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>> Mayor Adler: All right, before we -- looks like we have a quorum here. Before we begin our meeting here today, I think we have some students here from university of Texas, shandog program. Would you stand up so we can welcome you to city council chambers. [Applause] So this is an educational program for executives, government employees from the shandog province in China. This is a province in China that is in many ways our -- Austin's parallel in China. It is kind of the tech forward focused area of the country. And it's exciting to have you folks with us. Before we begin our meeting, we have an invocation that today is going to come from aliyah steiner of the baha'is of Austin. Why don't you come on up. Would everyone please stand. >> This is a prayer for America from the writings of the baha'is faith. Oh, kind lord, this gathering is turning to thee, these hearts are radiant with thy love. These minds and spirits are exhilarated with the message of glad tidings. Even as it has aspired to

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material degrees and render this just government victorious. Confirm this revered nation to help raise the standard of the oneness of humanity, to promulgate the most great peace T become thereby my glorious and praise worthy among all the nations of the world. O god, this American nation is worthy of thy favors and is deserving of thy mercy. Make it precious and near to thee through thy bounty and bestowal. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. As we have significant number of guests and visitors with us today, just by way of explanation and context, we start our meetings with an opportunity for a moment where we calm down and find a peaceful moment before we begin our meeting. It's our custom here at city council, as has been in the past, to invite different people from different faiths and different walks of life to be able to celebrate in our city the diversity that exists in that thought. So when we do this, we're not endorsing any one or particular view on these issues, but just trying to celebrate the -- this -- the diversity of affinity in our city. Let's go ahead then and call this meeting to order. Today is Thursday, February 21 of 2019. City council meeting. We are in city council chambers at 301 west second

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street, Austin, Texas, and it is 10:10. Let's look at changes and corrections. For this meeting. Item number 2, it should be noted on February 13, 2019, this is recommended by the water and wastewater commission on a 10-0 vote with commissioner terata absent. Items number 5 and 9 are withdrawn. Item number 11 is postponed indefinitely. >> Garza: Mayor, is that 19? You said 5 and 9. >> Mayor Adler: 5 and 19, I'm sorry. 5 and 19 are withdrawn. Item number 11 is postponed indefinitely. Item number 47, that's set for a 4:00 P.M. Time certain. And there's going to be a request to postpone that at March 28, 2019, but we're not going to be able to act on that until 4:00 but that's when that postponement motion would be heard. On item number 51, it is -- the appointment that's being made, the resolution nominating members to the community development commission had a misspelling of Ms. Artero's name and it is corrected now in the record. When we look at our agenda, the items that have been pulled, item number 26 has been pulled until we can discuss that in executive session. That's the boards and commission appointment. The record should also reflect that the motion for boards and commission appointment include the reappointment of Jessica Mangrum to the building standard and commission by councilmember alter, and that's part of that resolution. Yes, councilmember alter. >> Alter: Thank you.

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We had another addition that we had asked earlier in the week to be added for reappointment for Michael van Ohlen to board of adjustments. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. >> Alter: Is that in order to add at this point? >> Mayor Adler: Okay. So without objection -- on page 2. Yes, councilmember Casar. >> Casar: I've been advised as part of the changes and corrections this would be the time for folks that wanted to add themselves as co-sponsors to item 27, affordability, folks during the work session voiced they wanted to do so. I know there have been amendments posted on message board by councilmember kitchen and I will have some responses, but if anybody wants to sign up as a co-sponsor now, folks that I think probably most appropriate people who felt comfortable with the version as laid out at work session, that's probably what makes the most sense. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Mr. Flannigan. >> Flannigan: I would like to be added as co-sponsor. >> Kitchen: I would like to be a co-sponsor also. >> Pool: And I had also requested to be a co-sponsor, but I understand that you may have run out of slots. >> Mayor Adler: Actually we're in a public record. You can add your name to it if you want to. >> Pool: That would be great. Thank you so much. So you will add all three. Excellent. >> Mayor Adler: And I'll add my name to it too. All right. So -- and I'm interested in the discussion that we're about to have on that item. All right, so on pulled items here -- thank you. Items 26 we said pulled for executive session. 48 and 49 are being pulled because they are going to be

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discussion items. 27 has been pulled by speakers. We have some people that want to speak on the consent agenda, but the pulled items are 26, 27, 48, and 49. Any other pulled items at this point before we ask people to come up and speak on the consent agenda? Yes, councilmember alter. >> Alter: I wanted to make a comment on an item, I don't know if you want me to do it now or after the speakers. >> Mayor Adler: Either way. >> Alter: Okay. I wanted to just briefly call out item 2, which is about loans from the Texas water development board. And I want to applaud staff for vigorously pursuing these opportunities. The low into loans that we receive from the board will save \$20 million over the course of the loans and I just wanted to call out that this is a very fiscally prudent way of approaching this and glad to see us taking advantage of those loans. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Councilmember Flannigan. >> Flannigan: I want to add my reappointment to the board of adjustment, Veronica Riviera, to the list of payments as well. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. "-Appointments. The name will be added. Any other comments before we ask people to speak? Let's go then to the people that have signed up. Is Gus peña here? >> I am he. >> Mayor Adler: Come on down, sir. Is Lisa pythian here? >> I am. >> Mayor Adler: You will be next. >> Gus peña, president and co-founder of veterans for progress. Born because of the atrocity against us veterans who are homeless and didn't have any recourse. So anyway, having to do with number 13 and implement the Austin police department project entitled first responder mental health resill only program. I used to be a lot of ride

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a- alongs and wouldn't things I wanted to address, we have a lot of mental health issues when you stop and, you know, and try to get a conversation going with some of the people out there. And so this is a good training for officers and I wish it would be even for all the city staff here also. Anyway, number 15 is temporary employment for homeless individuals. With family elder care outstanding. I'm a he woulder now. I don't knee a job right now, but this is well spent money. Number 16, Austin independent, startup for pre-kindergarten classrooms. It's a no brainer. We need help for all the school kids to make sure they have affordable child care options and also have good buildings. Number 18 is the one that I'm really concerned about. It's authorizing, negotiating and executing an agreement with front steps, the arch. Again, Mr. Mayor, and I'll tell each and every one of you all, I've been homeless also so I'm not just speaking like I don't know what the heck I'm saying. There are problems at the arch. I visited again and I went a little bit undercover out there and there are still problems. That's why I bring people I haven't met before that they want to let y'all know what's going on over there that's negative. I wish it would be -- the services are good, but the structure is not good. Last item, number 23, regarding the people's institution for survival and undoing racism. There's a lot of racism even here on this city council and city hall also. That's got to stop. You don't profile people, you don't down people, you don't disrespect people. I'm a former irs investigator in the united States federal department and I can tell you what, I'm no dummy.

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I know when I see racism, I know when it's disrespect. I used to be a city employee. Last item, relaxing government rules, I know it's not on the agenda, but we need transparency. We need it and we do not have to do -- undo some of the things that are good out there for this process at city of Austin. Transparency, I don't see transparency, mayor. Mr. City manager, there's a good article, relaxing ethics rules hurts government transparency. [Buzzer sounding] Ain't no good. Fix it. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Lisa pythian. >> Good morning, mayor and city council. There's a lot I wanted to say about the undoing racism training, but considering it's on the consent agenda, I just want to say briefly how enormously grateful I am you are supporting this work. Racism is a problem not only in Austin but across the country. This workshop undoing racism has made a huge difference in our community. And it's been transformative for many people. Not only city staff and community members appreciate it, a lot of police appreciate it as well. I want to express my gratitude again. I want to encourage all of you to participate in that workshop because one of the things it offers all of us is a common understanding, a common language, a common analysis, common history so we know when we're talking about, we know what we're talking about. This is huge and I just need to say also I'm so proud of our city and willingness to take on issues around racial equity and trying to become a leader across this council truth. I think we're doing one of the best jobs of any city in the country and I'm grateful for all of you for showing up for this work. Thank you very much. [Applause] >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Daniel yanis. >> I just applauded those comments. I also am just grateful and encourage you all to go

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ahead and authorize this contract with the peoples institute. As Lisa said, from the very first training that the undoing racism Austin had in the community, we had city staff and county staff members in those trainings, and immediately had an effect. And that was like two and a half, three years ago, I'm not sure, but since the advent of the equity office and now the continuation of these trainings. I'm very grateful to the city manager for continuing what the former city manager, mark Ott, helped us initiate these trainings, and I appreciate you all supporting these trainings. Thank you so much. Thank you, mayor. I'm glad to know the three of you have taken those trainings. Oh, you did too. I hope the rest of you take the peoples institute training. Very different than the beyond diversity or courageous conversations. Hugely life changing and impactful. Thank you so much. >> Mayor Adler: Ms. Ban. >> Good morning, beautiful action. I hope you all are drinking water and taking care of yourselves and staying warm. I am the founder and director of community advocacy and healing project. I just wanted to say that the training for undoing racism I also support I support it as someone who has gone through all three racial -- anti-racial training, the healing circles, beyond diversity and undoing racism, I've gone through all of them. I believe it's advantageous for us to continue the work understanding how institutional racism shows up in our everyday lives and department. You've heard me call Austin a really racist city often and I will continue until institutional racism no longer shows its head to

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policing, people are different, if you are any of those things and you add race on top of it like black or brown, then your outcome tends to be different, but that was historicry done and undoing racism does a really great job of showing us how historically institutions are racist and how that perpetuates our everyday. I sent you emails as well as there's a couple of items in which the police are asking for funding for you guys to allow them to do some -- their own healing work, some critical response healing and some grants for mental health they are asking for you to say yes to. I support that. Undoing racism allows us to be better human beings so we can see each other not as racist but as beings and the money APD is asking for will allow them to be better human beings so they are able to do their jobs better. Just being able to say item 12, 13 and 23 I openly and highly support because humans need to be supported. We have to stop acting like we're not people doing jobs, we need to start bringing humanity back into what we do every day. Thanks. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Those are all the people that I had speaking on the consent agenda. [Applause] I want to also speak real briefly to item number 23 as well. I think this is really important work that the city is doing and I think the undoing racism is a program that is real effective in raising this issue. I think that the work that the city is doing not only with that but with the task force on institutional racism and systemic race is important work and I really appreciate the participation of many of the collection on the dais in participating in

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that -- the beyond diversity sessions that I think that some of us and our staffs have also attended. Certainly going to one particular class does not fix racism, and going to more than one or having multiple experiences is important. I want to just take the opportunity to applaud the director of the equity office. I support the vision of being able to create a library in our city of multiple ways to raise consciousness and exposure to this issue so that we can make cultural changes in the city. I would support going forward, providing the resources for the equity office to be able to expand that work, to be able to create that kind of library, to even go out and develop curriculum that might be tailored to our city. Curriculum that might be tailored to police forces because it's my understanding that nobody has really come up with curriculum that is tailored to that and I think that would be of particular importance if you are trying to move people and cultures. I know, manager, that this resolution really only appropriates the first \$176,000, I think because that's what's available in the budget, and that the out front year is going to require successive appropriations, and I hope at the time when those come back to us you and the office are taking a look at, one, adding to that if we can so we can expand the reach and the opportunities, but also making sure that year to year we're taking

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assessment of how the past year's spend expenditures have gone so we're adding to resources in a way that best drive a city that I think is working really hard to -- to deal with the institution racism that exists here and in, frankly, cities everywhere. Mayor pro tem. >> Garza: Did anybody else want to speak on this because mine is a separate item? I just wanted to highlight item 9 real quick. This is -- we're buying land

from Texas parks and wildlife in district 2 that will be used for parkland. And it is from fee in lieu fees so I know a lot of times people wonder how and if those fees are used and this is a great example of our staff taking the great opportunity to purchase some parkland in a park deficient area of district 2. And I hope as we move forward in spending our bond money we make sure we're concentrating on these kinds of areas where we want to focus on equity and buying parkland in park deficient areas. >> Mayor Adler: Anything else? Councilmember alter. >> Alter: This may be a little out of order, it's about the proclamations, but before our guests leave or the folks who are here for the consent agenda, I wanted to invite everyone to join us for proclamations and music at 5:30. I'm going to be doing a proclamation for Austin fire department members who are deployed to California to fight the wildfires and wasn't specified clearly on the agenda so I just wanted to make sure people knew what that proclamation was about and I will also be honoring a former staff member Serino at that time. >> Mayor Adler: Sounds good. Let's finish this first. Is there a motion to approve the consent agenda?

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Mayor pro tem makes the motion, councilmember tovo seconds. Any discussion? Those in favor of the consent agenda please raise your hand. Those opposed? It's unanimous on the dais. The consent agenda passes. We're now going to take the pulled items and the items that have speakers that are coming up. By way of schedule this morning, we can take the pulled items that he have with. We have executive session today where we're going to be discussing item number 26, so that's going to have to be handled when we come back at 2:00 or just before 2:00. When we come back at 2:00, we can handle the zoning issues. Remembering that first at noon we're going to have citizen communication. But when we come back at 2:00, it's looking like all the zoning items are either postponed or on the consent agenda, so that shouldn't take us very long. And then the only thing that we have after that is the 4:00 meeting for the purpose of postponing items. There's a group of us that are going to go up to the capitol to meet with the delegation to discuss the -- discuss legislative matters, most specifically the revenue trigger or cap bill. So there's a group of us that if it's amenable with the rest of the group is going to head up at that time. And this one visit would be me Ann kitchen, Jimmy Flannigan, Alison alter and the mayor pro tem. That maxes us out on this one particular visit. We'll report back to everybody else and other people can be involved in other aspects of this. So that would be 3:30 meeting up at the capitol. So let's look this afternoon and see if we can get everything else done before

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then and who needs to come back and postpone the item at 4:00. Yes, councilmember kitchen. >> Kitchen: A quick question about 26. I understand that we are pulling it to just talk about one aspect. Is it -- I just don't know procedurally can we adopt everything else or do we just have to wait on the whole thing? >> Mayor Adler: Well, it has I think planning commission member note in there and it's important to have that meeting first so let's just take the vote when we come back. >> Kitchen: Okay. >> Mayor Adler: Let's get then to the pulled items that we have. Let's go to item number 27. Councilmember

Casar, do you want to lay this out? >> Casar: Sure thing. We also have speakers. >> Mayor Adler: Yes, we do. >> Casar: I just got amended -- made copies, is it helpful for me to walk folks through that. I don't think it's substantive that we couldn't hear from the speakers first. Might be easier for the speakers. >> Mayor Adler: I don't know if you want to lay it out, I don't know if people bringing amendments want to state briefly what the amendments are in case speakers want to respond. >> Casar: I'm happy to lay it out. >> Mayor Adler: Lay it out at a high level and come back to you after the speakers, but just to lay context and give people to do the same thing and then we'll have speakers and do the work in detail. >> Casar: Okay. I'd like to -- >> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Casar moves passage of item 27. Is there a second in councilmember Renteria seconds that motion. Go ahead, Mr. Casar. >> Casar: Yeah, I'd like to thank my co-sponsors old and new for your support of the resolution and many of the affordable housing advocates who worked really hard to put this together. You have in front of you a

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copy -- you have in front of you a copy that has red line in it. The red line is not new. The red line is what we laid out at work session and were largely responsive to suggestions made by a variety of councilmembers. The blue line are new additions made in response to councilmember kitchen's message board post and I'm happy to walk us specifically through that. We can maybe even -- line by line through it after speakers or now if people prefer. But the blue line tries to get to the intent of what I was reading on the message board which is to make sure we're maintaining setbacks that are required by zoning and required for health and safety because compatibility setbacks are really about expanding setbacks near single-family, but we want to make sure there are side setbacks so I tried to address that issue. Clarified that we aren't leaving federal or state Ada parking requirements. Ensuring that the new site plan process or the modified site plan process is -- does still address health and safety issues and drainage issues while clarifying that we don't want to put affordable housing through a stricter process just because it's affordable housing. We want to put it through the process that housing with the same amount of impervious cover would go through. And the -- councilmember kitchen posted questions about meeting our transportation goals and meeting the housing and transportation needs of people with disabilities along with reviewing buffer questions. Without --en I don't think it was intended with the intent of reducing the positive impacts of the program, so we would ask the planning commission and task

