

RESOLUTION NO. 20131212-017

WHEREAS, in collaboration with the Austin Police Department, Economic Development submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to designate the Rundberg area as a Promise Zone; and

WHEREAS, Promise Zones are a part of the Obama Administration's larger Ladders of Opportunity agenda and are intended to revitalize high-poverty communities across the country by attracting private investment, improving affordable housing, improving educational opportunities, reducing violent crime and assisting local leaders in navigating federal programs and cutting through red tape; and

WHEREAS, Promise Zones will not receive direct funding but will benefit from technical assistance, federal staff support, more extensive preference points and access to other federal grant programs and tax credits may be enacted by Congress in the future allowing private businesses to receive tax incentives for hiring workers and investing in Promise Zones; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Promise Zone must meet specific population, crime and poverty level criteria; and

WHEREAS, local leadership, including the mayors of jurisdictions represented in the Promise Zone, must demonstrate commitment to the Promise Zone effort; and

WHEREAS, the Promise Zone application requested designation for the Rundberg area using the geographic boundaries established for the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation grant received by APD in 2012, as follows:

- Research Boulevard/Anderson Lane to the south;

- Railroad tracks (just west of Metric) and Lamar to the west;
- Interstate 35 and Cameron Road to the east; and,
- Rutland Drive, Braker Lane, Floradale Drive, and Applegate Drive to the north;

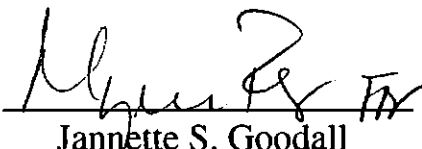
WHEREAS, any future action or funding required by the federal government due to the Promise Zone designation will be approved in accordance with applicable City policies and procedures; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Council supports the designation of the Rundberg area as described above as a Promise Zone, and future commitment by the City necessary and in accordance with applicable policies and procedures to participate in the Promise Zone Initiative program if selected by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ADOPTED: December 12, 2013

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk