



## Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** October 16, 2012

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**Commissioners Court Sponsor:** Judge Biscoe

**AGENDA LANGUAGE:**

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR 700 LAVACA BUILDING, PRESENTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FIFTH ANNUAL TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORY DAY, OCT. 26, 2012**

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Commissioners Court approval is sought to combine a building/Commissioners Courtroom dedication ceremony event and the already-scheduled Travis County History Day.

To develop details and execute the event plan, and to produce the content for the day's program, a committee similar to the existing History Day committee is recommended. Membership should include representatives from the office of Travis County Constable Precinct 5, the Veterans Services office, RMCR, and PBO. The committee will invite participation by Sentinel Property Management, AustinSuites, and any other interested parties. The draft program attached to this request will be updated and brought back for Commissioners Court final approval on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve date (Friday, October 26, 2012), and location (700 Lavaca Street) for the 700 Lavaca Building Dedication/5th Annual Travis County History Day.

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

### **ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

Combining the 700 Lavaca building dedication with the fifth annual Travis County History Day is an appropriate way to celebrate the development of Travis County government since 1840.

The building dedication will transition to the already scheduled Travis County History Day program. Precinct Four Commissioner Margaret Gómez, as Master of Ceremonies, will introduce R.G. Ratcliffe, author and political reporter, and Dr. Jeffrey Kerr, author of *Austin, Texas: Then and Now*, the guest speakers at the event.

Historical photographs, documents and artifacts will be on display, including photographs from the archival collections of the Austin History Center.

### **FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

History Day expenses will be related to educational/informational displays. They can be absorbed within the existing RMCR budget. Additional costs incurred to scale up the event size will be minimal.

### **REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:**

Leslie Browder, County Executive, Planning and Budget

**(DRAFT)**  
**700 LAVACA BUILDING DEDICATION**

*A Celebration of Public Service*

Friday, October 21, 2011

10:00 am - 10:30 am

700 Lavaca Street, First Floor

Austin, Texas

**P R O G R A M**

**WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

**The Honorable Samuel T. Biscoe**

Travis County Judge

**HONOR GUARD FLAG PRESENTATION**

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Travis County Office of Veterans Services

**REMARKS BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



**Introduction of the Honorable Margaret Gómez**

**Master of Ceremonies,**

**Travis County History Day**