



**JOINT INCLUSION COMMITTEE (JIC)
FY23-2024 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION 20230322-007
AFFORDABILITY PRIORITY – INCREASED EMERGENCY HOUSING ASSISTANCE**

Date: March 22, 2023

Subject: Joint Endorsement of the LGBTQ Quality-of-Life Advisory Commission’s
FY23-24 Budget Recommendation 20230313-2: Budget for Increased
Emergency Housing Assistance (JIC Affordability Priority)

Motioned by: Commissioner Charles Curry Seconded By: Commissioner Rebecca Austin

LGBTQ+ QUALITY-OF-LIFE ADISORY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20230313-2

JOINTLY ENDORSED RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL ON FY23-2024 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is facing a housing affordability crisis which has garnered national headlines (How Austin Became One of the Least Affordable Cities in America, The New York Times) and data reports show that the year-over-year increase for one bedroom rent averaged 13.5% from 2021 to 2022 and now costs \$1,680 per month on average; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Austin’s 2021 LGBTQIA+ Quality of Life Study completed the year prior to this 13.5% average rent increase housing was the highest-ranked domain of priority for participants in the town hall meetings; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Austin’s 2021 LGBTQIA+ Quality of Life Study, 10% of respondents indicate they had been homeless in the last 5 year, 65% of respondents spent 30% or more of their income for housing while 9% spent more than 50%; and

WHEREAS, increased housing supply has significant lead time associated with pre-development and construction while older adults have immediate needs for rent relief; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin allocated nearly \$40 million in emergency rent assistance during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, budget documents for FY 2022 – 2023 (pg. 136) include only a fraction of previous fiscal year funding at \$6.7 million for emergency housing initiatives aimed at preventing homelessness via supportive services and financial assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC) collectively endorses the LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission recommendation that the Austin City Council approve additional funding for emergency housing assistance to mitigate the affordability crisis and to accomplish strategic goals related to housing stabilization, economic opportunity, and affordability at an amount to be determined by the Joint Inclusion Committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 – 0

For: African American Resource Advisory Commission: Gregory Smith
Commission for Women: Rebecca Austen
Commission on Aging: Amy Temperley
Early Childhood Council: Raul Alvarez
Hispanic/Latino Quality-of-Life-Resource Advisory Commission: Amanda Afifi
LGBTQ+ Quality-of-Life Advisory Commission: Charles Curry
Mayor’s Committee for People with Disabilities: Jennifer Powell

Against: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commission on Immigrant Affairs: Juan Vences-Benitez
Human Rights Commission: Idonna Griffith
Asian American Quality-of-Life Advisory Commission: Hanna Huang

Attest: Jeremy Garza, Staff Liaison, Equity Office:

x Jeremy Garza