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Jessica Kingpetcharat-Bittner is the Strategic Initiatives Division Manager for Austin Resource Recovery, a City of Austin Service. The Strategic Initiatives Division is responsible for Zero Waste program development, commercial waste reduction assistance, education and outreach, marketing, and long-range planning to implement the City of Austin's Zero Waste Strategic Plan.

After graduating from Trinity University with a Bachelor in Political Science and a minor in Environmental Studies, Jessica worked as a legal assistant in the Litigation Division of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. In 2002, she received her Master in Public Affairs from the Lyndon B. Johnson School at the University of Texas and turned her attention to local environmental policy.

Jessica served as an Executive Assistant to the City of Austin's Assistant City Manager acting as a department liaison between City Council Offices, City Departments, and the City Manager's Office. In 2007, while at the City's Watershed Protection & Development Review Department, Jessica gained more insight and experience regarding protection of the region's watersheds. Later, as a Principal Planner supervising the Residential Permitting Section, Jessica ensured that residential developers complied with various portions of the code, including environmental and tree protection regulations.

In her nearly 20 years of public service, Jessica helped move numerous policy changes and ordinance amendments through the system. She has worked with a variety of organizations, generally each with opposing views, to reach common ground and achieve agreements to changes in policies and practices.

**Shorter version:**

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Jessica received her bachelor degree from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas and her Masters from Lyndon B. Johnson School at the University of Texas at Austin. She has been a public servant for nearly 20 years, with more than 10years working for the City of Austin in the City Manager's Office, Watershed Protection & Development Review Department, and now Austin Resource Recovery.