

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the City was surveyed and planned as the capitol city of Texas by Edwin Waller in 1839 at the request of Texas President Mirabeau Lamar; and

WHEREAS, the original plan for the City featured public squares as an integral feature of its urban design; and

WHEREAS, the public squares have served an important role in the development of the city and in the history of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City has served as steward of these public spaces on behalf of the State of Texas for 174 years; and

WHEREAS, the 99 year land grant to the City is approaching its renewal date; and

WHEREAS, in November 2012 Austin voters approved one million dollars in total for capital improvements to Republic, Brush and Wooldridge Squares; and

WHEREAS, public investment and private fundraising requires a renewal of the state's land grant for use as a public park; and

WHEREAS, Legislative bills SB1023 and HB2604 have been filed that would renew the land grants for Austin's downtown historic squares; **NOW THEREFORE**,

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

Resolution No. 20121108-016, adopting the City's legislative program for the 83rd Legislature, is amended to include the City's endorsement of legislation supporting land grants for Austin's downtown historic squares.

ADOPTED: _____, 2013

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk