

Trump's Latest U.S. Supreme Court Defeats Show an Alarming Trend

By Villager staff

(VILLAGER) - For more than a year, the Trump administration treated the Supreme Court like a pressure valve: whenever a federal judge blocked a policy, the White House rushed to the justices for emergency relief — and almost always got it. Those early victories created a powerful narrative that the Court was firmly aligned with the administration's agenda. But the Court's recent actions tell a more complicated story, one that suggests the era of near automatic wins is ending.

According to reporting from *Politico*, the administration prevailed in nearly all of the roughly 30 emergency appeals it filed during its first year, spanning immigration crackdowns, mass firings of federal employees, and abrupt cancellations of federal grants and contracts. Critics, including some of the Court's liberal justices, warned that the justices were granting extraordinary deference — treating every lower court setback as a national emergency requiring immediate intervention. But as those same disputes return to the Court through the normal, slower, and more rigorous merits process, the justices are showing sharper skepticism.

The shift has already produced major consequences. The Court struck down the administration's sweeping tariff program, a signature economic policy. It also rejected the use of the

National Guard to control anti ICE protests. And during oral arguments this week, the justices signaled deep concerns about the administration's attempt to end birthright citizenship for undocumented immigrants and short term visa holders — a policy that once seemed destined for a friendlier reception. These are not procedural hiccups; they are substantive rebukes that cut to the core of the administration's legal strategy.

Legal experts quoted in the reporting say the explanation is straightforward: the emergency docket is built for speed, not scrutiny. When Solicitor General John Sauer selected which cases to elevate on an emergency basis, he chose only the strongest ones — the disputes most likely to win quick relief. That strategy worked. But now, as those same cases return for full briefing and argument, the justices are no longer operating under the compressed timelines that once favored the administration's position. "It's going to be much harder," one former Supreme Court clerk told *Politico*, noting that the administration will "win some, but they're also going to lose some" as the Court evaluates the full merits of each case rather than the urgency of the moment.

The administration's internal dynamics are also complicating its path. In one recent episode, the Justice Department abruptly told an appeals court it would abandon efforts to revive executive orders targeting specific law firms — only to reverse itself

the next day after reports that the president had not been consulted. The inconsistency underscored a broader tension: as cases mature, the solicitor general loses control over which disputes reach the Court, and the administration's own decision making becomes more exposed.

None of this means the Court has turned against the president. The reporting does not suggest a political rupture. Instead, it points to an institutional correction. The justices appear to be reasserting the boundaries of their role after a year in which the emergency docket became a fast track pipeline for sweeping executive actions. The Court's conservative majority remains intact, but its appetite for rapid, far reaching interventions seems to be waning as the justices return to the slower, more deliberative process that defines their work.

What is emerging is a more familiar balance of power. The administration can no longer rely on the Court as a guaranteed backstop. The justices, for their part, are signaling that they will not rubber stamp policies simply because they arrive wrapped in the urgency of executive authority. As the next round of high stakes cases reaches the Court, the country will see whether this recalibration holds — and whether the Court's renewed skepticism becomes a defining feature of its relationship with the current White House.

East Austin Students Shut Out as Voucher Funds Flow Upward

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(VILLAGER) - The latest voucher application data confirms what East Austin families have warned for years: this program was never designed for the students who rely most on public schools. According to the comptroller's preliminary numbers, **73% of applicants already attend private school or homeschool, and white, higher income families make up the largest share of applicants** despite being a minority of Texas' public-school population. Meanwhile, the students who stand to lose the most — the Black, Latino, low in-

come, multilingual, and disabled students concentrated in East Austin — are barely represented in the applicant pool.

This is not a story about "choice." It's a story about **public dollars leaving public schools** while the children who depend on them are left with fewer teachers, fewer counselors, fewer buses, and fewer safe, stable campuses. East Austin schools have already endured closures, consolidations, and chronic underfunding. Now, with vouchers siphoning money toward families who were never in the public system to begin

with, the inequities deepen.

The state's own priority list makes the problem plain. Even if low income families or students with disabilities apply, they still face the barrier that **private schools are not required to accept them or provide the services they need**. Many East Austin families cannot afford the remaining tuition gap, cannot transport their children across town, and cannot gamble on a lottery that favors those already positioned to benefit.

So, what happens to the students who stay? They inherit the consequences: larger class sizes, fewer supports, and cam-

pusés forced to do more with less. Public schools remain the only institutions legally obligated to serve every child who walks through the door. When the state drains resources from those schools, it is East Austin students — not the families already in private education — who pay the price.

This moment demands honesty: vouchers don't expand opportunity. They redistribute it upward, away from the communities that need it most.

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Integral Care is currently soliciting proposals through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process for Banking, Treasury, and Cash Management Services. RFPs may be requested electronically by contacting Christina Lundy at procurement@integralcare.org or (737) 424-4349 beginning March 19, 2026. The deadline to submit a proposal under the RFP is 5p.m. CDT on May 7, 2026. Historically Underutilized Businesses, including Minority-Owned Businesses and Women-Owned Businesses, are encouraged to apply.

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My Community Needs

**Tuesday, April 14th at
Community Development
Commission**


**Austin City Hall
(301 W. 2nd Street)**

**Thursday, April 23rd at
Austin City Council**

**Austin City Hall
(301 W. 2nd Street)**



Share your community needs by attending a Public Hearing and/or filling out the Needs Assessment Survey that informs the Action Plan. The programs from this grant fund affordable housing, job creation, and public service needs for low- and moderate-income families, persons with disabilities, and seniors.



SpeakUpAustin.org/MyCommunityNeeds

AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE (ACC) DISTRICT is requesting sealed proposals from interested and qualified firms for the purpose of selecting a respondent to provide **District-Wide Single Stream Recycling Services for the following solicitation.**

• **Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 926-26-271-00-S-JG-RFP**

All sealed proposals must be submitted to the Procure to Pay (P2P) Department by no later than **on Friday, April 17, 2026 at 12:00 p.m., Central Standard Time (CST)**. See solicitation for details.

Solicitation documents are available on the ACC P2P's website at:

- <https://offices.austincc.edu/business-services/procure-to-pay/procurement/advertised-solicitations/> or at
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If you are not able to view this solicitation, please send an email to the Buyer/Sole Point of Contact for the solicitation as soon as possible.

SOLE POINT OF CONTACT:

- **John Gross, Buyer**
- **Email:** john.gross@austincc.edu
- **Telephone Number:** (512) 223-1329

Only electronically transmitted responses will be accepted by the date and time indicated above, unless otherwise stated in the solicitation documents.

ACC will host an optional virtual solicitation conference on **April 8, 2026 at 2:00 p.m., CST via Zoom Virtual Meeting**. See solicitation documents for details.

AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE (ACC) DISTRICT is requesting sealed proposals from interested or qualified firms for the purposes of selecting a respondent to provide **Bookstore Management Services for the following solicitation.**

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