



ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20170620-3B

Date: June 20, 2017

Subject: 2018 Budget Recommendations

Motioned By: see below

Seconded By: see below

Recommendation

The AAQoLAC recommends that the Council approve the following budget items for the FY2018 Budget (see attached memo for detailed descriptions).

Description of Recommendation to Council

The FY2017 budget marked the first time funding was targeted to providing services to the Asian American community, but that was one-time funding. Without continued funding for these programs, any momentum gained in addressing the long unmet needs of the Asian American community will be lost. The Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission requests that the City of Austin continue its commitment to serve the unmet and under met needs of the growing Asian American community. Asian Americans pay taxes in the City of Austin, but many Asian Americans with limited English proficiency, including seniors and low-income residents, are not receiving services directly or indirectly from the City through the base budget. The Asian American population in Austin exceeds 7%, yet they receive less than 2% of safety net services. The listed budget recommendations would help address these inequities and the barriers to service faced by Asian American residents. They would lay the groundwork for meeting future needs and continue the movement toward a more inclusive City.

Rationale:

Each item on the list (see attached memo) also includes a description of how it addresses the goals of the Council Strategic Outcomes and Indicators adopted by Council on April 5, 2017.

Vote

- Health Equity Contract (\$85,000)

Motioned By: Kirk Yoshida

Seconded By: Pramod Patil

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For: Cobalis, Yoshida, Chao, Radhakrishnan, Patil, Stanton, Jung, Saxena, DasGupta

Against:

Absent: Phrasavath, DePalma, Sethi

Recusal: Conte

- Community Health Navigator (\$316,328)

Motioned By: Kirk Yoshida

Seconded By: Shubhada Saxena

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