



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Human Rights Commission

Recommendation Number: (20221128-03): Statement of the Club Q Shooting

WHEREAS, as outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights; and

WHEREAS, members of the LGBTQIA+ communities continue to be targeted, injured, and killed by those who sow hate and fear; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature has had scores of bills filed in the last 2 weeks that specifically seek to either deny or sharply limit the basic human rights of members of the LGBTQIA+ communities; and

WHEREAS, hateful rhetoric, abhorrent legislative bills, and vile state government policies give cover and reason to those who seek to kill or maim members of this community, such as what has happened at the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Florida and Club Q in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and further to mention the continued murders of transgender individuals across this country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Human Rights Commission of the City of Austin urges the Mayor and City Council to condemn any actions by people with guns or by legislators with pens to restrict the human rights of the LGBTQIA+ Community, and that the City of Austin rededicate their complete and unwavering solidarity with LGBTQIA+ communities everywhere.

Date of Approval: November 28, 2022

Record of the vote: 8 – 1 **For:** G. Brown, I. Griffith, I. Casas, S. Davis, I. Smith, A. Weigel, G. Zeidan, K. Caballero; **Abstain:** K. Brienzi;

Attest: _____

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