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**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

ITEM No 9

Subject Approve a resolution requesting that the DAY LABOR COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE review potential sites for a single day labor center in the southern part of the City and provide input to City management by January 31, 2007

Fiscal Note *There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.*

Additional Backup Material

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Resolution

For More Information Vince Cobalis, Asst. Director for Human Services, 972-5011, Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023

Boards and Commission Action Recommended by the Day Labor Community Advisory Committee on October 10, 2006

Prior Council Action Approval of the Fiscal Year 2007 Operating Budget on September 11, 2006

The City Council and City Management recognize the desire of the Austin community to address day labor needs on a citywide basis and are committed to providing a convenient, appropriate location for employers and laborers to meet.

The current Day Labor Center provides an excellent model but is at or near capacity resulting in the development of a number of informal day labor corners across the City. The City Council included funding in the FY07 Operating Budget for a second day labor site in the southern part of the City to augment the existing site.

The resolution requests the Day Labor Community Advisory Committee (DLCAC) to review potential sites for a single second day labor center, including the possible location at 2101 E. Ben White Blvd., based on criteria specifically outlined in the resolution, and to provide input to City Management regarding the various sites by January 31, 2007.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the City Council and City Management endorse the desire of the Austin community to address day labor needs on a citywide basis, and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is committed to providing a convenient, appropriate location for employers and laborers to meet, and

WHEREAS, the current First Workers Day Labor Center, operated by the City of Austin Health and Human Services Department, has developed into an effective and efficient operation, successfully placing approximately 100 workers per day, and

WHEREAS, the current Day Labor Center is an excellent model but is at or near capacity, and

WHEREAS, a number of informal day labor corners have developed over recent years, and

WHEREAS, City staff has evaluated a number of options for a single second day labor site and subsequently conducted some preliminary assessments on a possible second site located at 2101 E Ben White Blvd , and

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council created the Day Labor Community Advisory Committee (DLCAC) in December 2005 and completed appointing the required member representatives in March 2006, and

WHEREAS, the City will also conduct a public process to involve surrounding neighborhoods, interested stakeholders, including day laborers and contractors, nearby property owners/tenants, and a City Council public hearing to obtain citizen feedback, and

WHEREAS, the City Council included funding in the FY07 adopted City Budget for a second day labor site in the southern part of the City to augment the existing site, **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The Austin City Council requests that the Day Labor Community Advisory Committee review potential sites for a single second day labor center, including the possible location at 2101 E Ben White Blvd , based on the following criteria

Proximity to Neighborhoods Attempt to limit the impact on the surrounding neighborhood For example, a commercial or industrial buffer

Access/Visibility Consider the contractor's ability to maneuver, vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow, and visibility from a major thoroughfare

Parking/Capital Metro Consider availability of parking for staff and workers Close proximity to bus lines for workers is important

Labor Supply Workers should be available in the general area, or with easy access through public transportation, and proximity to existing day labor sites is also a consideration

Physical Layout Layout of the facility should be suitable for this purpose, include parking, restroom facilities and driveway access

Overall Assessment Consider other activities in the area that may enhance or detract from the purpose of the Center For example, similar services or long-term construction potential nearby may have a positive effect Proximity and traffic issues associated with children going to school during peak day labor activities may also be a consideration

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

The DLCAC provide input to City Management regarding the various sites by January 31, 2007

ADOPTED: _____, 2006 **ATTEST:** _____
Shirley A Gentry
City Clerk

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