

# Austin Neighborhoods Council

## Resolution for Providing Affordable Housing for Austin

**Whereas**, there exists a dire need to increase the quantity and quality of housing for low and middle-income households in Austin; and

**Whereas**, some of the City's S.M.A.R.T. housing policies have fostered gentrification of East Austin neighborhoods, and

**Whereas**, the City has allowed developers to systematically remove affordable housing units with insufficient or no replacement; and

**Whereas**, the City's economic policies have fostered inflation in the housing market which most adversely impacts low-income, minority households; and

**Whereas**, the City of Austin should provide such housing throughout its municipal boundaries including new subdivisions; and

**Whereas**, the City of Austin could more vigorously pursue programs, policies and laws to resolve these deficiencies at all levels to include the state, city and neighborhoods;

### **Be it resolved that the Austin Neighborhoods Council:**

Urges the City to sponsor corrective legislation, revise and create ordinances and policies that will increase the quantity and quality of affordable housing for low and middle income households throughout the municipality. It is further urged that the City immediately adopt a "one-for-one" replacement policy to assure retention of the quantity of affordable units.

Signed

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Laura Morrison, President

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