



SPECIAL EVENTS TASK FORCE - RECOMMENDATION 20220615-2A

Date: 6/15/22

Subject: Recommendations to City Staffing to Support Special Events

Motioned By: Ingrid Weigand

Seconded By: Mandi Thomas

Description of Recommendations to Council:

Encourage funding for positions needed to process ACE applications and provide on site staffing for special events.

RECOMMENDATION

The Special Event Task Force encourages City Council and ACE departments to increase funding, as needed, for positions that support special event permit application reviews and on-site staffing for special events.

Rationale:

In addition to an increase in special event applications in 2022 as the industry emerges from the pandemic, the City of Austin has added new high-capacity venues that regularly program large events. As the City enters the budget cycle, the Task Force stresses the importance of ACE departments to identify where there are gaps in staffing, communicate their needs to the Budget Office, and for Council to fund these positions. Special event permit applicants benefit from timely reviews that allow for preliminary approval, and adequate review and on-site staffing ensures events can take place on their desired date and be successful.

Vote

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

Against:

Abstain:

Absent: Dan Carroll, Bobby Garza, Cindy Lo, Heath Riddles-Sanchez

Attest: Brydan Summers

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Special Events Task Force Liaison

Development Services Department