



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission

Recommendation Number: 20160622-004-a17 : 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 Nuestro Grupo Colloquium on History, Culture and Society for \$7,500. The Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Advisory Commission recommends one-year funding for the Colloquium. The Colloquium would make use of the excellent resources in the Austin area colleges and universities to offer the general public regularly scheduled panels with speakers and commentators engaging important issues related to history, culture and society. Although the focus will be on Mexican Americans, the colloquium will offer a general grounding in local, regional and state history. Topics and themes will include: Mexican American/African American Relations across Time; The Role of Values in Revitalizing Culture and Society; Gender, Race and Ethnicity; Migrations Across Borders, Nation and Time; The Indigenous in and Around Us; Competing Visions in Austin; and Collaborations for the Future. Each panel will include a moderator, one or two presenters, and a commentator. The presentations and commentary will be brief (approximately 10 minutes each) to allow for robust conversations among the members of the audience. The organization will also produce a report at the end of the year on the presentations and discussions for the general public. Nuestro Grupo will regularly evaluate each event in order to ensure effectiveness and provide for future planning. Funding will be used to cover the costs of \$100-250.00 honorariums for approximately 12-15 presenters and commentators with larger amounts going to those that visit us from outside of Austin. It will additionally cover monthly receptions at about \$300-400.00 each, and approximately \$500 for advertising and supplies.

Date of Approval:

06/22/2016

Record of the vote:

The motion was proposed by Commissioner Velasquez, seconded by Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar, and was unanimously approved.

Attest: _____

Marcos Secades