



COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT Economic Opportunities Committee

Date: *May 11, 2015*

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Briefing and possible action on the initiation of a code amendment to mitigate the effects of smoke emissions from restaurants and mobile food vendors near residentially zoned areas.

Public Testimony

Carter Hobbs

Skeeter Miller, President - Greater Austin Restaurant Association (Owner, County Line)

Hoover Alexander, Owner - Hoovers Restaurant

David King

Presentation:

Vincent Delisi, Asst. Division Manager, Health and Human Services Environmental Health

Members discussed costs associated with equipment purchases and maintenance, as well as regulatory considerations as they impact businesses. Concerns were presented regarding how potential city-wide ordinance language would have detrimental effects on establishments not contributing. A city-wide ordinance was not recommended but rather a process by which code and compliance personnel, in conjunction with Commission on Environmental Quality, may review individual cases.

Motion by Vice Chair Houston, second by CM Pool, amended by CM Casar, 4-0 passage.

Recommendation, as amended, to Council: State intended recommendation is to not pursue City-wide ordinance establishing smoke mitigate devices nor city wide nuisance regulations, but rather direct the Code Department in conjunction with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, to review concerns on a case by case basis.