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RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, in June 1999, Council adopted a resolution directing the City Manager to work with residents, business owners, and property owners in the Rainey Street Area to facilitate discussions to develop land use objectives and priorities for the area; and

WHEREAS, in March 2000, the Rainey Street Neighborhood Association presented to the City the results of these discussions in the Rainey Street Neighborhood Redevelopment Strategy; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 the Downtown Commission facilitated a community dialogue regarding Rainey Street redevelopment options and prepared a detailed report outlining its recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Commission report recommends a review and revision of the regulations applicable to the Rainey Street subdistrict of the waterfront overlay; and

WHEREAS, voters have approved funding for the development of the Mexican American Cultural Center in the Rainey Street Area; and

WHEREAS, the City has created a Mexican American Cultural Center Advisory Board to make recommendations on issues affecting the development and operations of the center; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

Council initiates the rezoning of properties in the Rainey Street Area, which is bounded on the west by Waller Creek, the south by Town Lake, the east by IH-35, and the north by Cesar Chavez Street. The City Manager is directed to develop zoning recommendations for presentation to Council. The City Manager is also directed to review the regulations applicable to the Rainey Street subdistrict of the waterfront overlay combining district and present recommended amendments to Council. The City Manager shall consider the recommendations of the Rainey Street Redevelopment Strategy, the Downtown Commission, and the development plans of the Mexican American Cultural Center when making recommendations on rezoning the Rainey Street Area property and revising the Rainey Street subdistrict regulations. The City Manager shall present recommendations on both items on or before June 10, 2004.

The City Manager shall also present the recommendations on zoning and the Rainey Street subdistrict regulations to the following boards and commissions: the Downtown Commission, the Design Commission, the Mexican American Cultural Center Advisory Board, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and the Historic Landmark Commission. Each board and commission shall forward its recommendation to the Zoning and Platting Commission. The Zoning and Platting Commission shall present the zoning and the Rainey Street subdistrict regulations to Council. If Council determines that amendments to the Rainey Street subdistrict regulations are appropriate, Council will forward the amendments to the Planning Commission.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED:

Council directs the City Manager to conduct an analysis of the infrastructure within the Rainey Street Area and to provide a summary of the current development restrictions within the Rainey Street Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Council requests that the above-named boards and commissions recommend a development incentive proposal for the Rainey Street Area that that promotes the following types of goals: 1. the preservation of trees and the unique and historic character of the area; 2. a strong mixed-income residential component within the development; 3. a pedestrian-friendly environment; 4. the use of green building techniques; and 5. the use of urban design criteria that are typically included in the City's performance-based economic incentive policies.

ADOPTED: _____, 2004

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk