

# Happy Birthday, Pastor Jasper!

**Pastor W. R. Jasper** will be celebrating his 95th Birthday on May 30th 2023. We Thank GOD this man has been standing on the Word of GOD for many, many years. What makes him so unique is that lives the life he Preaches and Teaches about. Pastor Jasper is the Pastor of The Antioch Baptist Church 6222 Manor Rd Austin Tx 78723 and his goal is to make Christian Disciples.

He is a man of Integrity, and is willing to help anyone who has a need. GOD sent him to Walnut Creek Apts., 6409 Springdale Rd Austin Tx 78723 and told him that was Antioch's Jerusalem. He has been there since 2009. On Saturdays ABC members "Witness" to the residents, Pastor Jasper Preaches to the residents, as well as teach the ABC members and on lookers. We want him to know that we Love him and Appreciate all that he do. GOD has taken him to the mountain top and through the valleys of life. He is a Blessing to many and stays in a Prayer Posture. Pastor Jasper has a Big Heart and he looks out on the crowd and feel compassion.....We are so Blessed to have such a Wonderful Pastor!



"Happy Birthday Pastor Jasper!"  
We Love You!

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## The Austin Area Urban League to bring Freedom Fest in celebration of Juneteenth



**AUSTIN, TX (June 17, 2023)** – The Austin Area Urban League is bringing back Freedom Fest, a free, immersive cultural celebration of Juneteenth. The event will take place at Colony Park – Turner Roberts Center on June 17, 2023, from 1 – 4 PM. This is a completely free event, including food. There will be multiple activities for the whole family including local vendors, food trucks, live music, and more!

"Freedom Fest is an opportunity for our community to have a fun, entertaining experience to celebrate culture. We love bringing events and opportunities like this to our people," says Quincy Dunlap, President, and CEO of the Austin Area Urban League. "Offering a sense of togetherness and

community is what we're all about, and we can't wait to show that we've built an even better experience from last year".

Vendors are encouraged to apply for a spot at Freedom Fest because, while we are not condoning sales, it will be a wonderful opportunity to promote a brand and/or service to the many that will be in attendance. Please visit this link to sign up for a spot at the festival: <https://forms.office.com/r/q6KgRYfsAD>

Stay up to date with more Freedom Fest updates on our website at [aaul.org](http://aaul.org) and our Instagram at [@atxurbanleague](https://www.instagram.com/atxurbanleague). RSVP for Freedom Fest at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/601680391247>.

## APD, DPS brief Public Safety Committee on suspended partnership

BY EMMA FREER | AUSTIN MONITOR

Austin Mayor Kirk Watson cited long-standing police staffing shortages as the impetus for the APD-DPS partnership, which began on March 30 and had as its goals reducing serious traffic injuries and fatalities, violent – and especially gun – crime, and 911 call response times.

But preliminary data from the Travis County Attorney's Office showed that nine out of 10 people arrested by DPS on misdemeanor charges were Black or Latino, vastly outpacing their share of the city's population and exacerbating concerns about racial profiling, as the Austin Monitor previously reported.

During this latest briefing, APD leadership told committee members that DPS troopers concentrated in Council districts 3 and 4 – both of which have greater proportions of Black and Latino residents than the city as a whole – because of department data showing they have higher rates of crashes and 911 calls involving firearms.

"DPS is that force multiplier that was really helping us to slow all of these things, to have them go on the decline," he told the committee. "And the fact that

they're not here now, we are seeing that those numbers are starting to climb again."

District 4 Council Member Chito Vela said he appreciated APD's responsiveness to the concerns about racial profiling.

"I know that, from my perspective, folks in the Lamar-Rundberg area who were feeling over-policed have not been contacting me as much about those concerns," he said. "So, my sense is that there was kind of a certain relief to see the patrol spread out."

District 2 Council Member Vanessa Fuentes acknowledged APD's explanation for concentrating DPS troopers in certain districts. She also pointed to data from the Travis County Attorney's Office showing that citations were concentrated in the Riverside neighborhood as opposed to along Interstate 35, where crashes are more frequent.

DPS Regional Director Vincent Luciano suggested this discrepancy could be the result of the partnership's aim to increase law enforcement presence as opposed to setting speed traps along the highway.

"The goal of this operation was to be seen, to be visible, with a presence that deters both violent crime and ... bad driving," he said.

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Kenneth Hill, Pastor

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