

<b>Chronological Outline</b>	
<b>Reports &amp; or Events</b>	<b>Year</b>
1. <i>The ICF-Kaiser Report</i> , which was submitted to the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, warned that this city had the greatest racial inequality of all the cities reviewed in the study.	<b>1998</b>
2. <i>The Schott Report</i> concluded that mistrust, isolation, frustration, and suspicion by African Americans was widespread and was a detriment to improving race relations.	<b>2000</b>
3. <i>The Austin Equity Commission Report</i> argued that inequality destroys social capital. The study also addressed the need to have private and public policies that enhanced the ability of people at every income level to take advantage of market-based opportunities.	<b>2001</b>
4. The NAACP Austin report card graded the city of Austin in the following key categories. Economics D+, Criminal Justice D, Politics D, Labor F, Social Infrastructure D and Education C.	<b>2004</b>
5. Midtown Live burned down and racial slurs by police officers were recorded. Further, Unarmed Eighteen-year-old Daniel Rocha was shot in the back by a police officer, and shooting is still under investigation.	<b>2005</b>
6. <i>The Quality of Life Scorecard</i> , by City Manager Toby Futrell, cited a lack of social infrastructure and a low rate of African American business ownership. Acting Assistant City Manager Michael McDonald correctly noted that Austin does not make the list of popular places to live for African Americans.	<b>2005</b>
7. Group Solutions RJW was hired by the city of Austin to conduct the Quality of life Forums. In May RJW Group Solutions reported the results of the forums to the Austin City Council that represented 26 recommendations. Several organization and community leaders requested that the Council take no action until the community has had an opportunity to review the results.	<b>2005</b>
8. In June several organizations and community leaders held a town hall meeting Huston Tillotson for the entire African American community to have an opportunity to provide feedback to the Group Solutions report and provide other recommendations that City could implement.	<b>2005</b>
9. On June 23, six-community organization presented the community's 58 (twice the amount in the RJW report) recommendations in the form of a position paper from the town hall meeting to the Austin City Council. The recommendations were approved by a 7-0 vote. City and community action teams were assembled to support the six categories. City and community action teams were assembled to support the six categories. The sizes of the teams were limited to ensure effective results under short timelines.	<b>2005</b>

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10. In October the implementation teams will provide a plan (i.e. policies, programs, actions) to support the original approved recommendations to City Council for final approval. In December City departments will begin implementing the quality of life action plan.	2005
11. Annual updates will be provided in public format to ensure accountability and provided opportunities for modifying the plan where necessary.	2005
12. The African American community should consider coming together to discuss solutions on how to use our own resources to further improve quality of life. Further, discussions should include strategies for holding other governmental entities accountable for their responsibility to our quality of life.	2006