

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission

Recommendation Number: 20160622-004-a4: 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:

Support the PODER programs: Young Scholars for Justice and "One Job at a Time" Job Readiness Program for \$95,000. This program develops future leaders, as PODER believes that it is imperative for youth to become active participants in the decision-making process that directly affects their lives. The "One Job at a Time" Job Readiness program's goal include preparing low-income job seekers to be able to qualify and compete for entry-level positions in the demand occupations found in their respective labor force areas. According to the U.S. Bureau of Statistics, the shift from goods-producing to serviceindustry employment continues. Thus, although the job market is still tight, the number of consumeroriented jobs continues to increase. These are the types of jobs that require customer service and work readiness skills which this project will offer. These three projects/programs will provide services for children, teenagers, young adults and families. These projects/programs address equity, culture and diversity; government and engagement; family support and social services; employment and job training; education, sustainability, preservation and environment. More importantly, education, leadership and employment (job readiness) will help lift people out of poverty. These three projects/programs will increase development and utilization of Austin's human resources, with special emphasis on the needs of low-income and underserved population, in the areas of education, training, employment, business and economic opportunity.

Date of Approval:

06/22/2016

Record of the vote: The motion was proposed by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar, and was unanimously approved.

Attest:

(Staff or board member can sign)