

Message From Our CEO



For the past eight months, Family Eldercare along with other nonprofit leaders across Austin have come together through One Voice Central Texas with a singular goal: protect the essential services that help keep our community safe, healthy, and thriving.

Last week, City Council adopted a budget that appears to restore most of the social service reductions proposed earlier this year, helping protect programs that thousands of Austinites rely on every day.

I was incredibly inspired to see members of our Family Eldercare community, especially our clients who testified in front of city council about how our housing, financial stability, & wellness services have changed - and even saved - their lives.



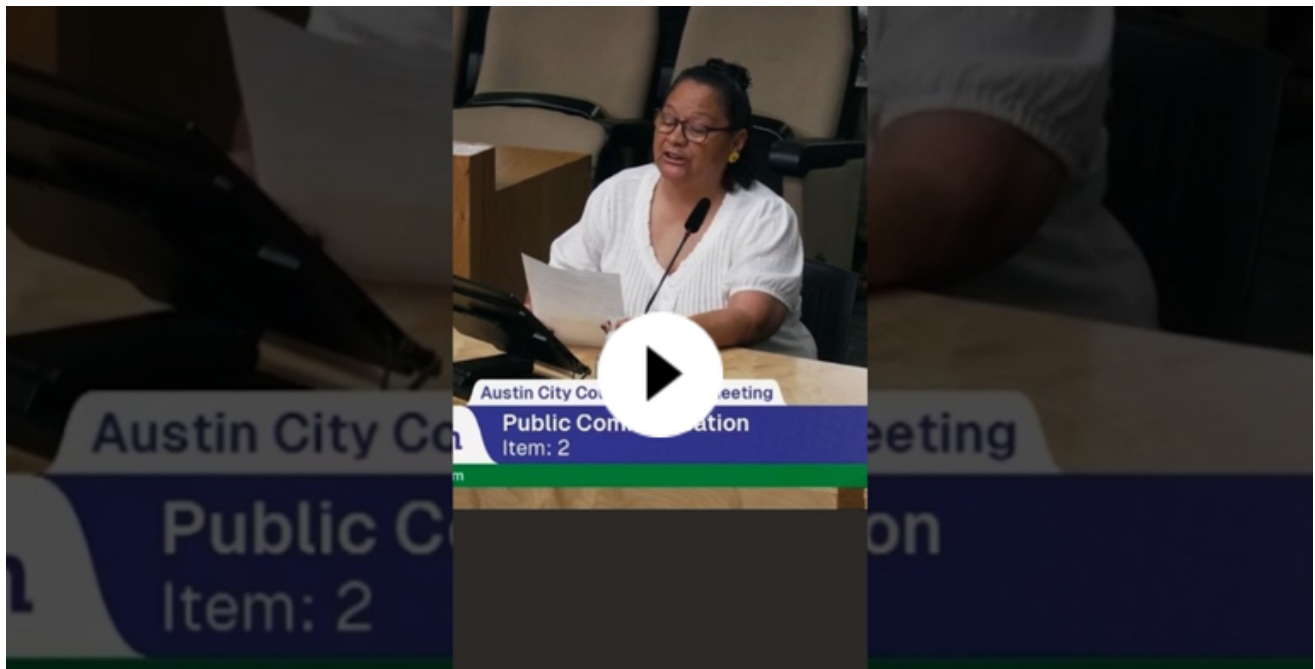
Austin city council approves \$6.6B budget for fiscal year 2026-27



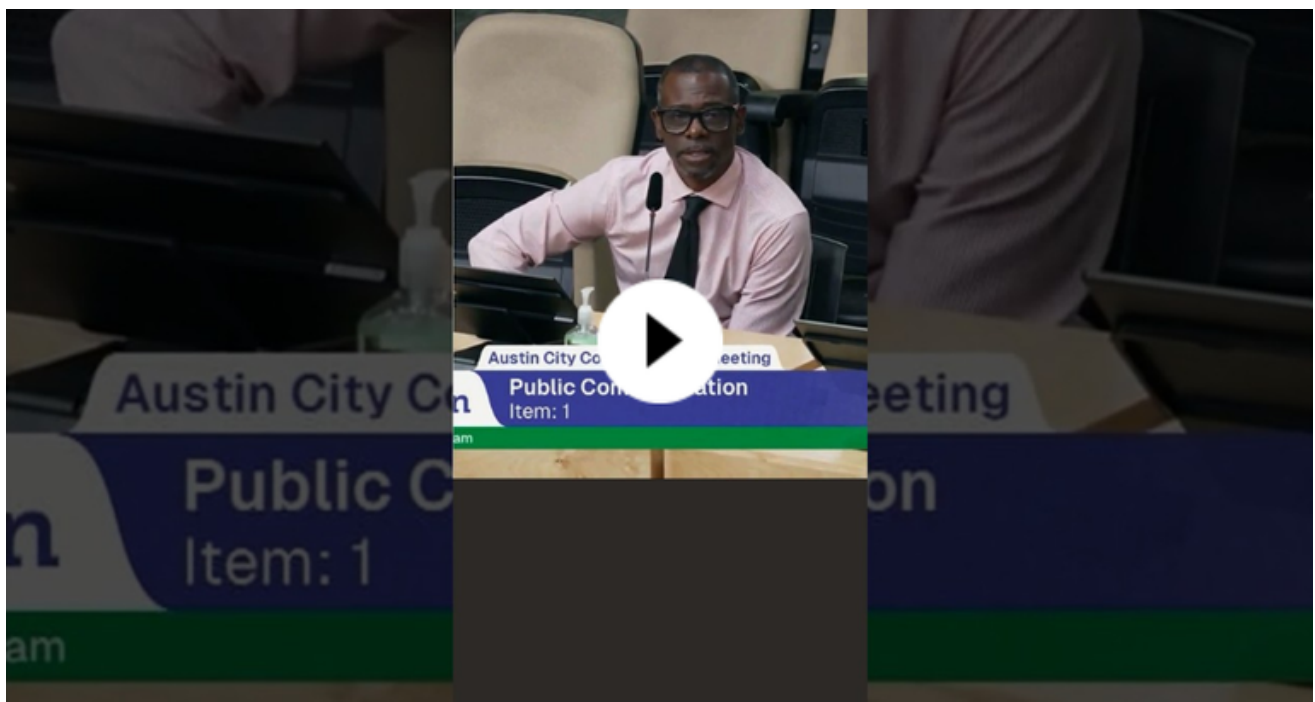
While this year our programs were spared from the chopping block, we cannot predict what the city will do in the future. But we are clear on what we will do.

Family Eldercare will continue serving vulnerable older adults - and continue to urge the city to invest in this vital work with vigilance, partnership, and persistence. ONWARD!

I hope you'll watch these powerful testimonies from members of the Family Eldercare community.

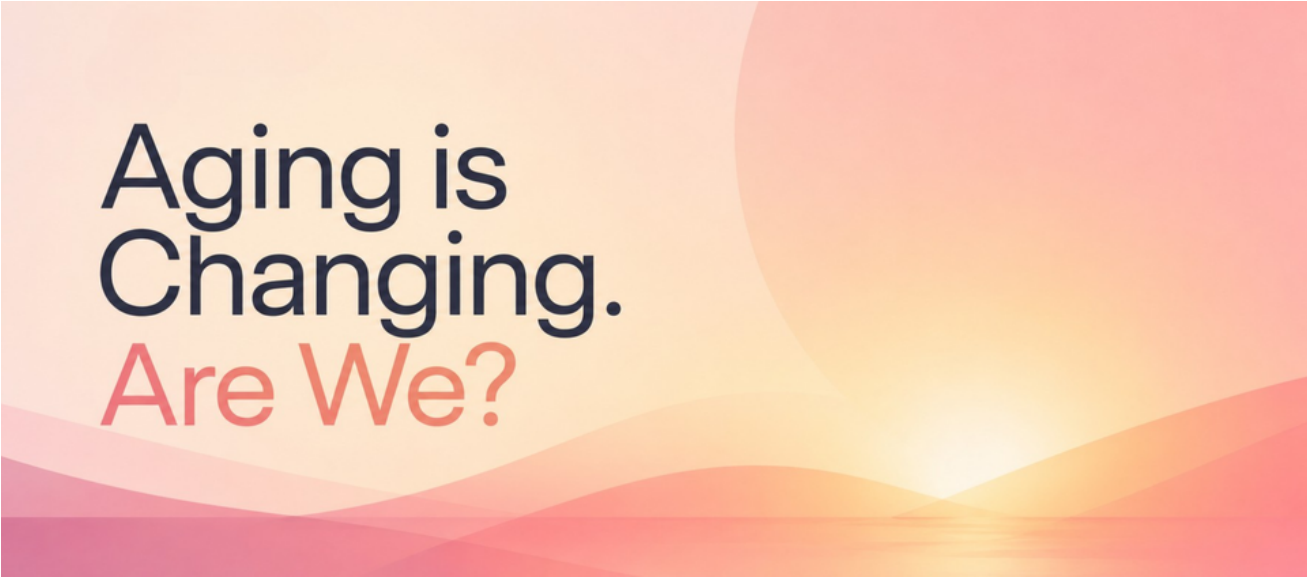


Judy shares her journey as a client of Family Eldercare.



Nick, Unit Supervisor at Pecan Gardens, speaks before the Austin City Council.

Going Fast: Free Panel on Aging



Aging is
Changing.
Are We?

Due to popular demand, we are switching to a larger venue!

**Better Business Bureau
1805 Rutherford Lane
Austin, TX 78754**

[Join](#) Family Eldercare for a thought-provoking conversation exploring the new realities of aging in Central Texas. Moderated by award-winning journalist and **Morning Edition** host **Jennifer Stayton**, our panel examines what it means to grow older today.

Our panelists include experts from:

Family Eldercare

AARP

AGE of Central Texas

LBJ School of Public Affairs at UT Austin

Meals on Wheels Central Texas

Thursday, August 27

10:00am – 11:30am

NEW VENUE: [Better Business Bureau](#)

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2026 Summer Fan Drive

We are in the final stretch of The Summer Fan Drive. It ends on Sept. 15 and so far we have reached more than 8,800 Central Texans in 13 counties. During these hottest weeks of the summer, too many older adults are stuck in brutally hot homes because they cannot afford A/C.



That's what happened to **Luis**. His A/C was not working well. The inside of his apartment was unbearably hot for him and his support dog Ella.

When he complained to his landlord - he was told "it's cold enough."

This is a common story for many low-income elderly adults.

Thank goodness Luis had heard about our annual Summer Fan Drive. He came to us and went home with fans so he and Ella could start feeling relief from the dangerous heat.

A big THANK YOU to four special groups of people. These FAN-tastic supporters have banded together with coworkers and friends to raise fans and funds for the Summer Fan Drive. We're so grateful to companies and civic organizations that take action to do good in our community.

These are our top groups, surpassing our \$3,000 fundraising milestone!

- AMD
- Family Eldercare Board of Directors
- Texas General Land Office - The Buffalo Brigade
- Texas Army of Retired Teachers

WE APPRECIATE YOU!!

August is Make-A-Will Month



August is Make-A-Will Month—an opportunity to think about the legacy you want to leave.

And, it is easier than you think. Did you know that you can create a free will in just 20 minutes?

Creating a will is one of several ways you can include charitable giving as part of your overall financial or estate plans.

To learn more about Planned Giving and get your FREE tool to write your will, [visit our website](#).

Meet The Legends of Pride



Family Eldercare's Rainbow Connections ATX program was created because we believe older adults in the LGBTQ+ community should feel heard and celebrated. We host dozens of events where participants have a space to be their authentic selves.

And we made history at the Austin pride parade.

We created the first float in the parade to exclusively celebrate LGBTQ+ older adults. We felt it was important to acknowledge these trailblazers who paved the way for the younger generations of the LGBTQ+ community. In partnership with Age of Central Texas, we created the **Legends of Pride** - a designation for anyone age 60 or older who is part of the LGBTQ+ community.

You can find the Legends of Pride float and meet the Legends on Saturday August 22nd at the Austin Pride Parade this weekend.

