

Whereas, the City of Austin has recognized in their Strategic Direction the need to inclusively honor and preserve Austin's unique and diverse history, culture and traditions, and

Whereas, the adopted Strategic Direction also calls for a regular inventory and evaluation of cultural programming and facilities to identify gaps and opportunities for impacting equity and equality while implementing standardized process for collecting and analyzing demographic participation, and

Whereas, the LGBTQ community has long advocated for the need for facilities and programs dedicated to the unique aspect of our community's culture similar to those provided to the African-American, Hispanic and Asian-America communities, and

Whereas, the LGBTQ Quality of Life Commission community forum on the City's 2020 Budget heard requests for more LGBTQ focused recreation and cultural programming,

Now therefore, be it resolved that, the LGBTQ Quality of Life Commission recommends to the City Council that city departments develop LGBTQ focused programming using existing available resources and facilities as well as utilizing community organizations for support and volunteers, and that

Be it further resolved that the City Council direct the City Manager to report back to Council on a plan for collecting and reporting on the demographic information on the implementation of such LGBTQ focused recreation and cultural programming prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year.