



**HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY-OF-LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
FY23-2024 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION 20230328-012
IMMIGRANT LEGAL SERVICES**

Date: March 28, 2023

Subject: FY23-24 Budget Recommendation – Immigrant Legal Services

Motioned by: Commissioner Amanda Afifi Seconded by: Commissioner Daniela Silva

WHEREAS, we heard from the community that legal services funding is crucial, and there is still unmet need; and

WHEREAS, there are immigrants who need access to counsel, and cannot afford attorneys. This is especially so for immigrant facing removal proceedings; and

WHEREAS, in a time of changes in immigration policy, people have more need of legal representation, as it has become very complicated, and it is essential that immigrant communities obtain accurate advice and assistance; and

WHEREAS, the people most impacted by the complicated changes in immigration policy are low-income immigrants; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin already funds legal services for low income immigrants who are Austin residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hispanic Latino Quality of Life recommends that the \$250,000 allocated in FY 2022-2023 for immigration legal services become a permanent budget allocation in FY 2023-2024 and beyond.

Vote

Roll Call Vote: 7 – 1 – 0.

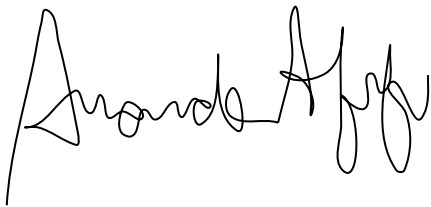
For: Commissioner Silva, Commissioner Afifi, Commissioner Maldonado, Commissioner Neri, Commissioner Castañeda, and Commissioner Peña.

Against: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Perales.

Absent: Commissioner Solis, Commissioner Ramirez, Commissioner Vigil

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Afifi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amanda" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Afifi".

Amanda Afifi, Chair