



COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Joint Sustainability Committee

Recommendation 20190925-3E

WHEREAS, the Joint Sustainability Committee is comprised of representatives from 12 Boards and Commissions, and it serves a role to ensure progress is made in implementing the Austin Community Climate Plan; and

WHEREAS, 2020 is the 50th Global Anniversary of Earth Day, which offers a historic moment for the city and a unique opportunity for public engagement at a festival; and

WHEREAS, the Earth Day Austin Festival is the largest environmental celebration in Austin, with 3,000-12,000 people participating annually at the event held at Huston-Tillotson University campus; and

WHEREAS, the Earth Day Austin Festival is a valued resource for the city offering the free, public family festival and an opportunity for public engagement for environmental action, as well as convening community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day Austin is focused on equity in environmentalism and action on climate at the 2020 festival; and

WHEREAS, with 2020 being both the 50th anniversary of Earth Day and the year of the first revision of the Austin Community Climate Plan, where Austin is facing two urgent issues, climate change and equity, such that the revision of Austin's Climate Plan stands to have an enormous impact on all sectors of our community.

BE IT RESOLVED the Joint Sustainability Committee advises the City of Austin to support the Earth Day Austin Festival, including as appropriate, waiving or discounting applicable fees, direct financial support, and participation from each council member and relevant city departments.

Record of the vote: Motion to approve by Commissioner Hadden, second by Commissioner Davis,
Motion passes 8 approve, 0 opposed, 1 abstained vote.

Date of Approval: September 25, 2019

Attest: Zach Baumer

Zach Baumer, Liaison