



## BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

### COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS

20170508-005A : Regarding "Municipal ID's"

WHEREAS, The City of Austin City Council unanimously passed Resolution No. 20141211-225 calling for the City Manager to "appoint a program administrator and create a task force to implement the city staff recommendation to conduct a detailed feasibility study of a municipally issued identification card";

WHEREAS, the City Manager's Office has not received funding needed for said program administrator and task force;

WHEREAS, two years and eight months have elapsed since Resolution 2014211-225 was passed

WHEREAS, the City of Austin recently allocated \$200,000 for emergency legal services to the immigrant community, but remains committed to significant ongoing support that ensures the safety and well-being of the immigrant community;

WHEREAS, 19% of Austinites do not have any ID or any way to procure one<sup>1</sup>; and

WHEREAS, a municipal ID could benefit not only the immigrant community but also homeless individuals, low-income individuals, and formally incarcerated individuals re-entering society

THEREFORE, be it:

RECOMMENDED, the City of Austin City Council allocate funds for a program administrator and task force to conduct the feasibility study in the upcoming 2018-2019 fiscal year budget;

RECOMMENDED, the City of Austin and City Manager "incorporate stakeholder feedback, design program rules and processes as well as exact features, estimate [] start-up and annual maintenance costs, and to return to council with a date specify implantation plan within 180 days";

RECOMMENDED, City Manager appoint a program administrator and create a task force as soon as feasibly possible; and

RECOMMENDED, program administrator and task force address privacy concerns during the feasibility study.

PASSED by the Commission on Immigrant Affairs on May 8, 2017

Unanimously approved by the Commission on Immigrant Affairs on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Rosalia Austin and Aditya Rastogi absent.

Attest:

*Connie H. Gonzales*

Staff Liaison

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<sup>1</sup> <http://kut.org/post/austin-could-create-municipal-id-program>