



**LIBRARY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20180226-4b1: Support for Austin Public Library Bond Request**

Date: February 26, 2018

Subject: Support for Austin Public Library Bond Request

Motioned By: Commission Member Wiggins      Seconded By: Commission Member Dabbert

**Recommendation**

*Add proposed Austin Public Library branch improvements to the 2018 bond package.*

**Description of Recommendation to Council**

*The Austin Public Library Commission recommends support of the 2018 Bond Package as documented in the 2018 G. O. Bond Proposal Program for a total of \$20 million dollars in branch library improvements.*

**Rationale:**

Maintaining open and accessible public libraries is critical to the City of Austin's future.

The opening of the new Central Library has created renewed interest in the entire Austin Public Library system and has brought more attention to facilities and maintenance needs at 15 of the 20 branches.

The Austin Public Library branches have many deferred maintenance issues and projects that need attention. Deferral of this maintenance will only add to the cost of addressing these needs later.

The growth of the city has increased demand for the library branches and has increased wear and tear on these facilities.

These improvements will make Austin libraries safe, accessible and equitable.

**Vote** Unanimous on an 8-0 vote

For: Chair Williams; Commission Members Dabbert, Finney, Hanna, Hersh, Self, Todd, and Wiggins

Against:

Abstain:

Absent: Vice Chair Fisher, Commission Member Bogucka

Attest: 