



**HISPANIC QUALITY OF LIFE COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION
20161026-3**

Date: October 26, 2016

Subject: Modification to the Section 2-1-6 (E) of Austin City Code relating to quorum for Boards and Commissions,

Motioned By: Commissioner Teofilo Tijerina

Seconded By: Commissioner Rodolfo Jimenez

Recommendation

Modify Section 2-1-6 (E) of the Austin City Code relating to quorum for Boards and Commissions. The modification will achieve consistency with the Texas Open Meetings Act. The Texas Open Meetings Act allows Commissioners and Board Members to participate in meetings through other means besides being present. This request is similar to the Austin Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission of 2013.

Description of Recommendation to Council

- *Modify Section 2-1-6 (E) of the Austin City Code to allow Commissioners to attend meetings through other means besides being present.*
- *These means include Conference Call (via Telephone) or Video Conference such as Zoom, Skype. There are many tools available in the market to help with remote participation.*

Rationale:

Commissioners are volunteers. Some of them have jobs that require they travel out of town and out of the country. They would like to fulfill their attendance remotely when their schedule prohibits attendance in person.

Vote

For: Dianna Velasquez, Rodolfo Jiménez, Carmen Llanes-Pulido, Teófilo Tijerina, Fernando Trevino, Emilio Zamora, Andrea Guerra

Against: Nobody Voted Against

Abstain: Nobody Abstained

Absent: Carlos Espinoza, Isabel Lopez-Aguilar, Jill Ramirez

Attest: Ray Baray (City Staff), Marion Sanchez (City Staff)

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