



**JOINT INCLUSION COMMITTEE (JIC)
FY23-2024 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION 20230329-007
HEALTH PRIORITY – IMMIGRANT LEGAL SERVICES**

Date: March 29, 2023

Subject: Joint Endorsement of the Hispanic/Latino Quality-of-Life Resource Advisory Commission's FY23-24 Budget Recommendation 20230328-012: Immigrant Legal Services (JIC Health Priority)

Motioned by: Commissioner Raul Alvarez Seconded By: Commissioner Idonna Griffith

HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY-OF-LIFE RESOURCE ADISORY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION
20230328-012

JOINTLY ENDORSED RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL ON FY23-2024 BUDGET

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 Joint Inclusion Committee collectively endorses the Hispanic Latino Quality-of-Life Resource Advisory Commission's recommendation to allocate \$250,000 for immigration legal services become as a permanent budget allocation in FY23-2024 and beyond.

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:

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