



**JOINT INCLUSION COMMITTEE (JIC)  
RECOMMENDATION 20230628-007  
STATEMENT OF TRANSGENDER RIGHTS**

Date: June 28, 2023

Subject: Joint Endorsement of the Human Rights Commission's Recommendation  
20230424-07: Statement of Transgender Rights

Motioned by: Commissioner Rebecca Austen      Seconded By: Commissioner Richard Bondi

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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20230424-07

**JOINTLY ENDORSED RECOMMENDATION TO AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, as outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, and

**WHEREAS**, decisions regarding the healthcare of children should be made by the parents, in consult with their children and their doctors, and

**WHEREAS**, in the 88th session of the Texas Legislature, legislation is currently being considered that, should it become law, would deny the right of parents and their children to seek gender-affirming healthcare of any kind, and

**WHEREAS**, denial of gender-affirming healthcare is hateful and harmful, and can cause extreme emotional and physical distress for transgender children and their families, and

**WHEREAS**; the Texas Legislature is also considering a constitutional amendment that would assert and guarantee Parental Rights;

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Joint Inclusion Committee of the City of Austin urges the Mayor and the City Council to condemn this attempt to interfere with the rights of parents to make decisions with and on behalf of their children regarding their physical and mental health, and that we stand united in our support of transgender children and adults, as well as with all LGBTQIA+ communities everywhere.

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ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 – 1 – 0

For: African American Resource Advisory Commission: Serita Fontanesi  
Asian American Quality-of-Life Advisory Commission: Hanna Huang  
Commission for Women: Rebecca Austen  
Commission on Aging: Richard Bondi  
Commission on Immigrant Affairs: Miriam Dorantes  
Hispanic/Latino Quality-of-Life-Resource Advisory Commission: Amanda Afifi

Against: None.

Abstain: Human Rights Commission: Kimberly Brienzi & Morgan Davis

Absent: Early Childhood Council: Leonor Vargas & Eliza Gordon  
LGBTQ+ Quality-of-Life Advisory Commission: VACANT at time of vote.  
Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities: Jennifer Powell & Elizabeth Meyer

Attest: Jeremy Garza, Staff Liaison, Equity Office:

x Jeremy Garza