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Jill Ramirez, Chair

Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission

Austin, TX 78701

Dear Chair Ramirez, Vice Chair Llanes, and Commissioners,

The Advisory Board for the ESB Mexican American Cultural Center has unanimously requested that City Council reconsider the recommended amount of \$15 Million by Parks and Recreation department which was adopted by the Reinvestments in Facilities & Assets working group for the 2018 Bond Election proposal for Phase 2 of the ESB Mexican American Cultural Center. The advisory board was not consulted on this amount which was based on renovations of the existing small theater space, extension of the south crescent and re-configuration and landscaping of the main entrance to the ESB-MACC. The advisory board has unanimously supported making a recommendation to council for \$37 Million for the 2018 ESB-MACC bond proposal which was identified in the updated Master Plan by CasaBella Architects as a more realistic and timely amount.

We are here today to ask the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission for your support of a long-awaited project which deserves a more timely consideration and completion by also recommending \$37 Million for the MACC in the 2018 Bond proposal.

Yours truly,

Austin, TX 78701

Ana Maciel, Chair
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