



Economic Prosperity Commission Recommendation

Recommendation Number: (20170719-003C) Economic Prosperity Commission Multi Ethnic Chamber Alliance Recommendation.

WHEREAS the City of Austin's Economic Prosperity Commission's purpose is to advise the City Council on matters related to construction and job creation;

WHEREAS the Austin City Code requires the Economic Prosperity Commission to include representation of trade and business associations and chambers of commerce;

WHEREAS the City of Austin's Economic Development Office manages the contracts with the City's Multi Ethnic Chamber Alliance ("MECA") Chambers of Commerce;

WHEREAS the MECA Chambers of Commerce contribute to the economic prosperity of our city;

WHEREAS concerns have been raised regarding inequity and the absence of a transparent methodology used to set MECA Chamber of Commerce budgets;

WHEREAS the City of Austin should strive for fair and transparent distribution of resources amongst the City's MECA Chambers of Commerce for equal work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Austin's Economic Prosperity Commission recommends the Austin City Council direct the Economic Development Department to:

- Develop a MECA Chamber of Commerce budgeting methodology that is data driven, transparent, fair and impartial
- Publish said budgeting methodology
- Review the contracts with the MECA Chambers of Commerce, as needed, to ensure they conform with said budgeting methodology

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstained: 1



Chair