

# Austin Neighborhoods Council

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Dear Mayor Leffingwell, Mayor Pro Tem and Council Members,

The Austin Neighborhoods Council is an umbrella organization representing 91 neighborhood associations across the city. The following resolution regarding the appointment of a task force to develop recommendations for single member districts was approved unanimously at the ANC General Membership meeting on June 24, 2009.

Whereas, the city has grown in size and diversity to the point that the present, at-large system is no longer adequate to assure representation of all citizens on the Council; and

Whereas, the "gentlemen's agreement" fails to recognize the shifting ethnic patterns in the city; and

Whereas, the present council structure fails to address shifting geographic patterns; and

Whereas, the present council structure fosters disenfranchisement and voter apathy; and

Whereas the city needs to establish an orderly process for revising geographic boundaries at the publication of each census; and

Whereas, a task force should begin to develop such a process prior to the publication of the 2010 Census,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Austin Neighborhoods Council requests that the Council appoint a task force, representative of the diverse and growing Austin city, to develop and recommend a process for redrawing district boundaries at each census and also to recommend a structure and district boundaries pending the publication of the 2010 census.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter,



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