



COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION
AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
Recommendation number: 20180904-05

WHEREAS, the African American Resource Advisory Commission was created in 2006 to address the lack of safe culturally based entertainment for African American youth; and

WHEREAS, Jump On It was founded by Charles "Nook Turner" Byrd and Dorothy Turner in 1997 to specifically provide safe cultural entertainment for youth and unite youth and their families under the auspices of live and local entertainment, and

WHEREAS, Jump On It has worked to rebuild the fabric of Austin diverse community by providing entertainment to African American youth, who lacked access and opportunities to participate in their respective communities

WHEREAS, Jump On It has engaged youth on a continuous basis to participate in positive expressions and unite Austin sparse urban community

WHEREAS, Jump On It reinvigorates African American cultural traditions by restoring a sense of pride, honor and leadership for the next generation.

WHEREAS, Jump On It has displayed extraordinary leadership and vision, by encouraging African American youth to interact with law enforcement by participating in kickball and dodge ball games to bridge the gaps between law enforcement and African American youth.

WHEREAS, Jump On It has maintained a high level of community support with inadequate funding since its inception in 1997 and continues to fill a critical void in the African American community

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, THAT THE COMMISSION HEREBY RECOMMENDS AS FOLLOWS:

That the City of Austin allocate additional resources based on need, to expand and enhance Jump On it efforts to alleviate the lack of access and opportunities for African American youth in Austin.

Be it further resolved that the African American Resource Advisory Commission recommends that the City of Austin provide additional financial support to Jump On it in the amount of \$50,000 for fiscal year 2019/20 to assist in facilitating all aspects of both the Music Festival and University.

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I affirm that this Recommendation was approved by the African American Resource Advisory Commission.

Vote: 8 – 2 against - 2 abstain

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Ruthie Redmond and Greg Smith

Vacant: 1

Kenneth D. Thompson
AARAC Commission Chair

Date