

# **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 availability or unavailability of healthcare and its impacts on the residents of Austin and cities nationwide was approved by the ANC general membership at its meeting on September 23, 2009.

WHEREAS, lack of health care is a major cause of poverty in Austin, the state of Texas, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, many neighborhoods in Austin experience recurrent and sustained poverty resulting from lack of health care; and

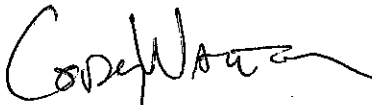
WHEREAS, present local efforts such as the Medical Assistance Program and community clinics are inadequate to address the need; and

WHEREAS, Congress is considering measures to assure every American has access to health care;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Austin Neighborhoods Council urges the City Council, the Texas Legislature, the Texas Congressional Delegation, and Congress to support and implement health care legislation that guarantees every American has health care.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Cory Walton  
President, Austin Neighborhoods Council