

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	69137	Agenda Number	7.
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Meeting Date:	4/6/2017	Department:	Finance
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## Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of six interlocal agreements with Travis County for billing and collection of public improvement district assessments.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of Financial Services. Initial setup amount is set at \$1,000 per Public Improvement District, for a total \$6,000.

## Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	None
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

## Additional Backup Information

Texas Local Government Code Chapter 372 allows creation of special purpose districts by the City used to fund improvements in defined geographic areas. The City administers six Public Improvement Districts (PID/PIDs), three operating/maintenance PIDs, and three capital improvement PIDs. As part of our role in administering these PIDs, the City sends billings, collects payments, assesses and collect delinquency penalties and interest, and initiates legal proceedings to secure unpaid assessments and annual payments against assessments.

Travis County possesses and maintains a system for assessing, billing and collecting ad valorem taxes from homeowners. Much like property tax billings conducted on behalf of the City by Travis County, these interlocal agreements will build on an existing process of property tax billings to include the PID special assessment as part of the bill to the property owner, simplifying the process both for the property owner and the City.

The intent of this agreement is to streamline the payment and collection of PID assessments and annual assessment installments for the taxpayer and the City. The unified property tax and assessment billings to property owners will increase transparency, reduce compliance costs for taxpayers and decrease overhead costs of maintaining duplicative systems by the City and Travis County.