



**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Date: October 7, 2026

Agenda Item: Item 3

Vote

Committee members present are Council Members Vanessa Fuentes (chair), Marc Duchen (Vice-chair), Jose Velasquez, and Ryan Alter.

CM Velásquez — Motion Sheet 1:

The first motion passed on a 4 – 0 vote. This motion was made by Council Member Velasquez and seconded by Council Member Duchen (Vice-chair).

CM Velásquez — Motion Sheet 2 V2:

The second motion passed on a 3 – 1 vote, with Council Member Duchen voting in opposition. This motion was made by Council Member Velasquez and seconded by Council Member Alter (Vice-chair).

CM Fuentes Motion Sheet 2:

The third motion passed on a 4 – 0 vote. This motion was made by Council Member Fuentes (Chair) and seconded by Council Member Velasquez.

Sponsors/Department:

Sponsors: Council Members Vanessa Fuentes & Marc Duchen

Summary of Discussion

Court Administrator Robert Kingham from Austin Community Court briefed the Committee on the No Wrong Door Initiative. Council Member Velasquez made two motions and Chairwoman Fuentes made a motion.

Direction

The Public Health Committee recommends the Council provide the following directions on the implementation of the No Wrong Door initiative:

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The City Manager is directed to address the concerns, questions, and proposed safeguards laid out in the letter to Mayor and Council titled, “No Wrong Door Concerns” from VOCAL-TX, Capital Area Private Defender Service, Texas Civil Rights Project, ACLU of Texas, Equity Action, Texas Harm Reduction Alliance, United Workers of Integral Care, and others. The City Manager should return to Council with a response no later than October 30, 2026.

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Recommendation:

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