

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) intends to implement new Facility Use Fees for Recreation/Senior Activity Centers on January 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the new Use Fees were approved as part of the FY 2017-2018 Fee Schedule in the PARC Budget with the intention of eliminating City subsidization of private rentals of PARC facilities that do not have significant community benefit; and

WHEREAS, several private entities impacted by the new Use Fees provide programming, and have for years and decades in some instances, at low to no cost that contribute significant community benefit, including programming to seniors, and the programming is in alignment with PARC's mission to inspire Austin to learn, play, protect, and connect; and

WHEREAS, the new Use Fees will result in significant cost increases to these entities such that they will likely be displaced from PARC facilities; and

WHEREAS, senior community members who utilize programming offered at the Senior Activity Centers are vulnerable to fee increases or changes of venue, especially those living off of a fixed income or with limited transportation options; and

WHEREAS, the City should strive to encourage and promote programming that provides community benefits, reevaluate policies that inadvertently or disproportionately impact beneficial community programs, and be flexible in finding solutions that accommodate entities that provide such programming; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is directed to postpone implementation of the Recreation/Senior Center Use Fees defined in the Parks and Recreation Department FY 2017-2018 Fee

Schedule for the Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center, Lamar Senior Activity Center, and the South Austin Senior Center until April 1, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager shall engage with stakeholders impacted by these Use Fee changes at the Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center, Lamar Senior Activity Center, and the South Austin Senior Center to review and identify solutions to mitigate those impacts so that community benefits are not inadvertently diminished, and report results of this engagement to Council no later than February 27th, 2018.

ADOPTED: _____, 2017

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk