RESOLUTION NO. 20120816-061

WHEREAS, the City of Austin Artwork and Loan Policy was created and adopted by the Austin Arts Commission in 1985, and managed as part of the Parks and Recreation Department, which at the time was the city's sole arts division; and

WHEREAS, the management of arts services has since been decentralized, including the 1999 addition of arts program staff at Austin Bergstrom International Airport and the 2003 creation of the Cultural Arts Division within Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office (EGRSO); and

WHEREAS, artwork donations can be offered by the public to individual city departments and a decentralized system can lead to confusion regarding responsibility and maintenance of accepted artwork; and

WHEREAS, a centralized, systematic approach would create a coordinated review and recommendation system for all donated or loaned art; NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The Council directs the City Manager to collaborate with the City of
Austin Arts Commission to develop a consistent and efficient artwork
donation policy that enables the City to respond to artwork donations or loan
requests in a centralized way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Manager is directed to bring the recommendations back to City Council for approval by March 1, 2013.

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City Clerk