

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MINORITY, VETERAN AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Austin passed a historic affordable housing bond in 2018 in the amount of \$250 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, the most recent disparity study produced by the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources, dated December 2016, shows that the city's Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department underperforms in setting goals and awarding contracts to minority, disadvantaged or veteran owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as the Catholic Charities have a requirement stating that non-profit organizations with which they conduct business must have a board mix of at least 50% of its members living on low-income or in poverty; and

WHEREAS, Austin's non-profit housing and community development sector is lacking in executive and board-level participation on the part of disadvantaged, minority and service-disabled veteran businesses and community members; and

WHEREAS, the people closest to the pain should be closest to the power ; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Community Development Commission recommends that the Austin City Council:

- require robust participation by disadvantaged, minority and veteran owned and operated businesses, non-profits, and community development corporations in any contracting conducted by the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development department or utilizing Austin Housing Finance Corporation money funding.
- establish a policy of preference for bona fide non-profit housing and community development providers whose board composition consists of at least 50% homesteaders located inside the neighborhood where the proposed or existing housing is located.