

If You Care About Civil Liberties Now is the Time to Stand Up!

**Austin has one chance THIS THURSDAY, March 8, to
DO SOMETHING ABOUT POLICE ABUSE AT APD.**

We must act now or lose our chance for years!

Come to City Council March 8!

**Whether or Not You Can Attend the Hearing,
Contact the Austin City Council today!
Tell them No Pay Raise Without Real Oversight.**

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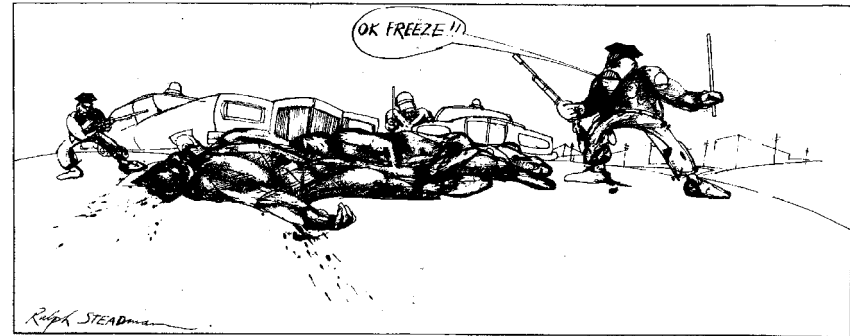
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You've seen the headlines: Now's your chance to **DO SOMETHING**

Austin Police are Out of Control

- Police used mace and rubber bullets as “crowd management” techniques at Austin’s Mardi Gras 2001.
- APD covered up when a federal drug task force found Austin police assisting drug dealers.
- APD fired Samuel Ramirez for forcing a woman to perform oral sex against her will while on duty, but the union tried to get him reinstated.
- DNA tests let innocent men go free after APD coerced confessions.



Come to City Council this Thursday March 8 at 3700 Lake Austin Blvd. Tell them **Don't Approve a \$40 Million Pay Hike Without Installing Real Oversight**

For ten months the ACLU participated in a public process called the “Police Oversight Focus Group” to create civilian oversight of APD. But in secret meetings with the City Manager, the Officers’ Union gutted the oversight provisions. Now they want the Austin City Council to grant a \$40 million raise without any significant increase in oversight.

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Please join us Thursday, March 8 at to tell the Austin City Council: **NO PAY RAISE WITHOUT REAL OVERSIGHT!** Our issues are Items 10, 11, and 12. Meetings are in the board room at the Lower Colorado River Authority Hancock Building, 3700 Lake Austin Blvd.

We hope the item will come up at a “time certain,” but right now we don’t know. Call the city clerk’s agenda unit at 499-2306 to find out when the item will be heard. When you arrive, get a speaker’s card at the desk outside the meeting room and sign up on our items. If you like, you may donate time to other speakers; if you’d want to do that, let an ACLU representative know and we’ll coordinate who needs more time. Or sign up without speaking; if you do that, be sure to write ‘No pay raise without the POFG oversight,’ or something to that effect on your card.

See our web site at <http://www.aclutx.org/> for more information!