



**LGBTQ QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION 20201012-2C**

Date October 12, 2020

Subject Beatrix Jackman, Eagle Scout

Recommendation to Council

Join the LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission in commending Beatrix Jackman on her becoming one of the first female Eagle Scouts.

Rationale

1. Beatrix Jackman is a proud transgender girl, dedicated Scout, and committed advocate for the LGBTQIA+ community.
2. Beatrix was not permitted to continue as a Scout under the Boy Scouts of America once she began her gender transition.
3. When the Boy Scouts of America changed its name to Scouts BSA and allowed girls to join beginning February 1, 2019, Beatrix was able to resume her passion for Scouting including the completion of her Eagle Scout project to attain the rank of Eagle Scout.
4. The Eagle Scout rank is recognized around the world and signifies the highest level of accomplishment for a Scout.
5. The process for becoming an Eagle Scout is arduous and requires the candidate to complete and/or demonstrate, before their 18th birthday:
 - a. Active participation in the Scouts;
 - b. Scout spirit;
 - c. Merit badges;
 - d. Position of responsibility;
 - e. Service project; and
 - f. Unit leader conference.
6. For her service project, Beatrix worked with PFLAG to make and distribute “self-soothing kits” for LGBTQIA+ youth. This included soliciting donations of supplies, coordinating a volunteer team to assemble the kits, and distributing them to organizations like Out Youth.
7. It is necessary and appropriate for the members of the Austin City Council to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of young leaders like Beatrix.



Sources

1. Scouts BSA
2. *The Story of a Scout*, The Shield, May 30, 2019

Vote

Date of Approval:

Motioned By:

Seconded By:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Absent:

Attest: _____
Kathryn Gonzales, Vice Chair

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