



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20140707-03A**

July 7, 2014

**Subject:** Recommendation Against Consolidating the Public Safety Commission and the Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Committee

**Recommendation**

The Public Safety Commission formally recommends that the Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Committee and Public Safety Commission not merge as suggested by the Board and Commission Transition Taskforce for the following reasons:

- 1) The consolidation of the two bodies does not serve public safety concerns nor do the priorities of the Public Safety Commission align with those of the Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Committee.
- 2) The Public Safety Commission already has consistently full agendas and exceeds the two hour meeting time regularly; areas of interest sometimes wait months before being taken up because of the broad mandate of the Commission.
- 3) The transition to an eleven member Commission will likely grow the number of issues on agendas half again as much with increased focus on local crime.
- 4) The Public Safety Commission was not consulted about the recommendation before it was made to Council despite written communication and a telephone conversation between the Transition Taskforce and the Public Safety Commission.

**Vote**

The resolution against consolidating the Public Safety Commission and the Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Committee was approved unanimously on Commissioner Lauderdale's motion and Commissioner Moreno's second.

Absent: Vice Chair Holt and Levy and Commissioner Ko

Attest: