



LIBRARY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Library Commission

Recommendation Number: 20160824-4a: FY2017 Proposed Budget of the Austin Public Library

WHEREAS, the Austin Public Library has submitted the FY 2017 Proposed Budget to the City Manager and the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2017 Proposed Budget of the Austin Public Library includes data that illustrates the amount of material expenditures in comparison with average peer cities to that of Austin; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2017 Proposed Budget of the Austin Public Library illustrates key indicators of steady and/or continued growth in circulation per capita, program attendance per capita, and branch visits per capita; and

WHEREAS, Austin Public Library per capita materials expenditure is \$3.70 and, in comparison to peer library systems such as Seattle, Denver, Portland, San Francisco, Boston and Nashville, the average per capita materials expenditure is \$8.19, a difference of \$4.49 per capita; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2017 Proposed Budget of the Austin Public Library contains a budget forecast that includes citywide and departmental cost drivers related to the New Central Library; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2017 Proposed Budget of the Austin Public Library supports the additional 11 FTEs in preparation for the staffing of the New Central Library.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Library Commission supports the FY 2017 Proposed Budget and urges the Austin City Council to approve the requested funding for the Austin Public Library proposed budget; and that the Library Commission recommends that the Austin City Council increase the per capita materials expenditure for the Austin Public Library to a per capita amount closer to that of peer library systems; and that the Library Commission encourages the Austin City Council to approve the requested funding for completion of the New Central Library.

Date of Approval: August 24, 2016

Record of the vote: Recommendation was approved on a 10-0 vote

Attest: Sharon M. Herfurth