

# Welcome Back To CURES!

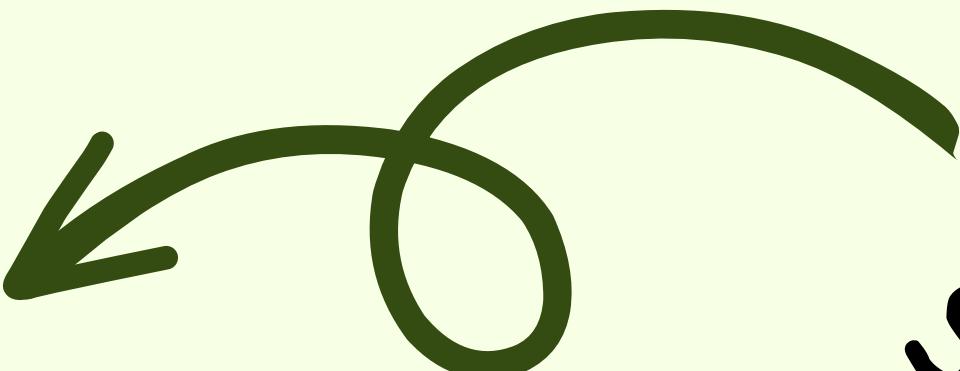
*General Meeting #2*

*Member Sign-up*

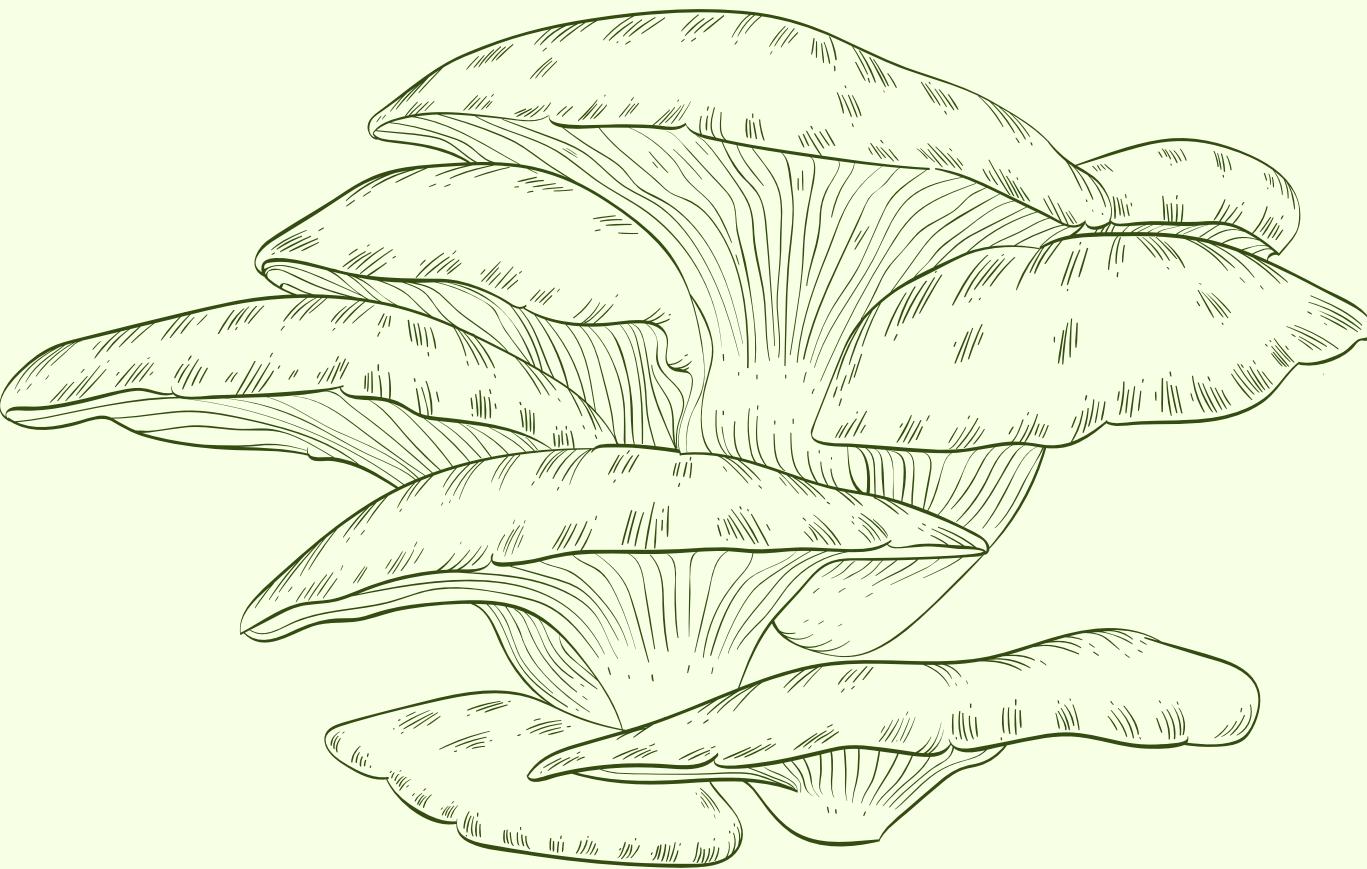


*GroupMe*



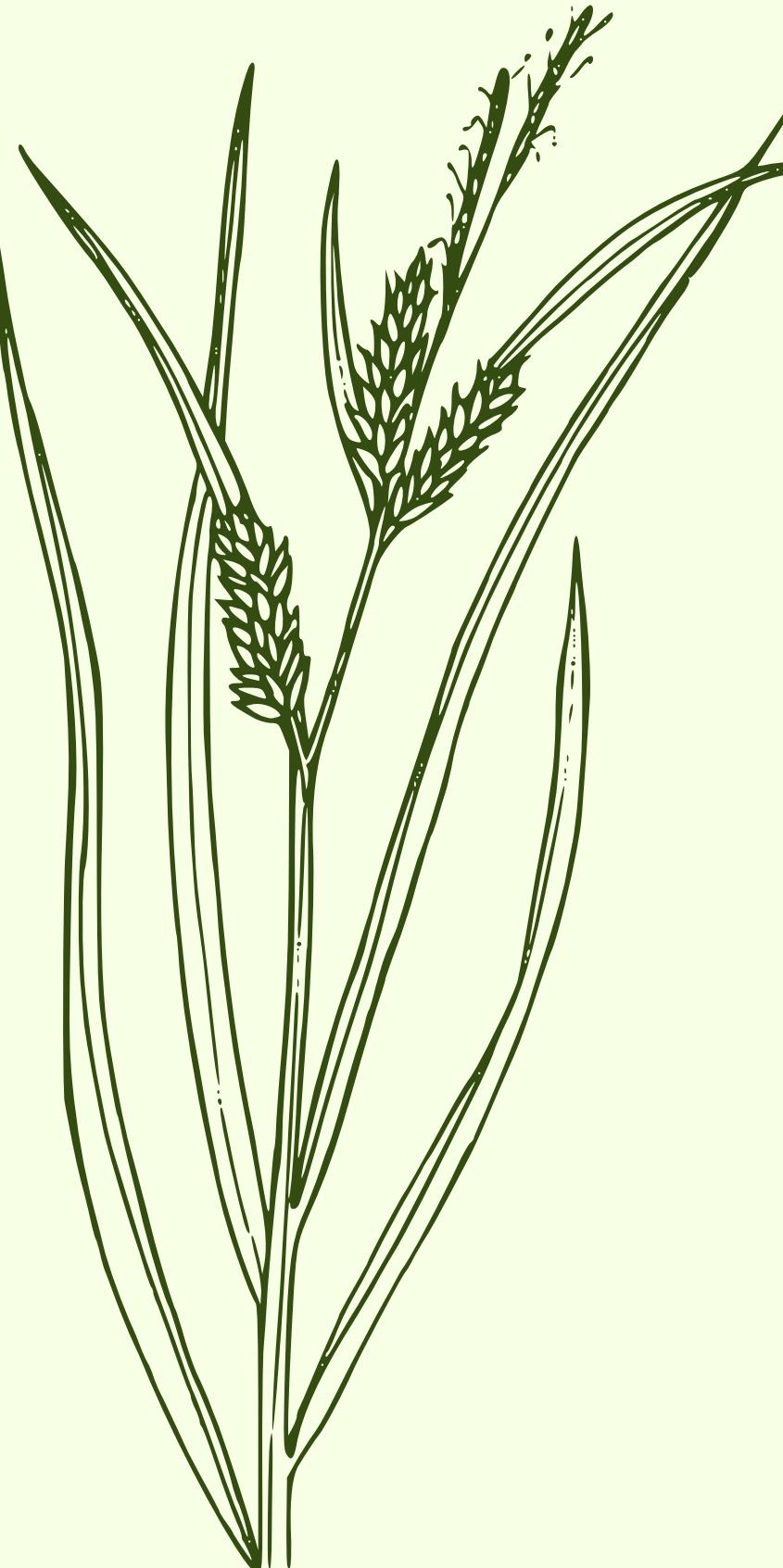


*Newsletter  
Sign UP!!*



# Ice Breaker Time!

Rose, bud, thorn?





# Lecture 1:

## Defining Racism and Environmental Racism

# Objectives

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- Define racism and environmental racism (ER)
- Understand the manifestations of ER
- Identify local examples of ER



# What is Racism?

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“Prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism by an individual, community, or institution against a person or people on the basis of their membership in a particular racial or ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized.”

# What is *Environmental* Racism?

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“Environmental racism is the disproportionate impact of environmental hazards on people of color. Environmental justice is the movement’s response to environmental racism.”

# What is *Environmental* Racism?

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- “Institutional rules, regulations, policies or government and/or corporate decisions that deliberately target certain communities for locally undesirable land uses and lax enforcement of zoning and environmental laws”
- Communities being disproportionately exposed to toxic and hazardous waste based upon race
- Intentional neglect, “need” for a pollutant dumping in urban areas, low land values

# How does it show up?

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# Examples



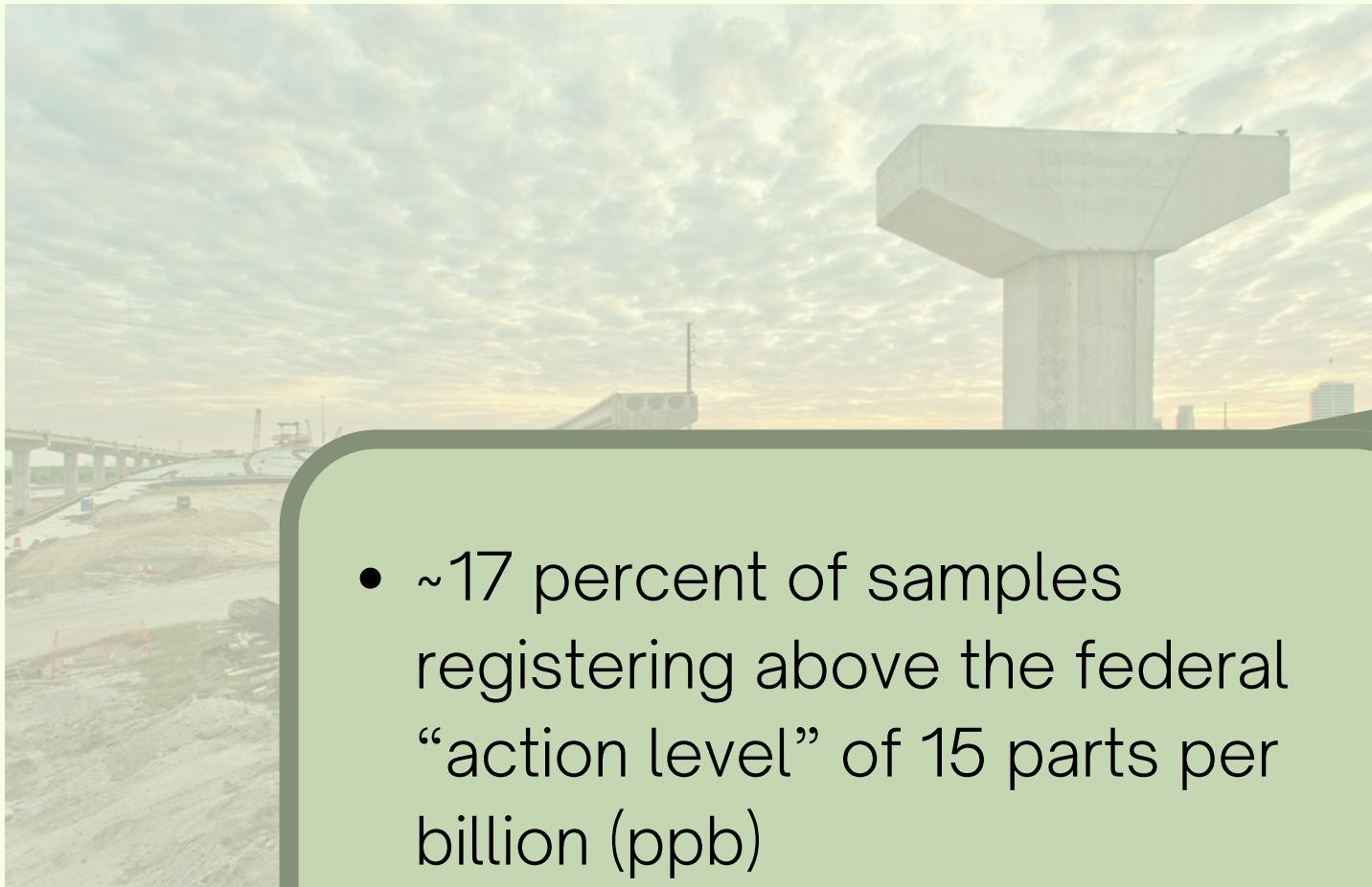
# Examples



“A 2008 study by Texas A&M University found that Hillcrest residents showed average levels of benzene—a known carcinogen—280 times those of the general population.”



