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Public safety associations present a united front

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In what it calls an historic moment for Austin, political action committees from the three public safety associations -- Austin-Travis County EMS, the Austin Fire Department and the Austin Police Department presented a united front Tuesday and endorsed the same candidates for city council.

They endorsed Place Three candidate Randi Shade, Place Four candidate Cid Galindo and Place One incumbent Lee Leffingwell.

Wuthipong Tantaksinanukij, of the Austin Police Dept said they support who will perform.

"We're not looking for candidates to run on a public safety platform," he said. "We need candidates who perform on a public safety platform."

Austin-Travis County EMS Brian Fitzpatrick said they need more resources.

"Our 9:59 response time is to priority one calls, which are the most severe, most life threatening calls," Fitzpatrick said. "We are inconsistently meeting that goal over the past five years. We routinely do not meet the call, and the answer to that is more resources."

The Austin City Council election is Saturday May 3.

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