BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

MBE/WBE and Small Business Enterprise Procurement Program Advisory Committee

Recommendation Number: (20161004-04B): Local Preference in Local Government Procurement – Amount

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code 271.9051(b), allows municipalities to consider bids from local businesses if the construction contract is less than $100,000 and the local bidder is within 5% of the non-local bidder (local preference); and

WHEREAS, this construction contract amount has not changed in over 10 (ten) years; and

WHEREAS, market inflation should be a consideration in evaluation and application of this amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the MBE/WBE and Small Business Enterprise Procurement Program Advisory Committee encourages the Austin City Council to follow the proper channels to adjust the local preference contract amount in order to increase contracting opportunities for small businesses.

Date of Approval: October 4, 2016

Record of the vote: 7-0 (Eliza May, Regina Adams, Barbra Boeta, Marjorie Burciaga, Victoria Espinoza, Diane Harrison, Schiller Liao, Reginald Worlds. Committee Member Mark Madrid absent. Committee Member Adams abstain.)

Attest: *Kristi Samilpa, Staff Liaison*