



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Public Safety Commission

Recommendation Number: 20170103-004 Recommendation to City Council Regarding the Analysis of DNA Evidence

WHEREAS a two or even three-year delay is an unacceptable amount of time for Austin to wait to begin testing DNA evidence again,

WHEREAS the public is owed transparency about prospective solutions for the closure of the Austin Police Department DNA lab, and

WHEREAS the public is owed transparency about retrospective analysis of what went wrong at the Austin Police Department DNA lab,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Austin Public Safety Commission recommends the following actions to Austin City Council regarding the analysis of crime-related DNA evidence:

The City Council and the Austin Police Department should urgently prioritize finding an interim solution within six months to the crime lab closure (even while a prospective and retrospective study is performed), including allocating necessary funds and staff.

Date of approval: January 3, 2017

Record of the vote: Unanimous (9 members present)

Absent:

Commissioner Sam Holt

Commissioner Emmanuel Loo

Attest:

Janet Jackson

Janet Jackson, Public Safety Commission Staff Liaison