



MUSIC COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20220307-3c

Date: March 7, 2022

Subject: Increasing the City Rate for Musicians

Motioned By: Chair Patterson

Seconded By: Vice-chair Medicharla

Recommendation

The Music Commission recommends that the City of Austin increase the rate for musicians to \$200 per hour.

Description of Recommendation to Council

The Music Commission recommends that the hourly rate for City of Austin musical performances increase to \$200/hr per musician.

Rationale:

Musician pay for City of Austin Performances has not increased since 2016, while during that time, the cost of living in Austin has risen dramatically. Each hour of musical performance represents hours of rehearsal, songwriting, travel time, and more; expenses for equipment and rehearsal space; and years spent honing talent and craft. The City of Austin should set the standard for well-paying music gigs here in the Live Music Capitol of the World.

Vote

For: 8 (Chair Patterson, Vice-chair Medicharla, Commissioners Rosenthal, Reynolds, Garcia, Gould, Limon, Mahone)

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3 (Commissioners Pike, Strickland, and Sullivan)

Attest: Kim McCarson
