



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Commission for Women

Recommendation Number: (20160810-003A): APD DNA LAB CLOSURE

WHEREAS, The Austin Commission for Women serves as an advisory body to the city council and city manager concerning the needs and problems of women in the Austin area and shall recommend programs designed to alleviate any inequities that may confront women in social, economic and vocational pursuits; and

WHEREAS, The Austin Commission for Women recommends funding for

- a) Seven additional DNA Analysts and one additional supervisor to fully staff the Austin Police Department's forensic lab at the amount of \$1,419,000, and
- b) To process 500 backlogged sexual assault examination evidence kits with a private laboratory at the amount of \$500,000.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the expectation of this Commission is that with these additional resources, the Austin Police Department's DNA lab would be operating without a backlog in 3-4 years from October 1, 2016, and that all sexual assault forensic examinations would be fully processed within 60 days.

Date of Approval: 8/10/2016

Record of the vote: Unanimous on a 9-0 vote

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

*Ronald A. Barrios*

(Staff or board member can sign)