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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	27943	Agenda Number	36.
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Meeting Date:	10/24/2013	Department:	Austin Police Department
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 per year for one assistant district attorney position, which is to be devoted to handling criminal matters in the Downtown Business District.

Amount and Source of Funding

This agreement is funded through the City of Austin Police Department Operating Budget. Renewal funding is contingent upon available funds in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	The initial Interlocal agreement was approved by City Council on June 5, 2003. Council approved a two-year renewal of the agreement on August 28, 2008. That agreement automatically renewed for an additional two years to 2012. The last Council Action was to authorize the FY12-13 Interlocal Agreement.
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Since 2003, the City of Austin and Travis County have shared the cost of one Assistant District Attorney position, which is devoted to handling criminal matters in the Downtown Business District. The Assistant District Attorney will work primarily on crimes of violence, career criminal, narcotics and nuisance abatement matters in cooperation with the City and its Police Department. The Assistant District Attorney designated as the Downtown Business District Attorney shall provide services designed to eliminate the illegal activity of known criminals; eliminate activities related to the sale and distribution of narcotics; and eliminate nuisance activities from properties within the City in accordance with applicable laws. The Attorney's services also include advising officers of the Austin Police Department on legal matters associated with defining and preparing a prosecutable case.

The proposed Interlocal Agreement would be effective on October 1, 2013 for a term of one year from its effective date and would automatically renew annually unless terminated by either party and provided that the City and the County opt to continue the agreement.