

# **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 Compatibility standards' incorporation in the Downtown Austin Plan currently under development was approved at the ANC General Membership meeting on July 22, 2009.

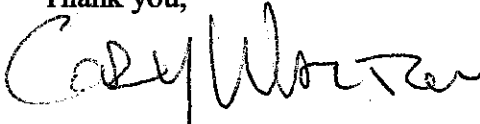
Whereas, compatibility standards were codified by the City of Austin specifically to protect all residential neighborhoods from the negative impacts of commercial development; and

Whereas, during the Downtown Austin Plan process, it has been identified that revisions to compatibility standards in the downtown area will be addressed in a future phase of the plan yet density bonus recommendations are moving forward in the current phase; and

Whereas, there are significant concerns that if the protections afforded by compatibility standards are reduced then proposed height/density bonuses have the potential to destroy the integrity of historic single-family neighborhoods in the Downtown Austin Plan Area like Judges Hill.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Austin Neighborhoods Council calls on the City Council to ensure that single-family neighborhoods in the downtown plan area are protected and preserved and that density bonuses be considered only in conjunction with compatibility standards.

Thank you,



Cory Walton  
President, Austin Neighborhoods Council