

32,600+ ATTEND NO KINGS 3 IN AUSTIN AS PRO-DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT SPREADS ACROSS CENTRAL TEXAS

by No Kings Austin Coalition / Hands Off Central TX

(AUSTIN, TX) — **March 31, 2026** — The No Kings Austin Coalition announced today that an estimated **32,606 people** attended the No Kings 3 rally at Auditorium Shores on Saturday, March 28. The crowd size was verified using aerial drone photography and statistical analysis.

The 32,606 figure reflects Austin's Auditorium Shores rally alone that took place Saturday March 28, 2026. It was one of 3 simultaneous No Kings events in Travis County with 9 additional events in the five surrounding counties, stretching from Bastrop to Marble Falls, Belton to New Braunfels, and one of more than 3,100 events nationwide.

The estimate was produced using the Jacobs Method of statistical modeling for crowd counting and density. No Kings Austin is releasing



Thousands of demonstrators march from Austin City Hall to Auditorium shores during Saturday's "No Kings" protest. Simultaneous Rallies from Pflugerville to New Braunfels Signal Regional Depth Beyond Austin Turnout. Photo credit: Patricia Lim/KUT News

this methodology in the interest of full transparency. Analysis technique is detailed below.

"This is what it looks like when Austinites come

together to fight for our democracy and each other," said Salvador Espinoza, Board Member with Hands Off Central TX and organizer with the No

Kings Austin Coalition. *"This movement is powerful because it's built by everyday people organizing alongside lifelong activists. It's*

your neighbors, your co-workers, your family. And we're not going anywhere. We will keep showing up."

No Kings Austin is a

coalition of non-profit organizations mobilizing Central Texans around constitutional values and pro-democracy principles. Austin is one of 14 major metropolitan areas identified as key areas by the national No Kings coalition. Saturday's event featured fully bilingual English/Spanish main stage programming with live interpretation, open soapbox areas, and participation from more than 80 nonprofit organizations across the ideological spectrum.

No Kings Austin is a nonpartisan coalition of Central Texas organizations united around constitutional and pro-democracy values.

The coalition operates through nonviolent action, broad community engagement, and the principle that democracy belongs to everyone.

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Key Votes on Infrastructure, Small Business, and Public Safety



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Task force to present latest use-of-force updates

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By Villager staff

AUSTIN, Texas — The Austin City Council closed out March with a series of actions that signal shifting priorities on transportation, neighborhood level economic activity, and long term infrastructure planning, according to recent council agendas and meeting records from March 12–26, 2026.

At its **March 26 regular meeting**, the Council advanced multiple items tied to mobility and public services, including preparations for the upcoming April 9 meeting where additional transportation and land use items are expected. The meeting followed a week of committee sessions focused on climate, water, parks, and economic opportunity.

One of the most closely watched developments remains the city's ongoing debate over funding for the **I 35 "caps and stitches" project**, a multi year effort to reconnect neighborhoods divided by the

interstate. While no final vote occurred in March, council members signaled growing concern about rising costs and the lack of secured private funding. Financial staff urged caution, recommending the city avoid committing additional dollars until firmer cost projections are available. The issue is expected to resurface in April work sessions.

Council also continued work on **neighborhood scale economic initiatives**, including follow up discussions on a pilot program that would allow certain **home based micro businesses**—such as cottage food stands and small retail setups—to operate more visibly in residential areas. The proposal, which received broad support earlier in the month, is now moving into a planning phase where staff will return with implementation details.

In addition, the Council reviewed updates from the **Austin Police Use of Force Task Force** during its **April 7 work**

session agenda posting, which includes a scheduled briefing from national policing researchers. The briefing is part of the city's ongoing effort to evaluate APD practices and align them with national standards.

Housing and affordability remained central themes throughout March. The **Austin Housing Finance Corporation**, which meets in tandem with the Council, approved several items on March 26 aimed at preserving and expanding affordable units. These actions follow a month of committee level discussions on mobility, public health, and audit and finance matters, reflecting the city's broader push to coordinate policy across departments.

The Council's next major votes are scheduled for **April 9**, with speaker registration opening April 6. Work sessions continue to shape the agenda as the city enters a spring cycle dominated by transportation planning, budget previews, and long term infrastructure decisions.