



# Community Action Network Community Council

January 23, 2012



# Community Action Network is...

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a partnership of agencies,  
organizations and individuals  
who work together to  
enhance the social, health,  
educational and economic  
well-being of Central Texas.



# CAN's role is...

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- ▶ to enhance awareness of community issues,
- ▶ to strengthen partnerships, and
- ▶ to support collaborative strategies to improve the well-being of all people in our community.

# CAN Partners – working to promote equity and opportunity

Government	Educational Institutions	Healthcare	Private/Other
City of Austin*	Austin Community College*	Austin Travis Co Integral Care	Austin Chamber of Commerce
Travis County*	Austin ISD*	Central Health*	Capital Metro*
	St. Edward's University	Seton Healthcare Family	Community Justice Council
	University of Texas at Austin	St. David's Foundation	One Voice Central Texas
	Workforce Solutions – Capital Area		Interfaith Action Central Texas (iACT)
			United Way Capital Area

\* *taxing entities*

# Policy, Community, and Service

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Policy  
makers

- CAN Board of Directors - elected officials and policy makers representing each CAN partner organization



Community  
members

- CAN Community Council – self-appointed board of community members with an annual application and election process



Service  
providers

- Issue Area Groups and Implementation Teams - professionals who serve our community through agencies or non-profit organizations

# Role of Community Council

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- ▶ The Community Council provides a communication link between the community at large and the CAN Board of Directors. Its duties are to:
  - ▶ Act as a liaison between the CAN Board of Directors and the community.
  - ▶ Raise community awareness about issues by providing a non-partisan forum for the exchange of information on community conditions and efforts to address needs.
  - ▶ Foster, encourage and enhance collaborative efforts whenever possible.
  - ▶ Consider the impacts of recommended collaborative strategies on vulnerable populations and across issue areas.
  - ▶ Report and make recommendations to the CAN Board of Directors.
  - ▶ Encourage community involvement in assessment, planning, and implementation processes.

from CAN bylaws approved 11/13/09

# Community Council Leaders

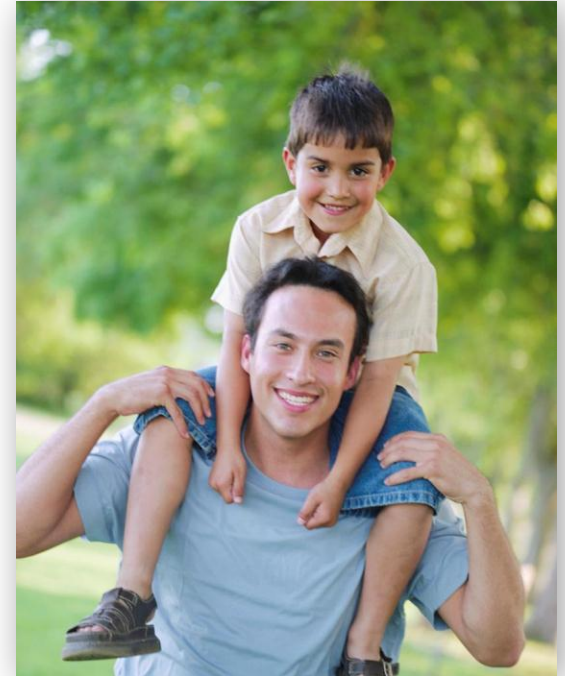
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- ▶ Community Council Executive Committee represents the CAN Community Council on the
  - ▶ CAN Executive Committee and
  - ▶ CAN Board of Directors
- ▶ Sylvia Blanco, 2012 Chair
- ▶ Stefan Molina, 2012 Chair-Elect
- ▶ Jim Reed, 2012 Past Chair

# CAN Community Dashboard

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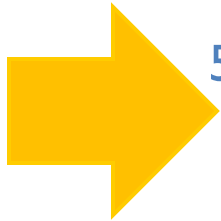
- ▶ snapshot of community's well-being
- ▶ identifies areas where collective attention and action are needed
- ▶ no partner or agency alone is accountable for any one indicator
- ▶ multiple stakeholders are needed to move any one indicator in the right direction



# Building a Community Dashboard

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1. Common Vision (2008)
2. Community Indicators (2009)
3. Baseline – first annual report (2010)
4. Set Goals and Targets (2011)
5. Plans and strategies to move the indicators in the right direction (2012)



# CAN Community Dashboard



**we are safe,  
just & engaged**

**violent crime  
arrest  
proportionality  
voting**

**health insurance  
mental health  
smoking  
obesity  
air quality**



**we are  
healthy**

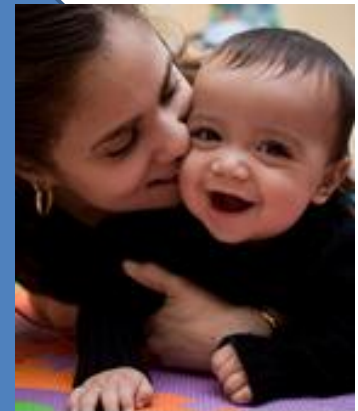
**Equity and  
Opportunity**



**our basic  
needs are met**

**low-income  
housing cost burden  
vehicle miles  
traveled  
homelessness**

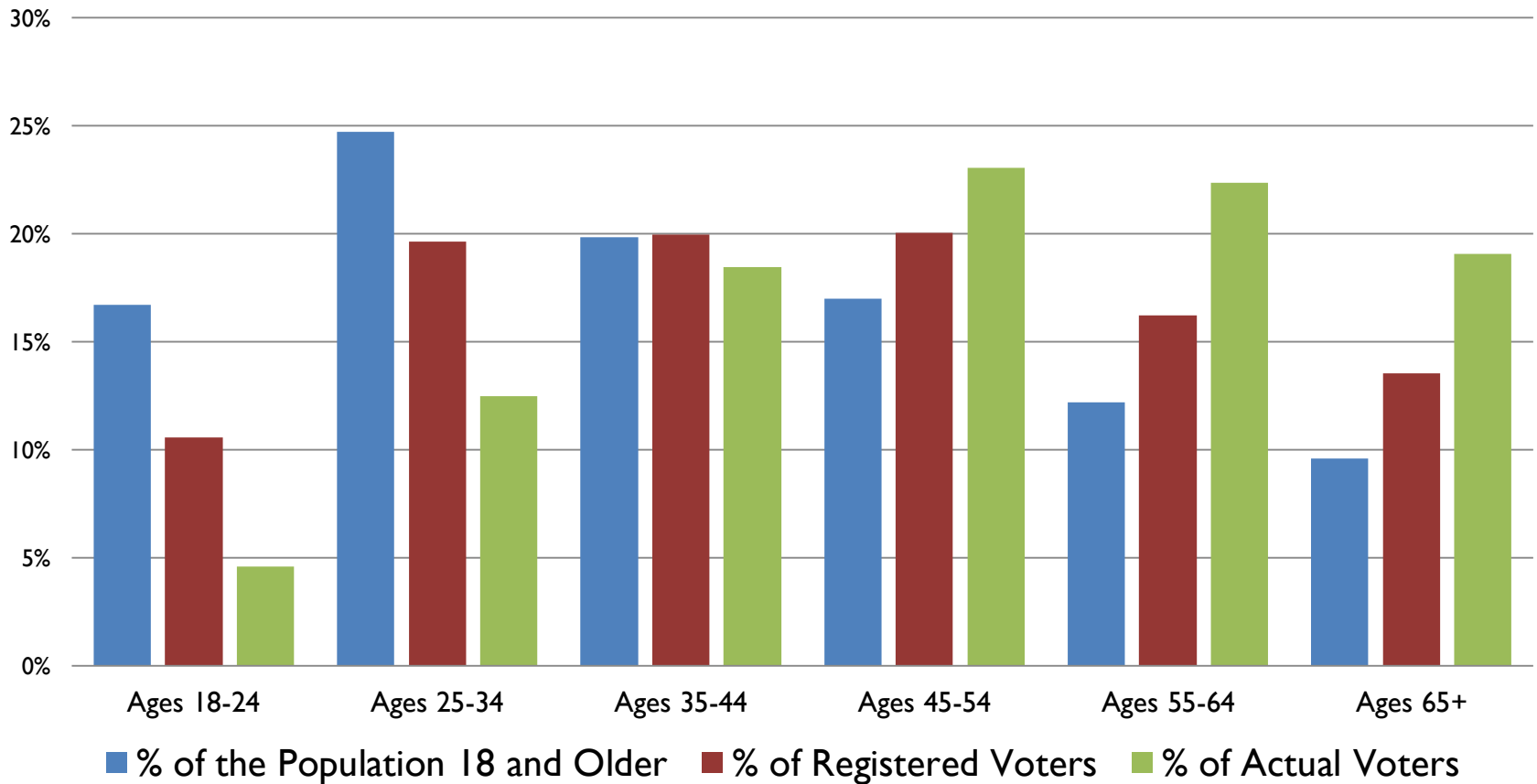
**kinder ready  
graduation  
college ready  
employment**



