

TO: Austin City Council Members
FROM: Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center, Advisory Board
DATE: July 21, 2020
SUBJECT: Report from the Board on the Phase II RFQ process

Dear Austin City Council members:

The Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center (“ESB-MACC”) Advisory Board (“the board”) on July 2, 2020 voted unanimously to express our support for the evaluation process for the ESB-MACC Phase 2’s Professional Design Services.

For over a year the board has had an active working group dedicated to supporting the efforts of city staff working on the Phase 2 expansion. The board felt it was important to remain engaged in the expansion process to ensure the community’s voice was represented at every phase. And we are pleased to report that from the very start the board found city staff members to be open, transparent, and attentive. The working group’s requests for meetings were always fulfilled and our many questions respectfully answered.

Overall, the board found the professional services evaluation process to be very fair. We look forward to our ongoing collaboration with city staff.

Respectfully,

The Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center Advisory Board