



ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20210809-4a

Date: 08/27/21

Subject: Cuts to APD Animal Cruelty Program

Motioned By: Ryan Clinton

Seconded By: Nancy Nemer

Recommendation

The Animal Advisory Commission strongly recommend that the Austin Police Department's Animal Cruelty Program not be cut, and any cuts made recently be restored.

Description of Recommendation to Council

We believe the recommendation is self-explanatory.

Rationale:

We understand that the City Council may not have direct control over this program; however, research tells us that those who commit acts of animal cruelty frequently escalate that aggression to target humans, creating less safety for the entire community. Therefore, we believe that cutting this program is ill-advised. Any help in maintaining this program at full strength is greatly appreciated.

Vote

For: 10

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3

Attest:



Craig Nator, Chair/Animal Advisory Commission