

Resolution for  
Lake Austin Task Force  
Approved 4/12/10

**WHEREAS** the City of Austin currently draws its drinking water from Lake Austin, and

**WHEREAS** Lake Austin provide drinking water to riparian landowners and Municipal Utility Districts authorized by the City of Austin to serve subdivisions in the proximity of Lake Austin, and

**WHEREAS** the Lake Austin Ordinance was the city's first watershed ordinance, adopted permanently in January 1980, and designed to protect the water quality in Lake Austin and thus the water quality of Austin's drinking water, and

**WHEREAS** the shores of Lake Austin are within the jurisdiction of the City of Austin, and

**WHEREAS** Lake Austin provides recreation and boating opportunities for citizens of Austin and visitors to the area, and

**WHEREAS** the city's Lake Patrol, Parks and Recreation Department, Austin Water Utility, Watershed Protection, and Planning and Development Review Departments deal with many issues involving activities in and along the shores of Lake Austin, and

**WHEREAS** development pressures along the shores of the lake are still evident, as they were when the original Lake Austin ordinance was formulated and adopted, and

**WHEREAS** residents of areas along and adjacent to Lake Austin have brought forward concerns about health and safety issues related to Lake Austin, such as continued erosion along the shores of the lake, and adequacy of wastewater treatment and rainfall runoff into the lake, as well as adequacy of current ordinances and their enforcement, and

**WHEREAS** 1999 revisions to the city's Land Development Code may have inadvertently weakened protections for Lake Austin, as was the case with protections of the Waterfront Overlay areas of Lady Bird Lake, and

**WHEREAS** such citizen interests and concerns have been presented to the newly re-constituted Waterfront Planning Advisory Board whose responsibilities lie only with areas within the Waterfront Overlay, which does not extend to Lake Austin, and

**WHEREAS** the Waterfront Planning Advisory Board appreciates the citizen concerns related to Lake Austin, since Lake Austin and Lady Bird Lake are both formed from areas of the Colorado River,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Waterfront Planning Advisory Board wishes to bring this matter to the attention of the Austin City Council and to suggest that the City Council consider appointing a Lake Austin Task Force, similar to the Waterfront Overlay Task Force whose recommendations resulted in the re-creation of the Waterfront Planning Advisory Board.

**FURTHER**, the Waterfront Planning Advisory Board suggests that the charge to such a Lake Austin Task Force be broad enough to encompass all the many concerns about the lake that citizens have brought forward, and that the make up of the Lake Austin Task Force include the following:

- 1) Seven members from the neighborhoods surrounding Lake Austin appointed by the Austin City Council.
- 2) As ex-officio members, one representative from each of the following:
  - Parks and Recreation Board
  - Environmental Board
  - Water and Wastewater Commission
- 3) Staff from the following city departments, assigned to meet regularly with the Task Force and to provide their expert knowledge related to Lake Austin issues:
  - Lake Patrol
  - Parks and Recreation Department
  - Watershed Protection
  - Austin Water Utility
  - Planning and Development Review Department
  - Law Department
- 4) Representatives invited from the LCRA, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the Corps of Engineers, and members from the neighborhood surrounding Lake Austin as well as other representatives having expertise in environmental design.

APPROVED AND PASSED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.

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Dean Almy, Vice-Chair