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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: I strongly support continued funding for the THGC. Current problems within the Commission should be noted and rectified. As a former educator with the Austin school district, I witnessed first-hand the lack of knowledge or understanding of the Armenian Genocide, the Holocaust, and genocides that continue today. I have had the opportunity to work with the Commission training teachers across the state for this most valuable work. The loss of the educational foundation from the Commission would be an unfortunate destruction of the opportunity to support our educators.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The educational component should be the centerpiece of the Commission. As federal legislation and increased interest in education entities bring Holocaust and genocide education to the forefront, Texas will need the support of a strong state presence in preparing our teachers and educating our students.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree