

Date: Sun, 30 Sep 2007 15:54:45 -0500

From: Gray Panthers <graypanthers@grandecom.net>

Reply-To: Grey Panthers <graypanthers@grandecom.net>

Subject: re TCGP's Action to amend CoA FY'08 Budget w/A.L.M.A.'s questions re Accountability, \$55M Housing Bonds, etc.

To: wyldcraft@sbcglobal.net

**Ms Allissa Chambers:Austinites Lobbying for Municipal Accountability(A.L.M.A.):**

**Dear Ms Chambers:**

Allissa, in accordance with our recent telecon, this' to advise of the Gray Panther followthru on your request that we ask the **Travis County Green Party to forward the attached information to Greg Canally, the City of Austin's Budget Officer for inclusion as Backup\*Material in the FY'08 CoA budget backup file.**

Regards, Clint Smith

\*We regret,below, that **NONE** of the CoA Officials contacted responded to repeated requests, or even acknowledged written inquiries (except signingfor Certified Mail!)

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From: GrayPanthers [mailto:graypanthers@grandecom.net]

Sent: Monday, September 10, 2007 8:47 AM

To: 'bill.holloway@gmail.com'

Subject: re TCGP Questions' CoA Accountability, \$55M Housing Bonds, etc.

**Mr. Holloway:**

This' attachment referred to in your mid-July letter to **Mayor Wynn**. Please fwd this to [greg.canally@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:greg.canally@ci.austin.tx.us) w/other info for **requested inclusion\*** w/'Add. Backup Material'in **CoA FY '08 Budget File.**

Thanks,  
Clint Smith

\* To repeat/clarify: to the request below, inquiries from G/Panthers, numerous ltrs from/by individuals & groups to Editor of Key local publications, NO response (even acknowledgement) from CoA officials.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Allissa Chambers [mailto:wyldcraft@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 05, 2007 3:26 PM

**To:** mike.martinez@ci.austin.tx.us

**Cc:** lee.leffingwell@ci.austin.tx.us; cheryl.cole@ci.austin.tx.us; jennifer.kim@ci.austin.tx.us; kalexander@statesman.com; graypanthers@grandecom.net

**Subject:** Fwd: Acknowledgement: Your e-comm re Accountability, \$55M, DailyTXan, Housing

**Dear CM Martinez,**

Per today's CM meeting and performance review of City Manager Toby Futrell, & Per my other email sent just a few minutes ago (and listed directly below), I've forwarded GP's response to 2 letters written last week for HW & GP. (GP response below).

Cordially,

Allissa Chambers -- A.L.M.A. (Austinites Lobbying for Municipal Accountability)

Date: Thu, 5 Apr 2007 13:15:58 -0700 (PDT)

From: "Allissa Chambers" <wyldcraft@sbcglobal.net>

Subject: CM Martinez ' quote re. Wed.Statesman Article & City Manager's Performance Review

To: mike.martinez@ci.austin.tx.us

CC:lee.leffingwell@ci.austin.tx.us, cheryl.cole@ci.austin.tx.us, jennifer.kim@ci.austin.tx.us, kalexander@statesman.com, graypanthers@grandecom.net

**Dear CM Martinez,**

I am writing in reference to the following 2 recent articles in the Austin American Statesman:

1) Wednesday's April 4, 2007 "Altered surveys led to Austin Convention Center firing, city officials say -- Financial issues, criminal inquiry also dogging department." (written by Kate Alexander).

2) Thursday, April 05, 2007 " City manager's job performance up for review Thursday -- Council members praise Futrell but cite some concerns from the past year."

CM Martinez, Regarding Wednesday's article you were quoted, "*I hope at some point we stop finding problems and start fixing them.*"

Because of your stated desire to remedy problems that are cited within the article, such as management issues with the **Department of Small & Minority Business Resources**; as well as **questions raised regarding authenticity and accuracy of evaluation reports**, I believe that it is timely that I share 2 letters that I sent to Gray Panthers last week (and intend to send hard copy to Housing Works by Monday).

My letter is in response to **City Manager's Ms. Futrell's** questions that she raised regarding **East Austin Development** and the number of **East Austin homeowners** losing their property.

Within my letter, I raise questions pertaining to authenticity and accuracy of **evaluation reports**, CoA's management of **small & minority businesses**, who **contract with CoA**, and questions pertaining to City Council's previous approach toward some of these issues.

I believe that the 2 Statesman articles, coupled with City Manager's performance evaluation today, and the recent Daily Texan Article where Ms. Futrell is quoted, all tie into the relevance of my 2 recent letter to Housing works and Gray Panthers.

Finally, your quote within Wednesday's article, illustrates your interest in resolving matters.

Therefore, I hope my 2 letters (attached below) will be of service to you and the rest of City Council.

Additionally, I will forward the attachment via a separate email with GP's response/endorsement of my letter.

Kind Regards,

Allissa Chambers -- A.L.M.A. (Austinites Lobbying for Municipal Accountability)

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--- Gray Panthers <graypanthers@grandecom.net> wrote:

From: "Gray Panthers" <graypanthers@grandecom.net>  
To: <wyldcraft@sbcglobal.net>  
CC: <fferguson@nw.org>, <hitt80@yahoo.com>  
Subject: Acknowledgement: Your e-comm re  
Accountability, \$55M, DailyTXan, Housing  
Date: Sat, 31 Mar 2007 15:32:23 -0600

Ms Allissa Chambers  
31 March 2007  
3000 Trail of Madrones  
Austin, TX 78746

**Dear Ms Chambers:**

This is to acknowledge your communication(s) of 29 March (attached) to Gray Panthers and <proposed> to HousingWorks.

Thank you for bringing to our attention the serious issues/questions you've directly experienced over several years now in efforts toward affordable housing for your family via **local rehabilitation programs**. Your communication, reflecting detailed documentation of many adverse and discouraging developments in your dealings with Public agencies and officials, properly addressees issues of **official Accountability**.

- **Gray Panthers**, as a Community Advocacy organization w/a mission of promoting economic and social justice, welcomes the opportunity to bring these matters to the attention of **HousingWorks**, as you request. <Accordingly, this e-comm is fwd'd for HousingWorks' consideration.>

- The Gray Panther organization appreciates your interest and active support of our initiatives and advocacy for availability of a wide range of affordable housing to meet diverse needs of individuals in our population - including **elderly, disabled & the general public**. Be assured we intend to followup on the **Accountability issues**, as well. -

Sincerely, -  
Clint Smith