



# Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** October 22, 2013

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**Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:** Sherri E. Fleming,  
County Executive for Health and Human Services and Veterans Service

**Commissioners Court Sponsor:** Judge Samuel T. Biscoe

**AGENDA LANGUAGE:**

Receive briefing on the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Report by Teresa Perez Wisely, Chair Oversight Team.

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:**

See attachment report and presentation

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends the approval of the CHIP report.

**ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

See attachment report and presentation

**FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

No Fiscal Impact

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:**

Mary Etta Gerhardt, Assistant County Attorney'  
Leslie Browder, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office  
Cyd Grimes, CPM, Travis County Purchasing Agent  
Nicki Riley, CAP, CMA, Travis County Auditor  
Patty Lennon, Financial Analyst, Travis County Auditor's Office  
Aerin Toussaint, Analyst, Planning and Budget Office  
Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHSVS

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**HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE**  
COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2013

# HISTORY

- May 2008 Austin City Council passed a resolution initiating the Hispanic Quality of Life Initiative (HQL)
- Evaluate the quality of life for Hispanics/Latinos in Austin, TX as compared to Hispanics/Latinos nationwide
- A consultant coordinated community engagement efforts and combined the first phase of the report
- The Community Oversight Team incorporated
  - the consultant's information;
  - census data;
  - expert's testimony; and
  - community input into the second phase of the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Final Report

# HISTORY

- The Community Oversight Team
  - met with hundreds of community members,
  - numerous community groups and
  - hosted a Hispanic Quality of Life Town Hall
- An additional set of recommendations for the City Council and the Austin community
- The Oversight Team requests that Council create a Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission

# THE HQL COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT TEAM

Teresa Perez-Wisely (Chair)

Susana Almanza

Johnny Limon

Lupe Morin

Sylvia Orozco

Rose Reyes

Geronimo Rodriguez

# AREAS OF INTERESTS

Education

Youth

Housing and Community Development

Cultural Arts

Economic Development

Health

Civic Engagement

Transportation



# EDUCATION ISSUES

- Dropout rates in AISD in 2011 for Hispanic students in grades 9-12 was 13.1%
- 52% enrolled into a post-secondary school
- 39% were considered “college ready”
- Lack of summer youth programs, comprehensive mentoring programs, and an overall lack of training programs
- Increase collaboration between governmental, corporate and educational entities to foster student academic excellence

# OUR EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

- Collaboration between the Joint Subcommittee of AISD, City of Austin and Travis County to consider the HQL recommendations
- Enhance partnerships and collaborations with local ISDs, governmental entities, area colleges and universities and nonprofit organizations.
- Creation of a youth court for truancy,
- Develop of educational programs,
- Implement preventative measures that will keep truant youth in school.
- Develop a career leadership academy



# YOUTH SERVICES ISSUES

- Hispanic/Latino youth make up a large population of the juvenile justice system
- Most Hispanic/Latino youth are unemployed or underemployed
- A lack of internships geared toward Hispanic/Latino youth
- Lack of resources for organized sports and other activities that promote youth development
- A need for organized activities for Hispanic/Latino females

# OUR YOUTH SERVICES RECOMMENDATIONS

- An increase in opportunities for programs, trainings and youth development
- Collaboration among local school districts to create programs to reduce truancy and increase graduation rates
- An increase of health services for youth.
- Programs that enhance career building and employment opportunities

# RECOMMENDATIONS TO MENTION

## HEALTH

- An increased effort to cultivate and promote healthy lifestyles
  - Address hunger in our community
  - Provide ongoing support for organizations that conduct and facilitate programs and outreach for healthy lifestyles and disease prevention
- Increase funding for teenage pregnancy prevention

## TRANSPORTATION

- Improve on neighborhood transportation safety issues in low income areas
- City work with local ISDs to ensure school zone signs are visible

# MOVING FORWARD

City Council approved the creation of the  
Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource  
Advisory Commission

# HISPANIC QUALITY OF LIFE REPORT

English Version

[http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Code\\_Compliance/HispanicReport-ver\\_5-07-15-13.pdf](http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Code_Compliance/HispanicReport-ver_5-07-15-13.pdf)

Spanish Version

[http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/City\\_Manager/HispanicReportSpanish4-08-26-13.pdf](http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/City_Manager/HispanicReportSpanish4-08-26-13.pdf)

# Questions?

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