



# Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission

Wes Benwick, Chair  
Robert Jones, Vice Chair  
Joe Andrews, Secretary

## RESOLUTION 2010-7

### REQUESTING THE CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND PENDING ORDINANCE 2010-353 TO PROHIBIT THE ALLOCATION OF CITY FUNDING TO THE VICTIM ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL TRUST FUND

**WHEREAS**, the TRUE Commission is composed of a number of citizens representing community and business interests, all of whom bring a variety of skills and perspectives to the process of reviewing and commenting upon City financial and management issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has reviewed pending Ordinance 2010-353 that would create a new Victim Assistance Advisory Council Trust Fund into which would be deposited gifts, donations, contributions, grants and other sums of money to be used to fund the annual Victim Assistance Advisory Council luncheon and other VAAC activities; and

**WHEREAS**, part of the pending legislation states that “Nothing in this section shall prohibit or otherwise limit any appropriations which may be made by the Council to the VAAC for use toward attaining its purposes, functions and goals. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no City funds shall be appropriated to the Fund without prior approval by the City Council.”; and

**WHEREAS**, while the TRUE Commission fully supports the service and activities of the VAAC and the good work it does, the Commission feels that given the current budget crisis and the prospect for extremely constrained budgets in the foreseeable future, City funds should not be allocated to the VAAC’s activities and the proposed new trust fund should be funded entirely by private contributions, donations, gifts and non-City grants; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the TRUE Commission hereby recommends that City Council approve pending Ordinance 2010-353 with an amendment to strike the last two sentences of the proposed Ordinance Code Section on lines 11-16 of the bill and to insert a sentence stating that no City funds shall be appropriated or granted to this trust fund.

Adopted by an 11-1 vote of the Commission this 3rd day of June, 2010.

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Wes Benwick, Chairman