

LIBRARY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20170828-5a

Date: August 28, 2017

Subject: Austin Public Library budget recommendation

Motioned By: Commission Member Dabbert Seconded By: Commission Member Hersh

Recommendation

Support for the Austin Public Library proposed budget for FY2018

Description of Recommendation to Council

Request that the Austin City Council vote in favor of the proposed Austin Public Library budget of \$50.4M for FY2018.

Rationale:

The proposed FY2018 Austin Public Library budget of \$50.4M represents the minimum requirements to maintain and operate the City of Austin's 20 branch libraries, the Austin History Center, John Henry Faulk Library, Recycled Reads and New Central Library.

In addition, the \$50.4M represents an increase in the materials budget to include:

- 1. inflation.
- 2. maintaining and enhancing system-wide circulations, and
- 3. expanding circulation considering the opening of New Central Library.

This proposed budget does not include unmet needs and costs throughout the Austin Public Library system.

Vote

For: Chair Williams, Vice Chair Fisher, Commission Members Bogucka, Dabbert, Finney, Hanna, Hersh, Self, Todd, and Wiggins

Against:

Abstain:

Absent: Commission Member Howry

Sharon Herfurth

Attest: