



**LGBTQ QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**RECOMMENDATION 20190812-3C**

**Date** November 4, 2019  
**Subject** Support residents experiencing homelessness

**Recommendation to Council**

The Mayor and Austin City Council should continue taking a comprehensive approach to addressing homelessness, centered on providing housing and support rather than punitive actions.

1. Prevent the forceful displacement, seizure of their possessions, and/or direct attacks on residents experiencing homelessness; and
2. Provide adequate support for proper relocation to ensure the safety and protect the dignity of residents experiencing homelessness.

**Rationale**

- Homelessness and housing instability disproportionately impacts the LGBTQIA+ community, specifically LGBTQIA+ homeless youth. Therefore, protecting the homeless community of Austin is a priority of the LGBTQIA+ Quality of Life Commission.
- The city currently lacks adequate shelter and housing for all of its residents, including the homeless community.
- Governor Abbott has directed the Texas Department of Transportation to forcibly remove homeless people and their belongings from underpasses in Austin.
- The homeless community continues to face dehumanizing rhetoric, property crimes, and direct attacks.
- Criminal citations further stigmatize and penalize the homeless community, creating economic barriers to ending the cycle of poverty.
- The city's primary goal should be to ensure the safety of all residents, including the homeless community.



**Vote**

Date of Approval: November 4, 2019

Record of the vote: Adopted without objection on a 13-0 vote.

Present: Gonzales, Baeza, Chavez, Curry, Daniels, Doughty, Dowling, Gonzalez, Gorczynski, Hines, Kirby, Taylor, Wollerson

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathryn Gonzales, Vice Chair