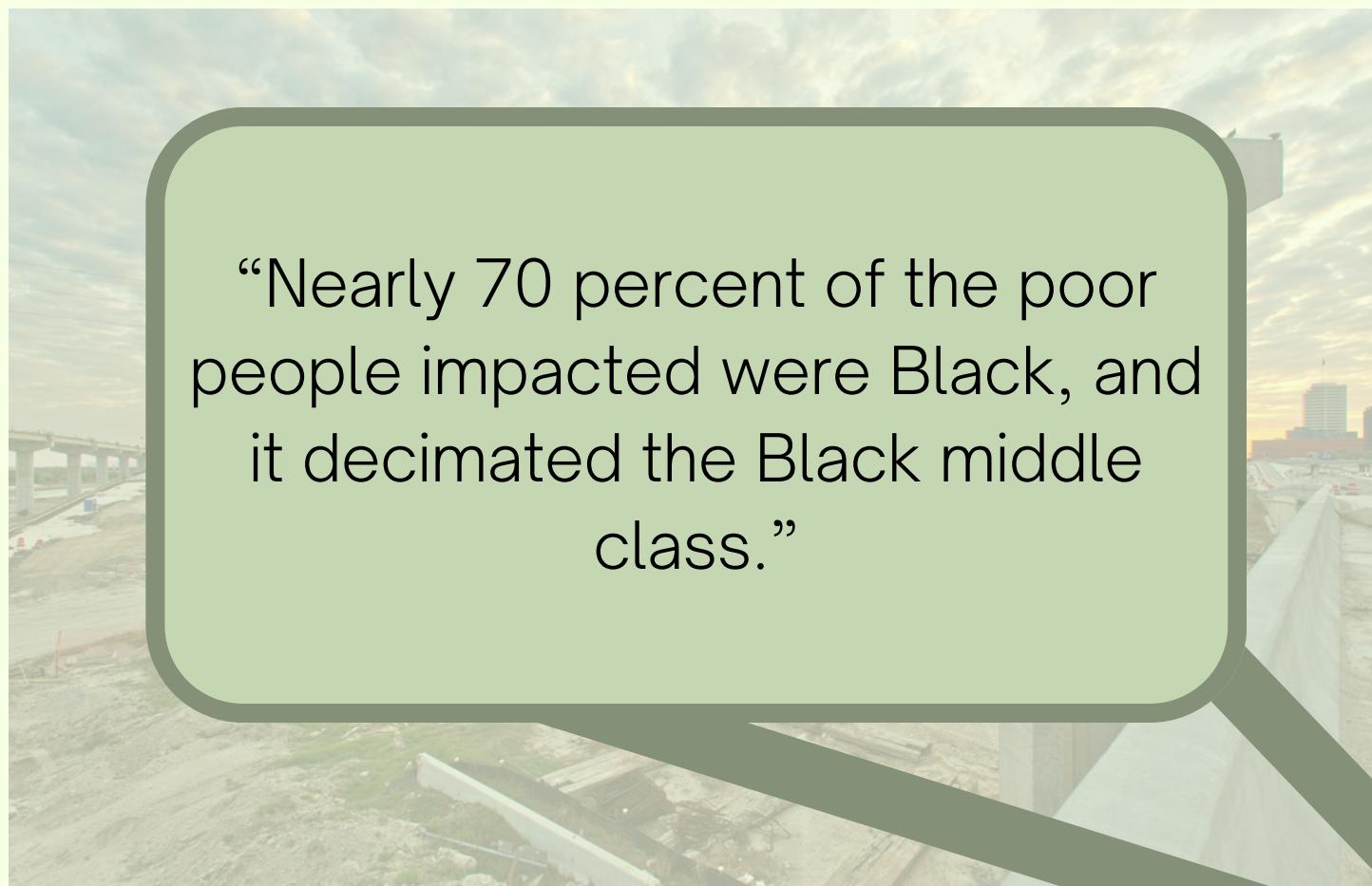
# Examples



- ~17 percent of samples registering above the federal “action level” of 15 parts per billion (ppb)
- 40+ percent measured above 5 ppb of lead



# Examples



“Nearly 70 percent of the poor people impacted were Black, and it decimated the Black middle class.”





# A CITY PLAN

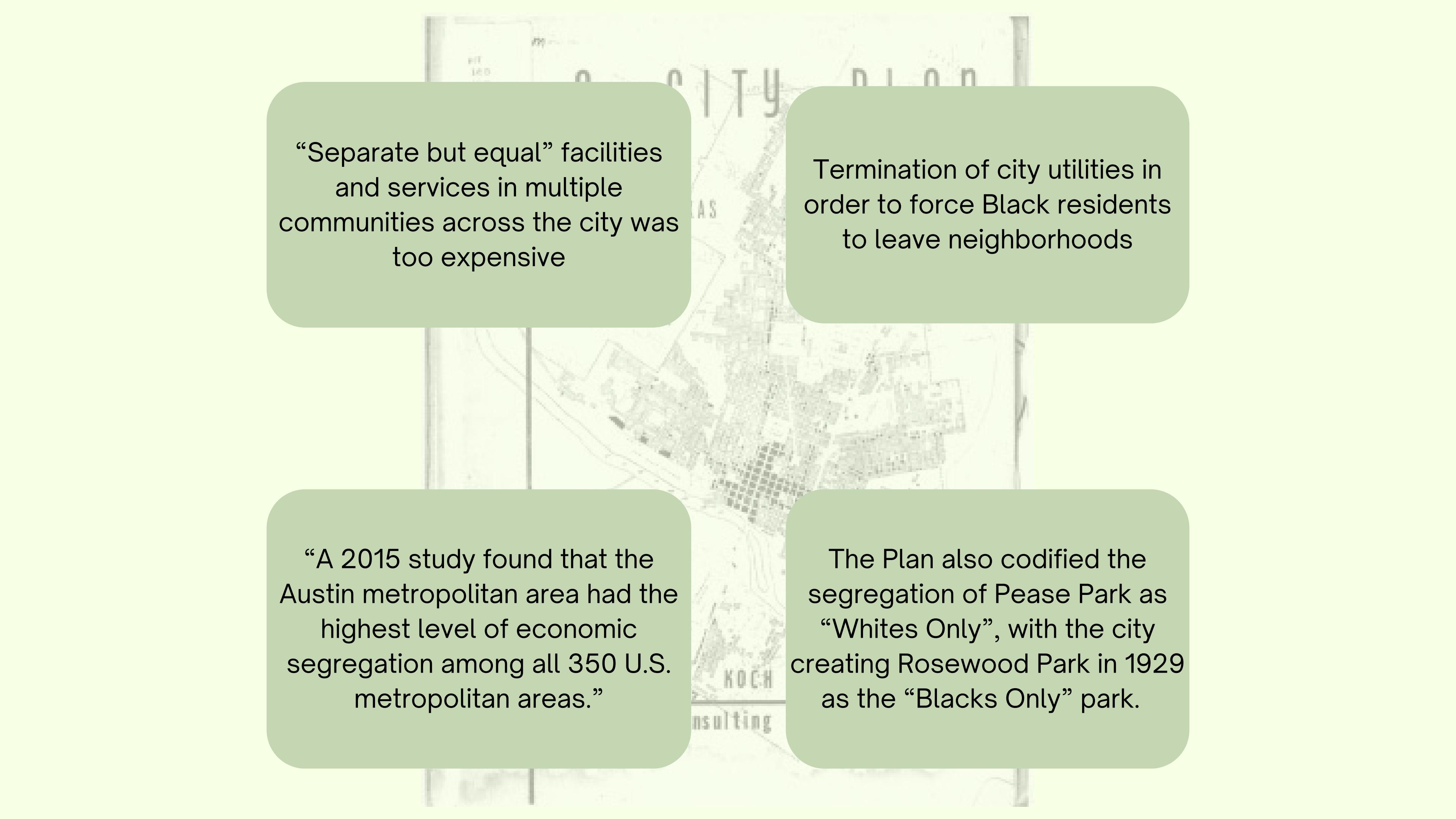
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“Separate but equal” facilities and services in multiple communities across the city was too expensive

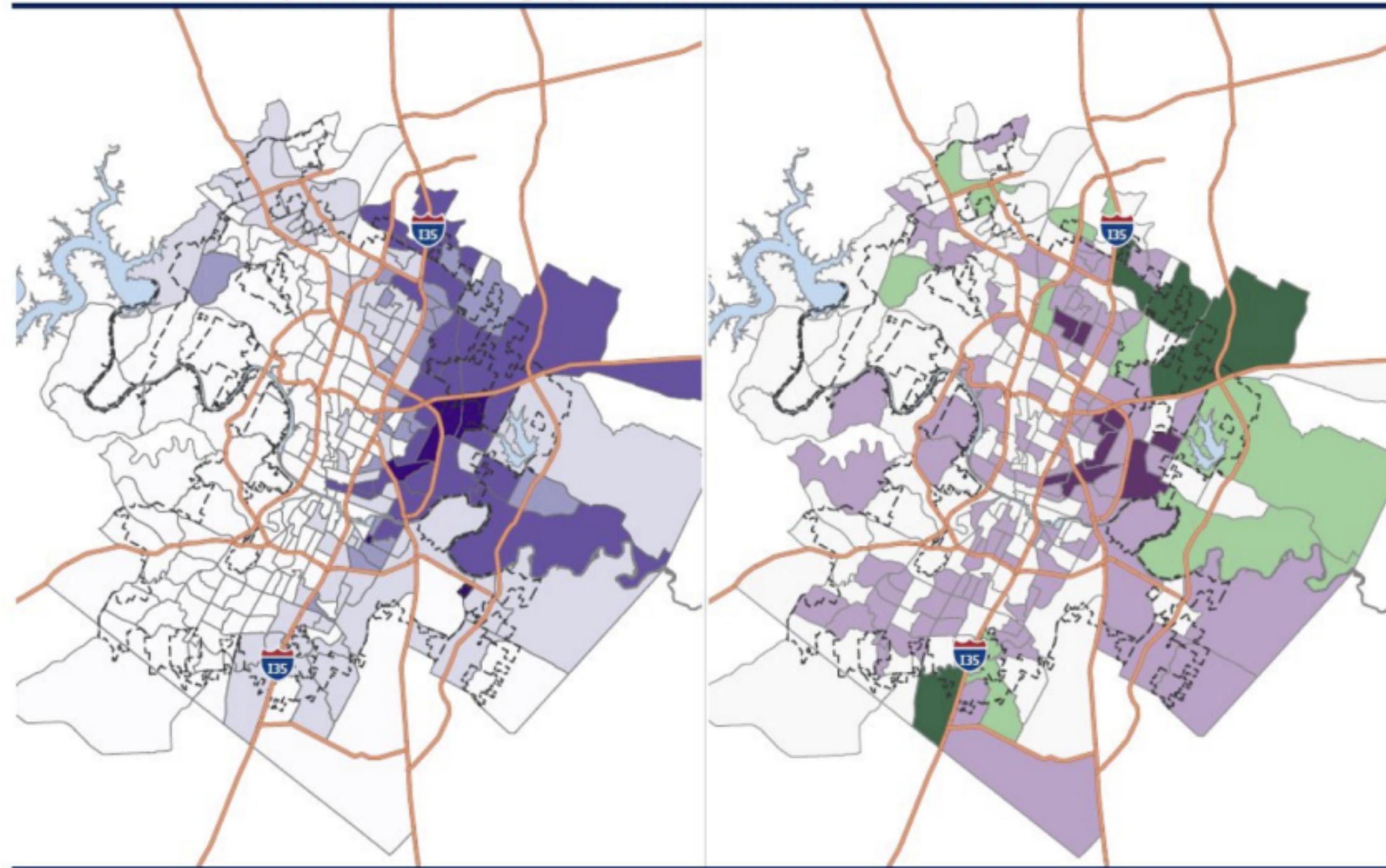
Termination of city utilities in order to force Black residents to leave neighborhoods

“A 2015 study found that the Austin metropolitan area had the highest level of economic segregation among all 350 U.S. metropolitan areas.”

The Plan also codified the segregation of Pease Park as “Whites Only”, with the city creating Rosewood Park in 1929 as the “Blacks Only” park.

# Austin Demographic Landscape

## Non-Hispanic Black Geographic Distribution by Census Tract



### 2020 Population

#### Percent of Total

Scale:

Author/Date: City of Austin  
Housing and Planning Department  
8.24.2021

Credit: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Decennial Census P.L. 94-171 File

Percentage of the  
Total Population  
that is  
Non-Hispanic Black

- 0% to 5%
  - 6% to 10%
  - 11% to 15%
  - 16% to 25%
  - 26% to 40%
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### 2010-2020 Population

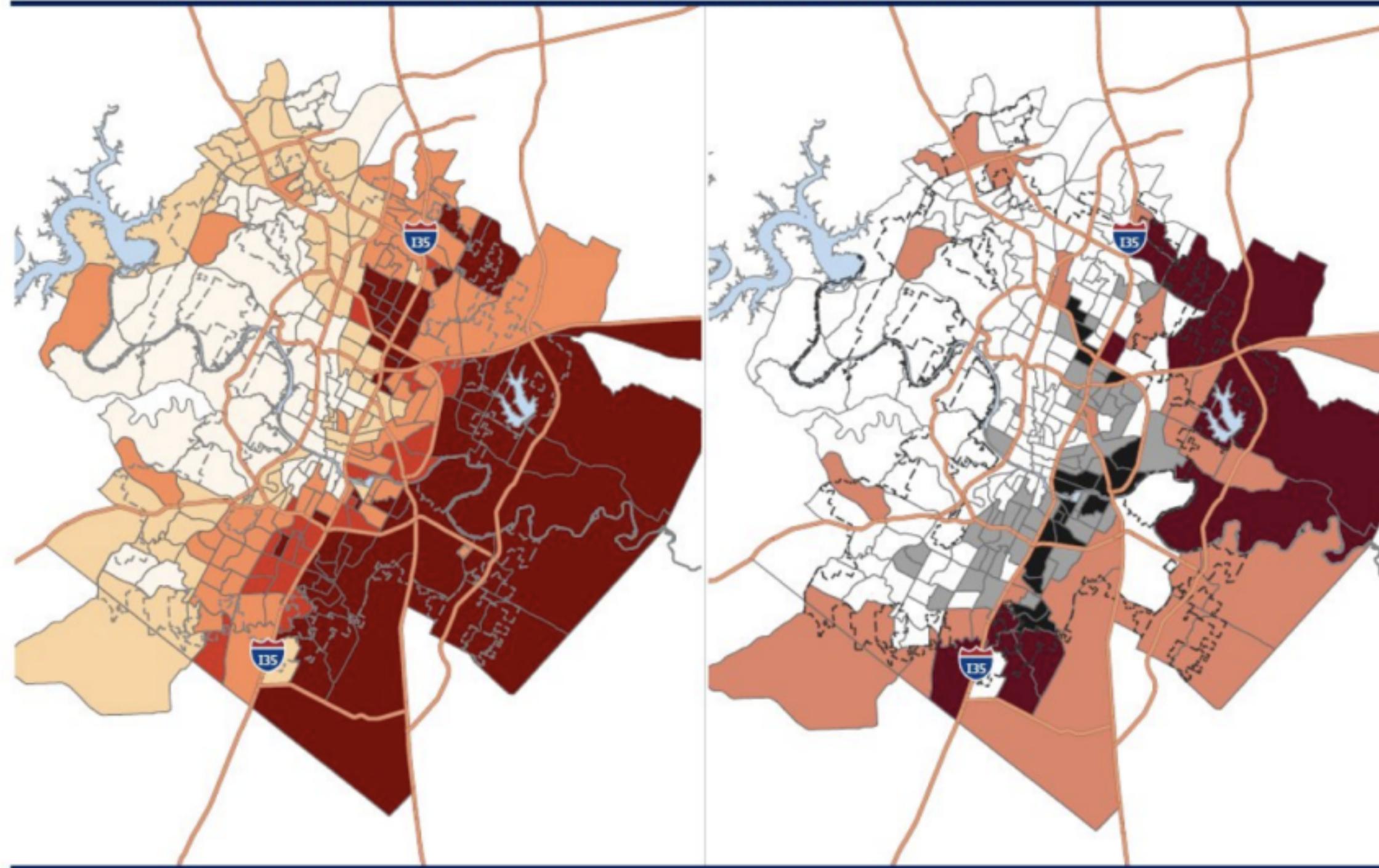
#### Numeric Change

Total change in  
the population  
that is  
Non-Hispanic Black

- 790 to -250
  - 249 to 0
  - 1 to 250
  - 251 to 500
  - 501 to 1,092
- Austin City Limits