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the planning commission to continue this ordinance and review people with transportation issues so they can work through those issues. And then finally on the last page, we've pretty much virtually taken councilmember kitchen's amendments, just sort of reworded them to be very specific. 2d and 3D modeling, the question potentially can be does the manager need to let a contract to work with a consultant to create models and that can slow us down. I don't think that was the intent in the last couple work sessions. Our attempted wording to make it very clear would be work with affordable

housing providers to -- to bring back to the council examples of how the program would or wouldn't produce more affordable units in more geographic areas and bring information about potential projects like size, location, unit mix, affordability, within and without the new affordable housing bonus so we can compare those. That's why I think -- but again, this was just my best read of the message board trying to do my best to reword it. And councilmember kitchen I think asked for us to have an outline of the proposed modified and review process so we've taken that word for word and added it back in. I'm happy to get into more of the substance of those things, but I think what these amendments do is try to respond to the issues that were brought up on the message board, one without unintentionally creating new regulatory burdens that only apply to affordable housing because I don't think that's our goal. While two, making sure that we are being thoughtful about, you know, drainage issues, safety issues, and I think that was the original intent of the resolution but making that explicit is helpful. We've gotten questions about whether this is going to create less impervious cover, create flooding and those sorts of questions and we've tried to make it as

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explicit as possible that this will not increase impervious cover limits and it really is about building more affordable housing for the people who need it the most in more locations and getting our dollar to stretch further. In some instances we can create 50, 100, 600% more homes for low and moderate income people in one location if we ease city restrictions and if we take affordability seriously, which we do as a die as, this will get that out of the way to make that happen. >> Mayor Adler: Before we go to public comment, councilmember kitchen. >> Kitchen: Thank you, councilmember Casar. I think this addresses much of what I raised. I have a few questions about it and may have a word or two to suggest, but I think we can work off yours. And at the -- I don't know if you want me to ask those now or wait -- okay. >> Mayor Adler: Let's go ahead and ask the people who signed up to speak if they want to speak. Stewart Hirsch, come on down. Gus Peña, you're on deck. >> Mayor and members of the council, my name is Stewart Harry misdemeanor Hirsch issue from district 2. Thank you for offering an amendment that increased the chance of Austin attaining the housing affordability goals of the adopted strategic housing blueprint. Here are my additional suggestions based on my experience as a city employee for more than three decades and pro Bono consultant for not for profit organizations to build affordable housing in the last ten years. Number 1, reinstate fast track review for smart housing at no charge. I dropped off at your offices the chart we used to employ that we abandoned by 2006. I would like to see that reinstated. Secondly, track review time and cycle time to achieve

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more rapid approval and construction of compliant applications. Attachment I provided you was Riverside meadows where the applicant was able to get through subdivision, site plan and building permit concurrently within 30 days. 3, allow 40% of the units to meet 60% median family income standards, if 10% serve 50% mfi households. My fear is that the resolution focuses on 60% and my two



suggestions 3 and 4 get us to achieving some housing at 50% median family income and at 30% median family income which are goals in the housing blueprint. Finally I want to highlight this week's business week real estate issue where one of the important bullet points was that when we set out to accomplish things through codes, sometimes we're very successful, and the most important one that I found was the deaths and residential fires in the quites are down by almost half since the 1980s. We gathered Kansas City taking into account the book reinventing government so all buildings three stories or taller had to be sprinklered and all buildings with three or more apartments had to be sprinklered. The result is fewer people dying in the new buildings than dying in the conventional housing we often talk about preserving. So as we begin looking at the issue of preservation versus new construction, the buildings we are building today are much safer for the low-income and middle income and upper income families occupying than the buildings that we historically built before we did those code amendments in the 1980s. So let's build on success. Let's come together and ten

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years from now we can talk about how -- how 60,000 new units serve families desperately in need. Thank you very much. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Mr. Peña. While Mr. Peña is coming down, I just want to point out and specifically recognize some of the delegation from China that I think we should call out. We have the district mayor, also the deputy chief, and we're also honored to have in attendance the mayor of yantan, Mr. Sun, as well as the mayor of municipal people's government, Mr. Gon G. Thank you. [Applause] We're honored with your presence. Thank you. Mr. Peña. >> Good morning, Gus Peña again. This relates to item number 27 to create new bonus program for affordable housing. Let's clearly define what affordability is. Having set the predicate for this item in the agenda, I -- I've known homelessness. When we were helping you out in your campaign headquarters, Mr. Mayor, you knew we were on the streets. We still don't have an affordable unit because what I get from the United States Marine Corps and department of veterans affairs is not enough. So I can tell you about being homeless. I remember 1992 when Bruce Todd was mayor we started what was called a transitional housing program. Transitioned people from homelessness to self-sufficiency with wrap-around services. That's what we need right now.

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You know, if you are going to put somebody in a unit without wrap-around services, without mental health treatment or whatever they need, it's not going to be successful. I want to just, you know, this really doesn't have any kind of good backup, mayor, so I would -- I request next time have more sufficient background and get educated. I've been working on affordable housing since 1979, even when I was homeless, when I came back from the Marine Corps in 1974. I've seen a lot of good things come through this city council and I appreciate each and every one of you for the hard work that you all do because there is a housing crisis out there. And it's getting worse. They are talking about 100 to 200 new people, they said a day. I said are you sure a day or week and they said a day. So we're in a housing crisis

right now, but I want everybody to know that I do appreciate the hard work that you all do. Your staff also and whomever and also the housing authority of city of Austin. Quickly, the -- I have a housing voucher from haca. This is a federal voucher, it's called veterans affairs support of I have housing. We can now purchase a house with this voucher. I want every military veteran that is homeless or is given a voucher, you can use that to purchase a house. It's a mandate by the secretary of veterans affairs and secretary of hud. I want to go back to Washington, they allow me stipend. We're going with a contingency of veterans. Mayor, Mr. City manager, this is incumbent about you also, make sure we have good programs for the people that are homeless. And the arch, we need to clean it up. Mr. McCormack, I'm not going to disgrace anybody or disrespect anybody, the front steps arch has to be

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cleaned. It is a very dangerous area and a lot of people that are homeless will not go to the arch. Clean it up, people. And I just want to thank you very much for item number 27. Next time -- [buzzer sounding] - Please have backup, Mr. Mayor, hello? Not enough. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Rachel stone. Is Jim Templeton here? Come on down. Is Jim Templeton here? No? Is Megan lash here? Ms. Lash, you will be up next. Go ahead. >> Hi, thank you for having me here today. My name is Rachel stone. I am assistant director of Guadalupe neighborhood development corporation and on the executive board of the Austin housing coalition and I want to give my full support for this resolution. It will really help those of us trying to develop affordable housing to do better work, to do -- to get more units out on the ground and to be less burdened by a lot of these regulations that cause us to reduce the units we can provide. I just wanted to give a brief example of some senior housing that we are planning to build that would be for very low-income seniors who would be home bound. They -- the expectation is that nearly none of them will even have a car and with the current parking requirements we would have to reduce the number of units by half in order to follow regulations. So this would allow us to serve double the number of seniors while still providing, you know, parking and access for family members, visitors and hospital staff, people that would be needed to serve on site. So I just want to support it. I think it's a great resolution and it will just really help us get the units on the ground that are desperately needed. So thank you very much. [Applause] >> Mayor Adler: Ms. Lash, come on up.

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Is Eric Goff here? >> Megan lash. I feel like most of the time when I come before you I'm asking for either resolution of support or funding or something. This time I just wanted to take the chance to say change you. Thank you for having the vision, the insight and the courage to bring something like this forward. As everyone knows in the fall we passed a very large bond issue. And that was -- that was the first step. This next resolution is a step -- the additional step in helping solve the affordable housing crisis that we have. An ordinance like this helps us be good stewards of the funding that passed in the fall. It helps us build smarter, not harder. It helps us reduce costly barriers to entry providing more units while leveraging funds available. I'm sure most of you have seen this book, generation priced out. For those of

you that haven't, this is a book that talks about the national housing crisis and includes case studies from San Francisco to Denver, Los Angeles, Seattle, even to Austin. It focuses on what steps community leaders and developers are make to go create and solve the affordable housing problem that so many people across this country face. If you haven't seen this book, councilmembers, grab it because most of you are either quoted or referenced in the book. I was pretty surprised and excited to see that, that so many of you were mentioned. But something hit me when I was reading the Austin chapter that probably should have hit me a long time ago. While we are serving the community in Austin, we're part of something so much bigger. We are on the front lines of solving affordability problems in Austin, but people are looking at Austin on how we tackle the issue. They are looking at Austin to -- as a leader, as a city

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to pave the way for better policy and how to most efficiently get these units on the ground. Someone who lives and completes every aspect of these projects I bring before you, this is the type of thing we need to build more efficiently. I commend you for your efforts and again just wanted to say thank you. [Applause] >> Pool: Mayor, I just wanted to say something to Ms. Lash. Mainly I just wanted to appreciate the kind words that you are sending up to the dais, but also to acknowledge and remark on the excellent work that you and sage brook are doing in Austin community. I know you have developments all around the city that I am especially proud of the work you are doing in district 7 and we enjoy working with you and I'm really grateful to have you here in Austin. >> Thank you. >> Pool: Thanks. >> Great place to work. >> Mayor Adler: Greg Anderson, are you here? Greg Anderson? Why don't you come down to the podium. Mr. Goff, go ahead. >> Eric Goff, thank you for the chance to speak today. I'm definitely in support of this resolution. It will allow significantly more affordable housing to be developed in Austin and throughout the city, integrating neighborhoods, appearing in corridors, north, west, east and south. So this is a big step to extend affordable housing housing dollars that we're very proud of that the community gave to solve this issue. It's one step among many but it's a big step. I appreciate support across the dais on this one and I think that the sooner we can get this in, the sooner that we can stop having to carve out units for affordable housing from affordable housing projects, which is

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happening on every project we've done so far. So this will be a great improvement. It's -- you know, we still need to do significant reform, but that's step 2 or step 3 and this is a great way to start the new year on housing. So thank you so much. [Applause] >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Is Michael knockbar here? Why don't you come on down. Mr. Anderson, you have three minutes. >> Thank you, mayor. Thank you original co-sponsors, new co-response O sponsors. Love, love, love everything that the original folks did and as far as reaching out to the community and the folks that actually build this product, it was really great to have these conversations going for months and months where councilmember Casar, his staff

and the staffs of all the other councilmembers came to us and can you walk us through this, what about this, that? It was really great to have all together working on this. Amazing stuff here. A couple things I definitely want to ask for, if we could definitely keep things in the resolution. Where it says aging and dilapidated, can we get rid of aging. It almost makes somebody say, hi, I have dilapidated units, I would not like to have them anymore. It's a project that wants to move forward and do the right thing. But if we frame it they have to say dilapidated, it's a nuance. Can we get a lot of more multi-family communities. It makes a whole lot of sense to go all three bedrooms, all four bedrooms. In other communities it makes sense to go vast majority one bedrooms. A lot of that is working with the clients and understanding that market and where we're going to build and who we're going to serve. And every project is so different. I just want to make sure we don't accidentally continue to, you know, make the box harder to build. So I love, love, love

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everywhere this resolution is going. It's incredible. It's going to do amazing things. It's going to take those prop a dollars and seem like so many more dollars. Who knows 2 next time we do that, but let's build as many units as possible. Really quick thing, a host that I know, I freak a -- a frequent a restaurant and I saw him working another job recently. I asked, what are you doing, what's going on? I thought you worked here. I still do, I have two full-time jobs. Have you ever had that feeling where your heart hurts. I don't know how many of you have been truly housing cost burdened. I hope none of you are now because it definitely distracts with everything you have to do, but I hope at one point in your life you were housing cost burdened because it makes everything so much different, makes everything so much realer. More violent when you are not understanding how those things are going to work out for you. I was 18, a high school dropout earning \$400 a week and I was able to survive in Austin and end up in college only because I was able to find affordable housing. Somebody in my shoes today is going to have such issues being pushed out of Austin, living 20 miles away, working two jobs, they are never going to get to college. This is a great chance to stop that. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. [Applause] Is Michael Gerber here? You'll be up next. >> Thank you, council. Thank you, mayor. My name is Nike Mike knockbar. On 2018 we canvassed the affordable housing bond and forest of us it was the easiest canvassing we had ever done. Pretty much everybody supported drastic steps to fix it. We saw with the bond vote how deeply and widely felt this issue of affordability is in Austin. Rising rents are an emergency and we need to

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take drastic steps to build more affordable housing. This is a great plan that's going to help people live in Austin and stay in Austin. I want to thank councilmember Casar for bringing this to council and my representative councilmember harper-madison for co-sponsoring and I hope we can pass this and commit as one more step to build affordable housing and solve this emergency. Thank you very much. [Applause] >> Mayor Adler: Is ray Collins here? You'll be up next. >> Good morning, mayor,

councilmembers, Mike Gerber and I serve at CEO of the housing authority of the city of Austin. This year I also have the privilege of searching as chair of housing works. Housing works have come together to think about ways we can increase the supply of affordable housing. We hope all of you and staffs will join us next week as our summit focused on housing and equitable communities. Housing works is proud and excited to support councilmember Casar's affordability resolution. It will provide important tools and streamline the process to help Austin address our housing crisis. With more than 1 enthusiasm people a week moving to our city, we need to cut through red tape so we can focus on putting as much housing on the ground. Using works believes this will mean more quality affordable housing for people with seniors and others with special needs and do it in the most effective way. This resolution is also an opportunity to more efficiently and effectively utilize \$250 million affordability housing bond voters approved in November. It will reduce barriers to build more affordable units and help protect residents and also ensure that housing is built more equitably in all parts of our community. Housing works believes that this is good policy and the right time and the right kind of policy and at the right time. Thank you all. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you.

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Is Nicole Joycelyn here? Mr. Collins, you three minutes. >> My name is ray Collins. I'm speaking as a long-time financial supporter of foundation communities and district 5 resident. I'll illustrate why I favor the affordable housing bonus resolution with a case study, if I could have my first slide. In district 5 you will find blue bonnet studios. Right around the corner you'll find this duplex. Here I am standing in the delta, the driveway of the delta apartments with the rear of the duplex on the right. You'll note there in the upper right of the rear of bluebonnet studios there are four studio apartments that could have been built there if it were not for this duplex. This was an unintended consequence of our present land development code, I'm sure. Because unintended consequences abound, I'm also speaking in favor of the modeling first mentioned by councilmember kitchen in last Tuesday's work session and also endorsed by councilmember pool. The luck factor also came up last Tuesday. Bluebonnet studios exist because a real estate deal involving three properties fell through and the owner of what was then a used car lot wanted to sell the property to them. And, you know, that would be a good thing to eliminate, the luck factor on these things. Things. Blue bonnet was threatened by a lengthy approval process and hostility from the owner of the apartments. There was a due date for a certificate of occupancy or a catastrophic loss of funding. Fortunately, the project had the strong support of the south

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Lamar neighborhood association, including a neighborhood association officer testifying at a board of adjustment hearing. In addition, a parking variance was required. Councilmember kitchen's office facilitated a solution to a problem with the connection to the drainage system out on south Lamar. To be clear, this had nothing to do with site drainage, just the connection to the city system at the street level. Building subsidized housing needn't be this risky. That's my case study to illustrate why I favor the

affordable housing bonus resolution. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. [ Applause ] >> Mayor Adler: Is Austin black here? >> Yes, sir. >> Mayor Adler: Why don't you come on down. Go ahead. >> Hi. Thank you all for having me here. I am Nicole, executive director of the Austin community design and development center. And I am also the chair of the Austin housing coalition. The coalition is a group of affordable housing developers, housing advocates, and policy experts who support the development of safe and affordable housing across Austin. Our members work to house people experiencing homelessness, repair the houses of low-income homeowners, provide quality rental housing and empower low-income homeowners -- households to become successful first time homeowners. And I'm here on behalf of the coalition to support this resolution, because it provides a vital opportunity for us to better leverage the funding for the housing bond, create new affordable housing in alignment with the Austin strategic housing blueprint, and to create mixed-income affordable housing throughout the city to help with our geographic dispersion goals. And I also wanted to highlight a couple of the specific items that our coalition supports, just to keep in mind as new

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resolutions or amendments come through. We're specifically interested in supporting the creating of a flexible parking standard that will allow housing providers to provide parking best suited to the type of development they're doing, and the population they're serving at that location. We support increasing height standards that will give housing providers opportunity to create greater and better quality housing units, while fitting in the with the surrounding neighborhood context. We support allowing flexibility regarding compatibility standards that will provide opportunities to better leverage our city's affordable housing investments. And we support requiring at least 50% of the units be affordable. That will increase the viability of building affordable housing mixed income units. We're thankful for all of the work that the sponsors of this resolution have put in in making sure that our housing providers in the city will be able to use this and be able to implement on the ground and leverage the public investments in their projects the best as they can. Thank you very much. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. [ Applause ] >> Mayor Adler: Is Susana Almanza here? Susana? What about Danielle? Come on down. You'll be next. Sir. Three minutes. >> I would like to start off by talking to the Chinese students. Right now you about to witness what our democracy is all about in this nation. Right now you hearing a whole bunch of people saying thank you. Yes, we're happy. Everything's good. Y'all done heard all that, huh? But you haven't heard the cries of a people, which right now is

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the black African American in the city of Austin. Y'all -- don't have that over there in China. But this -- just referenced how we are the same cities on different sides of the world. Napoleon Bonaparte -- just give me scripts -- Napoleon Bonaparte said about your country, China, in the 1700s, he went to your country and it was on opium. And Napoleon Bonaparte said China is a sleeping giant. And when it awakens, it will shake the world. [ Laughing ] [ Applause ] >> But unfortunately, in this city, we need a

Napoleon Bonaparte. My people, with these fake, false pipe dreams, even of affordable homes, that have been promised to my people for the last 20 years that I know, they've been lies. And I tell you over and over again, experimentation. You can't keep on urinating on my people and telling me it's raining.

