

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, legislation providing the statutory mechanisms allowing the creation of a homestead preservation district in the City of Austin was authored by Representative Eddie Rodriguez and passed in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin worked to institute the framework for the homestead preservation district and engage all the necessary stakeholders in subsequent years finally passing an ordinance in 2008 establishing district boundaries and a financing mechanism; and

WHEREAS, concerns from other statutorily required partners have put the creation of the district on hold and, in turn, left a viable option for the provisions of affordable housing on the table; and

WHEREAS, Representative Rodriguez has filed House Bill 3350 to address concerns previously expressed by other jurisdictions by making their participation permissive thereby allowing the City of Austin to move forward on its own; and

WHEREAS, HB 3350 also enhances the language in the statute to expand the potential boundaries of a district to better tailor its usage to the needs of participating communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin continues to seek new ways to provide affordable housing for its residents outside of a bond campaign; and

WHEREAS, innovative tools like the Homestead Preservation District could potentially represent a new tool for Austin to address critical affordable housing needs; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City of Austin's legislative agenda is hereby amended to include support for House Bill 3350, authored by Representative Eddie Rodriguez, that provides flexibility for the City of Austin to proceed with the creation of a homestead preservation district as a mechanism for establishing needed affordable housing.

APPROVED: _____, 2013

ATTEST: _____

Janette S. Goodall
City Clerk