

Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Committee

Austin, Texas
January 25, 2011

City Council Members
City Hall 301 W 2nd Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear City Council Members,

In its meeting on January 19, 2011 the Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Committee passed a resolution to support the potential activation of a proposal presented to us on that date by Travis County Judge Hohengarten. She asked us to consider planning for the DACC to assume responsibility for all referrals and placements into Project Recovery including the handling of misdemeanor cases usually seen in her court that would likely benefit from placement into that rehab program. We are very willing to support and advise the DACC staff as consideration is given to making the adjustments necessary to implement this change.

The Advisory Committee is especially interested in this proposed arrangement. The DACC started making direct referrals in 2010 to Project Recovery and the funding of that program along with the two additional DACC case managers has become a very important resource in addressing the needs of frequent offender cases. Also bed utilization at Project Recovery has improved and supportive housing as a collaborate community effort is looking increasingly promising.

Thank you for considering.

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