



## **SPECIAL EVENTS TASK FORCE - RECOMMENDATION 20220518-2A**

Date: 5/23/2022

Subject: Recommendations to Improve Public Safety Department Staffing for Special Events

Motioned By: Ingrid Weigand

Seconded By: Dan Carroll

### **Description of Recommendations to Council:**

Encourage the use of third-party contracts to bolster public safety departments' staffing for special events.

#### **RECOMMENDATION #1**

Authorize the Austin Police Department to enter agreements, such as what was authorized by City Council in [Item #56 on their February 17, 2022 Meeting– File#22-1375](#) annually, as needed, in perpetuity.

#### **RECOMMENDATION #2**

Encourage City Council to remove any barriers in the contract with the Austin Fire Department to enter into third-party agreements to help supplement their work.

### **Rationale:**

#### **RECOMMENDATION #1**

The Special Events Task Force would like APD to be able to enter into these agreements annually, if needed, without requiring Council approval each year.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS # 2**

The Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Austin and Austin Firefighters Association Local 975 states that only Fire Fighters can perform fire prevention duties, not civilians. As such, it is unclear what, if any, responsibilities could be performed by third-party vendors to support or supplement the work of AFD.

### **Vote**

For: James Russell, Jeff Smith, Dan Carroll, Shelley Phillips, Mandi Thomas, Frances Thompson, Ingrid Weigand, Laurel White

Against:

Abstain: Cindy Lo

Absent: Bobby Garza, Heath Riddles-Sanchez

Attest:

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