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Subject: [AMENDED] Restore Rundberg: Request support for a budget allocation

Commissioner Ramirez, Commissioner Llanes-

This is an **amended** request for support, amended to clarify the request.

The Restore Rundberg leadership is familiar with City Council's 2023 Strategic Decision, below are details relevant to Restore Rundberg's budget allocation request.

Restore Rundberg's Mission: to improve the quality of life, health, safety, education, and well-being of individuals living and working in the Rundberg community.

2023 Strategic Decision

Outcome: Health and Environment

Strategic Outcome: Enjoying a sustainable environment and a healthy life, physically and mentally.

Challenge Statements:

1. How might we proactively create conditions that result in optimal physical, mental, and behavioral health, and ensure access to health services are available to all Austinites?

- Capital Metro circulators in neighborhoods (ie, North Lamar, Georgian Acres)
- Improved infrastructure; sidewalks, medians, pedestrian hybrid beacons, increased time in cross walks for major intersections
- Well developed and maintained existing park land/green space; as well as increased park land/green space

2. How might we ensure race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, education, geographic location, and income level do not pre-determine whether individuals are able to achieve better health?

- Increased City investment in the community, including partnership with Austin Independent School District (AISD), to fund healthy access to food and programs through PARD & AISD

3. How might we create equitable access to parks, trails, open space, and recreational opportunities?

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4. How might we achieve success on ambitious sustainability goals, preserving the quality of the environment and availability of natural resources as we adapt to a changing climate?

- Community engagement regarding recycling/upcycling, no-litter campaigns; educational opportunities conducted by City staff for the community, including opportunities at multifamily properties and with AISD (ie Green Teens program)

5. How might we support more connected communities, strengthening our community well-being and enabling more effective responses and recoveries tied to major events?

- Door to door community engagement, made possible by persons who are culturally sensitive and bi/multi-lingual

6. How might we embed consideration of factors that affect physical, mental, and behavioral health status within all City departments, and strengthen collaboration with external health service providers and stakeholders, to increase synergy and improve health outcomes?

- Sending City staff into the community, conduct educational and/or interactive presentations and activities for all age levels

Indicators:

- Primary: Accessibility to quality health care services, both physical and mental.
- Secondary: Accessibility to quality parks, trails, and recreational opportunities.

Metrics:

B: Accessibility to quality health care services, both physical and mental

C: Accessibility to quality parks, trails, and recreational opportunities

Strategies:

2. Provide and/or support initiatives that can connect those seeking wellness and medical care with the appropriate providers, and help them navigate and overcome critical barriers to obtaining health and mental health services (e. g. getting to appointments, cost of care).

- CommUnityCare, People's Community Clinic, Lonestar Circle of Care, Dell Medical School, Seton, St David's
- Integral Care, Austin Child Guidance Center, YWCA
- W Neal Kocurek Health Science Institute @ Lanier HS (AISD)
- Austin Public Health, PARD, Watershed Protection Dept,

5. Incorporate health considerations into program and policy decision-making, taking into account the influence of race, income levels, education, and the built environment on health outcomes.

6. Implement community-informed initiatives that make healthy and affordable foods easily accessible to all, especially for our vulnerable populations and historically marginalized communities.

- Fresh for Less
- Nutritious Food Incentive Program

7. Improve community health, social cohesion and connections, and resilience through programs and amenities that strengthen families, foster an increased sense of community, and enhance support networks.

8. Leverage innovative financing models and partnerships to support, maintain, and expand parks, open spaces, recreational facilities, and our urban trail network.

- PARD, WPD, Office of Sustainability, Austin Public Health,
- AISD
- SFC, FarmshareAustin, GAVA
- APF

9. Provide accessible, diverse, and inclusive parks and recreation programs and amenities to encourage utilization by all ages and abilities with a specific focus in historically marginalized communities.

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- AISD
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Restore Rundberg is requesting \$100K to create a full-time Community Engagement Specialist, dedicated to Restore Rundberg, housed at the City of Austin. The \$100K request includes salary + benefits, as well as a community engagement budget. As for which city department, we are considering either the Austin Health Department or the Parks and Recreation Department, as a good fit, both are in line with the 2023 Strategic Decision priorities and outcome stated above. If neither department is possible, we also support either the Communications & Public Information Office or the Equity Office.

I will make myself available if there are any questions.

Regards,

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