



## ARTS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20160620-6.a.ii.

Date: June 20, 2016

Subject: Recommend funding to support Music and Creative Omnibus Resolution priorities

Motioned By: Commissioner Brett Barnes

Seconded By: Commissioner Jaime Castillo

### **Recommendation**

We urge Council to secure funding in the FY17 budget to help accomplish as many of the identified priorities as possible.

### **Description of Recommendation to Council**

After discussing the status of the Omnibus Resolution at our meeting on June 20, 2016, the Arts Commission voted to reiterate its support of the Austin Music & Creative Ecosystem Omnibus Resolution and the process laid out by Council. That process will soon yield prioritized recommendations compiled by staff from the numerous Council District community input sessions, the Joint Music & Arts Commission meeting, the independent commission meetings and in-person and online information gathered from hundreds of stakeholders.

Continuing to hear the immediate and pressing needs of our creative community, we urge Council to secure funding in the FY17 budget to help accomplish as many of the identified priorities as possible. We recognize that addressing many of these identified needs will require a multi-year process, but we do want to emphasize that the growing urgency of the situation for creatives in our community demands immediate and direct action. The sooner we address the most critical of the problems, the better off our entire economy will be.

### **Rationale:**

With the Omnibus Resolution, we took the first step towards unifying Austin's creative ecosystem. All creative sectors have come together in good faith and cooperation to help identify and implement working solutions for the benefit of our entire community. We continue to embrace that synergistic spirit. We look forward to the release of the staff report and working with you to further Austin's standing as a creative, collaborative community.

### **Vote**

For:

Lulu Flores (District 9)  
Alissa McCain (District 1)  
Jaime Castillo (District 2)  
Brett Barnes (District 4)  
Bruce Willenzik (District 5)  
Teruko Nimura (District 7)  
Amy Wong Mok (District 10)

Against:

Matt Stillwell (District 6)

Abstain:  
Michelle Polgar (Mayor)

Attest:  
Meghan Wells, Executive Liaison

  
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