



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: July 17, 2012

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Roger Jefferies, JPS County Executive

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Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Samuel Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

RECEIVE PROCLAMATION DECLARING JULY 15-21, 2012, AS
"PROBATION, PAROLE, AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION WEEK"

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

See attached memo.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

We respectfully request for the Travis County Commissioner's Court to approve the attached proclamation on recognizing community supervision staff in Austin and Travis County.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to Cheryl Aker in the County Judge's office, Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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MEMORANDUM

To: Travis County Commissioner's Court

Through: Roger Jefferies, County Executive, Justice and Public Safety
Kimberly Pierce, Planning Manager, Criminal Justice Planning

From: Cathy McClaugherty, Senior Planner, Criminal Justice Planning

Date: July 9, 2012

Subject: Approve Proclamation Recognizing the Week of July 15-21, 2012, as "Probation, Parole, and Community Supervision Week"

The American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) has proclaimed the week of July 15 through July 21, 2012, as "Probation, Parole, and Community Supervision Week". Celebrating its twelfth anniversary, this event acknowledges the efforts of adult and juvenile probation and parole officers to balance the needs of those individuals under their supervision with the safety of communities by monitoring offender behavior, all while seeing budgetary constraints and increasing caseloads. The hard work and dedication of our nation's probation and parole officers restores hope and provides assurances of public safety through a balance of prevention, intervention and advocacy. Probation and parole officers deliver accountable, humane, effective, and individualized services for offenders, while supporting, protecting, and restoring victims and the community.

Please see the attached proclamation declaring the week of July 15-21, 2012, as "Probation, Parole, and Community Supervision Week". We respectfully request that the Travis County Commissioner's Court approve this proclamation recognizing community supervision staff in Austin and Travis County during this important event.

cc:

Chief Estela Medina, Travis County Juvenile Probation Department
Dr. Geraldine Nagy, Director, Travis County Adult Probation
Ervin Toliver, Assistant Regional Director, TDCJ-Parole Division

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, community corrections is an essential part of the justice system; and

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals uphold the law with dignity, while recognizing the right of the public to be safe-guarded from criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals are responsible for supervising adult and juvenile offenders in the community; and

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals are trained professionals who provide services and referrals for offenders; and

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals work in partnership with community agencies and groups; and

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals promote prevention, intervention and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals provide services, support, and protection for victims; and

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals advocate community and restorative justice; and

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals are a true force for positive change in their communities, and;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Travis County Commissioners Court do hereby proclaim July 15-21, 2012 as:

Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week

And encourage all Travis County citizens to honor these community corrections professionals and to recognize their achievements and contributions to our community.