



BOARD RECOMMENDATION

Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center

Recommendation Number: 20210817-03b: Support for Academia Cuauhtli Budget Proposal

WHEREAS, since its founding in 2013, Academia Cuauhtli (originated by Nuestro Grupo, community-based volunteers) was established at the ESB-MACC as a free Saturday culture and language revitalization academy for elementary school children and their parents, with curriculum focused on indigeneity, social justice, social history, traditional arts, and danza Mexica and since July 2014, Academia Cuauhtli has served as an official educational enterprise of the ESB-MACC; and

WHEREAS, Academia Cuauhtli was instituted as an integral part of the ESB-MACC and promotes its mission further to instill in our children and their families a deep appreciation for the arts, social justice, and in action projects to preserve and develop our cultural resources, focusing on the ESB-MACC and other Latino cultural arts institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Board of the ESB-MACC is entrusted with protecting the best interests of the citizens of Austin with regard to the patrimony that our hard-fought institution represents for the most vulnerable of its citizens, namely, the Mexican American, and other Latino, communities,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ESB-MACC ADVISORY BOARD, supports and presents this recommendation to the City Council to provide funding as requested by Academia Cuauhtli.

Date of Approval: August 17, 2021

Record of the vote: Unanimous on an 8.0 vote

For:

David Goujon, Chair

Art Navarro, Vice Chair

Gerardo Gandy, Member

Wayne Lopes, Member

Ricardo Maga Rojas, Member

Claudia Massey, Member

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Attest: Michelle Rojas

Michelle Rojas, Staff Liaison