

City of Austin Anti-Displacement Task Force



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Task Force Structure & Charge

- 17 Members Appointed by Mayor & City Council
- Overall charge includes five categories of action:
 - Preserving & expanding the supply of affordable housing.
 - Controlling land for community development.
 - Preserving and growing small businesses and cultural assets.
 - Helping residents increase income and expand assets.
 - Identifying financing strategies to support recommendations.

Task Force Deliberation Process

- ❑ Met monthly to receive briefings on related topics.
- ❑ Have had 3 public forums to receive input.
- ❑ Reviewed recommendations that were developed by other City task forces since 2000.
- ❑ Considered impact of “hot topics” on displacement. (e.g., The People’s Plan; Soccer Stadium; Code Next; etc.)
- ❑ Four work groups were established to develop recommendations on specific topics/charges.
- ❑ The full task force finalized its recommendations at its final meeting on November 9th.

Major Themes of Recommendations (page 5)

- ❑ Expanding public expenditures for housing affordability dedicated to low-income households, coupled with carefully crafted density increases.
- ❑ Adopting government initiatives to produce more affordable housing and provide housing access across the City.
- ❑ Placing an equal emphasis on the preservation of affordable housing as we do on new construction.
- ❑ Engaging local business community and philanthropic institutions in developing resources to stop or mitigate displacement.

Major Themes of Recommendations (cont.)

- ❑ Challenging and overturning the unlawful usurpation by the Texas Legislature of the city's home rule powers to promote housing affordability and inclusion.
- ❑ Taking intentional efforts to preserve the diverse cultural legacy of small businesses and community assets.
- ❑ Engaging, persuading and empowering Austin citizens, neighborhoods, developers, businesses and philanthropic organizations to act to increase the city's economic, ethnic and cultural diversity.

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