# Austin Demographic Landscape

## Hispanic/Latino Geographic Distribution by Census Tract



### 2020 Population

#### Percent of Total

Scale: 1:450,000

Author/Date: City of Austin  
Housing and Planning Department  
8.24.2021

Credit: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Decennial Census P.L. 94-171 File

Percentage of the  
Total Population  
that is of  
Hispanic Origin

6% to 15%

16% to 25%

26% to 40%

41% to 50%

51% to 83%

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### 2010-2020 Population

#### Numeric Change

Total change in  
the population  
that is of  
Hispanic Origin

-1,030 to -500

-499 to 0

1 to 500

501 to 1,500

1,501 to 3,366

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# HYDE PARK

The most beautiful, healthful, and practical place for homes in the city of Austin. It's the safest place for investment. The terms offered are remarkably easy. The prices are very reasonable. Any person buying two lots WILL BE GIVEN ONE LOT FREE OF COST.

There are six miles of beautiful graded streets in HYDE PARK, and a magnificent

## SPEEDWAY FROM THE PARK TO THE CITY. THE FINEST DRIVE IN TEXAS.



### HYDE PARK IS EXCLUSIVELY FOR WHITE PEOPLE.

The main line of Electric Street Cars run into and around a belt in the Park. Free Mail Delivery twice a day. There is no limestone dust. The soil is the best for Fruits, Flowers and Lawns. No one thinks of taking a carriage drive without going to Hyde Park. The drives are free from mud and dust. The scenery is interesting. The altitude of Hyde Park is 185 feet above the river. Hyde Park is Cool, Clean and Restful. Invest while YOU CAN SELECT, and SECURE ONE LOT FREE. If you wish to buy on the installment plan the terms are \$3.00 per month on each lot. If you pay all cash a discount of 8 per cent will be allowed. If you wish to invest and do not live in Austin, we will pay your fare both ways, if the distance is not over 300 miles. Strangers who wish to see the city can have a Free Carriage by calling at our office.

### Extraordinary Inducements Are Offered

To persons who will agree to erect good houses. If parties wish to build in Hyde Park we will trade lots for other Austin property on a fair basis, and DONATE ONE LOT as a Premium. Beautiful Views of Hyde Park, and of THE SPEEDWAY sent free upon application. Write to us, or call at  
721 CONGRESS AVENUE, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

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# Resources

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- <https://www.jstor.org/stable/pdf/resrep27198.6.pdf>
- <https://peasepark.org/news/2021/2/28/black-history-month-austin-city-plan-of-1928-segregation-of-the-city>
- <https://www.essence.com/news/hurricane-katrina-inflation-reduction-act/>
- [https://scholar.harvard.edu/sites/scholar.harvard.edu/files/matthewc\\_lair/files/sociology\\_of\\_racism\\_precopyediting.pdf](https://scholar.harvard.edu/sites/scholar.harvard.edu/files/matthewc_lair/files/sociology_of_racism_precopyediting.pdf)
- <https://www.nrdc.org/stories/flint-water-crisis-everything-you-need-know#summary>

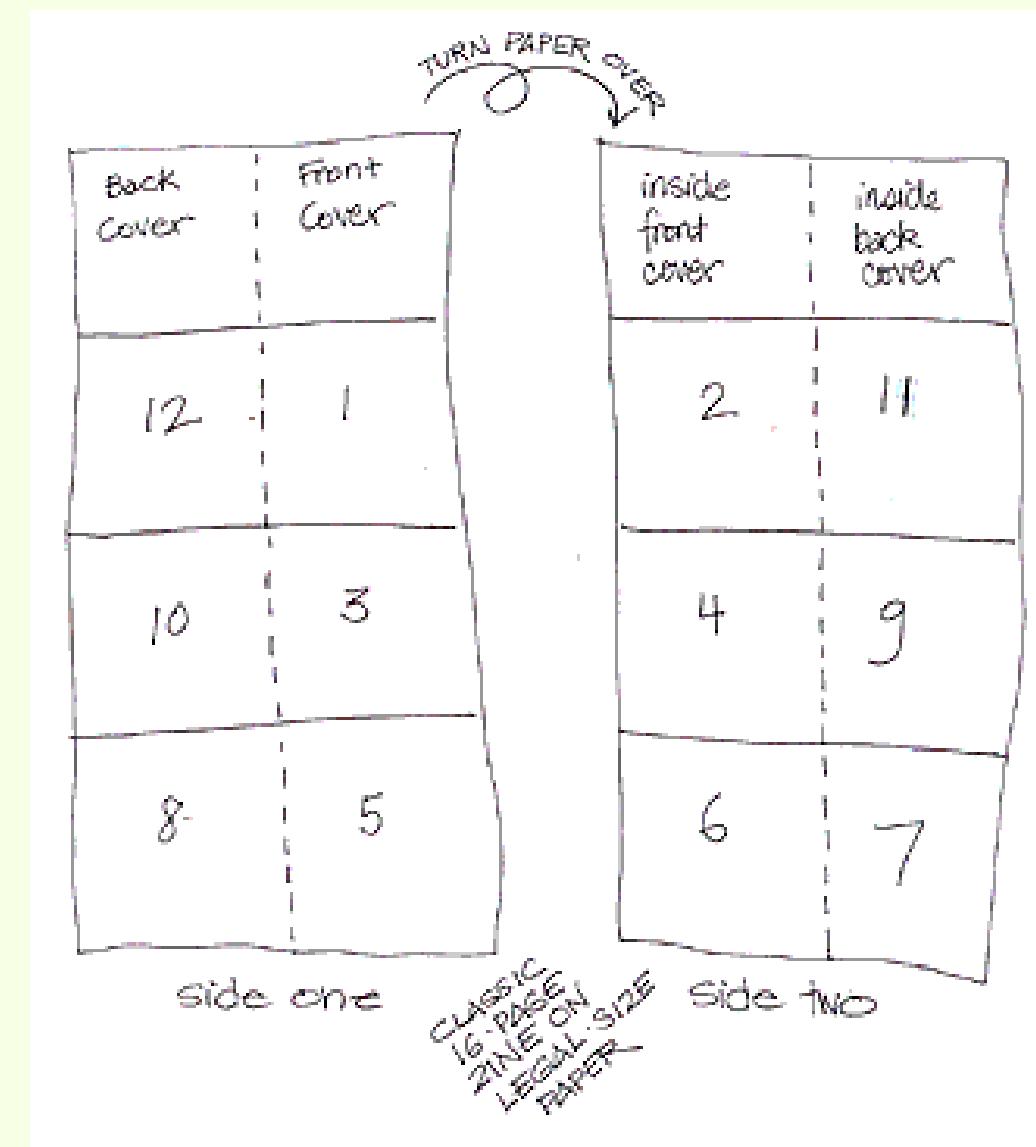
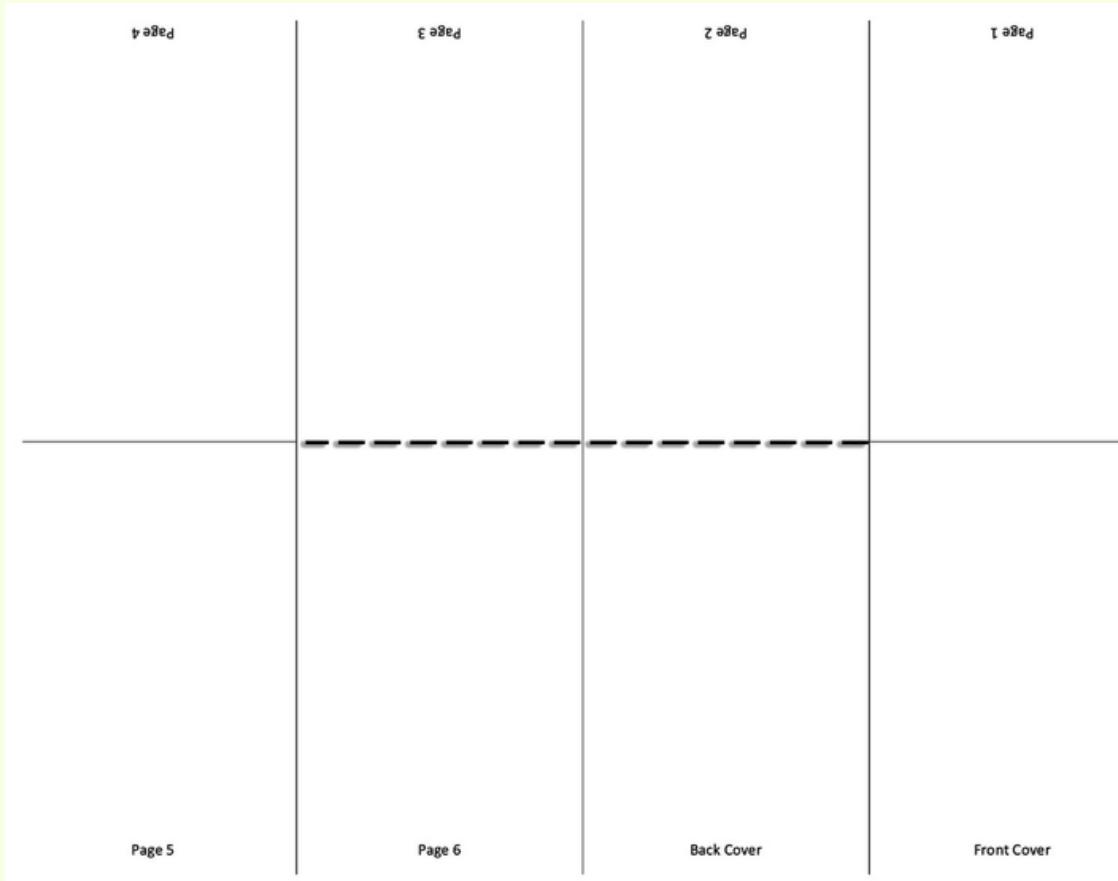
# What's Next?

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- Faculty Advisor
- Grant Application
- Registering Org
- Club Zine!!!
  - End of semester collaborative project
  - Environmental Justice-focused zine that will be distributed to the student body
  - A product of all the work you've done this semester!

# ZINE

- Collaborative effort with input from everyone in club
- Environmental Racism/Justice themed
- Distribute to general student body
- Promote awareness of environmental racism!



# Thank You For Listening!

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Any feedback, input,  
or questions?

