

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	Item ID	72881	Agenda Number	19.
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Meeting Date:	8/17/2017	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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**Subject**

Approve a resolution approving the 2018 list of proposed events and number of days requiring full closure of Republic Square Park to the general public, as required under the Parkland Improvement, Management, and Operations Agreement.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

**Fiscal Note**

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	December 11, 2014 City Council authorized negotiation and execution of the Parkland Improvement Management and Operations Agreement; June 12, 2014 – City Council approved the Republic Square Master Plan; June 12, 2014 – City Council approved negotiation of a parkland improvement agreement between the City and Austin Parks Foundation;
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
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**Additional Backup Information**

The Parkland Improvement, Management, and Operations Agreement for Republic Square Park requires that City Council annually approve the list of events requiring full closure of the Park before the Director may approve the Annual Programming Plan.

This item requests Council approve the 2018 list of events requiring full closure of the park, and the number of days the park will be closed to the general public.

The following guiding principles have been established by the Management Committee:

1. Republic Square – “The People’s Park” is first and foremost a neighborhood park. The improvements and operations are intended to support and encourage regular, daily use and to provide a true outdoor asset for those who live, work or visit downtown Austin.
2. Programs and amenities will support a diversity of users, including nearby residents and employees, families with children, seniors, transit users, tourists and many others.
3. The number of events requiring full closure of the square (as listed in Exhibit A and determined by their minimal impact to landscape and its users).
4. Republic Square area will continue to be an essential staging area for shuttle transport to and from the Austin City Limits Music Festival.
5. The Sustainable Food Center’s “Farmers’ Market Downtown”, held at Republic Square every Saturday since 2004, will continue as part of the park’s community offerings.

The Management Committee has incorporated the Parkland Events Task Force definitions relating to use, open space and closure. Specifically, “Closed: No accessibility to the park. Ticketed participation only.”