

## **BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

## Downtown Commission Recommendation Number: 20161221-006

## Recommendation regarding the Definition of Downtown Area for the Purpose and Duties of the Downtown Commission

**WHEREAS,** the Austin City Council adopted the South Central Waterfront Vision Framework Plan on June 16, 2016 which includes the following goals:

- Establish a pedestrian environment
- Create great public spaces
- Enhance connections
- Affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS,** these goals are an integral part of the Downtown Austin Plan which was adopted by the Austin City Council on December 8, 2011; and

**WHEREAS,** the Downtown Commission supports the South Central Waterfront Vision Framework Plan (the "SCWP") and seeks to ensure it proceeds consistently with previous, current and planned downtown development, while continuing to respect the surrounding neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS,** downtown densities have already occurred on a portion of the SCWP area and the plan includes additional areas with increased density in an urban environment; and

**WHEREAS,** current and future multimodal transportation corridors that connect the current Downtown area and the SCWP should develop in a consistent manner, **NOW THEREFORE** 

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Downtown Commission recommends that the Austin City Council pass a resolution which provides for the following:

• Amend §2-1-141(E) of the Austin City Code to expand the boundaries of the Downtown Commission to include the area encompassed in the South Central Waterfront Vision Framework Plan.