

RECOMMENDATION

LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission

**Recommendation Number: 20180530-3(b) Recommendation to increase the Bond Election Advisory Task Force Recommendation on Affordable Housing Bonds by \$18 Million and Double the Allocation for Home Repair.**

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ Quality of Life Commission serves as an advisory board to Council concerning the quality of life for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer residents of Austin, and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Seniors has forwarded a recommendation to Council setting out the need for additional bond funding for home repair as a subcategory of affordable housing, including the vital role that this programs serves in allowing seniors to age in their own homes, and

WHEREAS, a recent study by AARP, Maintaining Dignity, showed that concerns about long-term care facilities is one of three biggest aging concerns of LGBT Americans over 45, including concerns about neglect, abuse, limited access to services and verbal or physical harassment based on their sexual orientation, making aging in place a high priority for this demographic,

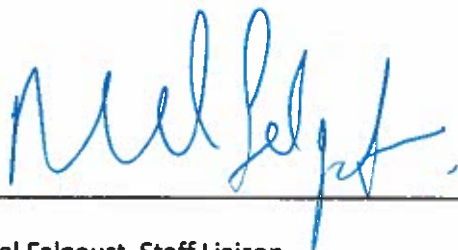
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LGBTQ Quality of Life Commission joins with the Commission on Seniors in support of their recommendation for adding at least another \$18 million to the affordable housing bond package to double the amount available for home repair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LGBTQ Quality of Life Commission also joins in recommending that voter education about the affordable housing bonds include information about the housing needs of seniors, and include information specifically about the Home Repair program and the seniors and disabled persons served by this program.

**Date of Approval: May 30, 2018**

**Record of the vote: Unanimous on a 10-0 vote**

**Attest:**

  
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**Neal Falgoust, Staff Liaison**