



**JOINT INCLUSION COMMITTEE (JIC)
FY23-2024 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION 20230329-008
AFFORDABILITY PRIORITY – AFFORDABLE TRANSPORTATION**

Date: March 29, 2023

Subject: Joint Endorsement of the Hispanic/Latino Quality-of-Life Resource Advisory Commission's FY23-24 Budget Recommendation 20230328-007: Affordable Transportation (JIC Affordability Priority)

Motioned by: Commissioner Jennifer Powell Seconded By: Commissioner Idonna Griffith

HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY-OF-LIFE RESOURCE ADISORY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION
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JOINTLY ENDORSED RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL ON FY23-2024 BUDGET

WHEREAS, there is a significantly larger number of beds for homeless men in Austin than for homeless women, to the point that homeless women cannot find a safe place to spend the night without waiting days, or even weeks; and

WHEREAS, Ending Community Homelessness Organization (ECHO) is a coalition of service providers is collaborating in an effort to address the urgent lack of shelter beds for homeless women; and

WHEREAS, Cap Metro's board of directors approved on July 25th, 2022 the Amp card which provides an equitable fare to public transportation users and offers reduced costs to those living below 200% of the federal poverty line or are enrolled in SNAP, WIC, CHIP, etc.

WHEREAS, Cities across the country have piloted free fare transportation programs as a way to support low income communities and to increase public transportation usage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Joint Inclusion Committee collectively endorses the Hispanic/Latino Quality-of-Life Resource Advisory Commission's recommendation that Austin City Council work with Capital Metro to explore into models that can create short, medium, and long term solutions for those who cannot afford public transportation and those experiencing homelessness.

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
Human Rights Commission: Idonna Griffith
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
African American Resource Advisory Commission: Gregory Smith

Attest: Jeremy Garza, Staff Liaison, Equity Office:

x Jeremy Garza