

RESOLUTION NO. 20170518-043

WHEREAS, the area known as “West Campus” is loosely defined by the boundaries of West 29th Street on the north, West Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard on the south, North Lamar Boulevard on the west, and Guadalupe Street on the east;

WHEREAS, West Campus is home to the University Neighborhood Overlay district and some of the densest housing concentrations in the City of Austin; and

WHEREAS, West Campus experiences a higher than average rate of property crime compared to the City of Austin as a whole; and

WHEREAS, University of Texas campus safety groups and governmental organizations have expressed concerns about crime and safety in West Campus; and

WHEREAS, some studies have shown that effective nighttime lighting strategies may reduce crime in neighborhoods with certain characteristics, such as high levels of pedestrian traffic; and

WHEREAS, partnership between governmental entities and private property owners is crucial in West Campus to maintain a safe and lighted environment;
NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Council requests that the City Manager conduct an extensive lighting inventory study in the West Campus area with a focus on pedestrian safety.

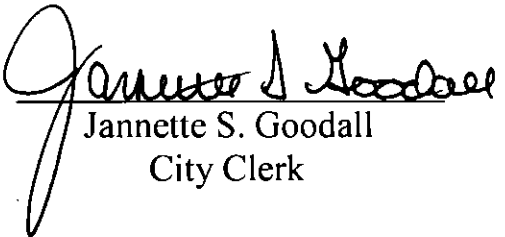
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Council requests that the study contain recommendations for effective lighting strategies for both public and private properties in the West Campus area.

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The City Council requests that lighting strategies be implemented as soon as is practicable and that the City Manager return to the City Council by August 15, 2017, with an update on the study, its recommendations, and progress for implementation.

ADOPTED: May 18, 2017

ATTEST: 
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk