



**Urban Renewal Agency  
of the  
City of Austin**

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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Austin City Council  
From: Urban Renewal Agency Board of Directors  
Date: October 24, 2008  
Re: Proposed Height Increases to East 12<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor

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The Austin City Council will receive proposed changes to the East 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Street Urban Renewal Plan (URP) and Neighborhood Conservation Combining District (NCCD) regarding changes to the East 12<sup>th</sup> Street corridor. Some of these proposed changes we approved and recommended to the Council for adoption, some we did not.

One change that came before our Board that we voted “not to recommend” was the increase of height limits along the East 12<sup>th</sup> Street corridors to 52 feet. This recommended change was not proposed by either the Austin Revitalization Authority (ARA), the City, the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Business and Property Owners Association or the Urban Renewal Agency Board (URB). It became part of the proposed changes for East 12<sup>th</sup> Street based on a comment made at one of the community consensus building public hearings conducted by ARA.

At our URB public hearing on these proposed changes, a representative of the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Business and Property Owners Association stated that their organization never requested that change. The Association has since provided a letter to the City confirming this statement.

Therefore, it was a mistake to include this item in the proposed changes since there was no official sponsor for the request.

We felt the Council needed this background information before it took up this item for consideration, and to clarify our vote “not to recommend” height increases to East 12<sup>th</sup> Street. We believe it should have never come before our Board for consideration.

  
Ben Sifuentes, Chair, Board of Commissioners  
Urban Renewal Agency

This statement was voted on and approved by the Board of Commissioners of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Austin, on October 20, 2008 on a vote of 5-0.