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Yeah, it's a lost cause. Stop lying to us and my people! You put us on opium, psychologically. [ Beeping ] >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. >> This -- >> Mayor Adler: You can conclude. >> This new kingdom will be built. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. >> Believe that. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Next speaker is ivy lea here? You have three minutes. >> Thank you. I'm Daniel, here representing poder. You're getting a letter right now coming to you. So, poder sees this as an interesting step. We want to make sure that there are no unintended consequences and that everything is thought out really well. So poder requests that you institute in-house monitoring of housing as we go forward. We also ask that you allow public participation and notification in the zoning process. One of the things that we want -- we're cautious of is the elimination of stakeholder input into decisions. And also we ask that you require the financial analysis of what the city is getting and what the residents will receive. We also ask that you create and target affordable housing coordinating the census tracts incomes. All affordable housing cases should be reviewed by the community development commission. And we ask that you build certified passive homes, preserve existing housing stock and public housing, and we recommend that you lower the mfi for rental and ownership to meet the needs of the poor and working-class income. And I also would like to

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conclude by saying that please do not eliminate any compatibility standards going forward, because those are what distinguish Austin from a place like Houston. Thank you so much. >> Mayor Adler: Ms. Leah. >> I'm ivy and I'm just an Asian mom about town, dropping off my kids this morning one of the dads at daycare told me how hard it's been for their family of five to rent inside the city. The daycare is on the north side of town. Inward development is the spirit of why I as a citizen voted for the affordable housing bond last fall. And if it were to appear that we spent it all on parking lots and apartments on the edges of the city, I would feel duped. I don't think I'd be the only voter who felt that way. Keep steadfast in your support of the proposal coming up for discussion. Don't let anyone get you down. Those of us who need affordable housing, we out here and we support you, okay? I'd like to expand on councilman Cesar's point that putting extra burdens on developers should not be the goal. Market rate developers are trying to capitalize on the magic that we as a community of Austin create. Affordable housing developers, in my opinion, provide a mechanism to help us preserve it. You all know -- if you're out there, you should already know that affordable housing is a critical piece that cuts across a lot of other issues, obviously homelessness, but also public health, displacement, stability for students that are in our k-12 school district, and even our ongoing issues with racism and the legacy that we are still dealing

with of red lining. But affordable housing keeps diverse customers in our city so local businesses can continue to enrich our city and culture and resist the uniformity of other cities with the density of

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Starbucks. Affordable housing allows young people to move out of their parents' house but stay here to contribute as adults. It allows artists to live here and make stuff that tourists love to see. It allows new immigrants to join the community and families to stay here and prevent segregation by age that made middle school so miserable. So, please keep steadfast in your support. Support this bonus. Thank you, and what's up, China? Welcome to Texas. Happy new year. [ Applause ] >> Mayor Adler: Is Jennifer Hicks here? Why don't you come on down. Is Martina Clifton here? Why don't you come on down, too. You have three minutes. >> Mayor and councilmembers, my name is Jennifer Hicks with true cost of consulting. But I've spent my entire career here in Austin developing affordable housing. I know how extremely challenging it is. I was part of the Blue Bonnet Studios development, and that was an unfortunate, challenging project, but it turned out beautiful and I'm proud of it. You know, I think this is such a bold step. It's a critical step. And I thank all of you for thinking through this as a leverage for the \$250 million in geo bonds. I wanted to give a quick case study of a project I'm working on right now. It's redevelopment of an existing project that is past its prime. And it needs to be newly constructed. This project is deeply supportive housing. None of the residents drive cars. But yet, we are going to have to go through a zoning change. And we're going to have to go through a neighborhood plan amendment just to be able to fit this project, that's been in the

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neighborhood for 30 years, fit it back into its place and increase density. Nothing about the target population is changing. This delays the project seven months right off the bat. And this is a smaller organization that's doing this project. And time means money for them. And so I just put out there, perhaps we do a pilot. And I know a few good projects that could participate in that pilot. But just to kind of vet some of the things that could come up with the resolution through the process. I think that would be wise. And I also just, you know, want to reiterate what some other folks have said to just keep the deep affordability in mind that's in there, but also how to leverage this for a more supportive housing unit for those hardest to serve in our community. So, thank you very, very much. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. [ Applause ] >> Mayor Adler: Martina Clifton, and then Dr. Kim. Is Dr. Kim here? Come on down. Go ahead. You have three minutes. >> I'm a constituent of district 1 and I've lived in Austin most of my life. I strongly believe the affordability of the proposal is not a sustainable solution for density and affordability. From what I've observed, our recent residential construction has not been densifying numbers of people, but it has been densifying interior square footage, often a multigenerational family is displaced from their small home only for a couple to reside in an extra large house, and a single person in a large back house. To conclude that we need to allow developers to build even more interior space on residential lots is a bad conclusion. I believe developers and homeowners



could work within existing rules and regulations, but be given exemptions for increasing number of units on

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their lots to create true density of people. To piggyback that point, building bigger is not better. 54% of Austin households are singles or couples. We need to be building well-designed, tiny dwellings for this large constituency of small households. Small living inherently means affordable and sustainable living. We're overbuilding spaces and then requiring the government or developer to subsidize to make the -- subsidize to make the space affordable. There's a large market for well-designed micro-spaces in the city of Austin. Another easy solution to this would be to allow permits for rv's and travel trailers on residential lots -- instant, affordable, and dense living. I would much rather have a neighboring lot of six or even 12 rv's than to be welcoming in the morning to a 40-foot wall of white board glaring back at me. Promoting small residential dwelling units on existing homeowner's lots can help empower these homesteaders who are struggling to afford living in Austin to generate their own passive rental income. Owner-led projects in general are more concerned with the project's appropriateness for the neighborhood and environmental and community impact. In general, developers are not concerned with these results of the build. It would be better to help existing homeowners keep their property and not be displaced by providing exemptions and resources to help them increase number of units on their property. Lastly, the environmental impact of the proposal is very concerning. Psychologically, people need access to outdoor space. Heat island effect would increase, glares off of walls

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affect yards, rainwater infiltration decreases, leading to higher loads on street wastewater, therefore flooding, natural animal habitats would be destroyed. Please do not take this lightly and seriously consider this proposal and how it affects Austin. Thank you. [ Applause ] >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Dr. Kim. I think you're our last speaker. You have three minutes. >> Thank you, honorable mayor, and the councilmembers. All of you are the best of the whole world. Why? You make Austin city better than heaven. That's why I'm living here. Austin city is better than heaven, the best of all places. That's why I'm here. You are the best. That's why I'm here. America is better than heaven. After my death, I'll not go to heaven. I'll still want to stay in Austin. How wonderful Austin is. Austin city and the Texas government and the Travis county, they did not have even \$1 for my housing. They don't have even \$1. My church, my savior, our savior, lutheran church, the pastor, let me stay in hotel two days. I stayed there, children's playground, one month. And Justin and Judy found my place, looking for me one month. So I live there. That place is better than heaven. Thank you. You are all wonderful. America is better than heaven. Austin city is better.

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♪♪ Amazing grace how sweet the sound saved a wretch like me ♪♪ I am crying. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you.

♪♪ I once was lost but now I am found was blind but now I see ♪♪ god bless you all. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: We have Jim Templeton who's now here. Do you want to speak? You had some time donated from Andrew Templeton. Is he here? So you have three minutes, Mr. Templeton. And Ms. Mann is up next. Sir. >> Good morning. >> Mayor Adler: Would you hold the microphone? Grab it. >> Yeah. Good morning. First, thanks for allowing me to speak today. Secondly, I want to point out that I am in favor of providing the low-income or affordable housing in the Austin area. However, on this particular proposal I am against the waiving of the zoning laws in order to allow developers to increase the density in the high-availability Zones, which I'm assuming include the north central area corridor, and most of the other districts as I was able to ascertain through the maps. I'd like to point out something I came across in the imagine Austin document. It's a quote. Though the process of comp helps

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comprehensive planning and the option of the plan, the city intends to preserve, promote, protect, and improve public health, safety, comfort, order, appearance, convenience and the general welfare and prevent overcrowding of land and avoid undue concentration or diffusion of population land use. To me, that seems like it goes in the face of increasing the number of units you can put on a single lot in a residential community. It seems to me that the target areas include neighborhoods that are long-established with residents who have been there for decades. It seems to me that building a three-story monolith that is hiding half the front yard and half the back yard will, in fact, harm those persons. It will remove the light that they see, the view that they see. It'll harm the character of the neighborhood as you look down the neighborhood. And it will violate that particular clause in the imagine Austin website. I'd also like to point out that in the Austin website, it currently speaks of mansion laws, which served to, as I understand it, mcmansion laws served to prevent the very thing that we're proposing to do here with three-story multifamily buildings in single-family neighborhoods. And I'll read it to you know. The residential design and compatibility of mcmansion regulations were designed to minimize the impact of new construction, remodels, and additions to existing buildings, surrounding properties in residential neighborhoods, by defining an acceptable building area of each lot, which the new development may occur. The standards were adopted to protect the character of Austin's older neighborhoods by

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ensuring that the construction, remodels, additions, are compatible in scale and bulk with the existing neighborhoods. I have six minutes, correct? >> Mayor Adler: No. I didn't think that Andrew Templeton

was here. >> He's not. I'm here by proxy. >> Mayor Adler: I'm afraid that our rules require him to be here. >> Okay. >> Mayor Adler: So you've used -- >> Excuse me? >> Mayor Adler: I'll let you have a concluding thought. >> I'm sorry? Okay. So in my concluding thought, I think the proposals are not only dangerous because they're violating aspects of the building code. It looks like a workaround for the inclusionary zoning prohibited by the state of Texas. I've talked to neighbors who are really opposed against this and crying because they're going to lose their sunlight. I urge you to reconsider those zoning laws. >> Mayor Adler: We have to get to the next speaker now. Thank you. >> Hi again. So, affordability is a yes, right? But I'm always going to talk about mindfulness and how mindful we are about what affordability looks like, and then the infrastructures that are created and how they have an impact on the environment. The gentleman that was just speaking was talking about the sunlight coming in. What does that do to environment that'll -- environmental changes when we look at the lack of sunlight? Corridors are becoming colder than normal. I walk barefoot. Every time I come back to Austin and there's a new building, those areas become colder when it's warmer when you walk outside of new high-rises. The environmental changes are something to consider when we're saying we're going to put infrastructure that may be three stories and higher up, what does that do to the environmental change of the city of Austin. There's data and information out that looks at the environmental change. Also, I was in Austin before law school and I went away to law

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school and moved back and couldn't live here anymore. I live in mount rock now. So a lot of the work that I do, you all see me. I couldn't -- I lived in rundberg. When I first moved here, you first ran for office, you were actually my city councilman, Casar. But I can't be in Austin anymore after coming back from getting my degree and having my student loans and all of that debt, which is something to consider and why affordability is great. But what is affordability for people in a general holistic sense? What is affordable, and not affordable for people without families, too. Because Austin is becoming a single family city. I don't have any kids yet. I would like to. If I did I probably wouldn't be able to live in Austin. Being mindful of the environmental implications that happens when you decide to let go of zoning laws, and what does that do to our environment when we're saying the zoning law goes away and you don't have to be mindful about that. And are we making sure that everyone, even if you work at what a burger, are you able to have a decent living life in the city of Austin and not have to commute 45 minutes just to be able to participate in Austin, which I do. I wake up at 4:30 in the morning to be on the road at 6:30 and be here at 7:34. And that's in the city of Austin, right? So I just want to implore us to be mindful of the holistic picture and not just it sounds good right now, but what does it mean for years to come and what does that mean in terms of environmental, right, for our future city of Austin. We love to not have plastic bags, but what else are we doing to make sure that we're environmentally friendly in all that we're doing, too? Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Council, that gets us back up to the dais now. I told you, Casar, that I would come back to you first. >> Casar: Thank you, mayor. I'm just happy to take questions and we may have to call speakers back up if there are further

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changes and we want to understand what any changes might cause. You know, I again thank everybody who spoke, many of whom worked diligently with us on all kinds of hours to really try to hammer this out in a way that really precludes drainage and flooding impacts and instead really just gets us more affordable housing by utilizing existing lands better. So I'm interested in what folks' questions might be, especially as it relates to some of the amendments as they have been handed out. Something else that I had not mentioned was I know in the q&a, councilmember alter asked about a different affordable housing development in the past and whether or not that affordable housing development would qualify for this program. And I think the answer -- I don't know if the answer was put up by the staff, but I did want to make sure that that was clear, which is that the affordable housing development that was put before us last council meeting or a couple council meetings ago that was in district 4 that was being done by somebody who is a constituent of district 10 would not have met the requirements of this because of some of the potential displacement effects that that developer would have caused. However, since that item was postponed and coming up in a March agenda, we have engaged directly with him. And it seems like we are on the road towards that developer actually working hard to meet the kinds of tenant protections laid out in this resolution. Because we are getting calls from tenants where a developer tried to remodel and they got locked out of their apartments with their pets inside. This was all sorts of challenges. But we figured out how to engage and make it so the developer meets the standards we have in this resolution as far as tenant protections go. So, I think that what's in this resolution is achievable, helps low-income people, it's required to provide majority of units for

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low-income folks. And then if you're providing an even greater majority towards low-income folks or very, very low-income people, then additional bonuses are given. So I'm happy to answer folks' questions. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Councilmember kitchen. >> Kitchen: Okay. I passed out an amendment. And as I said earlier, I'm happy to work off of councilmember Casar's version six. So let me first say that I think I shared the goals of councilmember Casar and his cosponsors and his new cosponsors to remove the barriers to creating affordable housing. And I think the expectation is that this ordinance -- when it comes back to us -- will help us allow for more units, which I share that goal. And so the amendments that I am going to be talking through really are intended just to clarify the intent in some places, ask for information back to us, without slowing down the process. In other words, the information coming back isn't contingent -- the ordinance isn't contingent on that information. And then there are some areas where I asked staff to address two important related items that help residents, accounting for transportation needs and considering features like green space or buffers with adjacent properties. And my intent was to highlight these kinds of issues and ask staff and planning commission to come back to us, not to dictate a particular approach. I'd like to walk through the version six. And I think I'll be able to use that instead of my amendments. Would that -- can I do that now? >> Mayor Adler: Let me give somebody else a chance to talk first. >> Kitchen: Okay. >> Mayor Adler: You'll be the first person I recognize to make amendments. >> Kitchen: Okay.

