

OUR BIG STORY

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[Upcoming Austin Election Includes Proposal for “Strong Mayor” System](#)

With early voting in full-swing, Proposition F is being hotly debated amongst Austin’s academics, advocates, and community leaders. But what would switching from a “weak mayor” really mean for Austin?

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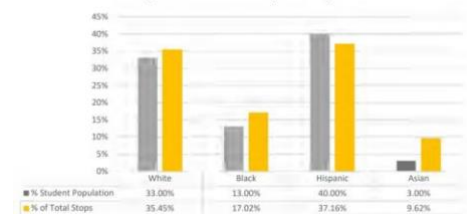
THE LATEST HEADLINES

[UT Students Cope with Police Killings of Young People of Color](#)

Daunte Wright, Adam Toledo, Anthony Thompson, and Ma’Khia Bryant – all under the age of 21 and all killed by police

in the height of the Derek Chauvin trial. Read more about how police shootings of young Blacks are ‘disrupting’ some UT Austin’s students.

Chart 1: Percentage of Motor Vehicle Stops in Comparison to Benchmark



[Preservation without Reservations: Land Grabs of Past Rob True Native Texans of Indigenous History](#)

Despite being indigenous to Texas, many tribes’ ability to claim reservation lands has been stifled historically and today. Now, as tribes seek to find recognition, Texas’ long history of private land ownership is hindering their ability to form sovereign and autonomous lands as other tribes have re-won theirs after centuries of broken treaties.

“The environmental elements of traditional territories are embedded in our stories, epistemologies, and social worlds. Land, and space, is – of course – not interchangeable. The logic of forced removal reflects that very fact.”

[Foster Parents: Texas Child Welfare System Remains Broken](#)

Many foster children in Texas are struggling to attain a normal childhood as red tape and bureaucracy continue to hamper children’s growth and overload the system.



[Celebrating Earth at UT](#)

During Earth Month, groups like Texas Campus Environmental Center are working hard to provide opportunities for longhorns to practice sustainability. Planting seeds and promoting plant is just one of the ways the group thinks we can have a positive impact on our environment that is ‘all-around beneficial.’

[Austin Small Business Revenue Has Long Term Impacts After Pandemic, Study Shows](#)

While local businesses have begun to rebound after the worst of the Covid-19 Pandemic, many small business owners in Austin still haven’t returned to pre-pandemic revenues. Local and federal government along with community organizations are working to fix that by providing local women with the support they need to keep the doors of their businesses open.



[Hays County’s Indigenous Community Continues Struggle for Recognition](#)

Hays County cuts the number of Tejano members from key historical commissions raising criticism from the indigenous community and other community groups. The past and present of the struggle for representation in Hays County explained.

WHAT WE’RE WORKING ON

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Next week, look out for these stories in-the-making:

- + Austinites Considering Proposition B Banning Public Camping
- + How Some UT Students Used Babysitting to Support Themselves in the Pandemic
- + Social Media Sites Scrutinized as Congress Seeks Regulation
- + Texas Legislature Takes Aim at Parents and Doctors of Trans Youth

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