



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20130805-003C**

August 5, 2013

**Subject:** Austin Police Department FY14 Staffing Recommendation

**Recommendation**

Whereas the 2 :1,000 ratio should be the minimum police staffing level in the City of Austin; and

Whereas the City Council-commissioned PERF report established the need for at least 92 more officers during the FY14 budget year; and

Whereas the City of Austin's population continues to grow rapidly; and

Whereas the current level of 15% uncommitted time is insufficient to apply the principles of community policing; and

Whereas a baseline of 25% uncommitted time is required to properly practice community policing; and

Whereas the principles of community policing should be practiced by all sworn Austin Police Department personnel; and

Whereas an additional 92 officers during the FY14 budget year would increase the safety of other APD officers and citizens; NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION:

The Public Safety Commission recommends the City Council approve 92 new Austin Police Department officer positions for the FY14 budget year and encourages the Council to consider an LGBT Community Liaison position to further build trust between the police and members of the LGBT community.

**Vote**

The recommendation supporting 92 new Austin Police Department officer positions for the FY14 budget year was proposed by Chair Lauderdale, seconded by Vice Chair Rossmo and approved on a 6 -1 vote with Commission Anschutz voting against.

Attest: