

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the livability of central business districts in Texas cities is important to continued economic development to cities; and

WHEREAS, a vibrant culture downtown invites more people to visit, work, and live downtown, which encourages more sidewalk restaurants and cafes to open; and

WHEREAS, as such, sidewalk restaurants and cafes located within central business districts are both a cause and effect of economic development; and

WHEREAS, current law prohibits restaurants from locating part of the establishment on the street side of the sidewalk where it would not be contiguous to the remainder of the restaurant; and

WHEREAS, the changes proposed in Senate Bill 952, introduced in the 80th Legislature, would permit a city to authorize sidewalk restaurants and cafes

the ability to locate seating on the street side of the sidewalk; **NOW,**

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Council amends its Legislative Program for the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, to support Senate Bill 952 by Senator Kirk Watson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Manager is directed to inform the members of the Austin-Area Delegation to the State Legislature of the City's position as evidenced by this Resolution.

ADOPTED: _____, 2007

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk