



ARTS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION No. 20180618.7.a.i

Date: June 18, 2018

Subject: Recommendation to support additional requests by the Cultural Centers for completing their phased master plans, and to continue to prioritize the Bond Election Advisory Task Force's \$67,500,000 Cultural Centers bond recommendation, and to support the combined requests made by the Arts Commission for \$25,000,000 for property purchase/ adaptive reuse for creative space and by the Music Commission for \$15,000,000 for acquisition and development of property to develop an Austin music hub to be included in the 2018 Bond Package.

Motioned By: Commissioner Lulu Flores

Seconded By: Commissioner Michelle Polgar

Recommendation

The Arts Commission supports potential additional bond funding requests by the Cultural Centers as an addendum to the Bond Recommendations previously submitted to the City Council by this Commission (ARTS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20180416-6.a.ii.) and the Music Commission (MUSIC COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20180402-5b).

The Arts Commission continues to prioritize the recommendation of the Bond Election Advisory Task Force's proposed \$67,500,000 in bonds for the city's cultural centers as listed in Arts Commission Recommendation 20180319-6.a.i.

Description of Recommendation to Council

Rationale:

The Arts Commission previously supported the Bond Election Advisory Task Force recommendation of \$67,500 for the cultural centers, supported the Music Commission request for funding for a music hub, and requested bond funding to bring additional arts and music space online. The Music and Arts Commissions formed a joint Bond working group with the Cultural Centers to facilitate communication, discuss the bond requests and assess community needs. We have heard compelling testimony from both the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center and the Carver Museum describing their current challenges and indicating that these Centers have critical needs beyond their initial Task Force bond recommendations. We therefore encourage Council where possible to support additional bond funding requests from the Cultural Centers.

Austin being a culturally diverse community with a rich cultural heritage, the Arts Commission prioritizes developing creative space in service of Austin's *entire* arts/music/culture ecosystem.

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For:

Vice Chair Michelle Polgar	Mayor's Appointee
Chair Jaime Castillo	District 2
Commissioner Felipe Garza	District 3
Commissioner Alissa McCain	District 1
Commissioner Chris Bryan	District 8
Commissioner Lulu Flores	District 9
Commissioner Brett Barnes	District 4

Against:

Commissioner Renee Rice	District 5
Commissioner Bears Fonte	District 6
Commissioner Krissi Reeves	District 7
Commissioner Amy Mok	District 10

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Attest: *Anne-Marie McKaskle-Davis, Arts Commission Staff Liaison*

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