

# POLITICIAN MIKE MARTINEZ CUT A DEAL WITH PROSECUTORS TO AVOID FACING POSSIBLE JAIL TIME AND STUCK US WITH HIS \$24,657.50 LEGAL BILL

**"...I HAVE ERODED PUBLIC TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN MY ABILITY TO BE A LEADER IN THIS COMMUNITY."**

**- CITY COUNCIL MEMBER MIKE MARTINEZ  
AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN, MARCH 11, 2011<sup>1</sup>**



**CITY COUNCIL MEMBER MIKE MARTINEZ WAS INVESTIGATED FOR VIOLATING THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT.**

The two-year investigation by the County Attorney uncovered secret meetings and mean-spirited emails where City Council Member Martinez was accused of "sidestepping public discussions of public business" while making "malicious observations about citizens and staff."<sup>2,3</sup>

The entire scandal cost taxpayers \$344,000 including \$24,657.50 for Martinez's personal attorney.<sup>4</sup>

When it was all said and done, City Council Member Mike Martinez cut a deal to avoid facing possible jail time<sup>5</sup> while Austin taxpayers got stuck with his legal bill.<sup>6</sup>

**AUSTIN DESERVES OPEN & HONEST LEADERSHIP.  
EIGHT YEARS IS ENOUGH, IT'S TIME FOR A NEW DIRECTION.**

<sup>1</sup> Martinez Column, March 11, 2011, Austin American-Statesman ..... <http://goo.gl/48Yt6D>  
<sup>2</sup> "State of the city is tarnished," March 5, 2011, Austin American-Statesman ..... <http://goo.gl/kPPLUC>  
<sup>3</sup> "Council releases revealing emails," Feb. 26, 2011, Austin American-Statesman ..... <http://goo.gl/1WY1YB>  
<sup>4</sup> Legal Expense Report, April 8, 2015, Austin Building ..... <http://goo.gl/5c6k8B>  
<sup>5</sup> "City leaders signing deals to avoid charges in open meetings saga," Oct. 17, 2012, Austin American-Statesman ..... <http://goo.gl/1gR2Yw>  
<sup>6</sup> "A year later, Austin City Council investigator still not complete," June 17, 2012, Austin American-Statesman ..... <http://goo.gl/1t1Y1v>

AUSTIN **CANNOT AFFORD**  
8 MORE YEARS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER  
**MIKE MARTINEZ**



NO MORE **BACKROOM DEALS**

NO MORE **SKIRTING THE LAW**

NO MORE **STICKING TAXPAYERS  
WITH LEGAL BILLS**

