedicated individuals to enhance the quality of life for all residents, promote sustainable development, and ensure that Austin continues to thrive as a dynamic and inclusive city.	Board leadership Governance Oversight Product development Software engineering Policy and procedure development Relationship building and retention Performance metrics analysis Targeted marketing Relationship building Recruiting and Hiring Business Development Business administration Program oversight Budgeting Business planning Attention to Detail Consulting	Master of Science degree (Information Technology) - Western Governors University - Salt Lake City, UT Master of Law degree - University of London, England, UK	Austin Energy Commissioner Electric Utility Commission		None	None
Daniel Ayala	District 3 Male, Hispanic	I am interested in joining the City of Austin board to serve my community and contribute to meaningful change. With over a decade of experience in public service, grant writing, and program management, I have successfully implemented initiatives addressing housing, homelessness, and access to essential resources. For example, as Director of Social Services at FamilyAid Boston, I secured grants and introduced programs that expanded services for vulnerable families. Having lived in Austin, I have witnessed the city's rapid growth and the accompanying challenges, such as housing affordability and equitable access to resources. My background in leadership, collaboration with state and local agencies, and advocacy for marginalized populations positions me to effectively contribute to the board's mission. I am eager to bring my skills, experience, and dedication to help Austin thrive as a diverse and inclusive community.	• Social Work Expertise: Client Advocacy Crisis Intervention Trauma-Informed Practices Biopsychosocial Assessments • Leadership and Administration: Team Leadership Grant Writing & Budget Oversight Program Planning & Compliance Technical Skills: Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, PowerPoint, Word, OneNote) SharePoint Grants Management Systems Zoom Slack HMIS	University of Texas Master of Social Work	Public Assistance Program Delivery Manager (PDMG) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/DHS – Nashville, TN 05/2024 – 10/2024	• MPA Professional Certification – Suffolk University Sawyer Business School (2001–2002) Health & Human Service Management Nonprofit Financial Management	None	None
Jawad Ali	District 9 Male, Asian	I have lived in Austin for over 10 years. In that time, I have finished my medical training, gotten married, and now have 3 children. Serving on a board or commission is meaningful to me as a way to give back to the community that has given me so much. I can contribute my perspective and expertise as a clinician (understanding that our healthcare industry affects every facet of our society). I am also an immigrant and part of the Muslim community - both of which can be underrepresented in our governance. Having worked across many facets of healthcare in this city I will bring an experienced understanding to the Public Health Commission.	Public Health Commission - I am a physician with experience working in academic, nonprofit, and government healthcare organizations. I have also worked downtown (Brackenridge, UT, Central Health) as well as in outlying (Kyle) and rural (Smithville) environments and done extensive outpatient and inpatient work. Economic Prosperity Commission - Austin Medtech Connect is an ecosystem organization which I founded and lead. We are the most active life science organization of our kind in Central Texas. This work has allowed me to learn from and support small businesses, large companies, investors, training institutes, and the many other stakeholders in this sector. I believe this sector is very important for our region and have been working to elevate Austin to a top 3 life science hub. We partner with other local organizations including Opportunity Austin, Austin Chamber of Commerce, and Austin Healthcare Council. We also function to coordinate Austin with other regions in Texas. Urban Transportation Commission - My qualifications here are mostly as a long time citizen who spent time as a single person, married, and now with children both working centrally and commuting to various outlying regions. I bring a moderate approach with regards to balancing community needs with environmental and fiscal responsibility.	University of Texas Health Science Center 7/2007 - 7/2011	Central Health Associate Director of Surgical and Specialty Care	American College of Surgeons Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons Texas Medical Association	Mueller Neighborhood Association 12/2024 - Present • Steering Committee Member Neighborhood organization to put on community events and advocate for local needs. The Refugee Collective 5/2022 - Present • Board Member Nonprofit that employs refugees (and nonrefugees) through community supported agriculture as well as textile production. Austin Medtech Connect 9/2022 - Present • Founder, President Ecosystem organization with the mission of delivering the next generation of health tech and care delivery in Central Texas.	

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Michelle Marants	District 9, Nonbi/Bisexual	I moved to Austin last year and am deeply passionate about making healthcare accessible and equitable for people of all socioeconomic backgrounds. I want to serve on the Public Health Commission because I believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to live a healthy life, regardless of income, background, or zip code. I'm especially motivated by the Commission's focus on addressing health disparities and using evidence-based practices to improve outcomes. I want to actively contribute by helping identify gaps in care, recommending programs that serve vulnerable populations, and working with the community to understand their needs. I'm committed to bringing fresh energy and a strong sense of purpose to support the improvement of Austin's public health services, especially for those who are too often overlooked.	N/A	university of Texas (Expected 2026) Bachelor of Science (Cell and Molecular Biology)	Student @ UT, Austin	Researching covalent inhibition of DGK enzymes for cancer therapy	N/A	Student at UT-Austin studying of Cell and Melecular Biology
Joel Granoff	District 7 Male/White	I am applying to serve on the Austin/Travis County Public Health Commission because I want to bring a voice to those who too often go unheard and to push for meaningful, practical improvements in our community for mental health crisis response, transitional care, and equitable healthcare access. I have lived the complexities of our healthcare and mental health systems in Austin, as both a caregiver and a patient. For over a decade, I have been the primary advocate for my 32-year-old son as he has navigated community resources to manage his severe mental health conditions. I believe systems should work for the people who rely on them, not the other way around. Austin is my home, and I want to use my lived experience to advocate for stronger, more compassionate health policies and a system that supports all Austinites, reduces unnecessary strain on emergency services, and ensures long-term solutions for those in crisis and in need of sustained care. It would be an honor to contribute to this committee and its work.	Challenger Sales Training, CEB / Challenger Certified Digital Marketing Professional, Digital Marketing Institute Search Inside Yourself Program, Search Inside Yourself Leadership Institute Leading Innovation for Great Results, SAP / BTS The Art of Visual Selling, Visual Selling Design Thinking, SAP Learning	Northwestern University, Bachelor of Science in Communication Kellogg School of Management - Exec. Program in Finance	JSGRAN, LLC	 4/2023 - Present - Work across the healthcare continuum of care and with technology leaders to reimagine customer, patient, and caregiver experience.	Northwestern University Alumni Admission Council Interview prospective (1990 – Present) SAJF Community Foundation Governing committee of Shalom Austin Foundation supporting planned giving, endowed agency funds, and donor-advised funds administered by Austin Community Foundation. (2022- Present) SAP Austin Area Volunteer Ambassador Plan and coordinate 3-5 annual volunteer programs for 300 Central Austin SAP employees serving as agents for change in support of SAP's CSR mission. (2010-2023) Urban Roots Farm Volunteer (Present), Former PR & Messaging Task Force Chair, and Former Communications and Operations lead for the annual Tour de Farm, the signature fundraiser event that my family started in 2012. Keep Austin Fed: Pick up surplus food from restaurants and retailers and deliver to organizations in need. (2014 -2018)	Caregiver & Patient Advocate Community Engagement & Public Health Initiatives Healthcare & Public Health Strategy Nonprofit & Volunteer Leadership Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships & Advocacy Digital Transformation & Artificial Intelligence Innovation

The City of Austin, TX Boards & Commissions

Submit Date: Dec 25, 2024

Application Form

Profile

Jawad

First Name

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Middle
Initial

Ali

Last Name

Preferred Name

Email Address

Home Address

Suite or Apt

Austin

City

TX

State

Postal Code

Residency and District Information

Are you a City of Austin Resident? *

☒ Yes

Are you, or your employer, a registered lobbyist with the City or have you, or your employer, been registered as a lobbyist with the City Clerk within the past three years?

No

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Cell Phone

Home Phone

Business Phone

Select Your District

☒ District 9

Employer

Job Title

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve on a board or commission

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

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Qualifications

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Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Ethnicity

☒ Asian or Pacific islander

Gender

☒ Male

Sexual Orientation

☒ Straight/Heterosexual


Date of Birth

Disability or Impairment Information

Do you have an auditory/hearing disability or impairment?

☒ No

Do you have a visual disability or impairment?

☒ No

Do you have a mobility disability or impairment?

☒ No

Do you have a cognitive disability or impairment?

☒ No

Do you have another disability or impairment you'd like to share?

Board Requirements

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Austin Travis County Public Health Commission: Submitted

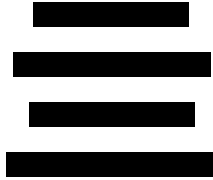
Some boards have additional requirements for appointees. Additional requirements will appear below as they apply to each board. They may not necessarily exclude a individual from service.

Texas Open Records Act

City of Austin Officials are able to choose whether or not their home address, home telephone numbers, emergency contact information, social security number, and information that reveals whether they have family members are available to the public on request. The Texas Public Information Act is a State law that requires the City of Austin to disclose this information to anyone who requests it. The only exceptions are for: 1) commissioned peace officers; and 2) Official who file a written request to withhold this information. Officials who are not peace officers and who do not submit such a written request will have this information made available to anyone who requests it. Do you choose to have your home address, home telephone number, emergency contact information, social security number and information that reveals whether you have family members withheld from the public?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Jawad Tahir Ali, MD, FACS



Professional experience

Associate Director of Surgical and Specialty Care 5/2024 - Present

- Central Health

Recruited to assist with endoscopy procedures and support build out of surgical service lines.

