

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 more timely notification of affected neighborhood associations by applicants for zoning changes and/or land development code variances was unanimously approved by the ANC general membership at its September 23, 2009 meeting.

WHEREAS, neighborhoods are vibrant communities with unique historic and architectural character; and

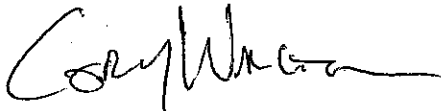
WHEREAS, neighborhood associations and planning teams are frequently availed of zoning changes and requests for variances for new projects only after the projects have been designed and are well under way; and

WHEREAS, early communication of pending zoning changes and variances would enhance and speed viable projects, benefiting both developers and neighborhoods;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Austin Neighborhoods Council urges the city to revise rules for applying for zoning changes and variances to require documentation of the applicant's communications with affected neighborhood associations and neighborhood planning teams before an application is filed.

Thank you for your consideration and public service.

Sincerely,



Cory Walton
President, Austin Neighborhoods Council