

Austin Neighborhoods Council

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Dear Mayor Leffingwell, Mayor Pro Tem and Council Members,

The Austin Neighborhoods Council (ANC) is an umbrella organization representing 91 neighborhood associations across the city. The following resolution regarding the City's proposed resident tax increase to pay for fiscal year 2010's budget was approved by ANC's general membership at its September 23, 2009 meeting.

WHEREAS, in the present recession many homeowners are facing defaults on their mortgages and having difficulty maintaining their homes due to economic circumstances beyond their control; and

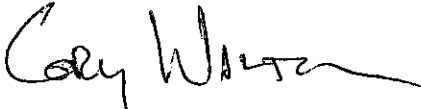
WHEREAS, many commercial properties are under-assessed by the appraisal district and consequently their owners are not paying their fair share of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is proposing a 5.5 percent tax increase on properties that would not be fully necessary if the tax burden among residential and commercial property owners was equitably distributed;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Austin Neighborhoods Council opposes the proposed tax increase.

Thank you for your consideration and for your public service.

Sincerely,



Cory Walton
President, Austin Neighborhoods Council