

## **Austin Neighborhood Council**

April 26, 2006 General Meeting

### **Resolution: Reaffirmation of our community's commitment to protecting the Town Lake Corridor**

- Whereas The beautification of Town Lake, the legacy of Lady Bird Johnson and many other civic leaders, has resulted in a scenic river corridor that provides significant recreational, entertainment and leisure opportunities in central Austin, a beautiful water and green landscape in the heart of our city, and
- Whereas The Town Lake Corridor also is a valuable economic asset drawing many people to the "River City" for the many events along its shores, and
- Whereas The community has recognized that the qualities that make the Town Lake Corridor a special respite from the surrounding urbanizing areas and as an reflection of the Texas hill county are threaten by intrusive development on parkland and along the shores of Town Lake, and
- Whereas In response to inappropriate development such as the Hyatt Hotel, the community over several years developed the Town Lake Corridor Study, The Town Lake Park Comprehensive Plan and South Shore Comprehensive plan to define how best to protect the tranquility and scenic vistas of Town Lake Park, and
- Whereas In response to this community effort the Austin City Council has in the past adopted appropriate Base Zoning restrictions and the Waterfront Overlay ordinance in order to ensure the preservation of this wonderful park amenity for the entire community, and
- Whereas State law requires that for dedicated parkland to be used for private purposes, a referendum of the community has to be passed first, and
- Whereas In recent years we have seen many attempts to commercialize the Town Lake Corridor with inappropriate private uses proposed for public parkland, and development proposals that violate both the spirit and letter of zoning protections for the river front, and now therefore
- Be it resolved that the Austin Neighborhoods Council strongly urges the Austin City Council to recommit to protecting the Town Lake corridor and Town Lake Park by affirming that public parkland will not be used for private purposes and that new development along the river corridor will have to conform to the zoning and overlay ordinances which prohibit intrusive development along the waterfront and adjacent to parkland.

Attested by  
Laura Morrison  
ANC president.