

RESOLUTION NO. 20221208-068

WHEREAS, the City of Austin takes pride in its support of artistic and cultural programs; and

WHEREAS, the Dougherty Arts Center (DAC), Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC), George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, and the Asian American Resource Center (AARC) have all received the support of Austin voters for bond funding to construct new facilities or significantly renovate existing facilities; and

WHEREAS, design considerations and other rising costs prevent the currently approved plan for the DAC, the MACC, and the AARC from proceeding due to a shortage of funds; and

WHEREAS, after a City Staff review, it was determined that the DAC project could utilize negotiated contracts and existing funding to commence, but not complete, the facility, but City Staff wanted some indication that Council would supply funding for the remaining gap in the future; and

WHEREAS, the MACC phase II project and the AARC have been informed of a funding gap that would result in a reduction of the scope of work; and

WHEREAS, the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center and the Asian American Resource Center have each recently completed planning and design work for the next phase of their respective campuses; and

WHEREAS, the bond funding for creative spaces has recently gone through a solicitation process by the Austin Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) that would fully utilize funds from the 2018 bond package; and

WHEREAS, the City's normal bond cycle anticipates a parks, libraries, and cultural arts bond in 2024; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to proceed with the construction of the Dougherty Arts Center and Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center without a reduction in the scope of proposed work, and to develop an estimate of the resulting funding gap for inclusion in the next applicable City of Austin General Obligation Bond program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to develop cost estimates for the next phase of the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center and Asian American Resource Center as a part of the development of the next applicable City of Austin General Obligation Bond Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to work with the Austin Economic Development Corporation to develop recommendations and possible funding levels for creative space funding as a part of the development of the next applicable City of Austin General Obligation Bond Program.

ADOPTED: December 8, 2022

ATTEST: _____

Myrna Rios for
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City Clerk