**we achieve our  
full potential**

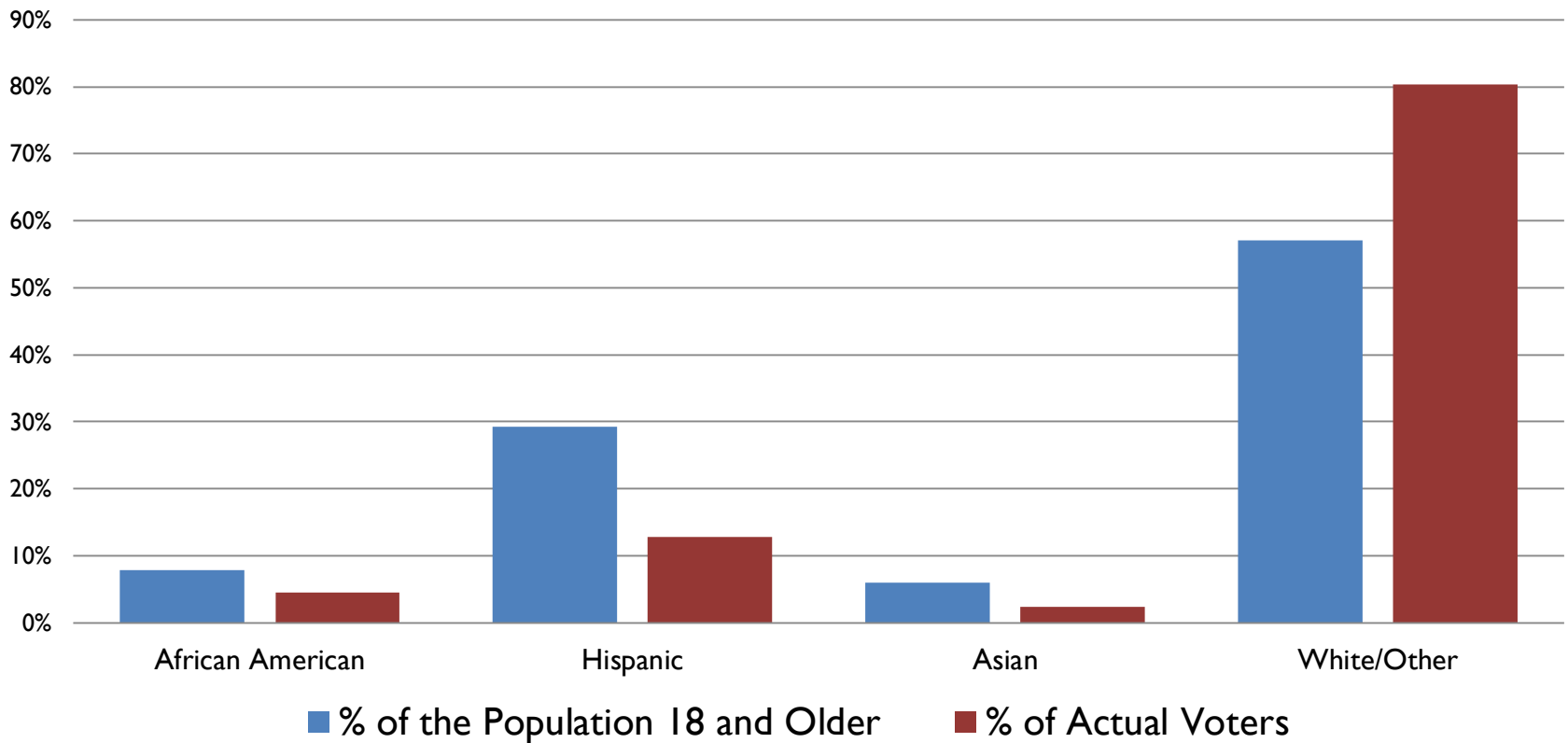
# Voter Turnout by Age

Travis County Demographics Compared to Demographics of Voters in the 2010 General Election



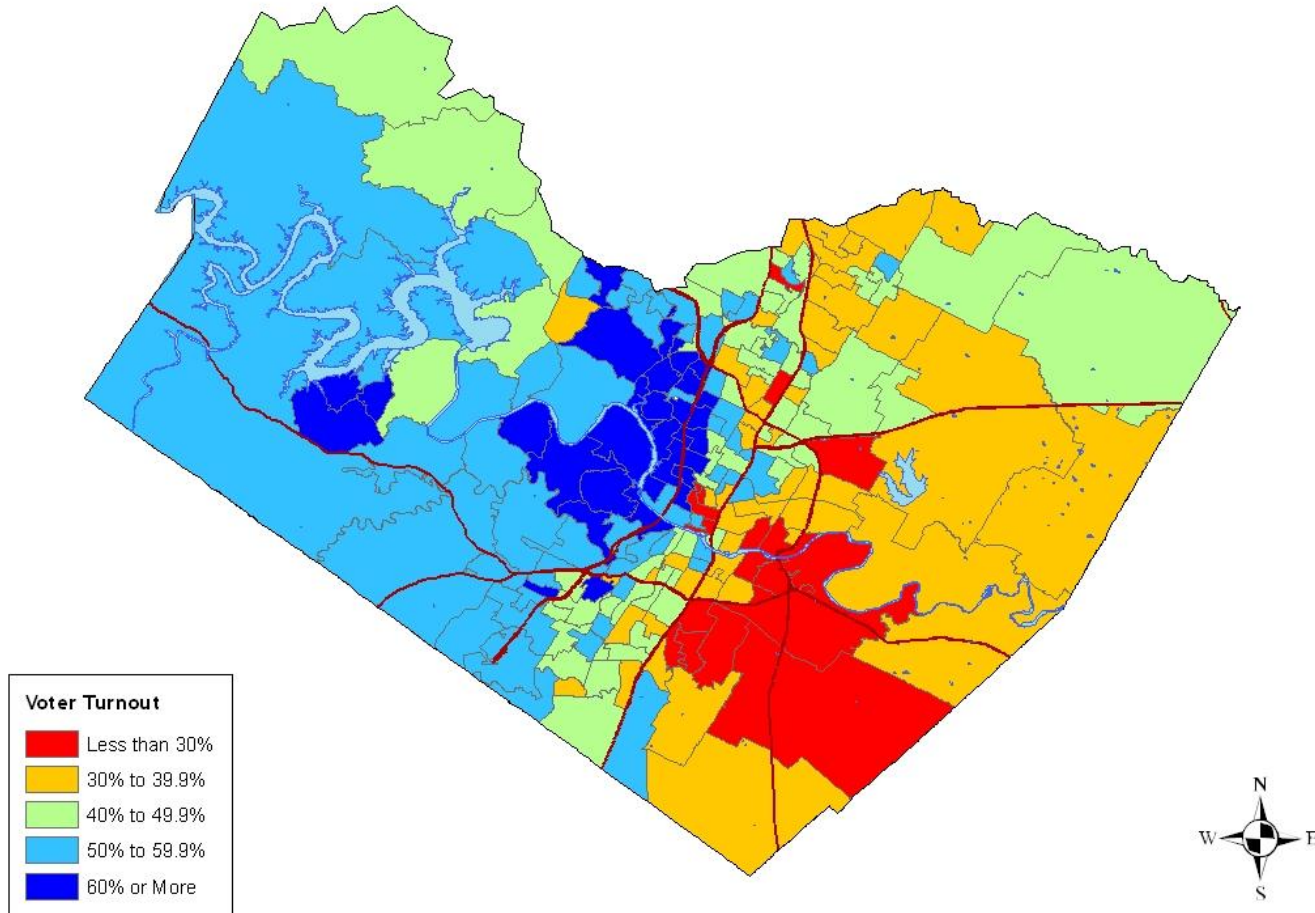
# Voter Turnout by Race/Ethnicity

Travis County Racial/Ethnic Demographics Compared to the Racial/Ethnic Demographics of Voters in the 2010 General Election



# Voter Turnout Across Travis County

Voter Turnout for All Registered Voters in 2010 General Election



# CAN Staff and Resources

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