

Travis County to Hold “Expunction Expo” over MLK Weekend

County and local groups coordinating to provide free expungement services to Travis County community.

TRAVIS COUNTY, TX – Travis County District Attorney José Garza, Travis County Attorney Delia Garza, Travis County District Clerk Velda Price, and Pflugerville City Councilmember Rudy Metayer announced their offices will be hosting a free Expunction Expo on January 15, 2022, or during MLK Weekend. As part of their announcement, county officials have opened the online registration portal for members of the community to sign up for the Expo. Community members have until November 30, 2021 to sign up for the Expo.

Travis County officials previously hosted an Expunction Expo in February of 2020. During that event, county officials and community partners served 241 individuals and expunged 400 offenses.

“We have the opportunity with this event and the responsibility to ensure that members of our community who have never been convicted of a crime have access to good jobs, to financial assistance for school, and to housing,” said District Attorney Garza. “I am grateful to all of our partners for their hard work to put on the 2022 Expunction Expo.”

“I am glad Travis County Offices, various organizations and legal associations will come together again for the 2022 Expunction Expo in order to remove barriers by providing support so that individuals can live their lives to the fullest potential,” said Travis County District Clerk Velda Price.

“The pandemic has continued to magnify many inequities in our community,” said County Attorney Delia Garza. “So I’m grateful to join this coalition of Travis County and Pflugerville leaders to help those that qualify to expunge an arrest record, to start that process. Many people don’t realize that an arrest that does not result in a dismissal remains on their criminal record and many have no idea how to start the process of expunction or have the ability to hire an attorney to help them navigate that process. Helping those that qualify to expunge an arrest from their record will give many in our community the ability to clear their record and move on with their lives without any future consequences to that arrest.”

“With this event we have the opportunity to immediately and significantly impact the lives of members of our community in a positive way,” said Pflugerville Councilmember Rudy Metayer. “As lawyers, and as public servants, we have the power, the ability, and the responsibility to serve our community in this way.”

The three offices are sponsoring the Expo in late February to help residents remove old Travis County arrest records from their criminal history. Clearing an arrest record is called “expunction” in Texas.

Individuals with arrest records often find it hard to obtain jobs, housing or financial aid for college. This Expunction Expo will help community members clear their arrest records, free of any charge.

According to Texas law, you may qualify for an expunction if any of the following apply:

- You were arrested but a charge was **NEVER FILED** or was **no billed** by the grand jury,
- You have a criminal charge that was **DISMISSED**,
- You successfully completed a **DIVERSION PROGRAM**, such as Pretrial Diversion, Drug Court, etc.,
- You were **ACQUITTED** on your charge by a judge or jury (usually by a finding of “Not Guilty”), or appellate court.
- You were convicted of a crime but later **PARDONED** by the Governor of Texas or the President of the United States.

Attorneys will be on site at the Expunction Expo to represent applicants for free and help them apply to have their record expunged. Legal work will be provided by volunteers from Capital Area Private Defender Service (CAPDS), the Travis County Public Defender’s Office, the Travis County Law Library, and Volunteer Legal Services and other lawyers and community groups donating their services.

Additionally, the online portal and application forms are available in Spanish and there will be translators on site at the Expunction Expo. For any Expunction Expo related questions please email expunctionexpo@traviscountytx.gov.



Austin-Travis County is currently in Stage 3 of COVID-19 Risk-based guidelines. Information and resources can be found at:

austintexas.gov



Integral Care is soliciting proposals for **Texas Resilience and Recovery (TRR) – Adult Level of Care (LOC) 3 Services**. The Request for Proposals may be accessed at integralcare.org/business-opportunities and responses submitted electronically to **Brody Ballard at brody.ballard@integralcare.org**. The deadline to submit a proposal under the RFP is **5:00 p.m. CST on January 7, 2022**. Historically **Underutilized Businesses, including Minority-Owned Businesses and Women-Owned Businesses**, are encouraged to apply.

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 • RFP No. 918-22-17-00-S-LD

All qualification responses must be submitted to the Procure to Pay (P2P) Department by no later than on **Tuesday, December 7th, 2021 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://www.austincc.edu/offices/business-services/procure-to-pay/procurement/advertised-solicitations>.

All responses must be **electronically received** by the P2P Department by the date and time indicated above. Only electronically transmitted responses will be accepted unless otherwise stated in the solicitation documents.

ACC will host a pre-proposal conference on **November 23rd 2021 at 1:30 p.m. via Google Virtual Meeting**. See solicitation documents for details.

Notice: ACC Business Offices and campus locations will be closed for the College’s **Thanksgivings Holidays from November 25th & November 26, 2021**.

AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE (ACC) DISTRICT is requesting qualification responses from interested or qualified firms for the purposes of selecting a respondent to provide **Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for Rio Grande Campus (RGC) 3000 Collaboratorium Army Futures Command (AFC) for the following solicitation**.
 •RFQ No. 909-22-32-00-S- GP

All qualification responses must be submitted to the Procure to Pay (P2P) Department by no later than on **Monday, November 29, 2021 at 12:00 PM Central Standard Time (CST)**. See solicitation for details.

Solicitation documents are available on the ACC P2P’s website at: <https://www.austincc.edu/offices/business-services/procure-to-pay/procurement/advertised-solicitations>.

All responses must be **electronically received** by the P2P Department by the date and time indicated above. Only electronically transmitted responses will be accepted unless otherwise stated in the solicitation documents.

ACC will host a pre-proposal conference on **November 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rio Grande Campus or via Google Virtual Meeting**. See solicitation documents for details.

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Make sure you’re fully vaccinated (two weeks after your SECOND dose, or single dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine) in time to celebrate the holidays!

Begin your vaccination series by the following dates to be safe for the holidays:

- Christmas**
 - November 20th – Pfizer
 - December 11 – J&J
- Kwanzaa**
 - November 22 – Pfizer
 - December 13 – J&J

You can locate providers by using Vaccines.gov or text your zip code to 438829 (822862 in Spanish) to find a nearby clinic.