

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council recognizes that the Lady Bird Lake Corridor is one of the City's most valuable and distinctive assets; and

WHEREAS, in 1985 a Town Lake Corridor Study established broad policies and goals which led to the 1986 Waterfront Overlay Ordinance, established to protect and enhance the waterfront while providing a framework for future development; and

WHEREAS, the 2000 Study of the South Shore Central/Travis Heights Sub-district of the Town Lake Corridor recognized that a principal impediment to the realization of the 1985 vision is that "existing development regulations are inadequate to encourage the orderly redevelopment of this reach of the Town Lake Corridor"; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2007 the City Council directed the City Manager to establish the Waterfront Overlay Task Force to examine current code with regard to sub-district set-backs, the variance request process, density bonuses, conditional uses, and height restrictions, among other things; and

WHEREAS, in accord with the Waterfront Overlay Task Force recommendations, the Waterfront Planning Advisory Board was reconstituted in 2009 and charged with reviewing land development issues in the Waterfront Overlay District and recommending potential changes to the Waterfront Overlay regulations, with particular instructions to consider bonus building height entitlements coupled with community benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Waterfront Planning Advisory Board has worked since that time without the benefit of dedicated staff or consultant support; and

WHEREAS, the Waterfront Planning Advisory Board endorses applying for a technical assistance grant from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Sustainable Design Assessment Team (SDAT) program in order to receive technical assistance from their Washington, DC staff, as well as organizing a custom team of multidisciplinary professionals to work with the local community toward recommendations; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City is dedicated to protecting and enhancing Lady Bird Lake Corridor and is therefore in full support of applying for the American Institute of Architects Sustainable Design Assessment Team grant to provide design services and technical assistance regarding, but not limited to, the Auditorium Shores, South Shore Central, and Travis Heights Sub-districts of the Town Lake Corridor.

ADOPTED: _____, 2011 **ATTEST:** _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk