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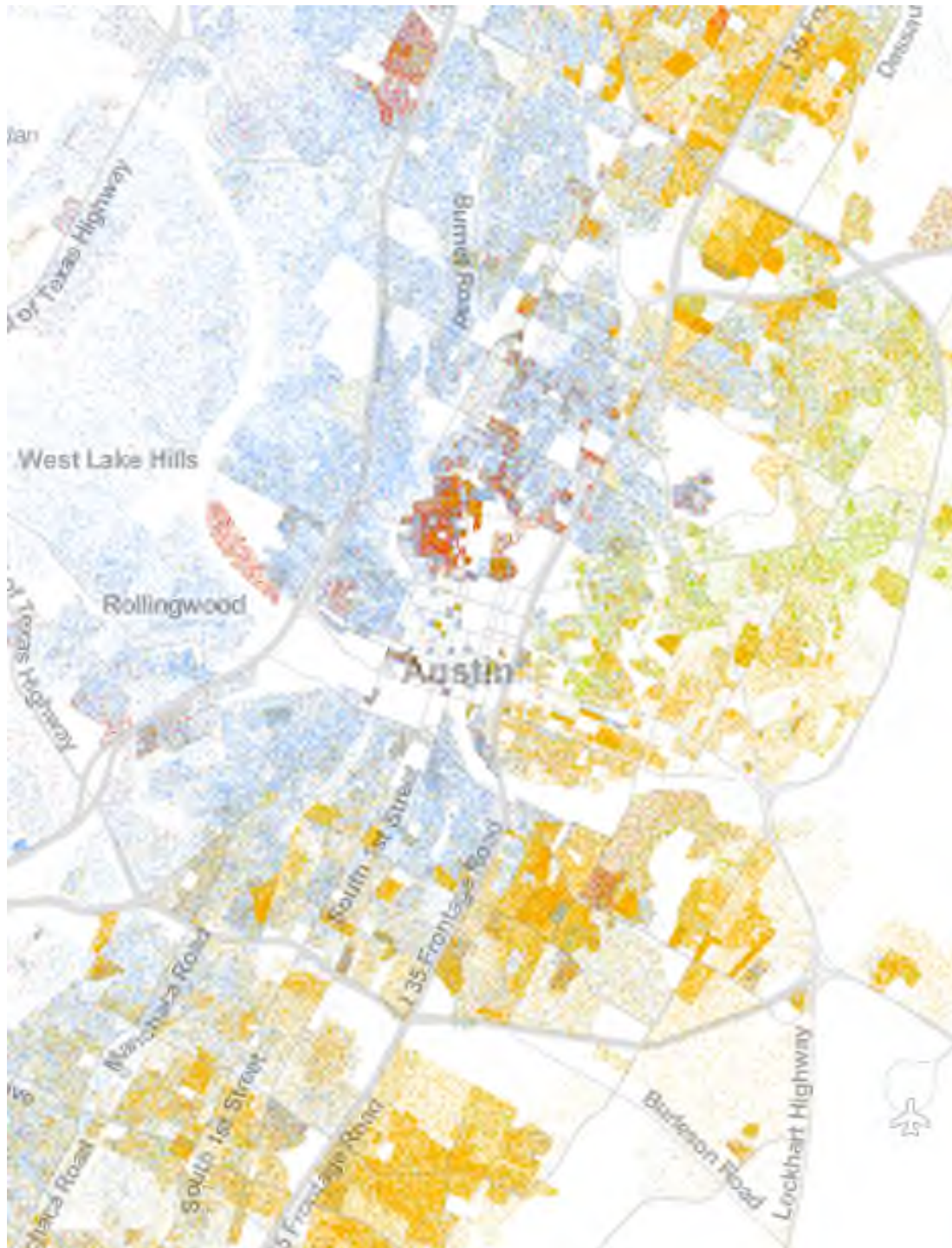
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Austin: Historical Foundations

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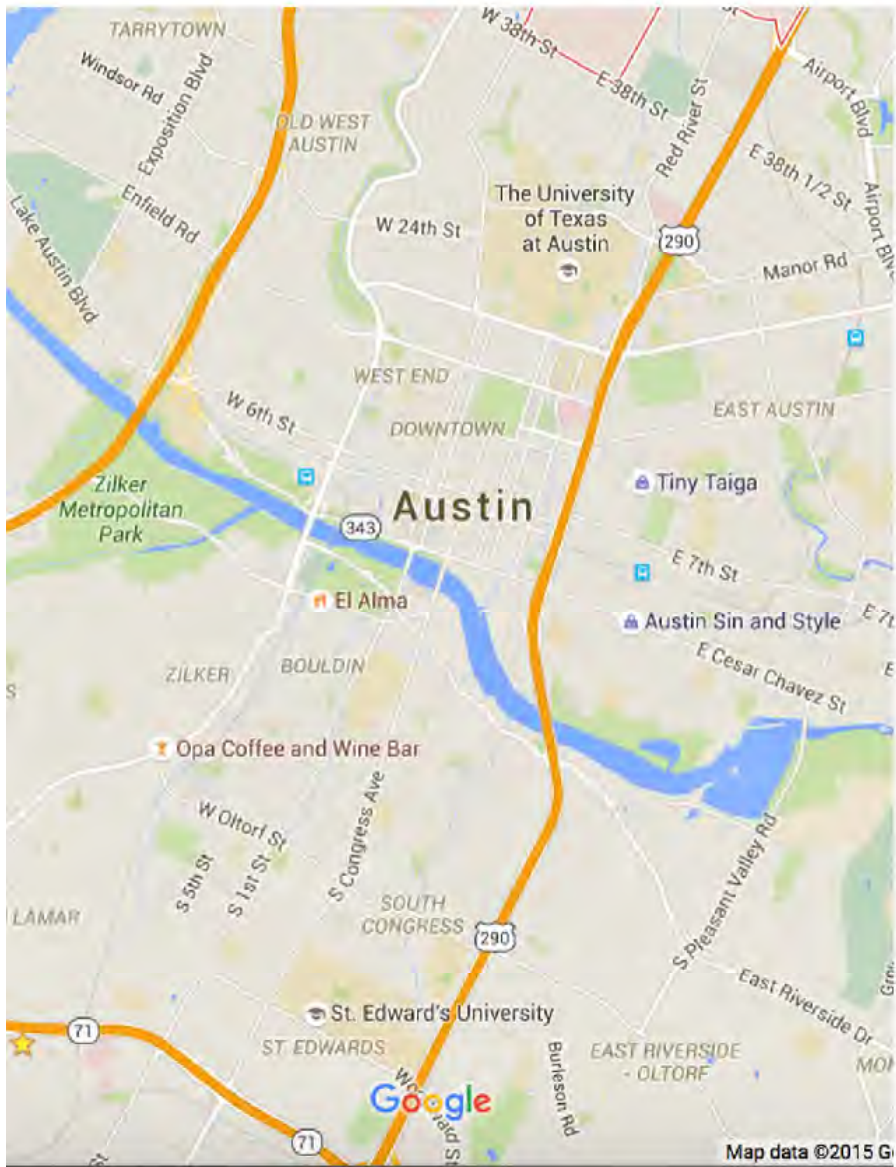


2010 Census Block Data

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How did Austin become so racially and economically segregated?

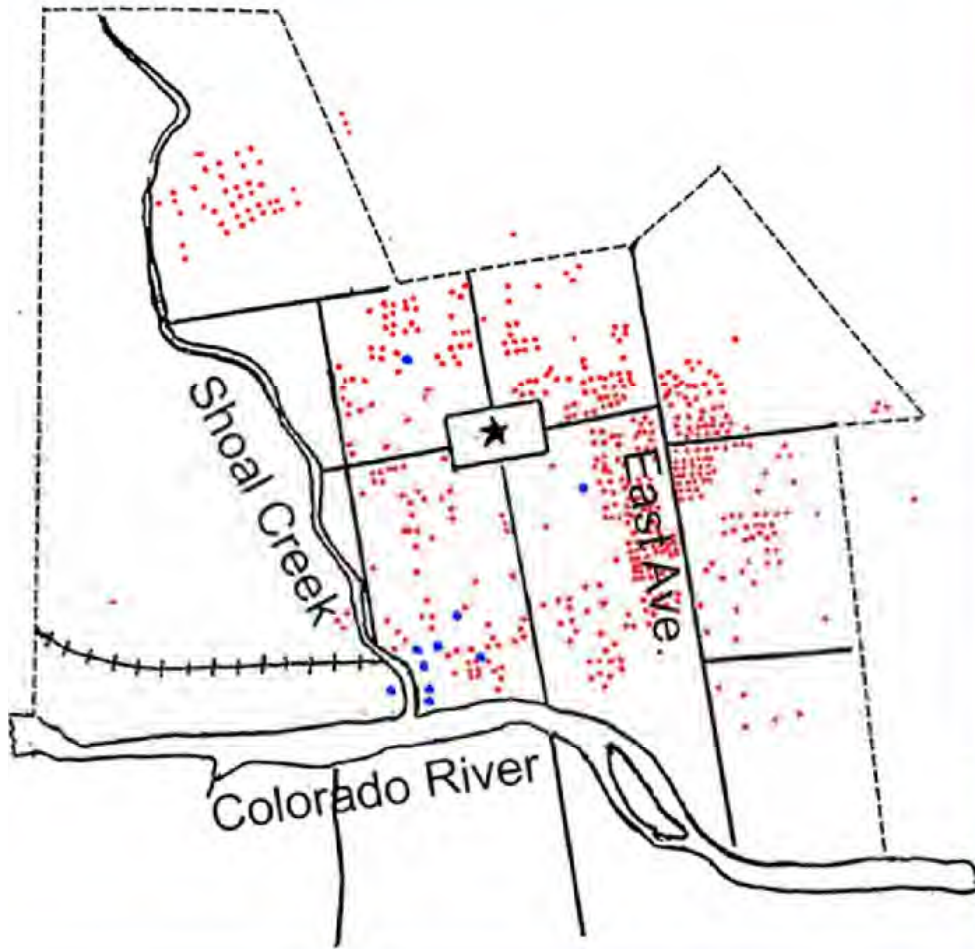


Map 1 - 1928 property use (Koch and Fowler, 1928)