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That's fine. >> Mayor Adler: You've had a lot of time. Give other people a chance. Councilmember tovo. >> Tovo: I can ask a quick question. Councilmember Casar, on version six, there's both blue and red underlining. Is the red the revisions you had in there for Tuesday, and blue is Tuesday to Thursday? >> Casar: For transparency purposes we didn't remove the red line, which is in response to councilmember pool's message board post. And then the blue is responsive to councilmember kitchen. >> Tovo: Okay. I just wanted to be sure I was reading that properly. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Someone else want to address this topic before I come back to Ms. Kitchen? Councilmember. >> Kitchen: On page 6 of 9, item number 1, I would suggest one additional word to this. And that's where you say "And maintain requirements for any health and safety-related setbacks." I'd like to include environmental, maintain requirements for any health, environmental, and safety-related setbacks. The rest of the language is fine with me to use your language. I will have some -- I like the idea where what you've done is you've clarified some language for planning commission to consider. So when we get to that section, I have a few words to suggest to add there. But the changes you have made to this number one address my concerns, except that I'd like to just add environmental. >> Casar: Mayor. >> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Casar. >> Casar: I'd like to make sure I understand what that means. When you say environmental setbacks, meaning any requirements for setbacks required for health and safety purposes, or for environmental protection. >> Kitchen: Right. And I'm not trying to add any requirements. And I don't know what they are. I don't want to inadvertently waive them.

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>> Casar: Setbacks required for environmental protection as opposed to aesthetic purposes. >> Kitchen: Right. >> Casar: That seems to make sense to me. I'll incorporate that. But if staff pings us and says I need to understand that better, maybe we can address it here. I would accept an amendment for now until we hear back from staff that would say maintain requirements for any health and safety-related setbacks, or setbacks required for environmental protection. Just because everything is -- environmental protection, I think, is what you mean. >> Kitchen: Okay. >> Mayor Adler: Is there any objection to amending this to say health and safety-related setbacks, or setbacks required for environmental protection? >> If I may. >> Mayor Adler: Yes. >> No objection. I am curious as to why that change is being made to number 7 and not item number 1 that has similar if not identical language around maintain requirements for any health and safety-related setbacks. >> Kitchen: It would go in both places. >> Thank you. >> Kitchen: Mmhmm. >> Casar: Mayor, that would go in 1 and 7 on page 6. >> Mayor Adler: Setbacks required for environmental protection. Okay. Next. >> Kitchen: Okay. Next on item number 3, I have a question there. The reason that I had suggested the wording that I did is because -- it was because my understanding -- the way the Ada requirements are written, if you actually waive parking requirements, you're waiving any Ada requirement. And what my intent was -- my understanding is that the need here is some flexibility in parking requirements. So a development, for example, would be able to think about parking with regard to the residents. So they may say, okay, well, we really only need four spots as opposed to ten spots or

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whatever. But my understanding of the way the Ada rules are written is that that would mean if a developer voluntarily had the flexibility to voluntarily decide how many parking spots, then there would be zero requirement for Ada. So that's why I said without reduction to parking requirements that would otherwise be required. So my intent is just not to inadvertently zero out any Ada requirements because we're using the word waive. >> Casar: Mayor. Yes. I think we mean the same thing. Which is that if somebody provides parking, then they still have to provide Ada parking, because we aren't waiving Ada rules. However, this would still allow -- to be explicit -- for example, downtown, where there is zero Ada parking, the Ada allows that if you have zero parking, there just isn't parking. In a downtown project. Obviously they serve many people with disabilities there, frankly better than some places that have lots of parking. But what this wouldn't do is waive the Ada rules as you described them. Somebody couldn't - because we use the broad word waiver, build four parking spots but not build any Ada spots. That would be the intent. That's what the -- that's why we're trying to be explicit, saying we're not waiving the state and federal Ada rules, which say if you build parking, you have to build proportional Ada parking. >> Kitchen: I want to confirm with our staff. >> I'm curious, too. I'm interested to know in the staff at some point during the development would consider converting some of the street parking to Ada parking as a result is of this. We want to maximize the number of units. Instead of losing six floors of one unit to put in that Ada space, we could take the one

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streetside parking that's in front and convert that to the Ada parking. So I'm curious from a process and code, if that's something that staff can already do. And so we don't have to necessarily call it out. Or if it's something that we need to give staff the authority to do in the context of this. >> Casar: Before we call up staff -- this is an important issue. I think it's obviously our affordable housing is going to serve more people with disabilities than non-affordable housing. When you participate in a program you have to take vouchers, which is something many of our disability rights activists have asked for. It's a really important issue. That's why we also added on page 8 tasking the planning commission to ensure that the housing and transportation needs of people with disabilities are met in this program creation. That way we don't have to sort all of that out right here and now, but just recognizing we're not waiving state or federal Ada rules and we want to be thoughtful about the best way to serve people with disabilities with this housing. So I wanted to point out that it's in both of those places. >> Mayor Adler: Do you want to address this issue? Or staff? The question, I think, is do you have the flexibility to be able to address Ada. >> Yes, we can designate -- Jim Dale, assistant director for the transportation department. Through the transportation department, we can address or designate on-street parking and make it Ada accessible, make that as a requirement. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. >> Kitchen: So my question would be -- I just want to confirm that by using the language waive parking requirements without waiving state or federal, that that -- that you are understanding the intent. That that wouldn't be read to mean that in

the example that councilmember Casar gave, that someone was using some level of parking. There still would be an application to that level of parking of the Ada required

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number, right? >> Andy, development services. Yes, councilmember. If they build parking, it would be required to construct parks spaces. Downtown there's no parking officially required. And then we do use on-street spaces to meet that requirement. I think that would be the approach that Mr. Dale was just talking about. >> Kitchen: Okay. So if they build parking at all, they're waiving the parking requirements but they're building parking, the Ada requirements would still apply to whatever they're building? >> Yes, ma'am, that's correct. >> Kitchen: Thank you. So that one's fine. Then going on to item number 8, I have a question there, because that's a little bit different than the way that I had worded it. So I just want to make sure that the meaning is the same. So, it says -- it's the last part that I'm curious about, because it says, you know, while still addressing health and safety and addressing and reviewing drainage in the same way that drainage is assessed and reviewed. But you've added a clause that says "For non-multifamily structures with the same impervious cover." I'm just not as familiar with that. I'm wanting to make certain that we're not narrowing with that language. Because my intent was just to capture what Mr. Lind had said at our work session, which was that we were still going to apply the same rules we have now. I want to make sure that clause doesn't narrow that. >> Casar: Can I try to explain that? >> Mayor Adler: Go ahead. >> Casar: That was my goal with this. I saw your nodding head. I was trying to write that down. Which is, we want -- the drainage rules will still apply the same. What we want to do is to review the drainage requirements for affordable housing the same way we would for single-family

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housing if they have the same impervious cover, and the same impact, that meaning that the drainage rules are the same, we just don't want to put affordable housing through a stricter process if its impervious cover is identical to a single-family house. If a single-family house takes up 40% of a lot and has one process, if that house is now affordable housing units with the same footprint, then we want to put it through the same process so that the drainage is measured by flooding impact and we're not having separate processes or essentially making it harder to build affordable housing just because it's affordable housing, and not because it has any difference in drainage impact. Does that make sense? >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Let's get some other people commenting on this. Councilmember alter and then councilmember Flannigan. >> Alter: I have a factual question for staff. One of the things I've been struggling with is trying to understand how the number of people in a structure impacts the drainage. If everything is equal your logic works. If the number of people affecting the amount of water affects the type of drainage situation, then we would want to account for that and I just don't actually know that. So maybe one of our staff could clarify that. >> Thank you, councilmember. Just to be clear, you're asking about the number of occupants of the structure, or the number of units constructed on a lot? >>

Alter: I think the primary concern that's being expressed is that we deal with drainage issues if we proceed with this affordable bonus or whatever we're calling it. And the logic that was presented was that if we had the same impervious cover, even though we had a whole lot more people in there, it would be the same drainage issues. And if it's not the same drainage issues depending on the number of people, then we need to know that and account for it.

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And this doesn't account for the number of people impacting it. I just want to factually know, does the amount of drainage -- or the drainage concerns, do they change with the number of people who are in the same structure because they're using more water? Or is it all about the storm water? >> To the best I can answer your question, factually, the impervious cover is what drives the runoff. >> Alter: Okay. >> If the building coverage, the impervious cover on the lot is the same as if it was a single-family house, the impact should be the same. Conceptually, overall that's the answer. I think that's the intent, is not to change impervious cover requirements and say it's going to be, you know, an affordable housing unit, but it looks different but it's the same impervious cover. >> Alter: Okay. That's what I wanted to clarify. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Further comment or question? Councilmember kitchen. >> Kitchen: I think I'm understanding, I just want to confirm with our staff that this is how we would do this now. In other words, the language that's being proposed does not change our approach to the way we're addressing drainage. >> Thank you. Yes, it actually would change some aspects. >> Kitchen: Okay. >> Today if you get above three units we ask you to do a full site development process. Part of what this resolution directs staff to do is to come back with a modified approach to do these types of reviews, factoring in all the things you've asked us, health, safety. Some of that will include drawnage. -- drainage. We'll come back with a different review approach that incorporates your goals. It will be different than we do today. >> Kitchen: I understand that. I'm sorry my question wasn't clear. I don't mean the change to the process. I mean the change to the criteria that are applied with regard to drainage. >> So, the criteria would be the same. The level of detail required at

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a residential permitting versus the level of a full site permit is quite different, which is one of the reasons you see the difference in time. We're going to come back with something hopefully in the middle or closer to the residential side that accomplishes the goals. >> Kitchen: I just wanted to confirm we weren't changing the criteria. The next one is on page 8. That's the be it further resolved with regard to the planning commission. So my first question is that you know, this is the section that speaks specifically to the planning commission review. I'm trying to recall from the work session, I think we were also saying that the staff may propose, I mean, this doesn't limit -- right, okay. I just wanted to repeat that intention. You're nodding your head. The intention, then, is the staff may propose anything that they would want to be considered as well, right? >> Of course. >> Kitchen: Okay. All right. With that said, there are two items I wanted to add here and let's see, the language -- I'm open to the language



but the first one relates to the tdm. I'm happy to remove the tdm from number 3 like you did. I simply think that that is a process that ought to be thought about as perhaps being one that's useful, and the reason for that is because tdm which is travel demand management, is simply a process whereby if you're not going to have -- it's simply a process that acknowledges that -- that a development may be able to help residents with their transportation needs and that simply providing parking spaces doesn't do it. So I wanted to add language to

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the effect that says something like considers use of tdm as -- tdm or some kind of planning as a tool to provide for transportation needs. So the language to add, you've got here consider how to ensure the program maximizes affordable housing, meets our transportation goals and I would insert and considers use of tdm as a tool to provide for transportation needs. It's just considering. Doesn't say you would have to at this point. >> I think that language is fine, if you could also add the words "As appropriate" to the end of that. One of the challenges, when we started looking at it after reading the message board post is tdm strategy is actually reduction of parking. So you could reduce parking as a way to do tdm. So my understanding is tdm is currently not in the code and it's something that was trying to be developed during the process and I don't want to try to squeeze development of that between here and may just on affordable housing, but if there are creative ways that people in this process come up with tdm stuff, I certainly wouldn't close the door. >> Kitchen: The reason that's important, we have talked about the importance of recognizing the need for transportation when we're building housing, and those are tools like maybe having car to go on site or just a whole range of potential tools. It doesn't dictate what those would be. It doesn't even dictate the use of tdm. It's just saying considering. You want me to read it again? >> Casar: Please. >> Kitchen: Considers use of tdm as a tool to provide for transportation needs as appropriate. >> Casar: That's fine by me. >> Mayor Adler: Any objection? Hearing none, that's included. Hang on a second. Did you have a question? >> It's not an objection so much as a question and request for clarification. I don't know if it's clarification from my colleagues

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or from staff. Granted, I'm a rookie. I have only ever heard the expression about tdms used for larger developments and so I'm just curious, is it customary that a tdm would be applied to sort of a smaller, more residential specific project? Or would this be sort of a newly applied goal and if so, why? >> Kitchen: Can I answer my intent here? First off, this resolution is not limited to small developments. So I think that you're right, in talking about it, tdm is usually thought of as large developments, which is the primary thing that I'm thinking of, but I just wanted to leave open the possibility there may be some smaller sizes where it's appropriate. That's why I think what council member said as appropriate is helpful. I think we should -- I'm trying to remember that this resolution talks about an ordinance that's going to cover a whole range of sizes, you know, particularly with the larger developments, I would think tdm really would be needed if you're going to reduce parking. >> Casar: I'm happy to incorporate it. I

think my recollection of some tdm we have done has been on the grove which is like 22,000 strips, very large residential and commercial developments. I hope that -- my hope is as this gets considered, people flesh out if there are any strategies we can do to make affordable housing, to help residents. What I want to avoid is a tdm strategy becomes an additional hurdle. We have to think about what makes sense across the city. I hear that's generally the direction. >> Kitchen: That's the same intent that I have. Okay. >> Mayor Adler: I read the last phrase of this that you added to

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say that with respect to all of these elements, all with the intent not to reduce the positive impacts of the program otherwise. So that becomes kind of a controlling element on that. Go ahead. >> Kitchen: I have one other one for this section. So -- that would be right now, we have -- right now you have and may review setbacks, buffers and then on with the rest of it with the intent of not reducing positive impacts. I wanted to add there, and may review setbacks slash buffers and other options to address transitions between adjacent properties. I just think it's important to recognize that in some circumstances, there may be other options for addressing transitions that may be appropriate, and I just want the subject matter to be identified here as something the planning commission may consider. >> Casar: To me that means the same thing so that's fine. >> Kitchen: Okay. So the language to add would be and other options to address transitions between adjacent properties. >> Mayor Adler: Any objection to that being included? Hearing none, that's included as well. Okay. >> Kitchen: The last one is on page 9. So here, I just wanted to add a short phrase to include the thinking with regard to pictures, visuals, which is part of what I think is important. So I would just suggest adding, after where you've got including their size, location, unit mix, affordability, I would add and physical modeling. The intent here is just to be able, you know, it's helpful to actually see what we're talking about and so I wanted to use the word physical modeling without prescribing any particular kind of modeling. Usually you say 2d or 3D

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modeling but I don't want to -- I don't want to use language that implies a particular kind of modeling, because the intent is not to slow down the process. But I do think it's important for us to receive the information that's included here and includes a physical representation of what we're talking about. >> Mayor Adler: Hang on a second. >> I don't know that I'm on board with the modeling as a requirement because you could probably find a photo of one that already exists on the ground which to me is going to be a lot faster and cheaper than asking affordable housing developers to do modeling. So I don't know that the modeling is really useful. We are just talking about size and unit mix. We've got buildings of every size and shape in the city. You can say kind of looks like that one or kind of looks like that one. I'm not sure the modeling, maybe another way to ask -- >> Kitchen: I'm happy to use other words. Again, I'm not trying to imply -- certainly I'm not suggesting that people need to go out and hire consultants to do, you know, to do some kind of, you know, best practice modeling. I'm not suggesting that. >> Mayor

Adler: We are talking about a visual representation? >> Kitchen: That's fine. >> Casar: The words I came up with were provide visual representations to the best extent possible. >> Kitchen: How about just and provide visual representations? >> Casar: That's fine. When you said physical, I was thinking of the diorama we saw. >> Kitchen: I'm sorry. Not the best words. >> Mayor Adler: Everybody okay with putting in a visual representation? Hearing no objection, that's in. Okay? >> Kitchen: That's all I have. >> Mayor Adler: Good. Anyone else? Council member tovo? >> Tovo: Yeah. I signaled my support or my intention to bring forward a

