



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 19-1734, **Agenda Item #:** 14.

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### **Posting Language**

Approve a resolution to nominate St. David's HealthCare Partnership, L.P., LLP for designation by the Governor's Office of Economic Development and Tourism as a single Enterprise Project in accordance with Chapter 2303 of the Texas Government Code.

### **Lead Department**

Economic Development.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

October 18, 2007, - Council approved Ordinance No. 20071018-008 electing to participate in the Texas Enterprise Zone Program.

November 4, 2010 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20101104-046 amending its program identifying additional local incentives for the Texas Enterprise Zone Program.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

This resolution will nominate St. David's Healthcare Partnership, L.P., LLP ("St. David's Healthcare") as a single Enterprise Project under the Texas Enterprise Zone Act. Founded in 1996, St. David's Healthcare consists of eight leading hospitals providing medical services in Austin, Georgetown, Round Rock, and San Marcos. Located in central Austin, St. David's Medical Center, part of St. David's Healthcare, is a 350-bed acute care hospital and a 64- bed rehabilitation hospital providing comprehensive inpatient and outpatient care. Over the next five years, St. David's Healthcare anticipates investing approximately \$20 million at its primary hospital campus located at 919 E. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas. Capacity improvement projects include expansion of the Electrophysiology ("EP") and Neurosurgery programs. The investment will result in increased capacity from four to six EP labs, with a dedicated 15-bed pre-op and recovery area. Similarly, an additional 24 medical and surgery beds will support the growth initiatives in Neurosurgery. St. David's Healthcare employs approximately 2,134 employees and commits to retain 450 existing employees, which meets the definition of a "retained job" in accordance with Texas Government Code section 2303.401. Additionally, it will create 50 new jobs for benefit under the Enterprise Zone Program. If designated as an Enterprise Project, St. David's Medical Center would be eligible for a refund of State sales and use taxes based on the employment criteria and the amount of capital spent at the qualified business site. The Texas Legislature currently authorizes 105 state designations each biennium. The City is eligible to receive up to nine (9) Enterprise Projects designations based on availability and competitiveness of the project every two (2) years.