



## ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20180514-5a

Date: 6-8-18

Subject: ASO Budget

Motioned By: Larry Tucker

Seconded By: Angela Means

### **Recommendation**

*At the May 14, 2018, meeting of the Animal Advisory Commission (AAC), Commissioner Tucker made a motion to authorize the chair to draft a letter of support for Animal Services Office (ASO) staff budget request proposals. Commissioner Means seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 9 -0, with all Commissioners present voting for the motion.*

### **Description of Recommendation to Council**

*The AAC was not privy to the specific ASO budget requests for 2018-2019 at the time of this meeting. The commission was briefed on unmet needs regarding animal protection and animal enrichment and supports staff's request for any part-time and full-time positions in both of these areas.*

### **Rationale:**

- 1. Two current animal enrichment positions are funded by the Maddie's Fund grant and will expire soon. The ASO needs these positions replaced and more to ensure all animal enrichment activities, such as dog walking, are adequately covered.*
- 2. Industry standards call for 60 Animal Protection officers to cover a county the population and square miles as Travis County. ASO currently has 21 APOs and cannot respond to incidents in a timely fashion or provide vital pre-shelter services in the field that reduce intake.*

### **Vote**

For: 9

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 4 (Commissioners Allard, Jarl, Mitchell, and Nemer)

Attest:

*David Lundstedt*

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