1880

■ Black households ■ Mexican-American households

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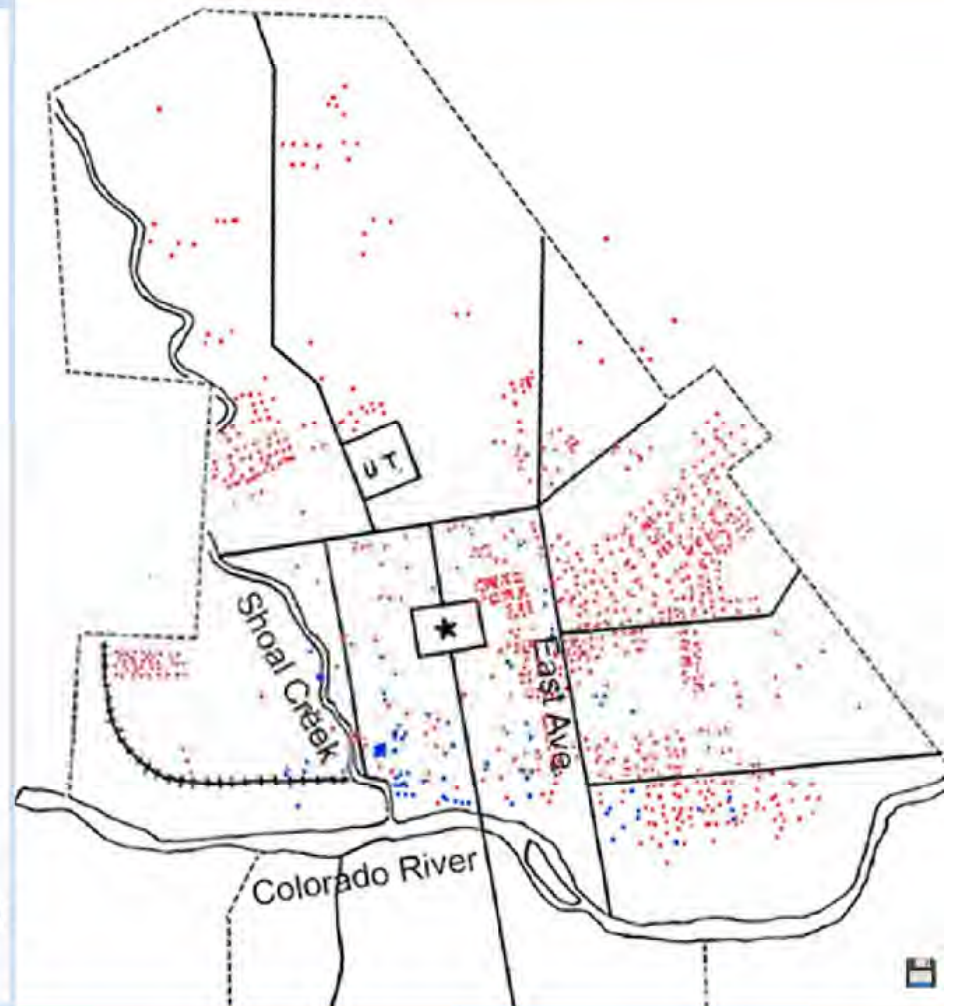


Source: City of Austin, Human Relations Commission

1910

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Colonel Monroe Martin Shipe

- ▶ Moved to Austin in 1889 from Kansas

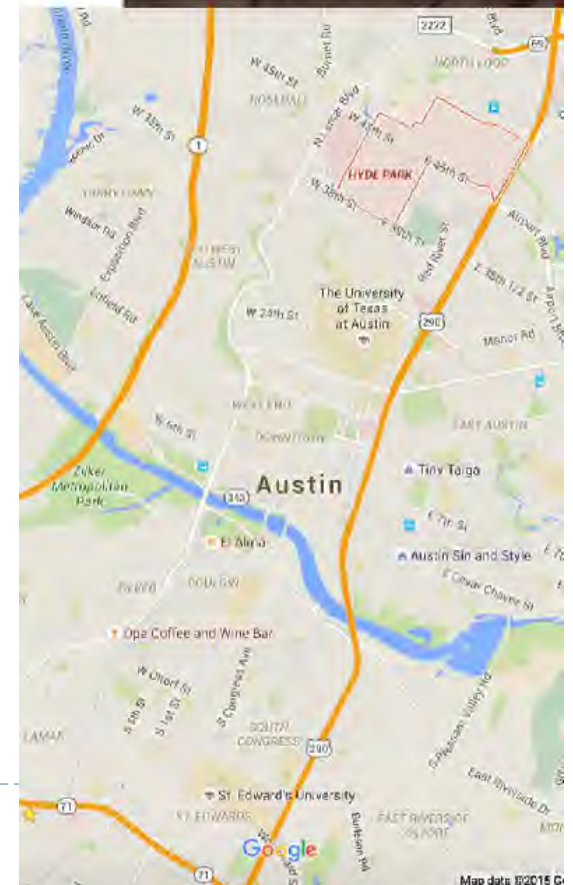


Colonel Monroe Martin Shipe

- ▶ Moved to Austin in 1889
- ▶ Hyde Park: first planned upscale suburb

“Select and entirely free from nuisances and an objectionable class of people, proper restrictions being taken to guard against undesirable occupants”

- (Austin Board of Trade 1894 pg. 36).



