

**RECOMMENDATION
COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS
20130708-DD**

Regarding the Economic Impact of Austin's Immigrant Population.
City of Austin, Texas

WHEREAS, the City of Austin and Travis County have significant diverse immigrant populations and welcome them in our city and county; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2010 U.S. Census approximately 18% of residents in Travis County are foreign-born, and

WHEREAS Immigrants comprise a vital part of the Travis County workforce and approximately one-third (150,006) of the local county labor force is made up of individuals who speak a language other than English at home.

THEREFORE, be it:

RECOMMENDED, That Austin City Council direct the appropriate city departments to undertake a study of economic impact and benefit of immigrants in the Austin area.

PASSED by the Commission on Immigrant Affairs on July 8, 2013.

Approved by the Commission on Immigrant Affairs on a 3-0 vote with Commissioner Parekh abstaining.

Attest:

Connie H. Gonzales
Staff Liaison