



ARTS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20180521-7.a.i

Date: May 21, 2018

Subject: Recommendation to support Economic Development Department's Chapter 380 Revision recommendations

Motioned By: Commissioner Amy Mok

Seconded By: Commissioner Michelle Polgar

Recommendation

The Arts Commission recommends that the City Council approve the Economic Development Department's Chapter 380 Revision recommendation which include location based and equity funding.

Description of Recommendation to Council

The Arts Commission supports the recommendations of the Economic Development Department's Chapter 380 Revision recommendations including the following requested actions

- *Approve Resolution for Economic Development Guiding Principles and Chapter 380 Policy Framework based on Option B*
- *Approve Ordinance for Business Expansion Program Guidelines*
- *Approve Ordinance for further Location-Based program development*

Rationale:

The Arts Commission has heard from no less than 30 art organizations that are in jeopardy or have already lost their creative space. In order to address this Venue Crisis, we seek the appropriate tools and policies to support artists and art organizations in Austin. We are interested in the potential for location-based revision to allow for the creation of mechanisms to help with arts/music/culture affordability.

Vote 7-0-2

For:

Jaime Castillo – Chair

Michelle Polgar–Vice Chair

Brett Barnes

Lulu Flores

Amy Mok

Alissa McCain

Krissi Reeves

Against:

None

Abstain:

Bears Fonte

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Absent:

Felipe Garza

Rene Rice

Attest: *[Staff or board member can sign]*
