



**RCA
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 8
AGENDA DATE: Thu 07/17/2003
RCA TYPE: Resolution not Required
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SUBJECT: Authorize amendments to the Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau (ACVB) Bylaws.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Convention Center

DIRECTOR'S

DEPARTMENT:

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: ACVB contract approved August 23, 2001.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended by ACVB Board of Directors.

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

ACVB is proposing a number of amendments to its Bylaws, and City Council approval is required for bylaw amendments. The major amendments would:

- delete classes of directors, sponsoring organizations, and staggered terms for directors, and increase the allowable number of Directors on the ACVB Board of Directors (to between 20 and 50 directors);
- require that regular meetings be held at least once per calendar quarter, rather than monthly;
- change quorum to majority of directors, rather than one-third of directors;
- specify that a minimum of 60% of the Directors shall represent the hospitality industry;
- allow offices to be established outside of Austin;
- add a Nominating Committee;
- change the title of the ACVB Executive Director to President and CEO;
- delete the "Employee" section of the Bylaws;
- increase number of officers by adding Vice Chair and General Counsel as officer, state duties for each officer, and permit nominal remuneration for General Counsel from corporation's general fund;
- clarify under what circumstances ACVB may meet in closed session.

To maintain consistency between the amended Bylaws and the existing contract between the City of Austin and ACVB, once the Bylaws are approved, conforming amendments to the current contract will be submitted to Council within the next few weeks.