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To: Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, and City Council Members:

One Voice Central Texas is a coalition of 94 local health and human service nonprofit organizations that provide effective programs to support the well-being of all our community's residents so that they may reach their full potential. On behalf of the many thousands of individuals and families we serve, **we urge you to support the inclusion of funding for health and human services recommended in recent council resolutions.**

As you know, resolutions No.20141211-114 and No.20160128-068 contain your policy directive to invest an additional \$11,973,307 within 2-4 years to close gaps in service provision along with a 3% cost of living increase for social service and workforce contracts in order to maintain the organizational capacity to deliver the contracted services. We ask you to honor these decisions and allow thousands of individuals to begin scaffolding a new life going forward.

One Voice applauds the inclusion of \$6,695,794 in the concept menu to increase the investment in social services as well as to maintain the current level of services with a 3% increase to existing contracts- both of which complement the few items listed for Health and Human Services in the Manager's budget (which did include \$600,000 for permanent supportive housing).

Thankfully, the concept budget includes \$500,000 to cover the gap left by the Manager's budget regarding existing social service contracts. These are multi-year contracts that Council funded with 1-time money, and now has the contractual responsibility to fully fund the contracts.

One Voice stands in strong support of the investments outlined in the concept budget that reflect the resolutions that were the result of extensive work of city staff and community leadership. Our membership stands ready to advocate, inform and engage.

We thank you for your leadership and your commitment to the highest quality life for ALL Austin citizens.



Ann Howard
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American Heart Association
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Easter Seals Central Texas
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Meals on Wheels Central Texas
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SafePlace
Salvation Army
Samaritan Center
Seedling Foundation
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The Settlement Home for Children
Sickle Cell Association of Texas
SIMS Foundation
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Texas Homeless Network
Texas Partnership for Out of School Time
Trinity Center
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Vela Families
Volunteer Healthcare Clinic
Waterloo Counseling Center
Wonders & Worries
YMCA of Austin
Zephaniah Community Development
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