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Item No. 11C.

A RESOLUTION 2014-05-29-0018R

IN SUPPORT OF FURTHER EVALUATION BY STAFF REGARDING BICYCLE HELMET USAGE AND INCREASED BICYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS.

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WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio does not have a mandatory helmet usage law and staff was asked to consider whether a law requiring bicyclists to use a helmet should be adopted; and

WHEREAS, currently, there is no federal law requiring bicycle helmets; there are twenty-one states with helmet legislation; twenty-nine states, including Texas, do not have a helmet law; and

WHEREAS, a bicycle helmet is an important piece of safety equipment and staff encourages all users to wear a helmet as a measure of personal responsibility, but, after extensive research regarding helmet usage and safety awareness, staff is not recommending mandatory helmet legislation; and

WHEREAS, staff is recommending enhancing existing education and outreach initiatives regarding bicycle safety by the Office of Sustainability and the San Antonio Police Department and the importance of wearing a helmet to protect against head injuries and possible fatalities; **NOW, THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Council is in support of further evaluation by staff regarding bicycle helmet usage and increased bicycle safety awareness. The City Council supports enhancing existing education and outreach initiatives regarding bicycle safety and the importance of wearing a helmet to protect against head injuries and possible fatalities.

SECTION 2. There is no fiscal impact associated with education and outreach related to the importance of wearing a helmet when bicycling for the remainder of FY 2014, as existing programming is being enhanced with internal resources and partnerships.

SECTION 3. It is the sense and intent of the City Council that the policies, goals, and objectives stated in this Resolution shall be pursued and implemented wherever, whenever, and to the greatest extent possible; but shall not bind or be binding upon this or any future City Council with regard to any subsequent City Council actions.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage by eight affirmative votes; otherwise it shall be effective on the tenth day after passage hereof.

PASSED and APPROVED this **29th** day of **May**, **2014**.

M A Y O R
Julián Castro

ATTEST:

Leticia M. Yacek, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

for **Robert F. Greenblum, City Attorney**

Agenda Item:	**11C**
Date:	05/29/2014
Time:	04:28:41 PM
Vote Type:	Motion to Approve
Description:	A Resolution in support of further evaluation by staff regarding bicycle helmet usage and increased bicycle safety awareness
Result:	Passed

Voter	Group	Not Present	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Motion	Second
Julián Castro	Mayor		x				
Diego Bernal	District 1		x				
Ivy R. Taylor	District 2		x				
Rebecca Viagran	District 3		x				
Rey Saldaña	District 4		x				
Shirley Gonzales	District 5		x			x	
Ray Lopez	District 6	x					
Cris Medina	District 7		x				
Ron Nirenberg	District 8		x				x
Joe Krier	District 9		x				
Michael Gallagher	District 10		x				