Colonel Monroe Martin Shipe

- ▶ Moved to Austin in 1889
- ▶ Hyde Park wasn't very successful
- ▶ Wanted a greater return on land investments
- ▶ Organized to install political officials who supported public funding for programs to encourage residential and commercial growth in Austin



Concerns of the Business Community

- ▶ **1927 Comprehensive Plan:**
 - ▶ modernize Austin
 - ▶ make Austin more attractive for investors

- ▶ **How? Zoning ordinances**



The creation of a "Negro District"



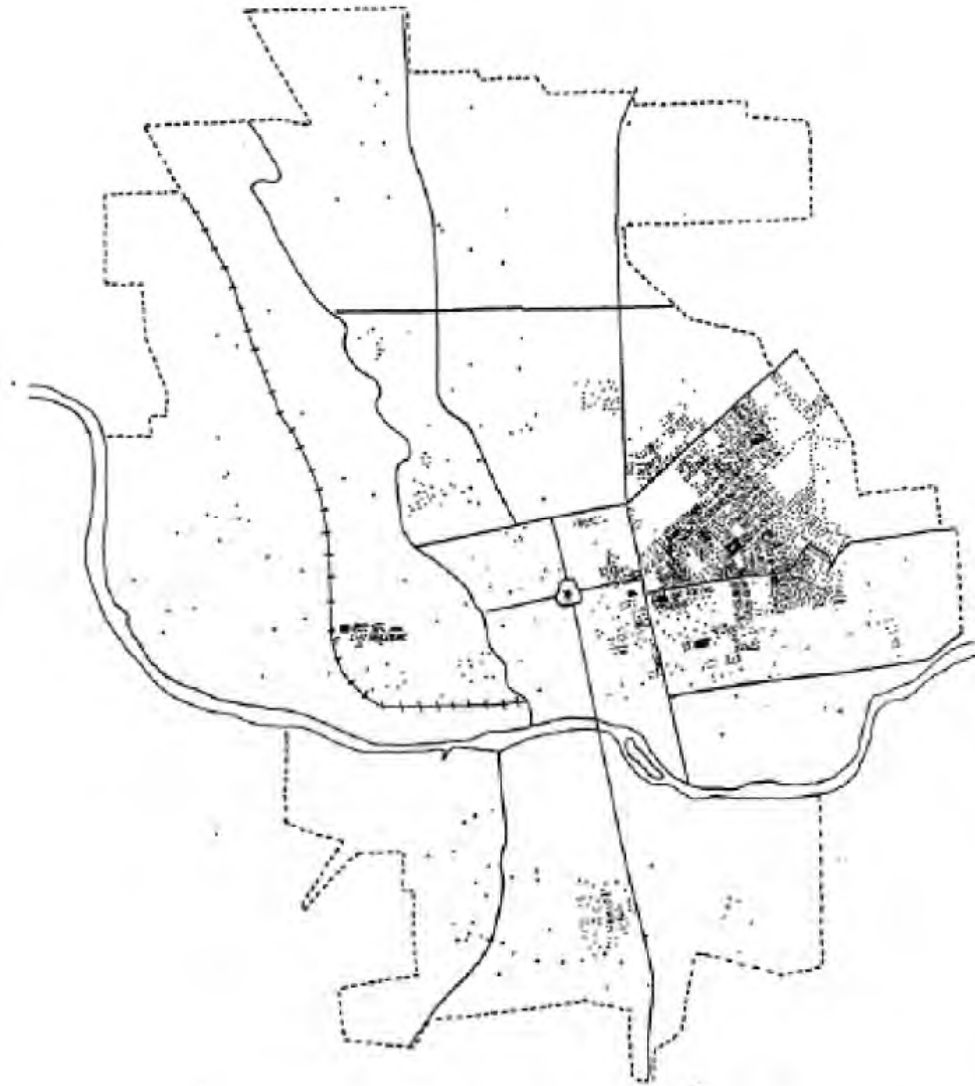
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- ▶ “There has been considerable talk in Austin, as well as other cities, in regard to the race segregation problem. This problem cannot be solved legally under any zoning law known to us at present. Practically all attempts of such have been proven unconstitutional. ... It is our recommendation that the nearest approach to the solution of the race segregation problem will be the recommendation of ... a negro district; and that all facilities and conveniences be provided the negroes in this district, as an incentive to draw the negro population to this area (Koch and Fowler [Firm] 1928 pg. 57).”



The 1928 Master Plan

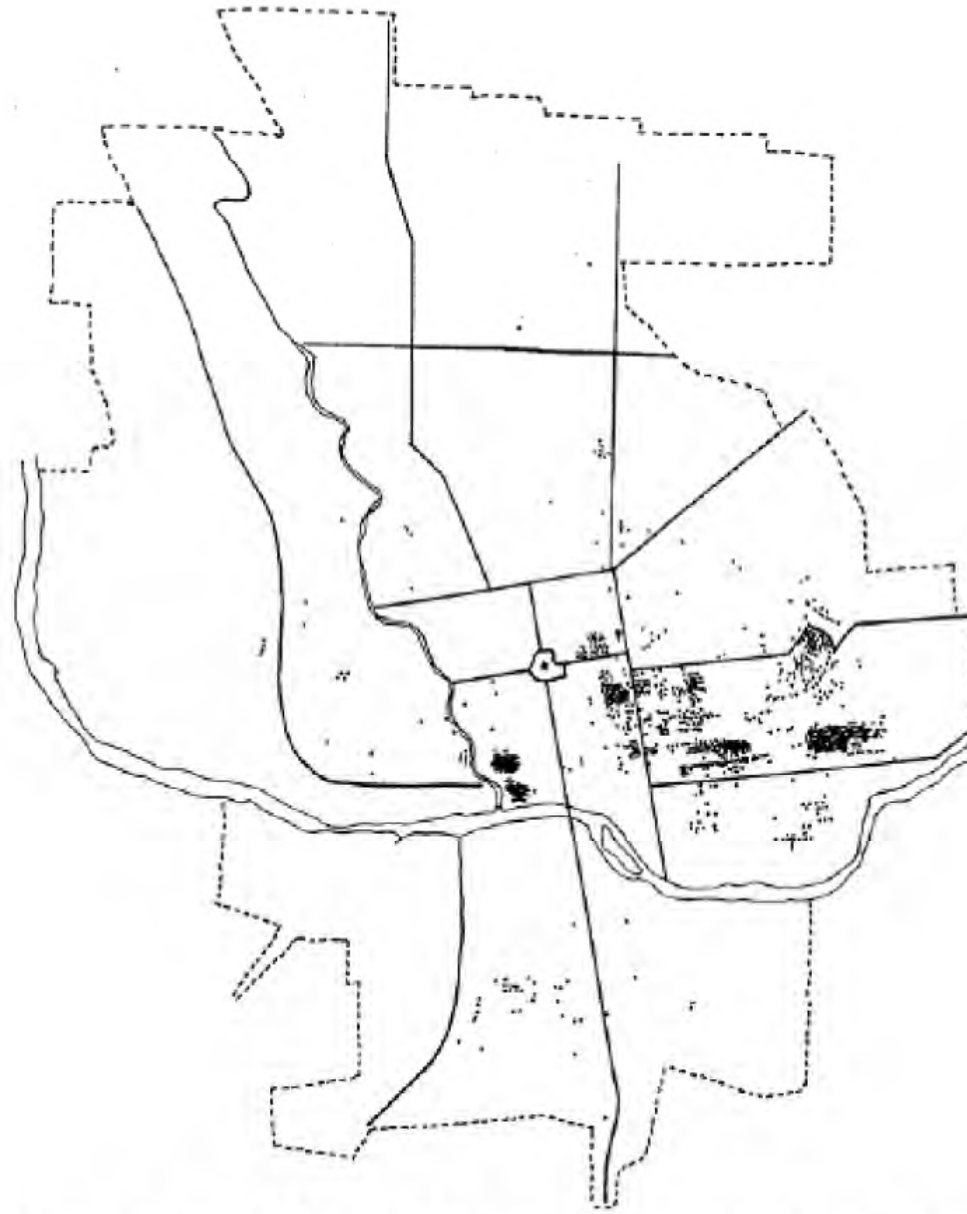
- ▶ Legal zoning of municipal services:
 - ▶ Schools
 - ▶ Parks
 - ▶ Playgrounds
 - ▶ Public housing projects
 - ▶ Water
 - ▶ Electricity





BLACK HOUSEHOLDS, 1940

Map 7 - Black Households 1940 (City of Austin Human Relations Commission, 1979)

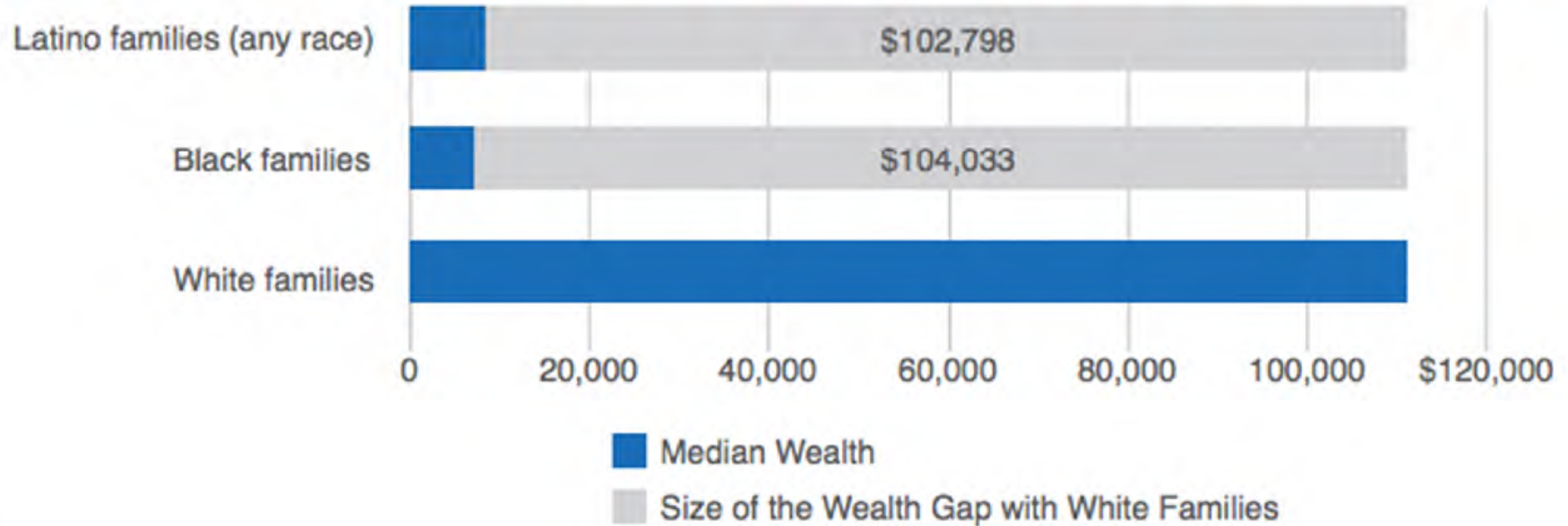


MEXICAN-AMERICAN HOUSEHOLDS, 1940

Map 11 - Mexican-American Households 1940 (City of Austin Human Relations Commission, 1979)

The 1928 Master Plan +
Federal Home Owners' Loan Corporation

Figure 1. Wealth Accumulation and Size of the Racial Wealth Gap, 2011



Source: Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), 2008 Panel Wave 10, 2011



Federal Government's Home Owners' Loan Corporation (HOLC)

- ▶ Established in 1933
- ▶ Provided financial assistance via low-interest mortgages to homebuyers



HOLC Rating System

- ▶ Appraise real estate risk in 239 cities to help determine which mortgages would be eligible for insurance by the federal government.
- ▶ Create “security maps” grading residential areas on ‘financial hazardousness of investments 1 (best) – 4 (worst)

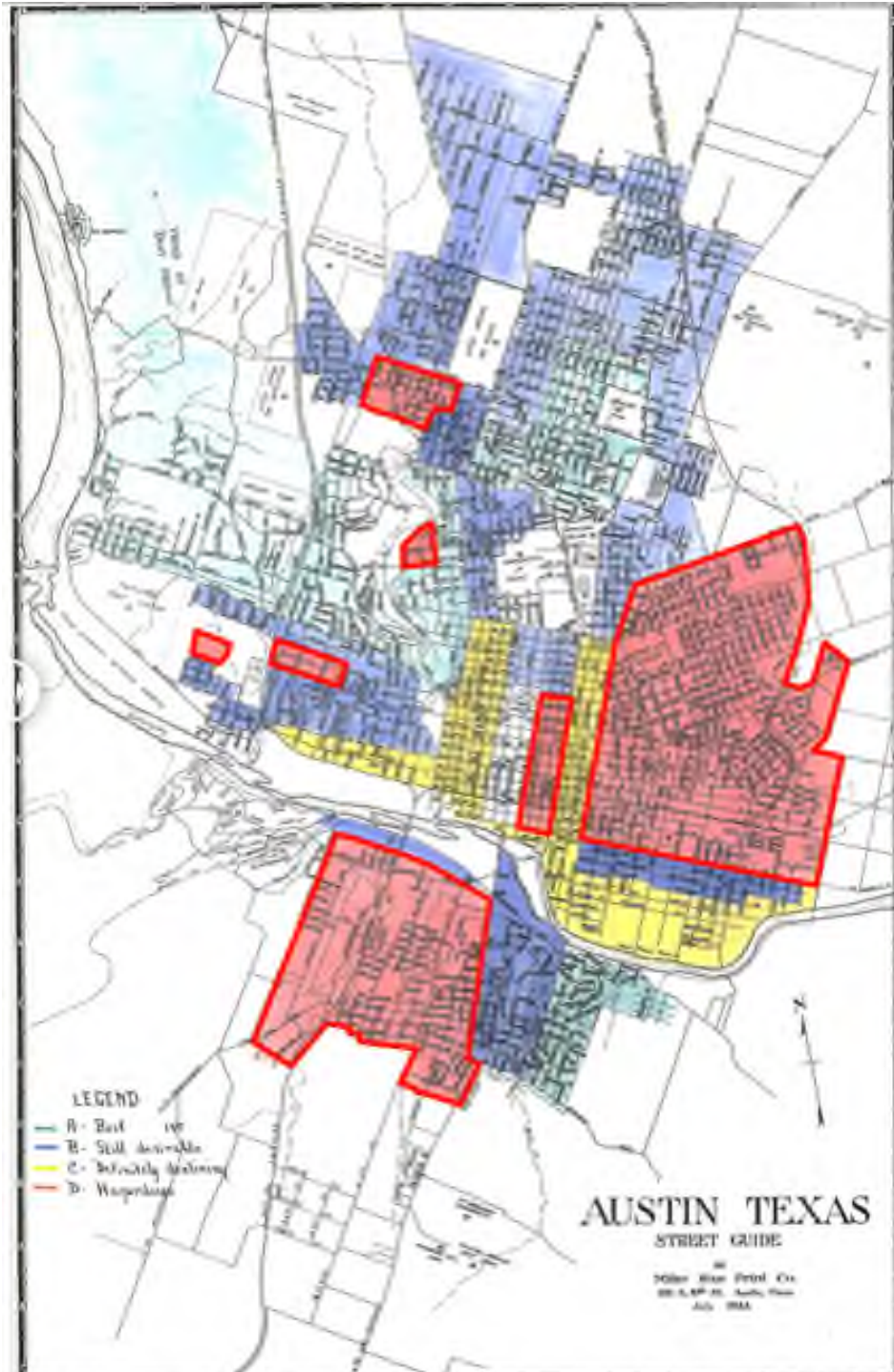


Which people (in which neighborhoods) will be able to get a mortgage and buy a home?

“The Valuator should investigate areas surrounding the location to **determine whether or not incompatible racial and social groups are present.... If a neighborhood is to retain stability it is necessary that properties shall continue to be occupied by the same social and racial classes.**”

(United States Federal Housing Administration 1936 Part 2: 233)





“Austin Restricted: Progressivism, Zoning, Private Racial Covenants, and the Making of a Segregated City” by Eliot Tretter

