



**HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
RECOMMENDATION 20220322-3a ii**

**EXPAND FUNDING FOR IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES**

**Strategic Direction: Safety**

Date: March 22, 2022

Subject: FY23 Budget Recommendations

Motioned by: Vigil

Seconded by: Garay

**Recommendation to Council:**

Increase Austin Public Health's funding for pro bono and low bono immigration legal services.

**Background and Rationale:**

We continue to hear from the community concerns regarding underfunding of immigration legal services. Only a small number of individuals are served with the current funding. There are very few organizations in Austin that have the ability to provide legal services to our immigrant communities pro bono. One of the service providers is American Gateways. They are currently only able to meet 25% of the need. The need for legal services continues to expand due to the complicated immigration legal system.

**Vote:**


For: Afifi, Vigil, Solis, Garay, Ramirez, Perales, Silva

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Peña, Garcia

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Afifi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amanda" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Afifi".

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Amanda Afifi, Chair

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American Gateways presentation to the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission - <https://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=377126>