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couple amendments with regard to one, making sure that we're not incentivizing the redevelopment of naturally occurring affordable housing and that's the second amendment you see on the sheet I distributed, and the first amendment gets to number of bedrooms. So I would be happy to address -- let me lay them out and maybe they will be accepted as friendly. So the first one would increase the number of affordable units that are required to have two or more bedrooms to 50%. I believe this is very in concert with our past. Our past goal statements and our past planning documents, and just to cite a few, the 2014 school and housing work group which was a follow-up to the families and children task force. This was a work group that our joint subcommittee of the city, county and school district initiated, and they came forward and recommended that density bonus program units and all affordable units that we set aside a portion -- that we specify goals for two or more bedrooms. This is particularly important because so many of our central city schools in particular are experiencing underenrollment and so much of the housing that's coming forward, affordable and market rate, are one bedrooms, efficiencies, not bedrooms that are serving multi-generational families or multi-unit, multi-bedroom units. The kt article of I think 2016-2017, a city demographer estimated that about 65% of the units were one bedroom or studios so we know that's what the market's producing. Frankly, that's what some affordable housing is producing as well. It's very important that we go with our strategic housing blueprint recommendations that the city should incentivize, I'm quoting, and provide additional

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opportunities for housing units with two bedrooms or more, particularly in high opportunity areas. This was reiterated as well in Austin and again, in multiple planning documents, multiple vision documents. We have stated a commitment to encouraging, incentivizing multi-bedroom units and I believe that we should be investing our bond funding in that way. The blueprint agreed and in fact, had a line in there about setting on our publicly owned land quarters and in areas around schools, setting quote, setting minimum bedroom requirements and policies that encourage dwellings for multi-generational households. So that is the intent of changing from 25% to 50%, especially when we look at how we invest our bond funding. That's another area to have that conversation. My amendment would go on page 4. At number 4. It would change 25% of affordable units to 50%. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Discussing that? >> Casar: Mayor, I handed out an alternative to this which would be to, you know, according to

our strategic housing blueprint, we want to require multi bedrooms so this would require some number of multi bedrooms but if you go above and beyond and get to 50% of your affordable units being multi bedrooms, that buys you into the higher level bonus. If we -- it looks like we will go on break so it would be useful for me to call some of the affordable housing builders back who have left because they saw majority co-sponsors on this thing, but some of them have reached out to me, many of the people who do the most affordable housing in the city, feeling like getting excluded from this bonus because not half of your units are multi-bedroom would be not preferable but if we added it as an extra bonus, that that would be useful. I would want to be able to bring them back but it looks like maybe they would just have to

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come back after lunch if, if there is a strong feeling that we want to exclude people from this if they don't get to 50% of the affordable multi-bedroom. Potentially when we talk about the whole housing model, we can figure out how many multi bedrooms to do but the challenge for this would be if somebody did affordable three-plex where all three units were affordable with one three bedroom and two one bedrooms, that wouldn't work. You wouldn't be able to do this. Of course, you would have to add another bedroom but if it doesn't fit because of the size of the lot, then it just wouldn't work. So one option is for us to make it an incentive where the requirement is 25% of affordable units must have two bedrooms but you get -- you are still allowed and get an extra bonus for getting 50%, if that isn't amenable to the maker of the motion, then I would ask that maybe we come back after lunch so we can hear from some of the folks that do this about their concerns. >> Mayor Adler: Mr. Flannigan? >> Flannigan: It's escaped me what the code is about unrelated adults living in the same dwelling unit, if that applies to this situation. It is waived in this? Okay, good. >> Mayor Adler: Council member harper-madison? >> Harper-madison: I have a question and a statement about the desire to get to 50%. That would obviously be ideal to get more affordable housing. My concern there, though, is -- in fact, actually I think you used the words encourage, incentivize and I think I prefer the language encourage and incentivize as opposed to require. The opposite of not complying with a requirement is punitive in which case I don't want to take punitive action against people creating affordable housing. I have some concerns about the requirement language as opposed to incentivization language. >> Mayor Adler: There's a relationship between the size of the units and the number of

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units. We want to make sure that whatever program we use is one that's actually used, that they actually do it so we get the additional units. I don't know if the answer is to just put it as we get to 50%, you get more, or if you are going to take what was otherwise two one-bedrooms and turn it into one two-bedroom, whether we adjust the total percentage of affordable units that's necessary, so as to keep the total percentage of bedrooms the same, but if we were -- I'm just concerned about the calibration elements. I know it's coming back from staff and we will have a discussion at some point on what is the

relationship between the percentage of units that are affordable, the percentage of two-bedroom units. If you make two bedroom, that impacts the economics. If you go down from 50%, to 40% mfi, it impacts the market. I support the council member's desire to support two bedroom units because I think that's a goal. I just don't know the best way to do it in a way that actually makes sure that they happen rather than stating an aspirational goal that just results in us having less affordable housing. >> Tovo: If I may, we have stated aspirational goals with regard to multi-bedroom units in almost every document that's come forward in recent years about affordable housing, about preserving families in our central city. We do not achieve it because we don't require it. So I appreciate the counterproposal and will give it some consideration, but I think that we are looking at a package of benefits that will ease the production of affordable housing and I think it is incumbent on us to make sure that we are making it possible to have the kind of housing that we know we

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need in our central city to preserve our neighborhood schools and some of the other community benefits that come from having a diverse array of household -- of family types in our central city. I'm happy to give that some thought but I do think, I would just encourage us all to think about how we move from aspirational talk which has netted us very few multi-bedroom units to a little -- and the 25% is a good start. I think that we could do a little more. >> Mayor Adler: I want to be sure we calibrate it right. Council member tovo, do you want to lay out your other amendments so people can be thinking about that during the break as well? >> Tovo: I talked about this on Tuesday, and with the feedback I received on Tuesday, adjusted it further so that it would replace the language aging or dilapidated residential facilities to it would cut aging or dilapidated, and replace that with deteriorated beyond repair. That was in consultation again with staff who work with housing of this sort. >> Mayor Adler: Council member Casar? >> Casar: Here again, our intentions are the same. We want to allow things like rehabilitation of rosewood or Chalmers. We don't want good housing to be demolished. I think during work session, our intentions were the same. And I took your point that aging, something that was built two days ago is aging. So in consultation with staff, I have handed out an alternative that would change aging or dilapidated to in serious need of repair or rehabilitation, because the problem with again, what I don't want to do is lock out our ability to fix up rosewood courts or Chalmers with this, and those buildings are not deteriorated beyond repair. They are, however, in serious need of repair or rehabilitation. So that's what -- I think we are both trying to thread the same needle, how when something was public housing built during the Johnson era can we do it, but

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de-incentivizing and frankly ban the demolition of housing that we would rather not get demolished. >> Tovo: I would say, too, in all of these areas, I mean, this is quite prescriptive in many ways but as W talked about, it's our understanding the city manager would come back and make recommendations if that may be slightly different from this, as well as our planning commission and the other boards and

commissions will review this. So I don't know what kind of language they would land on ultimately. I guess I would just say to the city manager, no matter what the language is that ends up at the end of the day in the resolution today, that is we need to craft an ordinance that isn't incentivizing the current -- the currently affordable housing for redevelopment. I will take a look at your language. I didn't see any adjustments between Tuesday and today, aging was still in the resolution, so that was my major concern with the resolution as it stands today. I'll take a look at your language. It doesn't quite capture it for me but I'm relatively comfortable with some, some organization of language that speaks to that with the understanding that our staff may have some better ideas. In the ordinance itself. >> Mayor Adler: Let's do this. Let's put this one on hold. Let's go to citizens communication. We will break for executive session and then we will come back. Maybe we can come back a little bit earlier before 2:00 and pick this up N. There's a possibility. But we will talk about that in about 15 minutes. Let's begin with citizens communication. Is Jessica here? Is Ruben Rivera Clemente here? You will be up at this podium in three minutes. Go ahead. >> Hi. You should all have some letters in front of you. Also a power point should be coming up. Speaking of affordable housing, there is a piece of land at 1131

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tillory owned by the Austin housing finance corporation and a building on it was demolished without a permit. Just to give you a little history of the land, back in 2015, the neighborhood approached the city to turn this pecan orchard into a park. The land is owned by Austin housing finance corporation and at that time, we were told that there was no development planned and so we could just rest assured it would stay a wild pecan grove. On December 13th, this past December 13th, there's a stone house there. You can see the pecan orchard behind it. It was demolished without a permit. On January 17th, the neighbors received a letter from the landmark commission saying that the stone house was considered as a landmark in our neighborhood. We don't have a lot of landmarks in the neighborhood so a lost us were planning to go and voice our concern for the stone house which at that point was already gone. But that was the first we were learning it was possible that it could become a landmark. The hearing was canceled two days prior, so we never got to voice our opinion about the stone building. This is a tree survey that was done at the same time. I have highlighted in green the area that is specifically the orchard. All of those trees, unfortunately, are too small to be protected under the city tree ordinance. They are all under the 21 inches but they are all mature, producing pecan trees that the neighborhood people that have lived in the neighborhood in the past come back to harvest pecans in the fall. Specifically, there's actually different species of pecan trees, so you get a crop every year, unlike if you just have one tree, sometimes it doesn't produce in a year. This orchard produces just about every year. February 9th, we met with a representative from Austin housing finance corporation, Javier delgado. He explained that the building had been demolished without a

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permit. That's why the landmark commission was canceled and he promised that he wouldn't cut down the pecan orchard. But at this point, trust has been eroded and we would like to -- we have a proposal, basically. As a neighborhood, instead of finding Austin housing finance corporation for demolition without a permit, we are proposing that you subdivide the land and give the acreage of the pecan orchard to paired or make it a preserve. Instead of making them pay money, make them pay in land and make sure that this land cannot be developed on. I understand you guys were just talking about affordable housing. We are in support of affordable housing. Build around the pecan orchard. All this stuff not in green but within red, you can build on. We are open to maybe making it a greater density. But we want the pecan orchard saved. That was basically it. You've got my information. Call me any time. >> Our offices were me aware of this situation. I just wanted to let you know and my colleagues, some of you may also be looking into this, that we have requested information from staff, how it happened that one city department demolished a structure without a permit. As it appears at the moment. We will let you know what we hear. >> Mayor Adler: I think what the staff said to the media yesterday was that there had been health and safety hazard concerning a bee attack or something. But I obviously don't know any of the details, either, on that. Okay. This next speaker is Ruben Rivera Clemente. On deck -- okay. >> First of all, I want to say I hate to be here because this is basically the same situation that I went through last April

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26th, 2018. The reason why I'm here is because I was told by lieutenant from the district attorney's office that if I want to talk about harassment from the police, that I need to talk to the city manager. But I'm also requesting to talk to the chief to talk to him about what I'm going through, because the harassment continues, especially last January 25th of this year, where I was assaulted, and which I was so distressed, I'm nervous right now, that I couldn't even open my gas lock. I had to go to my fiat to let them open it up. I made a mistake. After that, I'm just giving you a little history of what's happening. I went to what they call now the office of oversight. I talked to miss Thomas, told her what was happening. And I don't see no justice. There's something wrong with this APD and it needs to be straightened out. Now, there's a person that I requested his badge number, number 228, that's all I know about him. Apartment 228. And we had an argument. I said I want your badge number. And that's the reason why I had to talk to him. You already know attorney at law Bobby Taylor, which he told me how to do it, how to get that badge number. I haven't got anything. Now, since I filed that complaint to the office of oversight, I have received no calls, nothing, you know. And it's been so many. Matter of fact, I got a sheet of paper here and I want to show it to you. This is how far back I have been dealing with this thing. It's got the elf the number of a person by the name of commander Manley and mannox. I'm pretty sure that's the police chief now and also the police chief of cedar park. That's how far back I'm being harassed. I was told that you guys are the ones who are supposed to be able to see what's happening here. Everything I'm saying here, I'm saying under oath.

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I am ready to go in front of a judge and that's what I want to do with them. I want justice. I shouldn't have to go through this. All three of my cars have been victimized. I had two of my cars damaged and another one which I told you caught on fire, plus the theft of my mirror cam, you know. The only thing I'm doing is just work at that time executive assistant police chief Manley, you know, sergeant Burchard from the district attorney's office and Bobby Taylor, attorney at law, record it but the recording on it means retaliation. I even went as far as talking to Nelson Linda from naacp. This thing has been going on for too long. I'm dealing with a sister who has cancer and I had to move Saturday because of that. I'm stressing because of this. It's ridiculous. You guys are the elected officials and the point officials. You need to deal with this problem. I'm just hoping I never have to come back. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Okay. On deck is Trevor batten. Is Trevor here? You'll be up next. You have three minutes. >> Thank you. Thank you for having me here today. I'm here for two main reasons. To talk about black society and also to talk about education for them. Well, we are all very proud of who we are in our different colors and we talked about racism here today, we have talked about discrimination, we talked about housing. We have talked about a whole bunch of things. And it has made Austin what it is. Austin is very diverse. Austin is very beautiful. Austin also needs to embrace their diversity.

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We don't want to be distant. It's no fun being different. I brought this case to the -- not long ago about the situation of black people. I made up to four or five speeches here. My very first one was homeless, which I'm a stake holder with teenagers and the mentally ill. I'm a street nurse. I'm the founder of women club of United States of Texas. That talks a lot. So the situation here is that we hear about a bunch of talking. We want to see more action. The black people need this help and I'm begging it. I'm not demanding it. I'm begging this help. Okay? We need the black people to be resituated. If you look at this place, you see how minimal we are. Brown was a black person. All kinds of black people. But we are being swept outside and it's not okay. My last talk here was on gentrification. I'm a political science major. I'm a psychology major. I'm a registered nurse with three different degrees. I'm not bragging. These are things I am. I'm just saying gentrification is not a bad thing but when it becomes abusive, it's very bad. I need you all, I stipulated about the black community getting area on east side but we need black males, a lot of them are not having home. We are talking about housing, housing here, because money is involved.

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No statistics. None of you have said how many people are we giving these things. None of you have asked the question who are we building this for? None of you have taken the time to check 20 years back and now. Who is spending all this money, but black people worked very hard. We have nothing. We need this. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. >> Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Last speaker. Mr. Batten. >>



Good afternoon. Honorable representatives, my name is Trevor batten. I'm a lifelong resident of the state of Texas and a member of wells branch community church. I want to express my gratitude for your time and attention. I also want to state my humble submission to the role as god's ordained civil magistrates. The god of the bible perfectly revealed in Jesus Christ has placed you in each of the positions you currently hold. You have a supreme duty to uphold justice and to punish evildoers. I would like to add my voice today to the chorus of voices speaking up on behalf of our fatherless preborn neighbors who are being murdered under your watch and jurisdiction. Every preborn neighbor from the moment of conception is a distinct living and whole human being made in the image of god. There is no prerequisite that they must meet in order to earn or keep their personhood. This is a heinous invention of thought designed to dehumanize. Abortion is murder. I am respectfully calling upon you to uphold your god-ordained role to uphold justice for our preborn neighbors whose innocent blood is shed daily under your watch. This is the most urgent injustice in our world so long as it persists. I urge you to change your minds

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and to change your ways. In love, I would like to testify to you today that Jesus Christ is the ultimate authority of everything and everyone. It is to him that we must give an account and in that day, I pray that he finds each of us waiting eagerly for him in faith, believing that Christ died for our sins, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with what god had promised. All authority in heaven andve on Earth has been given to Jesus. He is indeed presiding over this meeting now. I pray that he judges between you and our murdered preborn neighbors and I pray that he gets the glory. Proverbs 24, rescue those who are being taken away to death, hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter. If you say behold, we did not know this, does not he who weighs the heart perceive it. Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it. And will he not repay man according to his work. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. All right, council. That gets us to 12:19. We can go into an executive session. Do we want to come out a few minutes before 2:00? Say 1:45? We can pick back up the item we're working on? We can then go to 48, 49 and the zoning agenda. Yes. >> Kitchen: I don't know how much more we have to go on item 27. Should we just finish it now? >> Mayor Adler: I think we wanted to give a chance for people to come back. >> Casar: If my adjustments to council member tovo's amendments are amenable to her, I would be fine with us moving forward. I would just have concerns about locking us out of being able to do this if there's a significant number of two-bedroom units. But if we can give it as an extra bonus, I would be kfrd abdominal.

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>> Mayor Adler: Council member tovo? >> Tovo: In the interest of moving this forward I'm comfortable with the first endment to my amendment of moving it into page 7 of 8 as an extra incentive. With regard to the second one, I have an alternative proposal to your alternative proposal to my amendment. That would be in serious need of repair and for which rehabilitation is not practiable. That is language

reminiscent of what we use in our heritage tree ordinance so it's consistent with other city ordinances. It would allow -- it wouldn't have prevented the rehabilitation and redevelopment of rosewood courts but I do think it captures not just in need of serious repair, lots of residential -- >> Casar: Say it again? >> Tovo: Are in need of serious repair. In need of -- I'm sorry, in serious need of repair, and for which rehabilitation is not practicable. So it would -- my original amendment was to strike aging and I think council member Casar and I both agree on that, so aging is out. It would now say the reason for the redevelopment or rebuilding is to replace residential facilities in serious need of repair and for which rehabilitation is not practicable. >> Casar: Not having run this by folks to do this, I'm comfortable having that if we could say, if there's some way we can make sure that planning commission, other folks, if they recognize that this language doesn't exactly get us to our goal, that they could be flexible. >> Tovo: Yeah, I would say that should be true of the ordinance, of the resolution as a whole. I think we had that conversation on Tuesday. >> Mayor Adler: With that understanding, okay to put this language in? >> Casar: Fine with me. I just think practicable, whether that's economically or

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physically practicable, those things we will leave for other people to sort out. >> Mayor Adler: Without objection, that's included. >> Tovo: Could you read it one more time? >> Mayor Adler: On page? >> Tovo: On page 5 of something. 8, possibly 9. The reason for the redevelopment or rebuilding is to replace residential facilities in serious need of repair and for which rehabilitation is not practicable. >> Mayor Adler: Current tenants provided notice of the redevelopment process. >> Tovo: Absolutely. Didn't change anything about the tenant protections. >> Casar: My concern here is for example, at rosewood courts, I think we have approved it is in some ways practicable because some units are being left as is. I just want to state here that my -- my concern with the way the words are written but if the intention is that we want things like Chalmers and rosewood courts to move forward, then if that's the clear intent that we can move forward, I think that one would be able to argue that it is practicable because that's what they're doing. >> Tovo: In serious need of repair is also extremely general. You could apply that to houses that need electrical work, for example. I don't know where we -- how and who would classify a serious need of repair. I think we can all agree that in both cases, it's pretty vague we are attempting to put more language to it. But providing an opportunity for our staff to come back with a better solution if there is one. >> Mayor Adler: I think everybody has expressed an intent. None of them conflict with one another. I think we are in agreement on what the intent is. I think it's very clear in the record. With that said, I think we are ready to vote. Those in favor of this item number 27, please raise your hand. Yes. Go ahead. >> The 50% is not included.

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>> Mayor Adler: It's in the bonus section. It's not in the base ordinance. >> I have a lot of concerns about, you know, having a number committed to, you know, unless there's different locations throughout the city that have different needs. I just want to make sure that when it comes to -- I don't

know what it means by bonus. >> Mayor Adler: You want to address that? >> Casar: In the original resolution, 25% of affordable units had to be two bedrooms or for seniors or permanent supportive housing. Now that stays in place but if you can get to 50% two bedrooms, then you get even more units on top of that. So it keeps that flexibility I think you're asking for. >> Renteria: Okay. Thank you. >> Tovo: Quickly, I wasn't able to make the press conference this morning and I would have liked to have been there. I just want to quickly thank council member Casar for leading on this effort and for asking, strategically those of us who represent our minority communities and low income communities to be a part of this resolution, voters gave us a mandate in November that they wanted to see us move the needle on providing affordable housing. I think this is a wonderful step in the right direction. We can be our biggest enemy in ways in the barriers that we create in our ordinances. I think this provides a great step in moving us in the direction that allows us to build more units, keep more of our families close to amenities and I'm very excited to see what comes back to us. >> Mayor Adler: Sounds good. Those in favor of this item number 27, please raise your hand. Those opposed? Unanimous on the dais. It is 12:26. I would propose we come back at

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1:00. We have taken care of this. We just have those two. We come back at 2:00. >> Tovo: There was one thing I wanted to add, just a statement. Again, my thanks to all the sponsors and co-sponsors. I wanted to just point out two things. I'm hoping that when we think about our transportation goals, that we consider how we stay true to safety and vision zero. So we most definitely need flexibility in parking requirements. That's why supporting the waiver of the parking requirements. But I'm hoping that as we move forward with changes to our broader land development code, that we consider safety, because there are places in our city where we have very narrow streets with no sidewalks. And pushing parking to the streets in those areas is not going to be safe. So I'm comfortable with this program. I don't think that we will have that situation in this program. But I just want to flag that. I think that's really important for us to remember as we move into the future. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. We had two other items that no one signed up for. Items 50 and 51. Those are -- does anybody have any objection to those appointments? We want to approve those? Is there a motion to approve the appointments in 50 and 51? Yes. Council member harper-madison makes the motion. Council member pool seconds. Any discussion? Those in favor please raise your hand. Those opposed. Those are unanimously approved. We will go into executive session. We will try to come back out at 2:00. We will start with 47, 48, then do the consent agenda on zoning. City council will now go into closed session to take up one item with respect to the government code. City council will discuss legal matters, appointments to boards and commissions. Without objection, at 12:28, we will now go into executive

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>> Mayor Adler: All-righty then. I think we have a quorum. I think we have the people that we need. So we're out of closed session. In closed session we discussed legal matters related to item number 26. It is 2:11. We have a quorum. It is still February 21st. And we're still in city council chambers here at city hall. We have taken care of item 27, so that gets us, I think, to item number 26, boards and commission. So let's take up item number 26, boards and commission. Is there a motion to approve the list that's been published? Boards and commissions. Mr. Flannigan makes that motion. Is there a second to that motion? Councilmember kitchen second that motion. Is there any discussion on this generally? Hmm? Councilmember kitchen. >> Kitchen: I just wanted to note for the record that my appointment to the planning commission, Rob Schneider, that as documented on our application materials, which we require for all planning commission appointees, Mr. Schneider is employed at aarp, and in advocacy field, and his work does not involve land use or real estate in any way. And that's all documented on the application form that he completed, which is part of our process for the planning commission.

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>> Mayor Adler: I recognize everybody probably -- well, before I speak, yes, councilmember -- >> I am so grateful to be in a position to nominate such a qualified candidate on behalf of district 1. I brought him forward for planning and housing, his work with multiple governmental agencies. He holds a certification from the American institute of certified planners and currently serves as the executive director for the Travis county housing authority. Mr. Howard's extensive professional career is laid out on his resume which is included as backup for this appointment item, along with his responses -- excuse me -- to the city's questionnaire. His questionnaire responses note that he is not currently practicing in a field related to real estate and land development. The questionnaire also notes that he does not derive substantial income from the sale of real estate within Austin or from a professional certification in architecture, construction, design, real estate, or other related field. On a personal note, like I said, I'm very excited about bringing forward a commission nominee who provides some much-needed diversity to a crucial aspect of the city's government. I look forward to Mr. Howard's volunteer service on this important board and believe the needs of district 1 will be well represented by Mr. Howard's presence. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Further discussion on the dais? I know given the answers to those questions, my reading of the requirements for the position, I think that he fits within the direction of the charter, most especially that he's not profiting from this, from doing

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something in real estate and land development. So I'm happy to be able to support him, his inclusion. Any further discussion? Councilmember Casar. >> Casar: And I would agree, on top of -- first of all, I think it's great to have somebody from one of our housing authorities on the planning commission, so I'd like to thank councilmember harper-madison for bringing this up and I'm happy and excited to support that appointment. Judge ashire, if he's listening, I agree entirely with his opinion from this morning that when the voters passed the requirements for the planning commission, I think they certainly would not have been thinking of somebody from the housing authority or a county attorney that was listed on the lawsuit that these aren't the sorts of folks that I think the charter is referencing. >> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Flannigan. >> Flannigan: I just want to voice my agreement, mayor, with the way you laid that out. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Councilmember Ellis. >> Ellis: Mine is not on planning, but I had a submission that was made for the urban transportation commission. Kelly bloom, last name b-l-u-m-e, her waiver is on here but her name wasn't listed so I just wanted to make sure I spoke about that. >> Mayor Adler: That's good. Let's make sure the list is amended to include her as well. Any further discussion before we take a vote? Those in favor of this item, please raise your hand. Those opposed? It's unanimous on the dais. We'll move then to the next item. I think that gets us to items 48 and 49. So we have two items. One is to adopt the citizen-initiated ordinance, which is item number 48. I'm going to ask a second for a motion to see if anyone wants to

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make that motion. If no one makes that motion, then under the rules, we have to call an election. There's not a time period by which we have to call the election, so if we fail to or do not adopt the petition ordinance, at some point we need to call an election. It might be smart for us to wait until we know better what other things might be on that election so that our ordinance can be self-contained. But we do need to take just a moment to see if anybody it is to move to adopt that ordinance. And we have some speakers that are signed up. Yes, councilmember pool. >> Pool: Thanks, mayor. I just wanted to note that we have until the last day on posting for an election. I think the last day, and you were referencing it, that we have sometime -- I think that last day is August 19, but hopefully we can do that well before that final date. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. All right. Let's ask if there are people that want to speak. Is Susan spitala here? And Marisa Perryman is on deck. >> Mayor, just procedurally, are you calling them together? >> Mayor Adler: Yes. >> Okay. I think that what you have heard is that 29,000 people won an -- people want an election on this. It is the largest subsidy package in Austin's history and it's for a private sports stadium. I think that it would be good if you adopted the ordinance. I think people need to be able to vote on something that substantial. And included in that, which is why people want to vote, they are

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exempt from tax for 50 years. These people do not pay one dime of property taxes to any taxing entity for 50 years. No one has that. Any business here that has gone out of business would have loved that

kind of deal. So that is a huge, huge item. Secondly, they are leasing public land for 20 years at 12% of market value. How do we know 12%? Because you had offers for what the private sector would pay for the lease, so I'm using that as a metric, 12% of market value. That is a loss to the citizens of Austin over 20 years only of \$45 million that they could get from someone else. The other thing is that they're exempting them from sales tax that is \$12.3 million on construction. That is a huge amount of money. And after hearing item 27 today -- and I commend you, councilmember, for putting that on -- what a tragedy, that this piece of land, this \$30 million piece of land that was twice ranked as the top for affordable housing is off the table for a private sports stadium. And the truth of the matter is, the value of that is 1/12th the size of the bond issue that we passed for affordable housing. You could be doing a lot with that. It's a transit-oriented district. It is perfect for affordable housing. The other thing is that there has been a total lack of transparency in this process. If you look at the terms of the lease -- and I'm going to jump around because I'm going to run out of time so I get -- first of all, one of the things -- there is no limit at all to the number of activities, what days, what time, how many, that come in there. All the revenue goes to the private company. Not one dime goes to the people of the city of Austin. Here is one of the things that they're allowing. Entertainment, including theaters, amphitheaters, movies

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and arcades, including sports betting. When did we talk about sports betting being supported by the taxpayer exemption in the use of our land? The other thing with regard to alcoholic beverages, it says the sale and consumption shall be permitted across the entirety of the lease premises. There is no restriction of when or what. They can have other amateur sporting events, restaurants, clubs, and bars, including brewpubs and sports bars. I mean, that's direct competition to private sector firms, and this community is supporting it. [Buzzer sounding] >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Next speaker is Marisa Perryman, then -- >> You may or may not remember me as the person who presented the community driven keep mckalla weird proposal as other parties were allowed to air alternate ideas. In November I probably even patrolled some of your Facebook posts so since I haven't seen y'all since the election, welcome back to the dais and thanks for having me today. I just came to say that I want you all to know that I can live with the stadium. It's not that I'm against -- I'm not against change. What I would appreciate would be the opportunity for taxpayers and voters to have a say in whether or not we should subsidize a for-profit entertainment venue if it is to be tying up our land. I'm in support of items 48 and 49, even though they're exclusive of each other. Truthfully, we don't really know if this stadium deal will net positive for the city. What we do know and what we can agree on is that affordability is a crisis in our city. As much as I would love to see a culture-rich space there in the form of a park or a museum, even that is a want. Housing is a need. As many of you have said post-election, the city spoke

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loud and clear in support of affordable housing. If election results can affirm support of affordable housing, then I would hope that you can trust your constituents, but if your constituents truly support

soccer, then we should let the voters decide. Now that the moments of glory of the cheering soccer fans at city hall in the wee hours of the morning have passed, I hope that you can -- when you look around, you can see that when you take away the free t-shirts and the glamor of the press, what remains are very real concerns that have yet to be addressed. What remains is a highly valuable asset that has not been developed yet. I hope you can slow things down or rather just not give a stadium -- gave stadiumco any special treatment, ushering through the process before breaking ground, allow the people to vote on the proposition before we pass the point of no return with this deal. Plenty of other options came forward with some alternate, taxable uses for the site, but without an rfp process and only hearing other ideas in their infancy at a time when they were so far into the negotiation process, of course those other ideas didn't stand a chance. But as we all know, as the purchasing department confirmed, it was all just for show anyhow. All that aside, there's still very real concerns about the stadium, its location, the valuable potential that the land at mckalla holds, and whether or not this stadium would even be successful in such a landlocked area with extremely limited accessibility and parking under the current plan. It's not too late to make this right. The stadium is not yet built. You all were elected to serve as responsible stewards of our city's resources, and I hope you can remember those promises that you all were elected on and can move forward and give the people a right to make that decision. I sincerely hope that you can consider the impact that a structure such as a stadium will have on the homes down little walnut creek, and I hope you consider the feasibility the stadium has. [Buzzer sounding] >> Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Last speaker we have signed up on this is Francois Luca. >> She's not here.

