



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** Res. 2021-121R, **Version:** 1

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### **AGENDA CAPTION:**

Consider approval of Resolution 2021-121R, expressing the City Council's support for an application by Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos for Hays County Parks and Opens Space Bond funding to establish a new urban park or plaza associated with the cultural center; exploring the possibility of a collaboration with the City for this project; and declaring an effective date.

**Meeting date:** July 6, 2021

**Department:** City Manager's Office

### **Amount & Source of Funding**

**Funds Required:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Account Number:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Funds Available:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Account Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

### **Fiscal Note:**

**Prior Council Action:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**City Council Strategic Initiative:** [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

Choose an item.

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**Comprehensive Plan Element (s):** [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu below]

☐ Economic Development - Choose an item.

☐ Environment & Resource Protection - Choose an item.

☐ Land Use - Choose an item.

☐ Neighborhoods & Housing - Choose an item.

☐ Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities - Choose an item.

☐ Transportation - Choose an item.

☐ Core Services

☐ Not Applicable

**Master Plan:** *[Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)]*

Choose an item.

**Background Information:**

The Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos plans to apply for Hays County Parks and Open Spaces Committee (POSAC) bond monies to 1) create a new urban park or plaza with community gardens, an outdoor theatre and festival space, and 2) remodel and renovate the historic Southside School, which currently houses the cultural center.

Centro is currently in discussions with the San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District (SMCISD) School Board and staff regarding the purchase of their historic school and property where Centro located. If the property is available, Centro will request POSAC funds to proceed with the purchase and create a new urban park, outdoor performance and festival space, and renovated cultural center.

Centro is requesting the City's public support for the POSAC project as well as a collaboration with the City of San Marcos including the possible transfer of ownership of the park area, including management and maintenance, once the park is complete.

The Resolution associated with this item expresses the City's support of Centro's application for funding through the Hays County Parks and Open Spaces bond process. The Resolution also includes the City's commitment to explore available and feasible options to collaborate regarding the parkland.

**Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:**

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**Alternatives:**

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**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval.