



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Human Rights Commission

Recommendation Number 20200427-002a (i): Fiscal Year 2021 Budget/Evictions in
Travis County

WHEREAS, the Human Rights Commission of the City of Austin (“Commission”) advocates on behalf of human rights for all people in the City of Austin (“City”); and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Strategic Direction 2023, including the strategic outcomes of Economic Opportunity and Affordability; Mobility; Safety; Health and Environment; Culture and Lifelong Learning; and Government That Works for All; and

WHEREAS, the Commission conducted a Budget Engagement Community Forum on February 24, 2020 during the regularly scheduled meeting to receive feedback from the community on budget priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Human Rights Commission recommends the City Council to give careful consideration to the following Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Proposal:

WHEREAS, Brook with TRAPPNCODE, provided testimony that her organization investigates corporations evading taxes and engaging in housing and employment discrimination in Austin, Texas, and found that 33 families on average per day are subject to illegal evictions.

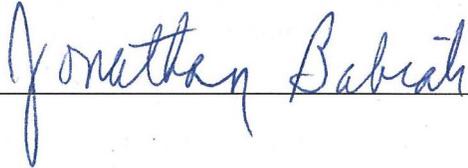
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Human Rights Commission Request the Austin City Council:

- Audit property owners and review complaints of evictions;
- Ensure all procedures and steps in the eviction process were followed; and
- Red flag and take action against properties and property owners that are violating and evading the regulated eviction process.

Date of Approval: April 27, 2020

Record of the vote: 7-0; Chair Davis motion, Commissioner Jamarr Brown second. Voting in favor were Chair Davis, Vice Chair Caballero, Commissioner Breckenridge, Commissioner Garry Brown, Commissioner Jamarr Brown, Commissioner Griffith, and Commissioner Museitif. Commissioner Casas, Commissioner Santana, Commissioner Weigel, and Commissioner White were absent.

Attest:

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Jonathan Babiak

Staff Liaison, Human Rights Commission