



**JOINT INCLUSION COMMITTEE (JIC)
FY23-2024 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION 20230322-023
PUBLIC SAFETY PRIORITY – AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING FOR
ALZHEIMER'S, DEMENTIA & OTHER RELATED CONDITIONS**

Date: March 22, 2023

Subject: Joint Endorsement of the Commission on Aging's FY23-24 Budget Recommendation 20230308-7iv: Austin Police Department (APD) Training for Alzheimer's, Dementia, & other related conditions (JIC Public Safety Priority)

Motioned by: Commissioner Richard Bondi Seconded By: Commissioner Jennifer Powell

COMMISSION ON AGING RECOMMENDATION 20230308-7iv:

JOINTLY ENDORSED RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL ON FY23-2024 BUDGET

The Joint Inclusion Committee collectively endorses the Commission on Aging's recommendation that Council and the City Manager designate or redistribute existing funding to provide regular, annual training to existing and new APD persons on Alzheimer's, dementia, and other related conditions. In addition to understanding the impacts of these conditions, training should include handling and de-escalation of situations involving persons with Alzheimer's, dementia, and other related conditions.

Rationale:

Austin has seen significant growth in its older adult population and as that population continues to age, Alzheimer's, dementia and other related conditions will naturally ensue to a significant portion of the older adult population and the vast majority of patients suffering with Alzheimer's or dementia are older adults (50+). Further, the growth of Austin's older adult population is projected to continue.

Currently, APD does not receive training on how to address and de-escalate issues with persons suffering from Alzheimer's dementia or other related conditions, even though the national Alzheimer's Association directs Alzheimer's and dementia caregivers to inform local police jurisdictions when patients with Alzheimer's or dementia contact them or are involved with local police, so the police can be aware and handle those persons appropriately.

APD's normal approach for handling behavioral issues or wandering may be inappropriate for Alzheimer's or dementia patients. With added training and correctly approached, behavioral disturbances demonstrated by individuals with Alzheimer's, dementia and other related conditions can be more safely and effectively managed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 – 0

For: African American Resource Advisory Commission: Gregory Smith
Asian American Quality-of-Life Advisory Commission: Hanna Huang
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

Attest: Jeremy Garza, Staff Liaison, Equity Office:

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