

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE NAMING THE OLD BAKERY EMPORIUM OPEN SPACE AND WAIVING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CITY CODE CHAPTER 14.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1. FINDINGS.**

- (A) Patricia Faye (Rush) Crow, was born on February 11, 1943, to a military family and traveled the world as a child. She graduated from Killeen High School in 1961 and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Finance from The University of Texas; and
- (B) Pat had three children Elizabeth, Jeff, and Marc Childers; a granddaughter, Lila Faye Brooks; and two siblings, Henry and Barbara Rush, as well as many nieces and nephews; and
- (C) Pat always brought love and laughter to every family gathering, and while most people knew Pat as a political force, to her family she was just one of them; and
- (D) Throughout her life, Pat Crow had an uncanny propensity for bearing witness to history: she lived in occupied Japan during the onset of the Korean War; at age 13, she lived in a polio hospital after she was stricken with Bulbar Polio; she saw John F. Kennedy's motorcade moments before his assassination; she attended Southwest Texas University the year it was integrated; she attended the founding meeting of the Texas Women's Political Caucus, and in 1971, she was a founding member of the Austin Women's Political Caucus, serving as President for several years; and
- (E) Pat was a promising junior financial analyst for IBM, but in 1981, a personal tragedy changed the course of her life when her friend, Cindy, was killed by a stalker after he held Pat and Cindy hostage; and
- (F) Having experienced Cindy's failed attempts to get a Justice of the Peace to issue her a protective Peace Bond, Pat turned her tragedy into action; and
- (G) In 1982, she successfully ran a female candidate against that Justice of the Peace, marking a new era for Pat and for the Austin political structure; and

- 42 (H) From 1982 – 2008, working alongside her friend David Butts, Pat became one of  
43 (if not the most) winningest campaign managers in Austin and Travis County  
44 history, winning 28 out of 32 political campaigns, including important ballot  
45 initiatives such as the Save Our Springs Initiative (1992), the creation of the  
46 hospital district (2004), and the smoking ban (2005); and  
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- 48 (I) Standing barely 5 feet tall, Pat was a larger than life character who never met a  
49 stranger and had a vast collection of friends of all ages; and  
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- 51 (J) Pat served as a mentor for many young adults, encouraging and supporting their  
52 activism to include serving on City of Austin boards and commissions and running  
53 for elected office; and  
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- 55 (K) Pat was a champion for women’s issues and causes, a voracious reader, and a lover  
56 of films, and she had a deep interest in politics, art, film, literature, geography,  
57 history, and global issues; and  
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- 59 (L) Pat's outlook on life was shaped by the twist and turns that force each of us to  
60 declare who we are, and her awareness of power and how it favors the privileged  
61 few over the masses made Pat a champion of the underdog; and  
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- 63 (M) Pat was not afraid to speak truth to the powerful and worked to elect people who  
64 would represent the underrepresented, including the first openly gay legislator in  
65 Texas and the first African American woman district judge in Travis County; and  
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- 67 (N) Pat made an indelible mark on Austin as a community leader, an activist, and  
68 political operative, and her tireless efforts helped shaped Austin into the  
69 progressive community it is today; and  
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- 71 (O) The one-year anniversary of Pat Crow’s passing will occur on May 1, 2018; and  
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- 73 (P) To commemorate her honor, an idea emerged from several Parks and Recreation  
74 Board Members to name the Old Bakery & Emporium open space after Pat Crow;  
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- 77 (Q) The historic Old Bakery and Emporium is located in Downtown Austin at 1006  
78 Congress Avenue and houses a visitor information center, an art gallery featuring  
79 local artists, and the Lundberg-Maerki Historical Collection; and  
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- 81 (R) The Old Bakery and Emporium’s open space is dedicated parkland and is  
82 maintained through a partnership between Parks and Recreation Department and  
83 the Austin Parks Foundation; and

