



## RECOMMENDATION OF THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER QUALITY OF LIFE COMMISSION

### Recommendation Number: 20170815-3A: Support for an LGBTQ Quality of Life Study

**Whereas**, the Austin Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Queer Quality of Life Commission was established by the Austin City Council to advance knowledge of and equitable services to a historically underrepresented constituency of the City; and

**Whereas**, the Commission requires data to fully inform its work to ensure improved quality of life of Austin's LGBTQ communities and residents; and

**Whereas**, In 2014, the City of Austin commissioned a Minority-Owned, Women-Owned, and Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise Disparity Study. This study examined the participation of businesses owned by Minorities, Women, and Veterans in the public sector contracting over the last several years in a wide variety of areas including construction, consulting services, and other goods and services; and

**Whereas**, the Minority-Owned, Women-Owned, and Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise Disparity Study did not include evaluation of LGBTQ-Owned businesses; and

**Whereas**, LGBTQ communities are believed to experience violence at disproportionately high rates compared to other local populations, but data to inform policy and interventions is collected inconsistently; and

**Whereas**, LGBTQ communities face job discrimination due to sexual orientation and gender identity, and discrimination on this basis is still legal throughout much of the State of Texas; and

**Whereas**, Employment discrimination of LGBTQ people results in high rates of unemployment, homelessness, and food insecurity; and

**Whereas**, social stigmas endured by LGBTQ residents contribute to health care access challenges and individual health disparities; and

**Whereas**, individual health disparities manifest in the broader community as communicable disease and substance abuse epidemics that require modern and targeted public health interventions;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Austin Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Quality of Life Advisory Commission recommends to the Austin City Council to:

Create a budget line item for the study of LGBTQ Quality of Life of an amount to be informed by previous Quality of Life studies.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Austin Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Quality of Life Advisory Commission recommends to the Austin City Council to:

Direct the City Manager to engage the Commission and the Public in the process of developing a Request for Qualifications for the study to help ensure community standards and expectations are adequately represented in the RFQ.

**VOTE OF THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Date of Approval: Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Motioned: Chavez                      Seconded: Wollerson

For: 12 Unanimous (Curette, Chavez, Baeza, Estrella, Doughty, Skidmore, Daniels, Curry, Gonzales, Kitchens, Buls, Wollerson)

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2

Attest:  \_\_\_\_\_

Charles Loosen, Staff Liaison