

Public Safety Commission Recommendation no. 20180507-003

Regarding Funding for Important Public Safety Programs in FY 2018-2019

Date: May 7, 2018

Subject: Recommendation that Council fund three important public safety programs in the

next fiscal year (2018-2019)

The Public Safety Commission recommends that City Council fund three important public safety programs in the next fiscal year.

The recommended programs will advance the following of Council's *Priorities for Improvement*: Health & Environment: Accessibility to quality health care services, both physical and mental Government that Works: Condition/quality of City facilities & infrastructure and effective adoption of technology

- 1. A modern, GPS-based emergency vehicle traffic signal pre-emption system that will allow ATCEMS, APD, and AFD vehicles to more safely navigate congested intersections and lower response times.
- 2. An expansion of the highly successful, data-driven ATCEMS Injury Prevention Program that educates and trains Austinites and distributes resources such as car seats, safe baby beds, and medication trackers to lower the rates of the most preventable, yet common injuries to babies, children, and senior citizens.
- 3. Set up and staffing of temporary AFD/ATCEMS stations as soon as possible in the top two high needs areas identified in the Austin Fire Department's 2016 analysis (Del Valle and Travis Country) to bring more timely emergency services to residents.

Vote

For: 10 (Commissioners Webber, Lee, Haley, Nunez, Gonzales, Rossmo, Tyree, Landuyt,

Scruggs, McCurdy)

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 (Commissioner Sam Holt)

Attest: [Staff or board member can sign]

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