

## **MOTION SHEET**

I move to amend Item 32 as follows:

**PART 1.** The Council creates the Forensic Science Department, which shall be under the control and direction of the City Manager as provided in Article V, Section 3 of the Austin City Charter. The Forensic Science Department shall be engaged in the administration of criminal justice as provided in 28 CFR Part 20.3(b) in support of state, federal, and local laws, and shall ~~[aid law enforcement in the detection, suppression, and prosecution of crime]~~ serve the Austin and Travis County community by providing crime laboratory and evidence management services of the highest quality in an unbiased manner, with integrity, and always in the pursuit of justice. In carrying out this purpose, the Forensic Science Department shall:

- Conduct objective, accurate and timely analyses of forensic evidence supporting the administration of criminal justice, and perform related services;
- Allocate substantially all of its annual budget to such criminal identification activities, including ongoing training for staff, public reporting of such activities, participation in audits of such activities and any other quality management necessary to ensure the work of the department is unbiased, valid, safe, reliable and of high quality; and
- Be responsible for the following services in support of criminal justice: crime scene investigation; evidence management; firearm/toolmark examination; seized drug analysis; toxicological analysis; latent print examination; DNA analysis; and related forensic services as may be now or later developed for public safety purposes.
- Establish such policies, management control agreements, and procedures as necessary to carry out its purposes and activities stated above.