Racial Restrictive Covenants

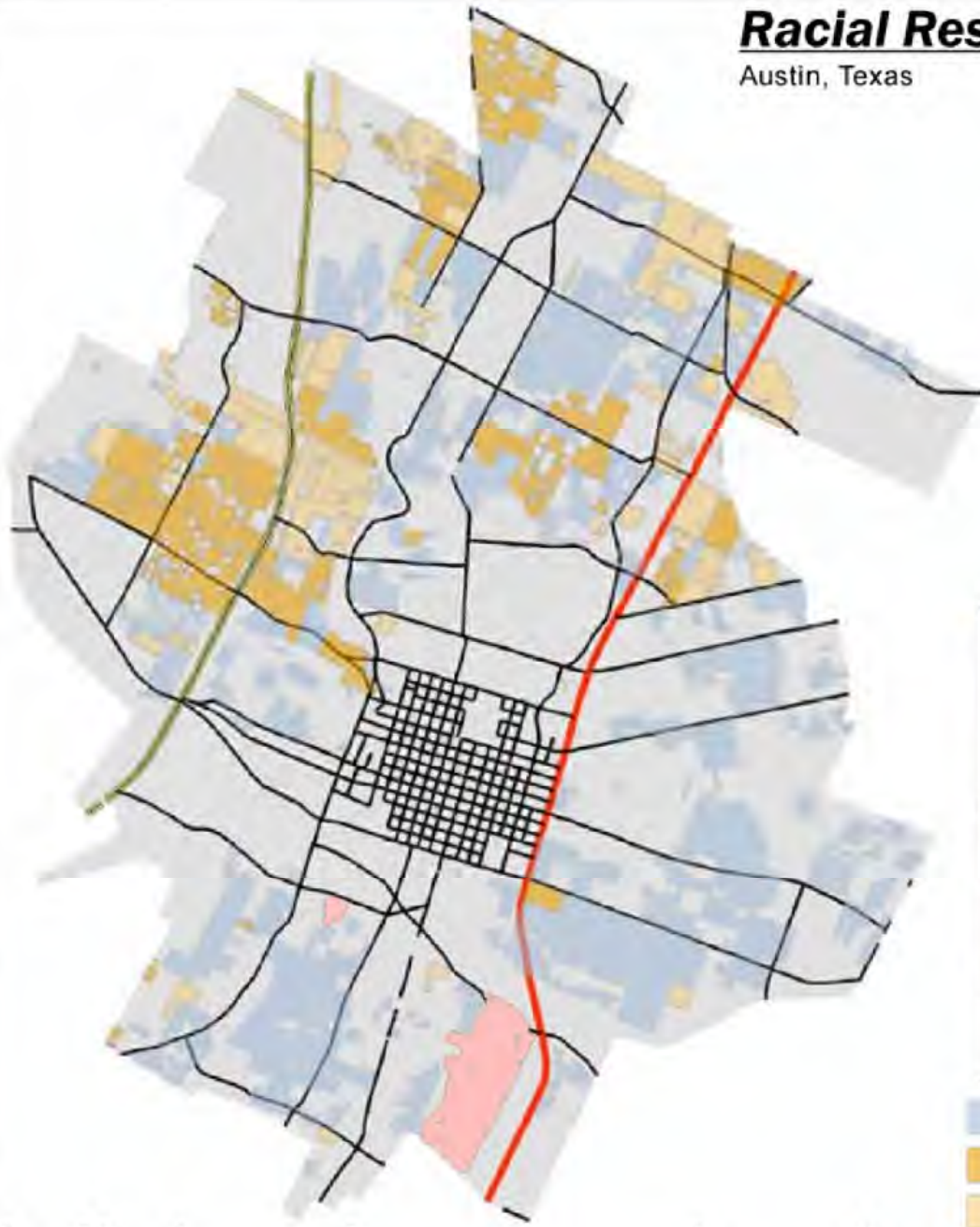
Austin, Texas

Racial Restrictions in property records are property covenants that prevent people of particular races from owning or inhabiting a property.

Examples of Racial Restrictions are:

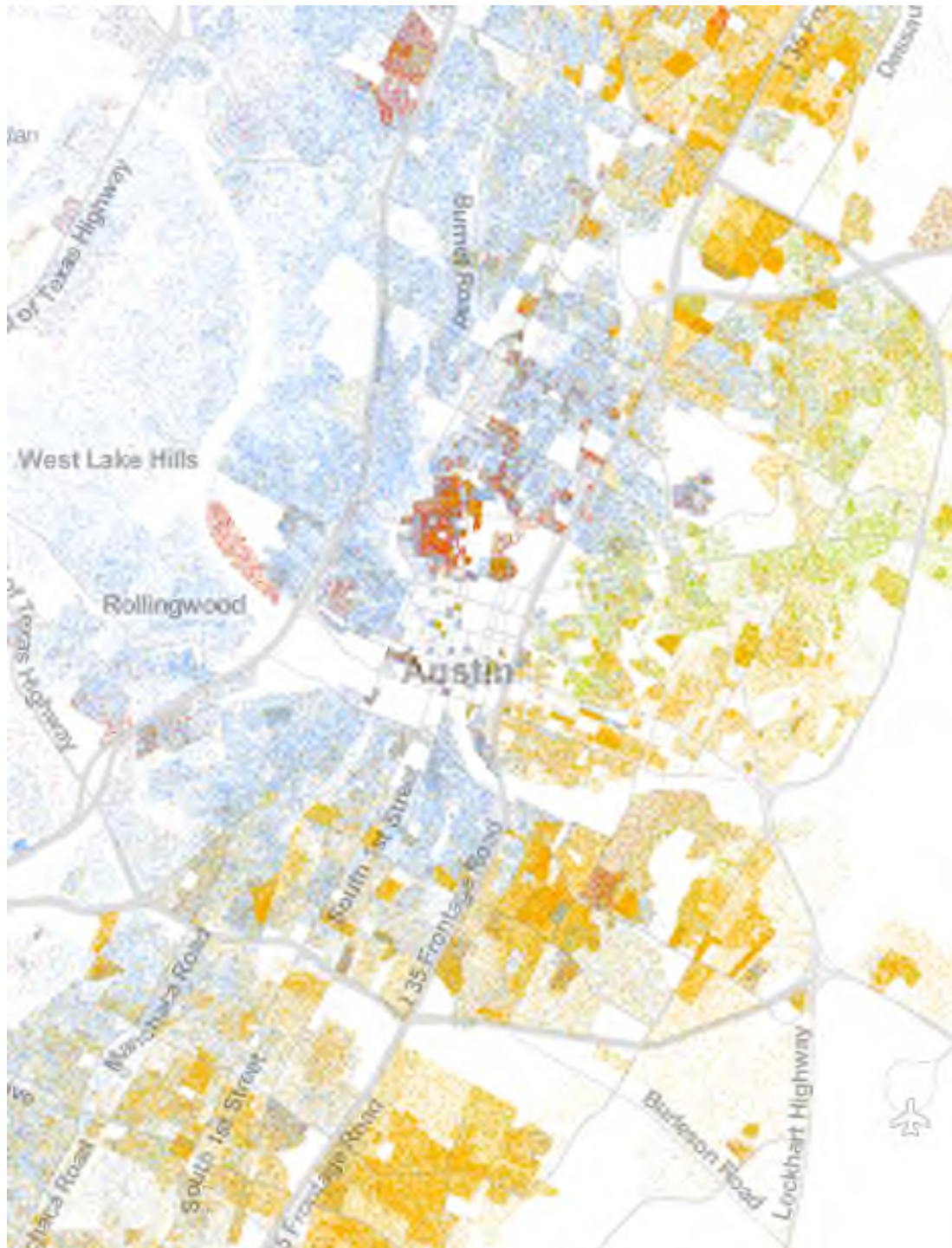
"No lot shall be sold or leased to any Mexican or person of Negro blood to any corporation or firm composed of Negroes or Mexicans."

"No race or nationality other than the Caucasian race shall use or occupy any building on any lot, except that this covenant shall not prevent occupancy of servant's quarters by domestic servants of a different race or nationality employed by an owner or tenant."



- None Found
- No African Descent
- Caucasian Only
- Including Other Races





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