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>> Mayor Adler: Not here? Okay. That gets us back up to the dais. Are there any motions from the dais? Okay. Hearing none, we're moving to planning and zoning. Before we do, though, I want to address just real briefly what we just had in front of us. We have to set this election, and I think as councilmember pool said, there's time for us to do it before the November setting. There was not the opportunity for us to set this for may for two reasons; one, the time within which we would have had to set it for may, if we could have set it for may, but the petition was turned in at touch a time, and the processing took us past that date. But more fundamentally than that, we couldn't have held a special election in may because of the special election that we held in November -- last November. So that means this election has to be in this coming November. I think that when we talk about what this election is about with our constituents and with people in the community, we need to make sure that we're not referring to this election as having anything to do with a soccer stadium and mckalla because it doesn't. The soccer stadium and mckalla -- and I know that it was hotly contested on the dais and was certainly debated in the community, I supported it because I think it was the highest and best use of that public land for a public benefit, but in any event, we entered into a lease concerning that property, and the constitution wouldn't let us go back and end a lease that already exists because there's a prohibition against retroactive laws. Beyond that, chapter 245 says a

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project, when it gets initiated with its first application, is entitled to proceed based on the ordinances that are in place as of that day. That process was initiated back in December of 2018, so those will be the rules that apply, and any subsequent ordinance, whether it's adopted by the council or adopted by the community as a vote, is still subject to chapter 245 and won't apply. So I think it's real important that as we talk about it and, frankly, as the media talks about it, that there's not a false -- I guess a parallel to a false equivalency. This election that we're coming up with really -- I mean, it has nothing to do with mckalla at this point, but what it does have to do is deciding whether or not we want to adopt an ordinance that says that any use of city property for recreational or sports use is something that -- that involves third parties, is something that ultimately has to go to voters, and I think that's a really, really bad policy. While it wouldn't concern something like Zach Scott theater's current lease for the same retroactive law provision, at some point there's going to be a lease renewal on Zach Scott, and I think that the argument will be made that that then has to go to a public vote. The boat house on lake Austin, or on town lake, when that lease renewal comes back, potential subject to a vote. The place where we rent canoes and things to go on the lake potentially on a vote. The potential amphitheater in waller creek park, or ball fields, the film society's studios, potentially -- you know, I'm just real concerned about -- and I don't think that our

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community generally wants to take all those past arrangements and put them to a public vote when they come up for renewal, nor do I think it's good policy going -- going forward, for that kind of thing to come to a vote. And that's really what is going to be at issue in -- in this. And I would point out that what I was going to respond to some of the things about the mckalla deal, but I'm not, because this isn't about that, other than to say I disagree with some of the statements, the representations that were made about that. But I think that going forward, this is just not the right policy, and -- that's what I think. Mr. Casar. >> Casar: I have a quick question. So we would order the election in November because it's not a city general election, the city isn't planning that election, but there could be a state constitution election, is there still a city expense for us hosting the election in November? It's like \$500,000 or something. >> Yes. We would have a cost for the counties to run the election for us. So I would estimate it's going to be about \$500,000 for a November election with the counties on the ballot with us. >> Casar: Yeah. Okay. And the way that I've explained this issue when folks have asked me about it, you know, the stadium is -- proposed stadium that would be built is pretty close to my district, has been, there's some folks that own a racetrack who want to start a soccer team, and then there's another guy that worked with the city to start a soccer team, and the racetrack people funded a petition drive to put a law on the ballot in order to damage their soccer competitor, but the ballot measure is so poorly worded that, first of all, it probably doesn't do anything about soccer, but what it does do, as the mayor explained, is it

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likely requires many of our existing entertainment and recreation partners' contracts to go to the voters or otherwise be cancelled. That could mean serious trouble for the Austin film society studios, the waller creek boat house, Zach Scott theater, millennium center, ball fields, even the ymca in my district. At best, the whole thing is a frustrating waste of hundreds of thousands of city dollars and at worse it's a corporate power play that could cost great expense to austinites, so that's why I won't be voting to adopt the ordinance. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Let the record reflect both items 48 and 49 are withdrawn. Let's go -- yes, councilmember tovo. >> Tovo: Just a quick question for our city attorney. We've been discussing some of the leases that might be vulnerable if such an ordinance were to be passed, and I just want to get clarification on whether the lease with the west Austin youth association for the soccer fields would also be included within that, since that's also supporting -- I mean, we've talked about some of the other ones that would probably be captured in this, the Austin film society and the Zach Scott if it came up -- or when it comes up for renewable. I would assume this lease would be captured also. >> We'll look at all that. That's something we have a lease on. >> Tovo: And it is sports. Okay. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Those items are withdrawn. Let's now go to zoning. Why don't you take us through the consent agenda. >> Good afternoon. I'm Jerry rusthoven with the planning and zoning department. The first item, item 35, which is case npa 20180016.01, this is rated for consent approval on second and third readings. 36 is related case, c14 20180074,

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second and third readings. Item 37, c14-2018-0065, is rated for consent approval on first reading. Related case, 38, case c14-2018-0064, also ready for consent approval on first reading. Item 39, case c14-2018-0141, staff is requesting a postponement of this item to March 7th, 2019. Item 40 is case c14-2018-0120, staff is requesting a postponement of this item to March 28th. Item 41 is case c14-2018-0123. This case is ready for approval all three readings. Case 42, npa 20180021.03, ready on first reading. 43, c14-2018-0088, also ready for approval on first reading. Item 44, case npa 20180016.03, staff is requesting a postponement of this item to may 9th. Related item, item 45, case c14-2017-0138, staff is also requesting a postponement of this item to may 9th. And finally case c14-2018-0015, staff is requesting a postponement of this item to March 28th. I would just like to note there was recently a planning commission meeting that had to be cancelled due to lack of a quorum so that explains some of the postponements you have on your agenda today. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. So the consent agenda is items 35 through 47? Is that right? >> 46. >> Mayor Adler: I'm sorry? >> 46. >> Mayor Adler: 35 through 46. That's right. 35 through 46. We have no folks signed up to speak on any of these items. Is there a motion to approve the consent agenda? Councilmember pool makes the motion. Councilmember Renteria seconds it. Any discussion on the dais in

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councilmember Flannigan. >> Flannigan: I'm going to still support item 43, but just comments I would have given on Tuesday about the balance of the zoning -- the front and back issue being a good example of where the zoning has been failing for a long time, and not the only example in the city, so the balancing of that makes a lot of sense. But specifically on the Kerr cuts -- curb cuts, I don't know cos is the right tool, seems site plan is the right tool to do that but I understand the staff is not given authority to do that in the way we'd like to see it, so that's the kind of thing I'd like to see us address in the code rewrite. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. >> Mayor? >> Casar: I missed -- did you mention that 37 and 38 are on consent or did you pull them off? >> I offered them for consent, 37 and 38. >> Casar: Mayor, I'm not ready to have 37 and 38 on consent. >> Mayor Adler: Say that again? >> Casar: I'd like to pull 37 and 38. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. 37 and 38 being pulled. Consent agenda 35-46, with exception to -- >> To also close the public hearing. >> Mayor Adler: Also closing the public hearings on those itemed that are not pulled. Those in favor, please raise your hand. Those opposed? Unanimous on the dais. That gets us to 37 and 38. >> Casar: Mayor, I'd like to move to postpone 37 and 38. Or I can explain my motion and see if I can support -- >> Mayor Adler: Okay. It's up just for first reading. You're wanting to postpone first reading? >> Casar: Yeah, otherwise I'm not ready to vote yes on it. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Why don't you talk to us. >> 37 and 38 are cases off of Riverside drive and I'm -- it's in councilmember Renteria's

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district so I'm happy to have him touch base on them. The issue for me is that looking at the backup on this case, I felt generally comfortable moving forward on it. If you looked at page 7 in the backup, there's -- there's no answers next to residential -- how many residential units would be demolished or residential units that are currently occupied. Those are blank. But later into the backup, it does seem there is the intent to demolish some number of multifamily units, and given the importance of our conversations on displacement, I'm not ready to vote yes on this because I'm not -- I'm not ready to support a zoning case on any reading where I don't have the knowledge that I need about who is being displaced, when would they be displaced, what protections might there be for those people, at what income levels are the folks that could potentially be displaced, and since I'm -- in the application, it didn't get through hcd, as it traditionally does when there's a displacement issue. I just haven't been ready or had the time to address that, and while I traditionally am okay with things going on first reading, I can't vote yes on first reading on something that could have this displacement effect in an area where we are closely monitoring those issues. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Councilmember Renteria. >> Renteria: Yes. I'm going to be supporting this. You know, when I campaigned for my district, I actually advocated for adding density to the Riverside area, especially in that location. I know that my colleague Casar's concern about displacement, but it's not ready to be developed yet, but we need to start doing something quickly, and I have the reassurance that they're going to be affordable units in this project, so, you know, we -- we can go ahead and have first reading and also, at the same

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time, you know, keep the public hearing open in case there is, you know, opposition to it. But I would like to go ahead and move on first reading. >> Mayor Adler: Is it okay if we do this? Let's let councilmember Renteria make the motion, it'll get seconded, I'll recognize you for the motion to postpone, then we'll vote on the motion to postpone but we'll have the matter in front of us. Councilmember Renteria, do you want to move to pass this item? >> Renteria: Yes, I move to pass both items. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Councilmember Renteria moves to pass items 37 and 38, seconded by councilmember harper-madison. This is on first reading, and keeping the public hearing open. First reading, keeping the public hearing open. Councilmember Casar. >> Casar: I move to postpone. >> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Casar moves to postpone. Is there a second to the motion to postpone? Councilmember Garza seconds the motion. Discussion? Councilmember Flannigan? >> Flannigan: I'm in agreement with councilmember Renteria on this, but I think this is why we have first, second, and third reading so I'm ready to move forward on first, get the questions answered, as we normally would on just about any zoning case. I don't disagree with your concerns, councilmember Casar, I just, processwise, want to move forward. >> Mayor Adler: Councilmember alter. >> Alter: I'm inclined to defer to councilmember Renteria for this in his district, but I would like to hear from the applicant if they have any kind of response to the questions that have been raised, if they'd like to comment on now. >> Hello, mayor and council, I'm representing the applicant on these cases. We would like to move forward with first reading today. I'm more than happy, of course, to get with any offices who would like to answer those specific questions. I can confirm that there are units on the site today. I don't know why that's not in the staff backup. I apologize for that.

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I think the reason that maybe it hasn't gone through ntd -- I'm not completely familiar with the way this works on the back end, is because we don't have a site plan in process, we're doing this rezoning ahead of the site plan process, which is ahead of when tenant relocation and things like that come into play. But I would be more than happy, of course, to meet with all of you before we come back for second and third reading. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Councilmember harper-madison. >> Harper-madison: Yes. And hopefully, Leah, you can answer -- or correct me if I'm wrong about any of this, so, like, councilmember alter, I'm inclined to defer to councilmember Renteria, but in my observation, I'm able to say that after discussing the displacement element, I was reassured by the fact THA there's going to be some right to return element, and that currently, what stands is sort of, I guess, what we discussed earlier about, you know, in need of repair, housing that's exclusively market rate, so I'm reassured by more urban, more density compatible, especially in this transit corridor that's so close to major employers in transit, I think this is kind of development that would be appropriate in this area, especially if there will be some inclusion of affordable housing, and that to say, I think -- I think councilmember Renteria is spot-on when we start talking about, you know, the increase in density, the increase in affordability, we have to identify what areas are appropriate for that type of development and just make sure to take into consideration that we want 100% of the time to get it right, as far as displacement is concerned. But if we could increase our housing stock, it's -- I think it's a good move, items number 37 and 38. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. This item's been moved -- these two items have been moved and seconded, first reading approval. Close the public hearing. There's a motion to postpone.

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-- Public hearing kept open, that's correct, then let's vote on the motion to postpone. >> Casar: The last thing I'd say is I look forward to talking about this case one way or another. In in respect to everybody's thoughts here, I just want it to be -- given the amount of displacement we've seen on Riverside, I want to be as careful here as possible, given there's so many other areas of our city where we can add the housing that we need, and we need to be -- I want to be extra careful as we can when we're adding housing where there already is housing that already is dense and multifamily. Not saying that we should never do that, but that we should just be extra careful in this area. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Motion to postpone, those in favor, please raise your hand. Councilmember Casar. Councilmember kitchen. Opposed, raise your hand? It's the balance of the dais. Motion to postpone does not pass. Ready to take a vote on these items? Those in favor, please raise your hand. Now we're voting on the main -- the motion to approve on first reading, only, keep the public hearing open. Those in favor, please raise your hand. Those opposed? Opposed? Councilmember Casar voting no, the others aye. It passes. Councilmembers, I think that is all we can do right now. I would -- there are a group of us headed up to the capitol. I think that councilmember tovo is going to go in place of the mayor pro tem who will remain behind to convene the group at 4 o'clock to postpone the one item. It would be really helpful, in fact, necessary, for everybody else to be here at 4 o'clock. So don't leave the -- don't leave the building and come back and be here for that at 4 o'clock. You can then end the meeting, but it's my intent to be able to be back here with others for music at 5:30, and proclamations. Everybody should come back for that, too. This meeting then is recessed until 4 o'clock.

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>> We are reconvening our meeting. I'm mayor pro tem Delia Garza. The mayor and our other colleagues are at the capitol meeting with our legislative delegation. We only have one more item and that is item 47. We'll have a brief staff presentation. >> I'm with development services. Item 47 is an appeal of an outdoor music venue. The parties have gotten together and have agreed to request postponement to your March 28th meeting. >> Garza: All right. I'll recognize councilmember pool. >> Pool: I'd like to make the motion to postpone this item number 47 to March 28th. >> Garza: Is there a second? Councilmember Casar seconds it. All those in favor, say aye. Six on the dais vote in favor of the five that are not, are off the dais, and we are adjourned at 4:05. There will be music and proclamations at 5:30. Thank you.

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>> Mayor Adler: Are you guys ready? All right. You know, the city council in the live music capital of the world does something that no other city council does that I'm aware of. And we set a time at every one of our council meetings to actually bring live music into this place. We try really hard to press it into the walls as best we can so that when the council is here at 2:00 and 3:00 in the morning, which does not happen as often as it used to, we get to pull a little bit of that music back. It's a big part of who we are and how we see ourselves. It's important to do. When we have folks that are willing to come here, it's kind of like Carnegie hall, but not quite. City council chambers, it's just such a gift. And today we have joining us hey jellie. [ Applause ] >> Mayor Adler: So, Jenny and Elliot of hey jellie have performed all over the world in their previous incarnation, which was erata. Fans heard them during the bbc airwaves, saw them on stage at Coachella, and witnessed them open for beloved bands like the yeah yeah yeahs, the national, and sonic youth. After taking several years off from touring, they recently reconvened as hey jellie in their new home of Austin. Welcome home. Hey jellie released a

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self-titled EP last August. Please join me in welcoming hey jellie. [ Cheering and applause ] >> Thank you so much. Honor to be here with other civic-minded people.

♪♪ I'm going back I'm going back in time I'm going back I'm going to go home ♪♪

♪♪ home is where the door can close ♪♪

♪♪ I'm going back I'm going back in time I'm going back I'm going to go home ♪♪

♪♪ home is where I'm safe to sleep ♪♪

♪♪ home is where I'm safe to sleep ♪♪

♪♪ I'll go to sleep ♪♪

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♪♪ I'm going back I'm going back in time I'm going back I'm going to go home ♪♪

♪♪ home is where I can leave home is where I can return if I need to leave ♪♪

♪♪ going back to my old home back to where the door could close back where I was free to leave back where I was safe to sleep

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where I was safe to sleep ♪♪

♪♪ back where I was free to leave ♪♪ [ cheering and applause ] >> Thank y'all. Thanks so much. >> Mayor Adler: That was great. Thank you so much. So, for somebody who was watching this on TV or sees this later, and they want to find you, do you have, like, a web presence somewhere? How would they find you? >> We do. We've got -- I'm speaking to you from the cave of my heart right now. We have a bandcamp address where you can purchase our last EP, [bandcamp.com/heyjellie](http://bandcamp.com/heyjellie), and we have a Facebook page, also. Thanks for asking. And instagram, @heyjellie. >> Mayor Adler: They go to any of those to get your music? >> Bandcamp is a good spot to go. Our EP is streaming on all the platforms. You can hear it on Spotify, YouTube, however you prefer. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. And then if folks wanted to come see you, do you have any gigs that are coming up here in town? >> We're looking forward to a gig in April at hotel Vegas, Friday night I believe, April 18th at hotel Vegas. A good band from New York is coming to town called princess. We're going to open for that band. >> Mayor Adler: Be it known that whereas the city of Austin, Texas, is blessed with many creative musicians whose talents

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extend to virtual every genre, and whereas our music scene thrives because Austin audiences support good music produced by legends, local favorites, and newcomers alike, and whereas we are pleased to showcase and support our local artists, now, therefore, I, Steve Adler, mayor of the live music capital, do hereby proclaim February 21st of the year 2019 as hey jellie day in Austin, Texas. Congratulations. [ Cheering and applause ]

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>> Good evening. My name is Allison alter, representing district 10 on the Austin city council. Tonight I'm here to honor a very special person and friend, alba Sereno, who served as a policy adviser in my office for nearly two years before departing last month to take a leadership role in the city's innovation office. Now, I stole her from them, so I can't get too mad at them. But alba will be missed in our office. During her time in the district 10 office, alba worked on many major policy items. She was never afraid to dig into the details and analyze numbers, helping with critical decisions in our budget process and assisting

with the shaping of the 2018 bond. Alba also is an incredible builder of relationships, bringing different perspectives and experiences together and finding common ground to create a path forward together. She was irreplaceable during the difficult but ultimately successful public safety contract negotiations and the recent sexual assault evaluation resolution that passed unanimously. Alba is dedicated to increasing equity and ensuring every person in Austin can access the Resos they need to thrive. Her work ethic and sense of justice and virtue are rare. All who have worked with her can attest to the way she carries those values with her. She knows how to speak her truth, to ask difficult questions, and to be creative about finding solutions. She understands at her core that there are real people at the end of the decisions that we make as a city. Though we will miss her, she will continue to make Austin a better place in her new role. From all of us at city hall, thank you for all that you have done during your time with us here at city hall. We look forward to seeing what you accomplish in the next chapter. No doubt we will continue to

