

Whereas an educated and engaged community is essential to the health of our local government;

And whereas the voting record and legislative history of any government body is foundational and essential information for an educated and engaged community;

And whereas the City of Austin has both the means and the stated intent to make government more open and transparent;

And whereas many other city, state, and national legislative bodies, including the City of Dallas, routinely publish data sets containing the basic information of the voting history of those legislative bodies;

And whereas the City of Austin does not tabulate voting histories on council action in a form that ensures a transparent, open, and consumable record;

Be it resolved that the city council mandate that the City of Austin publish a tabular data set useful in quantitative analysis of city action and our elected officials' voting records to the city's data portal that contains the following information:

Meeting date
Item description
Member name
Member district
Vote cast
Reason for abstention in the case of conflict
Present during vote
Reason absent during vote

And be it further resolved that this data set will be appended with updates within 2 business days following any council vote.