



COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT (Health and Human Services Committee)

Date: August 3, 2015

Agenda Item #: 3

Agenda Item: *Staff Presentation and possible action on health disparities and accessibility to affordable quality fresh food in the Austin/Travis County area and City Council Resolution No. 20150507-027 that directed an assessment regarding health equity.*

Vote

3-1, Council Members Houston, Tovo, and Garza vote in favor. Council Member Troxclair-against.

Original Sponsors/Department: Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities in Austin/Travis County Area sponsored by Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department.

Health Equity Presentation as directed by the City Council in Resolution No. 20150507-27

Summary of Discussion

Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department staff presented on racial and ethnic health disparities in Austin/Travis County area.

A group of community based organization, with the assistance from Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department, presented on health equity in Austin/Travis County area. They proposed several non-traditional culturally specific programs to address some of the inequities. Financial ask \$1,050,000.

Public Comments

9 speakers signed up to speak for the item: Sara Zavaleta, Ann Teich, Monica Guzman, Christy Tashjian, La'arni Ayuma, Melissa Smith, Kelsey Bernstein, Tonya Lyles, Lisa Schergen, all in favor of the initiative.

Direction

Recommendation to the full Council to include \$1,050,000 in the budget discussion to identify possible sources of funding for these public health programs aimed at decreasing health inequities.

Recommendation:

Motion by Council Member Garza, a recommendation to the full Council to include \$1,050,000 in the budget discussion to identify possible sources of funding for these programs. Seconded by Council Member Tovo, motion carries 3-1 with Council Member Troxclair opposed.