

**COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION
COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION NUMBER: 20200408-002
BUDGET RECOMMENDATION**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION:

Recommends budget support for development of a digital solution for City Council Vote Tabulation (Voting History). This concept was generated from citizen communication delivered in 2019 and aligns with CTTC mission. City Council Resolution No 20190207-031, and recommendation by the Austin Neighborhoods Council also align with this Budget Recommendation. This recommendation will generate the opportunity to:

- Leverage Open Data portal for this database of votes
- Align with other major Texas cities have vote tabulation systems (e.g. Dallas, San Antonio, and Minneapolis)
- Create a searchable voting history

The Office of City Clerk believes a new FTE (IT Application Developer) can create a custom in-house system with assistance from the Communications & Technology Mgmt. Dept and managed with existing resources within the Clerks' Office that will allow individuals to download and/or search the voting history of individual Council Members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION RECOMMENDS TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE FOLLOWING: To include an allocation of \$75,400 for an IT Application Developer (1-FTE) to be hired and assigned to the City Clerk's Office for development of a digital solution for City Council Vote Tabulation, in the FY21 City of Austin budget.

Date of Approval: April 8, 2020

Record of the vote: Motion to approve development of a digital solution for City Council Vote Tabulation and a (1 FTE – IT Application Developer allocated to the City Clerk's Office) made by Commissioner Yeatts, seconded by Commissioner DasGupta passed on a vote of 7-0.

ATTEST:



Jesse Rodriguez

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