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To: The Honorable Mayor Steve Adler  
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Re: Social services funding for FY2016/2017

August 2, 2016

Dear Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, and City Council Members,

One Voice Central Texas represents 93 local health and human services providers. We have reviewed the proposed FY2016/2017 budget from the City Manager and are deeply disappointed to find that that resolutions No. 20141211-114 and No. 20160128-068 were not reflected.

As a reminder, these resolutions were passed by Council and call for a policy goal of investing an additional \$11,973,307 within 2-4 years for social service contracts, in addition to an annual increase equal to or greater than 3 percent for cost of living increases for all social services and workforce contracts.

The City of Austin remains the most economically divided city in the country and every day One Voice members are working to close the divide. For the FY 2016/2017 City of Austin budget, One Voice calls on the City Council to honor its commitment and fund:

- \$1 million to ensure that existing social service contracts are fully funded. The City Manager's budget only included \$500,000 which leaves a budget gap for funding executed contracts to the tune of \$500,000
- \$800,000 to fund the 3% social service contracts increase
- \$600,000 for the Permanent Supportive Housing project
- \$2.4 million to strategically invest in targeted health and human service needs

One Voice Central Texas requests your support for the implementation of the resolutions that were passed by Council to increase the City's investment in social services.

One Voice Central Texas is prepared to work with City staff and provide information to successfully implement this proposal.

Sincerely,



Ann Howard  
2016 Chair, One Voice Central Texas  
Executive Director, Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO)

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Accessible Housing Austin!  
ACE: A Community for Education  
AGE of Central Texas  
AIDS Services of Austin  
Alzheimer's Texas  
American Heart Association  
American YouthWorks  
Any Baby Can  
The Arc of the Capital Area  
Art from the Streets  
Asian Family Support Services of Austin  
Austin Area Urban League  
Austin Child Guidance Center  
Austin Children's Shelter  
Austin Diaper Bank  
Austin Speech Labs  
Austin Travis County Integral Care  
Autism Society of Central Texas  
AVANCE  
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Boys & Girls Clubs of the Austin Area  
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Breast Cancer Resource Centers of Texas  
Camp Fire Central Texas  
Capital City Village  
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CareBox Program  
Care Communities  
Caritas of Austin  
CASA of Travis County  
Center for Child Protection  
Central Texas Food Bank  
Child Inc.  
The Christi Center  
College Houses  
Communities for Recovery  
Communities In Schools  
CommUnityCare  
Council on At-Risk Youth  
Easter Seals Central Texas  
ECHO  
El Buen Samaritano  
Explore Austin  
Extend-A-Care for Kids  
Family Eldercare  
Foundation Communities  
Foundation for the Homeless  
Front Steps  
Goodwill Industries of Central Texas  
H.A.N.D.  
HealthStart Foundation  
HousingWorks Austin  
Interfaith Action of Central Texas  
Jeremiah Program  
Jewish Family Services of Austin  
LifeSteps Council on Alcohol & Drugs  
LifeWorks  
Literacy Coalition of Central Texas  
Meals on Wheels Central Texas  
Mis Cuentas  
NAMI Austin  
Open Door Preschools  
Peoples Community Clinic  
Ronald McDonald House Charities  
Round Rock Area Serving Center  
SAFE Alliance  
SafePlace  
Salvation Army  
Samaritan Center  
Seedling Foundation  
The Seton Cove  
The Settlement Home for Children  
Sickle Cell Association of Texas  
SIMS Foundation  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
Southwest Key Programs, Inc.  
Spirit Reins  
Standish Foundation for Child & Family  
Centered Healthcare  
Sustainable Food Center  
Texas Association of Charitable Clinics  
Texas Homeless Network  
Texas Partnership for Out of School Time  
Trinity Center  
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Waterloo Counseling Center  
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