



**BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

**Public Safety Commission**

**Recommendation Number: 20160906-003 Recommendation to City Council Regarding Austin Police  
Department DNA Lab**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Austin Public Safety Commission recommends the following actions to Austin City Council regarding the APD DNA lab:

1. Allocate one-time funds of \$5.6 million to APD in the FY 2017 budget for the purpose of erasing the backlog of untested cases;
2. Allocate yearly funds of \$1.4 million beginning in the FY 2017 budget for the purpose of employing an additional lab supervisor and seven additional analysts;
3. Require that the lab test all cases within 4 weeks of collection of evidence and if that is not possible, require that the evidence be out-sourced for testing; and
4. Require that the lab operate without a backlog.

**Date of approval: September 6, 2016**

**Record of the vote: Unanimous (10 members present and 1 absent)**

**Attest:**

*Janet Jackson*

Janet Jackson, Public Safety Commission Staff Liaison