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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	29122	Agenda Number	138.
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Meeting Date:	12/12/2013	Department:	Austin Police Department
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider a resolution regarding local consent to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice proposal to construct an office building at 3928 Promontory Point Drive to be used as a parole office.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) has notified the City that it proposes to construct an office building at 3928 Promontory Point Drive to be used as a parole office. That type of use is considered to be a correctional facility under state law. State law requires TDCJ to send notice to the City if the proposed facility is within 1,000 feet of a residential area, a primary or secondary school, property designated as a public park or public recreation area by the state or a political subdivision of the state, or a church, synagogue, or other place of worship. In its letter TDCJ notes that a church is within 1,000 feet of the proposed facility.

Local consent to the operation of a correctional facility is considered to be granted under state law unless the City Council determines by resolution after a public hearing that the operation of a correctional or rehabilitation facility at the proposed location is not in the best interest of the municipality. The public hearing and resolution must be accomplished within 60 days of the city's receipt of notice from TDCJ. In this case, the notice was received by the City on November 1, 2013.