Thursday, December 6, 2007

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 14

Subject: Approve a resolution in accordance with Section 392.017(a) of the Texas Local Government Code declaring a need for the Travis County Housing Authority's purchase of the property at 502 Highland Mall Boulevard and authorizing the city manager to execute a cooperation agreement.

The Travis County Housing Authority (TCHA) acquired the property located at 502 Highland Mall Boulevard for the new location of its headquarters. State law requires that approval be granted from corresponding municipal and housing authority jurisdictions for the acquisition of any property within those jurisdictions' boundaries. Approval of this resolution declares the need for the property's acquisition and authorizes the city manager to execute a cooperation agreement with TCHA necessary to allow TCHA to exercise its powers within the corporate limits of the City of Austin.

TCHA provides housing assistance for residents of Travis County and coincides with programs providing similar services for Austin residents. This project will not use City funding.