



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission

Recommendation Number: 20150619-003aii-2 : Discussion and possible action to recommend that the City Council consider the following resolutions.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission requests that the Austin City Council:

Approve funding for the increased support of the Rundberg community's efforts to minimize health issues.

Date of Approval: June 19, 2015

Record of the vote: The motion was made by Commissioner Martha Cotera. It was seconded by Commissioner Martinez-Moncada. Chair Jill Ramirez recused, and Commissioner Isabel Lopez-Aguilar was out of the room. Vice Chair Emilio Zamora voted for the item.

Attest: _____


(Staff or board member can sign)

Background Information: The Rundberg area in North Central Austin is composed of one of the largest Latino enclaves in the City. The area is being known as the "next East Austin." Historically clinical medicine and public health have been detached from one another. This model overlooks issues such as social, safety, and other socio-economic conditions. Studies indicate that behavior and environmental factors account for 70% of health outcomes. A Community Health and Wellness Center (CHWC) could be developed in the Rundberg area. A CHWC could provide clinical, mental, and behavioral health services and community wrap-around services. In the past year, the Rundberg community has done as feasibility study to define their healthcare commons, the collective resources that can treat disease and promote health, and to develop community based strategies. These can include healthy food environments, housing, livable jobs, parks and so forth. This additional funding of \$175,000 would help execute the recommendations identified in the study.