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learn from you and enjoy the warmth and light of your friendship. [ Cheering and applause ] >> Alter: And it is my pleasure -- I have to give you -- I almost forgot why we're here, which is to give alba a distinguished service award. And so I will also hand this over to alba. [ Applause ] >> I see many familiar faces here who I've been deep in the trenches with day in and day out for the last few years, and maybe for the last decade. And I just want to thank you for coming, not only tonight, but for showing up continuously to do the work together. As a fifth-generational transnational person from the texas-mexican region, it is my absolute honor to serve this community, to have served this community as a policy advisor here in our state capital, and totinue now to serve in a different role. I want to thank my coworkers in the council office and the councilmember who brought me to the inside of the city. If anybody knows my trajectory, you know that I spent many years working outside of the city helping to bring to light the experiences of people on the outside who are the recipients of help or not help, who are the recipients of attention or not attention in our community. And there were a lot of questions for me about whether I should come to the inside and ultimately what I thought is, you know, my type of work and

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the way that I do that work is to try to bring unlikely suspects together to impact the social good. I thought this was a worthy experiment to come to the inner halls of power, to the inner halls of the city and to see if, in fact, we could do that here. And I think that experiment has been successful. And I have every one of you to thank for that. And I hope to continue to do that now in the innovation office, focusing on perhaps our greatest crisis of housing affordability and anti-displacement. So I continue to serve. I hope to run into you, cross paths with you, be in the trenches with you and to uplift the social good. Thank you. [ Applause ]

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>> Alter: I represent district 10. Today we're here to recognize some members of our fire department who served us well being deployed out to California. If they would come and join me, please. [ Applause ] >> Alter: So, last year California faced some of the most catastrophic wildfires in its history. In fact, as a whole the 2018 wildfire season was the most destructive season on record with over 8,500 fires burning nearly 2 million acres of land. As news coverage circulated, it became evident that California's resources were being depleted rapidly. In response to the need of our fellow Americans, the Austin fire department deployed 19 firefighters to assist in the fight against two large fires. The Carr wildfire, started by sparks from the rim of a blown vehicle tire scraping against the road, began near the end of July and burned for well over a month before being fully contained. At its peak, the wildfire created its own weather system, and forced over 55,000 people from their homes. Ultimately the Carr fire claimed the lives of eight people, including three heroic firefighters. The Austin fire department sent five firefighters to help extinguish the flames -- Steve, lieutenant Mike Scott, fire specialist Stacy Oakley and lieutenant Jim Burkle. Just a few short months later, another disastrous fire was ignited in the Woolsey canyon, prompting the evacuation of nearly 300,000 people throughout California. Over the course of two weeks, the fire burned over 95,000 acres of land and killed three people. Again, stepping forward to help our west coast neighbors, the

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Austin fire department sent 16 firefighters to California, including three individuals who also assisted with the Carr fire. The 16 firefighters included battalion chief Douglas, chief Jeroen, lieutenant Steve, captain Craig Phillips, lieutenant Dave Dickerson, captain Andre, firefighter Paul Donley, lieutenant John Stirling, Pat Trick, Chris, Adam, captain Josh Anderson, lieutenant Jason, captain Doug, and lieutenant Bruce. Tonight I would like us to honor these brave individuals for their selfless actions to help others and save lives. [ Cheering and applause ] >> Alter: Before we move on, I would like to use these experiences to talk about the wildfire threat we face right here in Austin. As we've seen in recent years with the 2011 Labor Day wildfire, central Texas is a high-risk area for ignition. The wildfire division encourages everyone to take preventive measures and address wildfire preparedness, stating it's not a question of if another fire will hit us, but when. We can take steps now to minimize the effect of the next wildfire on our community by getting involved with initiatives like fire-adapted communities and firewise. We can protect our homes and our city. I see several folks who are active in that initiative. I encourage everyone to visit the wildfire web page. AFD's annual symposium is on May 3rd. Details can be found on the wildfire page online. We as a community will be better prepared for the next fire because these firefighters have deployed out to California and have experienced the wildfires

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in real time. So, I would like to conclude by again engaging you in a round of applause for these firefighters and thanking them for their service. Thank you, gentlemen. [ Applause ] >> Alter: So I have a proclamation which basically says everything I just said. But then it declares Austin fire department -- declares February 21st as Austin fire department California wildfire deployment day. And I know we have six or seven other proclamations. So on behalf of mayor Adler and my colleagues, I am going to declare today as Austin fire department California wildfire deployment day. And then we have copies of the proclamation for each of the firefighters. Maybe the mayor and any of my colleagues can join me up here. [ Applause ]

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>> Alter: For those of you who are in the audience, there is a simulation going on in the atrium of a wildfire. I invite you to check that out as well. >> Gave it to who? >> To me. >> Okay. >> That's what I think we should do. And I think -- do you want to read his? >> Renteria: I mean, I'll hand it to you. >> We need to do the proclamation. Would you prefer to do his? Which one do you want? Okay. And we have some notes here that might be helpful. Pio is going to read. >> Renteria: You've got the notes. You can go ahead and read that. >> And then you do the -- okay. Mmhmm. Good evening, everybody. So, I have the distinct honor and pleasure of honoring Mr. Leon Hernandez. He was born to leonidas and Isabel on December 7th, 1937 in Austin, Texas, where he attended the elementary school. His service through lulac has intersected with his interest in improving opportunities for members of his community to

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enjoy recreation, organized sports, parks, and city of Austin resources. He first became involved with little league baseball in 1968, was a babe Ruth baseball coach in 1971, a member of the Austin parks and recreation department's task force committee appointed by city councilman Dan love in 1971, established the recreation center advisory board, which successfully supported a city bond election to build a new center, president of the first hispanic pro-baseball league in 1984, member of police chief Jim Everett's hispanic crime unit in 1985 that addressed crime and worked to establish protections for east 6th street businesses, a lifetime member of the pan American golf association, a current member of the mexican-american land owners of east Austin, current president of the neighborhood association, and current president of the east Austin Lyons club. For all these reasons and more -- you've been a busy man -- and more, is deserving of public acclaim and recognition. And on the occasion of his 50 years of service as a member of the league of united Latin American citizens, this certificate is issued in acknowledgment of the significant achievement this 21st day of February in the year 2019. [ Applause ] >> You're very welcome. You get to hold on to this. >> I just want to say this. You said that I've been real busy. >> You have. >> Well, they half wore me out. I'm wore out. [ Laughing ] >> I don't know if I can go any further. >> Hopefully you can go far enough for us to take a picture

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together. And then we'll call it a day. >> Thank you. >> We can do it right here. >> Okay. >> Renteria: I have the honor to read the proclamation for the lulac 90-year anniversary here, so if y'all can make your way down here. >> Renteria: We are honored here today to have the two lulac organizas here. And I get to read -- I have the privilege to read the proclamation. Whereas 90 years ago on February 17, 1929, in corpus Christi, Texas, the founder of the league of united Latin American citizens, known as lulac, joined together and established an organization that would be the largest, oldest, and most successful hispanic civil rights and service organization in the united States, and whereas lulac has developed a comprehensive set of nationwide programs fostering education and attainment, job training, housing, scholarships,

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citizenship, and voter registration, and its members throughout the nation have developed a tremendous track record of success in advancing the economic condition, education, attainment, political influence, health, and civil rights of the population of the United States, and whereas lulac has adapted a legislative platform that promotes humanitarian relief for citizens and immrants, increasing educational opportunities for our youth, and equal treatment for all in the United States and its territories, including the commonwealth of Puerto Rico, now, therefore, I, Steve Adler, mayor of the city of Austin, do hereby proclaim February 17th to the 23rd, 2019, as lulac week. [ Applause ] >> First of all, thank you, city council, honorable Steve Adler, for recognizing lulac for our 90th year. It takes a lot of work to have an organization be around for 90 years. We have fought a lot of fights and even today we're continuing fighting a lot of fights. We appreciate the support of the community, our business leaders that provide us funds for our scholarships for our youth in this city. We have done so much already and we're going to continue to do more. Thank you. [ Applause ] >> My name is frank Ortega, lulac's 7th district director, been here before the city

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council before and other government offices here in the city and the county. On behalf of district 7 I'd like it thank the city councilmembers and the mayor for this proclamation. And I couldn't say that word a couple years ago because I had braces. So I'm glad I can say it now. On behalf of district 7, again, we are a civil rights organization, nonpartisan. And you will continue to see us because the fight hasn't finished and we are continuing the fight. As you well know, we have joined in a lawsuit against the secretary of state for de-franchising the population who are legal here now to exercise their right to vote. That is a fight that we are not going to give up on. But thank you to the city of Austin, to Travis county, and to

those of you who believe in our work. [ Applause ] >> Hello, my name is hynam, I'm a student, vice president of longhorn lulac. And on behalf of the youth here with lulac, we'd like to thank city council, the city of Austin, and any organization or individual that at some point has made any effort to support multiculturalism and to move forward with Progressive policy that is inclusive to all cultures, to all backgrounds. Personally, I grew up in a low-income community that consisted of nothing but low-income hispanic immigrants. And of all those individuals whom I grew up with, I am one of only two to have left the community to study and to further my education. And I want my story to be the story of all my peers, and of my little brother's peers, and my family, and any generations here in the United States.

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I feel like lulac to this point has been a great support system for my education. I will be graduating in may thanks to all the help from organizations like lulac that support young individuals that aspire to be leaders. And so I feel like I'd like to thank everyone. And I'll leave it at that. Thank you. [ Applause ] >> The good news is that I can retire now. [ Laughing ] >> On behalf of lulac district 12, we want to thank the council, councilmember Madison and Renteria for the proclamation of recognition. And we are home to the Austin lulac national education service center. And we work at four high schools -- east side, Reagan, linear, and Akins. And we work with the families and the students as they navigate themselves through their journey into college. Today, part of this week we're also -- we have a fundraising drive going for scholarships for our students. And it's part of the lulac national scholarship fund. Again, thank you for all your support and thank you. [ Applause ] >> Good afternoon, my name is Laura, an attorney in town. I'm also president of council 650, one of the oldest in Austin. We understand and we appreciate the role that lulac has in the community, but also in the state and national government in representing the rights of the underprivileged, undereducated, the lower economic circles, men, women at all levels. We believe in the civil rights of people. We advocate for them. We believe in the integrity of process and the due process be followed in all circumstances. I also wanted to recognize my

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parliamentarian, and my treasurer. Thank you very much for having us. [ Applause ]

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>> Good evening, my name is Jimmy Flannigan, councilmember for district 6. A lot of shaking hands over there. So I have, you know, the honor of giving a proclamation for my friends here with the outsider festival. You know, I've been on the council for now in my third year, but I also not just represent district 6, but the lgbtq community being the first openly gay man to serve on this body. I'm really excited to be

able to recognize the work that happens in the lgbt community, but especially arts and culture. I had the pleasure of attending their festival last night to read the proclamation to a packed house at the vortex theater. It was exciting to see an audience of diverse faces and backgrounds and the vibrancy of Austin's community. And to celebrate your fifth year in Austin. Any enterprise lasting five years is something to be celebrated. It is a challenging and competitive town to get stuff going. Congratulations to you all for that. I will read your proclamation. Be it known that whereas outsider festival celebrates five years of presenting original culture in a fun-filled festival format packed with provocative and often overlooked works in film, dance, theater, performance art, music, writing, and visual art, and whereas the mission of outsider festival is to connect lgbtq art devotees with art in and outside of Austin through events and playful intersectional interloping beyond traditional bars and niche spaces, and whereas outsider festival has offered to those artists without conventional commercial access a platform to share their talent with audiences hungry for culture that does not conform to main stream expectation and

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whereas outsider challenge the definitions of lgbt, now I, Jimmy Flannigan, city council, mayor Adler and the entire council proclaim February 20th as outsider festival day in Austin, Texas. [ Cheering and applause ] >> Thank you so much. When we started this festival five years ago, I never imagined that I would be here at city council getting a proclamation for a day. But I guess it really does show that Austin is weird after all and it loves weirdo queer stuff. And we're part of the fabric of the city. The festival is going on right now through Sunday. We're at the vortex on manor road. If you want to see some amazing queer out of the box art, it's happening all weekend with artists from all over the globe, as far away as places like Australia. And I never thought that I would see hey jellie perform here in the city council either. That's Ellie, who is also on our board and -- is an amazing treasurer. Thank you to our team, and thank you for recognizing outsider. [ Applause ]

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>> Mayor Adler: We're going to call them up individually. All right. Tonight the small business program of the city of Austin -- this is a division of the city of Austin's economic development department -- celebrates the 12th graduating class of the business skills certification. You know -- yes. [ Applause ] >> Mayor Adler: You know, it is no surprise that Austin ranks among the top cities in the country for small businesses. And that kind of honor in this city is due in no small part to the local small business entrepreneurs that we are recognizing this evening and who make Austin truly unique. The city of Austin really values the important contributions small businesses make toward job creation and economic stability in our city. And tonight's recognition is offered in partnership with the university of Texas center for professional education. So this collaboration demonstrates a real commitment to helping business owners develop critical skills for expansion and for growth. So, we have with us tonight 28 individuals who have completed six business education classes in 2018 to 2019, folks who have achieved a business skills certification. So, congratulations to all of the graduates. We celebrate each of you. And we see

your success as just shining examples of the entrepreneurial spirit and drive that makes Austin Austin. So, to that end, I want to invite up the interim deputy

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director for economic development in Austin to honor our graduates. >> Thank you, mayor. And good evening. On behalf of the economic development department. And thank you all for joining us today. We congratulate the graduates on this accomplishment. They have worked very hard and now you have the tools to take your business to the next level. The small business program is a division that serves Austin entrepreneurs. Our partnership with the UT for professional education supports the growth of new and existing businesses with classroom education covering in-demand topics like accounting, marketing, and even business plan writing. Over the last ten years, the business skills certification program has trained over 8,300 entrepreneurs with knowledge and skills to grow their small businesses. The city of Austin and the UT center for professional education, particularly Chris Aaron -- I want to recognize him. He's here tonight. [ Applause ] >> Yes. Consistently achieved a high degree of success with this partnership as evidenced by over 3,400 training hours delivered in the fiscal year 2018 until now. So, mayor, as you stated, tonight's graduates have completed at least six of these small business classes that will help them manage their business. And we are proud to be a part of helping grow Austin's small businesses. So, as I call your name, we will present you with certificates. Jose bucheo. [ Applause ] >> Rebecca Connington. [ Applause ]

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>> Ashley cross. [ Applause ] >> Steve Davis. [ Applause ] >> Jordan Goldman. [ Applause ] >> Onur gulbay. [ Applause ] >> Julie gustinson. [ Applause ] >> Heather Keller. [ Applause ] >> Get it? All right. Just making sure. >> Rochelle Lin. [ Applause ] >> Robert Northrup. [ Applause ] >> And I hope I get this right.

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Esalandi Balin oba. [ Applause ] >> Mayor Adler: Did you get it? All right. >> Terry palvodo. [ Applause ] >> Yatu wan. [ Applause ] >> I'll find it. My apologies. >> Christy shwanbeck. [ Applause ] >> Sami Salas.

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[ Applause ] >> That's next. Ari SENDA. [ Applause ] >> Ashley weber. [ Applause ] >> Preston Wilson. [ Applause ] >> Barbara ladesmon. [ Applause ] >> Mayor Adler: Got it? >> Again, a special thanks to our mayor and council who have consistently provided support for the work of the small business program, Rebecca, interim director of economic development, Vicki Valdez, manager of the small business program, small business program staff, and of course our city manager, Spencer cronk. Thank you all. We look forward to you hiring, producing revenue and taxes and increasing our tax base. We thank you. [ Laughing ] [ Applause ]

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[ Laughing ] >> Thank you. [ Applause ] >> Thank you, mayor. Appreciate it. >> Mayor Adler: Good job. >> Thank you. >> Steve. >> Thank you. >> I've never had my picture taken with you. I was at the luncheon yesterday. It was great. You did an awesome job. I learned a lot, by the way. Thank you. Rachel can send it to me. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Bye, guys. Congratulations. 🎵🎵