

**RECOMMENDATION
COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS
20131014-005C**

Regarding the Provision of Services to the Immigrant Community within and the Approval of Immigrant-
Services Related Contracts for the City of Austin's Social Service Investment Portfolio
City of Austin, Texas

WHEREAS, the City of Austin and Travis County are home to diverse immigrant populations and we welcome them to our city and county; and

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

WHEREAS the City of Austin and Travis County are committed to the public safety, health and quality of life all residents regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, and physical or mental disability

WHEREAS, according to Section 2-1-125 of the City Code, the Commission on Immigrant Affairs exists to advise the city council on issues of common concern to immigrants, particularly in the areas of health and human services, education, and the demographic makeup of the Austin immigrant community,

WHEREAS it is within the purview of the City of Austin to take proactive measures and prepare for Comprehensive Immigration Reform and the manner it will impact the demographic and socio-economic make-up of Austin,

THEREFORE, be it:

RECOMMENDED, That immigrant services including, but not limited to: English as a Second Language, immigration law clinics, citizenship classes, culturally competent and linguistically appropriate health and human services, and translation/interpretation to improve non-English speaking population access to services be included in the City of Austin's Social Service Investment Portfolio.

RECOMMENDED, that the Commission on Immigrant Affairs be engaged to speak to and inform the approval of contract monies to fund immigrant-related social service investments.

PASSED by the Commission on Immigrant Affairs on October 14, 2013.

Unanimously approved by the Commission on Immigrant Affairs on a 5-0 vote.

Attest:

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Staff Liaison