

## RESOLUTION NO.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has selected Wallace, Roberts, and Todd (WRT) to assist the City of Austin and the greater Austin community to create a new Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, community engagement in civic affairs is a longstanding community value; and

**WHEREAS**, wide-ranging and quality community involvement has been identified as an important element of the Comprehensive Plan planning process; and

**WHEREAS**, WRT recommended the formation of a Comprehensive Plan Citizens Advisory Task Force in their February 12, 2009 presentation to the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, through public forums, Planning Commission Comprehensive Plan Committee meetings, and other public venues the community has expressed a desire for the creation of a Comprehensive Plan Citizens Advisory Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission has recommended the formation of a fourteen to twenty-four member Comprehensive Plan Citizens Advisory Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, much of the work on the Comprehensive Plan will be performed by citizens in technical subcommittees that address elements (defined in the City Charter) of the Comprehensive Plan; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

1. A Comprehensive Plan Citizens Advisory Task Force ("Task Force") is created which shall:
  - a) work with the consultant team and City staff to help all members of the community articulate the common values that will guide Austin into the future;
  - b) champion the planning process as an ongoing venue for reaching out to Austin and bringing its many perspectives together where they can amicably engage one another;
  - c) assess how well all parts of the community are participating;
  - d) provide community contact to bring concerns about the plan direction and content to the consultant team and City staff; and
  - e) collaborate with the consultant team and City staff in assessing common ground based on community input.
2. The Task Force shall:
  - a) consist of 21 to 29 members who either live, own property, own a business, or work within the corporate limits of the City or its extraterritorial jurisdiction; in the event it is necessary to achieve diversity, additional members may be considered by Council;

- b) include representatives of a diverse group of community interests;
  - c) comply with Subsection (C) of City Code Section 2-1-21 (*Eligibility Requirements and Removal*), addressing the ineligibility of lobbyists or those employed by lobbyists to serve on the Task Force; and
  - d) be recommended by the Council's Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Committee and appointed by Council.
- 3. Each appointed member of the Comprehensive Plan Citizens Advisory Task Force shall complete ethics training as provided by City staff.
  - 4. The Task Force shall comply with Subsections (A) and (B) of City Code Section 2-1-26 (*Attendance Requirements and Automatic Vacation*).
  - 5. A quorum for the conduct of business is a majority of its appointed members.
  - 6. The Task Force shall be dissolved on the earlier of 35 months from the effective date of this resolution or on the date that Council adopts a new Comprehensive Plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager shall provide necessary resources and technical assistance to the Task Force.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk