

Resolution by Library Commission in Support of Library Department's
Staff Prioritization of Needs Assessment for 2012 Bond Development Package

Whereas it is the stated mission of the Library Commission to make recommendations to the City Council on matters relating to the establishment, maintenance, and operation of the public libraries,

Whereas the City of Austin is engaged in the Bond Development Process in alignment with the Imagine Austin Vision,

Whereas these critical library maintenance infrastructure projects, deferred by budget constraints of previous funding cycles need to be addressed,

Whereas the staff of the Austin Public Library has followed the criteria of the guiding principles and funding criteria set forth by City Council to develop a prioritized needs assessment,

Whereas the Library facilities must keep pace with increasing citizen use and growing population,

Be it resolved, by the Library Commission, City of Austin, in a regular scheduled meeting on Monday, March 26, 2012 that the Library Commission support the Library Department's request for funding in the amount of \$8,042,0000 as presented to the City Facilities Committee of the Bond Election Advisory Task Force on Thursday, February 23, 2012, ranked in departmental order of priority, as the absolute minimum required for the operations and maintenance of the Austin Public Library.

1. Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade (\$1,234,000) – The existing roof at the 8,300 SF Pleasant Hill Branch Library is original equipment dating from the time of original construction in 1985. Its deteriorated condition now requires that it be replaced with a new and sustainable, modified bitumen roof in order to protect the City's investment in real property at this 211 E. William Cannon Drive location. The failing HVAC system at the Pleasant Hill Branch Library is also original equipment dating from the time of the 1985 construction and must be replaced in its entirety. Completion of this pressing mechanical retrofit will enable the Library Department to provide dependable interior climate control once again for customers at this busy community library.
2. Renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill (\$1,340,000) – The renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library (5125 Convict Hill Rd.) will include replacement of worn exterior and interior finishes, furniture and equipment. The site's failed water quality ponds will

be restored to compliant standards and xeriscape grounds improvements carried out. This project will also replace the failing roof on the 5,580 SF Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill. The roof, which was installed during the 1997 construction of the facility, has suffered significant hail damage and other deterioration from weathering over the course of its existence. The new roofing components will consist of a reflective, 2-ply modified bitumen system with a granule surface, a partial standing seam roof, and a Kalwall system skylight along the central axis of the building.

3. University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion (\$1,022,000) – This project will provide for the acquisition of land, design and construction of much needed additional parking to enhance public safety at the increasingly busy University Hills Branch Library, located at 4721 Loyola Lane in East Austin. The University Hills Branch Library stands at 8,000 SF and was constructed in 1985.

4. Milwood Branch Library Renovation (\$1,066,000) – The renovation of the Milwood Branch Library (12500 Amherst Dr.) will include replacement of worn floor and other interior finishes. A general repair and repainting of the interior and exterior of the building, replacement of worn furniture and equipment, and re-engineering a failed waste water line on site. The Milwood Branch stands at 8,266 SF and was built in 1997.

5. Austin History Center Interior and Exterior Improvements (\$1,168,000) – The 36,000 SF Austin History Center (810 Guadalupe St.) stands as an historic building of landmark architecture, constructed in 1933 to serve as Austin's main library. The facility now serves the community as Austin's archival repository. Infrastructure upgrades at the Austin History Center will include wheelchair lifts replacement, lead-based paint abatement, waterproofing of exterior walls and restoring worn finishes. The project will address the need for a lighting retrofit to conform to current standards for safely exhibiting historic materials and will restore the exteriors of this significant building once more to a state of structural soundness and aesthetical attractiveness.

6. Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade (\$497,000) – To meet current building, fire and life safety codes, this project will retrofit the malfunctioning, 40-year old fire suppression sprinkler system at the 20,000 SF, wood-built Zaragoza Warehouse (635 N. Pleasant Valley Rd.), the Library Department's only storage facility.

7. Cepeda Branch Library Renovation (\$684,000) – The 8,110 SF Cepeda Branch Library (651 N. Pleasant Valley Rd.) was constructed in 1998 and has been used heavily by the East Austin community since its doors were first

opened to the public. This project will restore the facility to its former attractiveness and usefulness for the community by replacing worn and deteriorated finishes along with dilapidated furniture, fixtures and faulty building systems.

8. Yarborough Branch Library Renovation (\$592,000) – The 15,120 SF Yarborough Branch Library (2200 Hancock Dr.) occupies the former Americana Theater building, which was constructed in 1965. This branch is one of Austin's most popular libraries, but has become an eyesore over the years from heavy use by customers. This project will renew the shopworn and faded interiors, furniture, fixtures and equipment for the benefit of the community.

9. Windsor Park Branch Library Renovation (\$439,000) – The 8,630 SF Windsor Park Branch Library (5833 Westminster Dr.) was constructed in 2000 and the community has made excessively heavy use of the building since the facility opened. This project will restore the facility to its former usefulness and attractiveness by replacing worn and deteriorated finishes, furniture, fixtures, equipment and building systems.

Total Cost of Submittal: \$8,042,000

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Price Todd, Chair, Library Commission