



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION – 20230508-7**

Date: June 7, 2023

Subject: Recommendation from Animal Advisory Commission (“AAC”) regarding Public Health Educator

Motioned By: Dr. Amanda Bruce

Seconded By: Dr. Paige Nilson

**Recommendation:**

The AAC recommends that the current part-time Public Health Educator position be made a full-time permanent position.

**Description of Recommendation to Council:**

The AAC passed the following resolution:

*The Animal Advisory Commission recommends that the position of Public Health Educator working with the Community Cat program at Austin Animal Center be made a full-time permanent position.*

**Rationale:**

The AAC recognizes the need for the Austin Animal Center to have a public-facing position to help orchestrate and provide services to communities in Austin and Travis County relating to community cats. The position should be a full-time, permanent, cooperative position dedicated to helping communities obtain the services they need to care for and, through free and low-cost spay-neuter services, reduce the number of community cats in Austin and Travis County.

**Vote:**

The motion passed 11-0.

For: Chair Clinton, Commissioners Smagula, Dr. Nilson, Herrera, Tucker, Dulzaides, Dr. Bruce, Linder, Nemer, Huddleston, and Loney

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioners Neuhaus and Hassen (deemed ineligible to attend by City Clerk’s office)

Attest:

  
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Don Bland, Chief Animal Services Officer