



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Joint Inclusion Committee

Recommendation Number: 20230927-004: Inhumane activities of Operation Lone Star as initiated by Governor Abbott at the Texas border

Whereas the city of Austin is committed to equity and protection of basic human rights for all people here and abroad; and

Whereas immigrants seeking refuge at the Texas border have historically faced discrimination and hostile push-back, in direct violation of their civil rights; and

Whereas the discrimination and hostility have recently escalated, as witnessed and reported by DPS troopers who have seen first hand the “absolute monstrous, inhumane” treatment of migrants by law enforcement officers, resulting in multiple incidents of serious bodily injuries, and even death; and

Whereas the Texas Legislature has allocated nearly \$10 billion for border security efforts that violate federal laws, and are currently under investigation; and

Whereas Governor Abbott has, time and time again, enacted policies that directly violate the human rights of persons seeking refuge in the United States, most recently documented in Eagle Pass, TX; and

Whereas Immigrant rights advocates have been warning Abbott that his deterrence policies would not work and in some cases would make things worse;

Therefore be it resolved that the Joint Inclusion Committee encourages the Austin City Council to condemn, in the strongest terms, the inhumane activities of Operation Lone Star as initiated by Governor Abbott at the Texas border.

Date of Approval: September 27, 2023

Record of the vote: 7-0

FOR: Vice Chair R. Bondi, H. Huang, R. Austen, M. Ortega, M. Davis, L. Vargas, J. Powell

Absent: Chair A. Afifi, S. Fontanesi, J. Glasser

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