



BOARD/COMMISSION NAME] RECOMMENDATION 20180320-6D

Date: March 20, 2018

Subject: Letter of support for Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center and the Mexic-Arte Museum

Motioned By: Vice Chair Llanes

Seconded By: Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar

Recommendation

See attached.

Description of Recommendation to Council

See attached.

Rationale:

See attached.

Vote

For: Unanimous

Against:

Abstain:

Absent: Commissioners Jimenez, Velasquez, Garcia

Attest:

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Jill Ramirez, Chair Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Commission

DATE: June 13, 2018

SUBJECT: Letter of support for Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center and the Mexic-Arte Museum

At the March 2018, 2018 meeting of the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Commission, the Commission voted unanimously to support the bond funding requests that were submitted to the Bond Election Advisory Task Force and the Austin City Council for \$15 million in infrastructure/facility improvements at the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center and \$15 million in infrastructure/facility improvements at the Mexic-Arte Museum.

Our Commission recognizes the rapid growth of the Hispanic/Latino community and the increase of demand for services that are cultural and linguistically appropriate. Both facilities provide platforms to preserve the community's legacy and heritage while encouraging new expressions of art and engagement.

Additionally, the City of Austin Hispanic-Latino Quality of Life Initiative plan states the importance of supporting spaces that are inclusive and accessible through public investments.

cc: Spencer Cronk, City Manager
Assistant City Managers