



LGBTQ QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION

**RECOMMENDATION 20231002-3
FOR CITY OF AUSTIN TRANS-SANCTUARY CITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has annually affirmed its support of the LGBTQIA+ community through numerous resolutions proclamations; and

WHEREAS one of the most marginalized groups in the LGBTQIA+ community, transgender Austinites, are under attack by state and national laws, policies, and political statements; and

WHEREAS the City of Austin can both make a statement and provide real protection for the transgender community in Austin as they navigate the attacks of the state and country, they live in.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Austin LGBTQIA+ Quality of Life Advisory Commission recommends to the Austin City Council to support transgender Austinites by naming Austin a transgender sanctuary city, and creating safety for the community through direct and real actions, including policy changes as drafted below:

1. City personnel shall not criminally prosecute or impose administrative penalties on an individual or organization for providing, seeking, receiving, or assisting another individual who is seeking or receiving gender-affirming healthcare.
2. City personnel shall not enforce any laws which impose criminal punishment, civil liability, administrative penalties, or professional sanctions, on an individual or organization for providing, seeking, receiving, or assisting another individual who is seeking or receiving gender-affirming healthcare.
3. City personnel shall not enforce laws of other jurisdictions that impose criminal punishment, civil liability, administrative penalties, or professional sanctions, on an individual or organization for providing, seeking, receiving, or assisting another individual who is seeking or receiving gender-affirming healthcare and shall decline any request to stop, arrest, detain, continue to detain, or transfer into the custody of any other law enforcement, individuals on the basis of such conduct being criminalized, penalized, or prosecuted in said jurisdiction.
4. City personnel shall not respond to any request for information from another jurisdiction if the request is related to that jurisdiction's laws, rules, or regulations imposing criminal punishment, civil liability, administrative penalties, or professional sanctions, on an individual or organization for providing, seeking, receiving, or assisting another individual who is seeking or receiving gender-affirming healthcare.
5. City personnel shall not enforce or facilitate the collection of any judgment of another jurisdiction to the extent the judgment arises out of a cause of action in that jurisdiction based on providing, seeking, receiving, or assisting another individual who is seeking or receiving gender-affirming healthcare.
6. The city recognizes the value of diverse cultural and artistic expression and affirms the rights of



citizens to engage in performances, including drag shows.

7. City personnel shall not enforce laws of other jurisdictions that impose criminal punishment, civil liability, administrative penalties, or professional sanctions, on an individual or organization for providing, organizing, attending, or participating in performances such as drag shows.

8. City personnel shall decline any request to stop, arrest, detain, continue to detain, or transfer into the custody of any other law enforcement, individuals based on such performances being criminalized, penalized, or prosecuted in said jurisdiction.

9. That the Austin Police Department is hereby required to adopt these same policies.

10. That a program will be established to fund and where possible provide legal assistance to anyone in Travis County charged under SB 12 or SB 14, or any doctors threatened with de-licensing under SB 14.

Date of Approval: October 2, 2023

Record of the vote: Unanimous on a 10-0 vote

Attest: *Alyssa Parra*



VOTE

Date of Approval:

Record of the Vote: Adopted without objection on a X-X vote.

Present:

Attest: _ Ryn Gonzales, Chair