In 1922 Congress Passed the Standard State Zoning Enabling Act

This Act cleared the path for further segregation and environmental racism
Zoning/Planning

1928 City of Austin
“Master Plan” relocated African American and Mexican population along with industries to East Austin

1990 City of Austin Smart Growth Initiative designates East Austin as the Desired Development Zone
Industrial Zoning in East Austin

The color purple symbolizes industrial zoning. Red symbolizes commercial services. Yellow represents single family housing.

90% of all of the City’s industrial zoning was in East Austin. 35% of Commercial zoning which included pawnshops & liquor stores were in East Austin.
Austin’s Master Plan for Relocation

Austin created the first public housing, Chalmer Court for poor whites; Santa Rita Court for Mexican Americans; and Rosewood Court for African Americans.
Education

- 1955 Supreme Court decision of Brown v. Board of Education transition to a racially nondiscriminatory school system
- 1970 United States Government files suit to eliminate racial discrimination in AISD, 15 yrs after Brown v. Board of Education
- AISD continues to Appeal ($$$$)- 1978 Court of Appeals holds AISD discriminatory
- 1983 Court declares AISD a unitary system, 29 years after Brown and after 13 years of litigation.
- Long term educational impact of this discriminatory system can be seen today. Many of the low-performing schools are in East Austin. One of the first low-performing high schools to be closed down in the state of Texas was East Austin’s Johnston High School.
Six Major Oil Companies located at Tank Farm Site: Chevron, Mobil, Exxon, Texaco, Citgo, & Coastal States
"East Austin Soil, Water Contaminated
Fuel site tests show high level of carcinogen."

AUSTIN AMERICAN STATESMAN, FEBRUARY 14, 1992
BFI Recycling Facility
Bolm and Gullett Rd.

350,000 Household Recyclables sent to Gardens Neighborhood Association Area was relocated by community.
Holly St. Power Plant

Largest Stationary Source of Nox Emissions, electric magnetic fields, noise & particular matter.
Protest at Pure Casting Foundry that uses: Sodium Hydroxide, Chromium, Nickel, Arsenic, Barium, Selenium/ICP. Foundry located across street from Zavala Elementary School.
Cesar Chavez Annual March
The Strength of our Communities Is Intergenerational/ Families
Oppose Fracking – Protect Mother Earth and her children