Trauma/Acute Care and Minimally Invasive Surgeon 12/2018 – 05/2024

- Ascension Seton Medical Center Hays

Grew Level II Trauma Center, started elective and bariatric surgery practice.

Affiliate Faculty, University of Texas at Austin - Dell Medical School 10/2019 - Present

- Department of Surgery and Perioperative Care

General and Minimally Invasive Surgeon 9/2017 – 12/2018

- Kaiser Permanente South Sacramento

Robotic Surgery, Gastric Cancer, Peritoneal Dialysis, and ERAS committees

Community Engagement

Mueller Neighborhood Association 12/2024 - Present

- Steering Committee Member

Neighborhood organization to put on community events and advocate for local needs.

The Refugee Collective 5/2022 - Present

- Board Member

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Residency / Fellowship

Fellowship, Bariatric, Minimally Invasive Surgery, and Advanced Endoscopy

- University of California-Davis 8/2016-8/2017

Residency, General Surgery

- Chief Resident, University of Texas at Austin – Dell Medical School 7/2015-7/2016
- Resident, University of Texas at Austin – Dell Medical School 7/2011-7/2015

Education

M.D. University of Texas Health Science Center – San Antonio (UTHSCSA) 7/2007-6/2011

B.S. Texas A&M University, College Station (TAMU) 8/2003-6/2007

Biomedical Engineering (Device design track)

Minor - Mathematics

Professional memberships

American College of Surgeons

Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons

Texas Medical Association

Publications (selected)

1. **Ali JT**, Yang G, Green CA, et al. Defining Digital Surgery: a SAGES whitepaper. *Surg Endosc*. 1/2023
2. Vermeulen BD, van der Leeden B, **Ali JT**, et al. Early diagnosis is associated with improved clinical outcomes in benign esophageal perforation: an individual patient data meta-analysis. *Surg Endosc*. 7/2021
3. **Ali JT**, DuBose JJ, David EA, Spicer JD, Rice RD, Bonavina L, Siboni S, O'Callaghan TA, Luo-Owen X, Harrison S, Ball CB, Bini J, Vercruysse GA, Skarupa D, Miller CC, Estrera AL, Khalil KG. "Perforated Esophageal Intervention Focus (PERF) Study: A Multi-Center Examination of Contemporary Treatment." *Dis Esophagus*. 10/2017

4. **Ali JT**, Carr AC. "Indications for Endoscopy." In *Endoscopy in Obesity Management: A Comprehensive Guide* (pp 13-22). New York, NY: Springer. 4/2017
5. **Ali JT**, Ebadat A, Martins D, Ali S, Horton S, Coopwood BT, Brown CVR. "Hospital Characteristics Affect Consent and Conversion Rates for Potential Organ Donors." *Am Surgeon*. 6/2015
6. Aydelotte J, **Ali JT**, Huynh PT, Coopwood TB, Uecker JM, Brown CVR. "The Use of Magnetic Resonance Cholangiopancreatography in Clinical Practice: Not as Good as We Once Thought." *J Am Coll Surg*. 12/2014
7. Klein AL, Brown CVR, Aydelotte J, **Ali JT**, Ali S, Clark A, Coopwood TB. "Implementation of a Surgical Intensive Care Unit Service is Associated with Improved Outcomes for Trauma Patients." *J Trauma*. 3/2005
8. Laurinec JE, Widmer RJ, Kuriachan VP, **Ali JT**, Dreiss AD, Turner V, Venugopal AM, Quick CM, Stewart RH. Heat Increases Microlymphatic Pumping Activity In Vivo. *The FASEB Journal*

Honors and Awards (selected)

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| Rising Collaborator, OpenIDEO | 4/2017 |
| Resident Research Day 2016, UT Austin – Silver medal | 5/2016 |
| University of Texas Medical Branch – Distinguished Educator of the Year Award | 4/2016 |
| Raleigh Ross Scholar Award (Presented by the Texas Surgical Society to the most outstanding resident in each program) | 9/2015 |
| Scientific, Education, and Research Foundation of UTSW Austin | 10/2014 |
| Resident/Fellow Grant | |
| UT Austin Surgery Program Teaching Award | 6/2012 |
| UTHSCSA Medical Student Research Grant | 5/2008 |
| President's Endowed Scholarship, TAMU | 6/2003 |
| Director's Excellence Award, TAMU | 6/2003 |
| National Merit Award | 6/2002 |

Interests

Raising three small children with my wife

All things Miata (Mazda MX5)

Grew up in Pakistan, England, and Saudi Arabia

Speak Urdu fluently and Spanish at an intermediate level